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About UCLG ASPAC

The United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific Regional Section (UCLG ASPAC) is one of the eight Regional Sections of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), an amalgamation of International Union of Local Authorities (IULA), United Towns Organisation (UTO), and METROPOLIS in 2004.

The Asia-Pacific region is the biggest region in UCLG with linkages to more than 7,000 local governments. It represents well over 3.76 billion people – more than half of the world's population – and incorporates economically fast-developing countries, such as China, India and Indonesia.

UCLG ASPAC is the united voice and advocate of democratic local self-government which promotes cooperation between governments and within the wider international community in the Asia-Pacific region.

Activities of UCLG ASPAC are policy advocacy, capacity building and training, institutional development, information and best practices sharing.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Beloved Members and Development Activists,

The world has lost some of its best figures throughout the year of 2013. Those best figures have contributed their best to develop their community. In a larger extent, they might become a figure of inspiration, to whom a lot of people put respect.

But as an old wisdom says, the aged deers pass away million young deers rise, I believe that the loss of the world's finest figures is slowly replaced by the revival of potential youth.

We might not be young, but let us be an inspiration, or in a simple way, let us massively contribute to the world, to our region.

I am so grateful of what UCLG ASPAC has been doing in Local Government issues. For the past 2013, we dealt with varied activities ranging from resiliencies, infrastructure, up to environment. As we know, Asia-Pacific region is continuously growing, the role of UCLG ASPAC is becoming more salient. Therefore, we should intensify and prolong our good cooperation in the existing platforms and, possibly, new ones. I thank all parties that have been supporting us this far.

I would also like to convey my deep condolence for the passing of our former Secretary General, Dr. Rudolph Hauter, on June 2013. He had contributed his thoughts to UCLG ASPAC during the period of October 2010-May 2013. May his soul rest in peace.

Lastly, I am looking forward to seeing all of you on the future events of UCLG ASPAC.

Have a remarkable year!

Shed Asghar Shah Gillani
President

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL



Dear Valued Members and Partners,

The year 2013 has been a productive period for UCLG ASPAC. Starting with the decision made by the Governor of Jakarta, the Secretariat of UCLG ASPAC was granted a strategic location at the city centre. It gives greater opportunity for the Secretariat to interact with the Co-Presidency City of Jakarta.

Since I joined on July 2013, I have seen more engagement from the members in our activities. In the General Assembly and Executive Bureau Council of UCLG World, our regional section managed to raise the number of representatives at the ExBu and Council of UCLG. This was promising!

I also appreciate that our members have fulfilled their duty by paying the membership fee by the end of December 2013, an increase of approximately 16% from last year. During our successful ExBu and Council meetings in Sri Lanka, I was astonished by the members' active involvement in the discussions and the offers they have made.

I put the importance of "accountability" as our focus by changing the Secretariat's organizational culture. The culture of accountability creates responsibility in our staff that everyone has a key part to play or holds an important part in our body through teamwork. We also developed the Standard Operational Procedure (SOP) and proper handling of accounting and financial system.

New initiatives in term of activities have been launched. The local official professional exchange programme opens the chance for officials to be dispatched not only to our Secretariat, but also in other cities and local government offices. DELGOSEA has reached one more step ahead by making connection with ASEAN to help prepare cities and local governments meet the ASEAN Community 2015.

In addition, I would like to welcome our 13 new members. This opens another path of cooperation with new cities and local governments.

Thank you for your support in 2013 and I'd like to continue the effort made by my predecessors to enable us build much responsible society in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi
Secretary General

UCLG ASPAC PRESIDENCY AND EXECUTIVE BUREAU 2012-2014

President



Dr. Jatin V. Modi
Representing Associate & International Organization/AIILSG
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ROAD TO EXCELLENCE

UCLG ASPAC EXECUTIVE BUREAU AND COUNCIL MEETINGS



Executive Bureau and Extraordinary Council Meetings in Gwangju, May 2013

UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau and Extraordinary Council meetings in Gwangju were generously hosted by Gwangju Metropolitan City and attended by 89 participants. The meetings were held in conjunction with 2013 World Human Rights Cities Forum "Sustainable Human Rights City for All" which was sponsored by National Human Rights Commission of Korea, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, National Archives Korea, Cultural Heritage Administration, Korea National Commission for UNESCO, Asia-Pacific Center of Education for International Understanding under the auspices of UNESCO, Gwangju Metropolitan Office of Education and Sungkonghoe University.



Executive Bureau and Council Meetings in Colombo, November 2013

UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau and Council meetings in Colombo were jointly hosted by Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities (FSLGA) and Dehiwala Mount Lavinia Municipal Council and attended by 91 participants.

Major outcomes of the meetings were the handing over of the Presidency of UCLG ASPAC from Dr Jatin V. Modi to Mr. Gillani, formation of the Co-President representing women who will also be the Chair of the Standing Committee of Women in Local Governments.

A day prior to the meeting, the International Workshop on "Empowering Local Partnership for Better Sanitation and Water Services" & the Regional Consultation with Local Governments: "Towards a Post – 2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction" were successfully conducted. The Regional Consultation was jointly organised by UCLG ASPAC, FSLGA and UNISDR.

ROAD TO EXCELLENCE

BRIEF REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT



Indo French General Meeting of LSG in France (October 2013)/ Workshop in Delhi, March 15th 2013

Discussions were held between Dr. Jatin V. Modi and Mr. Claudy Lebreton. Dr. Jatin V. Modi, spoke on how AILSG and UCLG-ASPAC may facilitate cooperation between the French and Indian Cities. After deliberations between the members of the French and AILSG delegations, a MoU was drafted and signed by Dr. Jatin V. Modi and Mr. Claudy Lebreton.

International Health Care Summit on Current Trends in Nursing Education

The purpose of organizing the summit was to understand the latest developments and new technologies in the nursing profession. In the concluding session a MoU was signed between the Nrupur Institute of Nursing Science and Research of AILSG in association with Union University, Tennessee, USA. The main purpose of the MoU was to establish a cooperative partnership through mutual assistance in the area of education and research. It also saw the launch of a Certificate Programme in International Health Care for international nursing professionals to enhance the knowledge of clinical skills of nurses and to promote an awareness of inter cultural relationship.

BRIEF REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Internal Consolidation of the Secretariat

UCLG ASPAC's performance will depend on a strong Secretariat, which is the foundation of the organisation. A newly appointed Secretary General, Dr. Bernadia I. Tjandradewi, has initiated the formation of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to be used as the basis of office operation, and proper handling of management and financial system.

Raise Visibility of UCLG ASPAC at the Regional and Global Levels

As the largest regional section of UCLG, it is fundamentally important for UCLG ASPAC to raise its visibility at the regional and global Levels. UCLG ASPAC has taken a lead in affairs related to local governments in the region, which can help optimise its relationship with member state-based organisation such as UNESCAP, ASEAN, and other regional based-UN and international agencies.

In the period of July to December 2013, Dr. Tjandradewi has participated in more than 20 international and national events to promote UCLG ASPAC, and visited most members and partners in Jakarta, especially the Ministries of Home Affairs and Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Indonesia, and ASEAN Secretariat. She spoke at various events, including "The Third Session of the Committee on Environment and Development of UNESCAP" and the Wuhan International Friendship Cities Summit, both were held last October.



NEW MEMBERS GALLERY



BARISAL CITY

Barisal, formerly known as "Venice of the East", stands on the banks of the Kirtankhola. Situated at a distance of 180 Km south of capital city Dhaka, it is one of the divisional headquarters of Bangladesh. The Barisal Municipality was established in 1957 and was turned into a City Corporation in 2000.



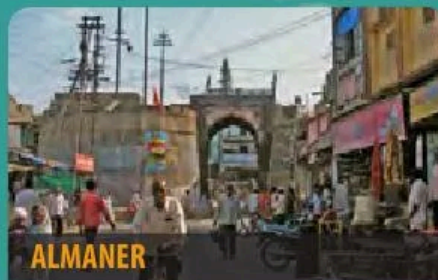
CHIKLI

Chikhli is a city and a municipal council in Buldana district in the state of Maharashtra, India. It is located on the Pune-Nagpur highway. As of 2001 India census, Chikhli had a population of 58,428.



AHMEDABAD

Ahmedabad, the city of Ahmed Shah (Medieval ruler of Gujarat), is known for its rich past and its association with the Mahatma Gandhi. Ahmedabad city offers the traveler a unique style of architecture, which is a blend of Hindu and Islamic styles (Indo-Saracenic style of architecture).



ALMANER

Amalner is a city and a municipal council in Jalgaon district in the state of Maharashtra, India, situated on the bank of the Bori River. It has an average elevation of 188 metres. Amalner had a population of 91,456. Males constitute 52% of the population and females 48%.



GANDHINAGAR

Gandhinagar is the capital of the state of Gujarat in western India. Located on the banks of the River Sabarmati, the city is the administrative centre of Gandhinagar and Gujarat as well.



HIMATNAGAR

Himatnagar is a town having a municipality in Sabarkantha district in the Indian state of Gujarat. It is the administrative headquarters of the district. Himatnagar was named after the King Himmat Singh.



PANCHGANI

Panchgani is a famous hill station and municipal council in Satara district in Maharashtra, India. It is renowned for the many premier residential educational institutions.



VADODARA

Vadodara, also known as Baroda, is the third largest and most populated city in the Indian State of Gujarat, after Ahmedabad and Surat.



MAHABALESHWAR

Mahabaleshwar is a city and a municipal council in Satara district in the Indian state of Maharashtra. It is a hill station located in the Western Ghats range. With one of the few evergreen forests of India, it served as the summer capital of Bombay province during the British Raj.



SATANA

Satana is a city and a municipal council in Nashik District in the Indian state of Maharashtra. It is in the taluka of Baglan, which is sometimes called Satana, because of the city's dominance in the taluka.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CAPITAL & PROVINCIAL COUNCIL KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

NACPC was established by Cambodian capital and provincial councilors through national congress organized in March 2013. Currently, NACPC has a national representation of 24 capital and provincial councils as well as representation of 374 councilors coming from diversified political parties, gender, geography and ethnic.



PALANPUR

Palanpur is a city and a municipality of Banaskantha district in the Indian state of Gujarat. It's the largest city and the administrative headquarters of the district with the number of population 140,344. Palanpur enjoys all types of weather.



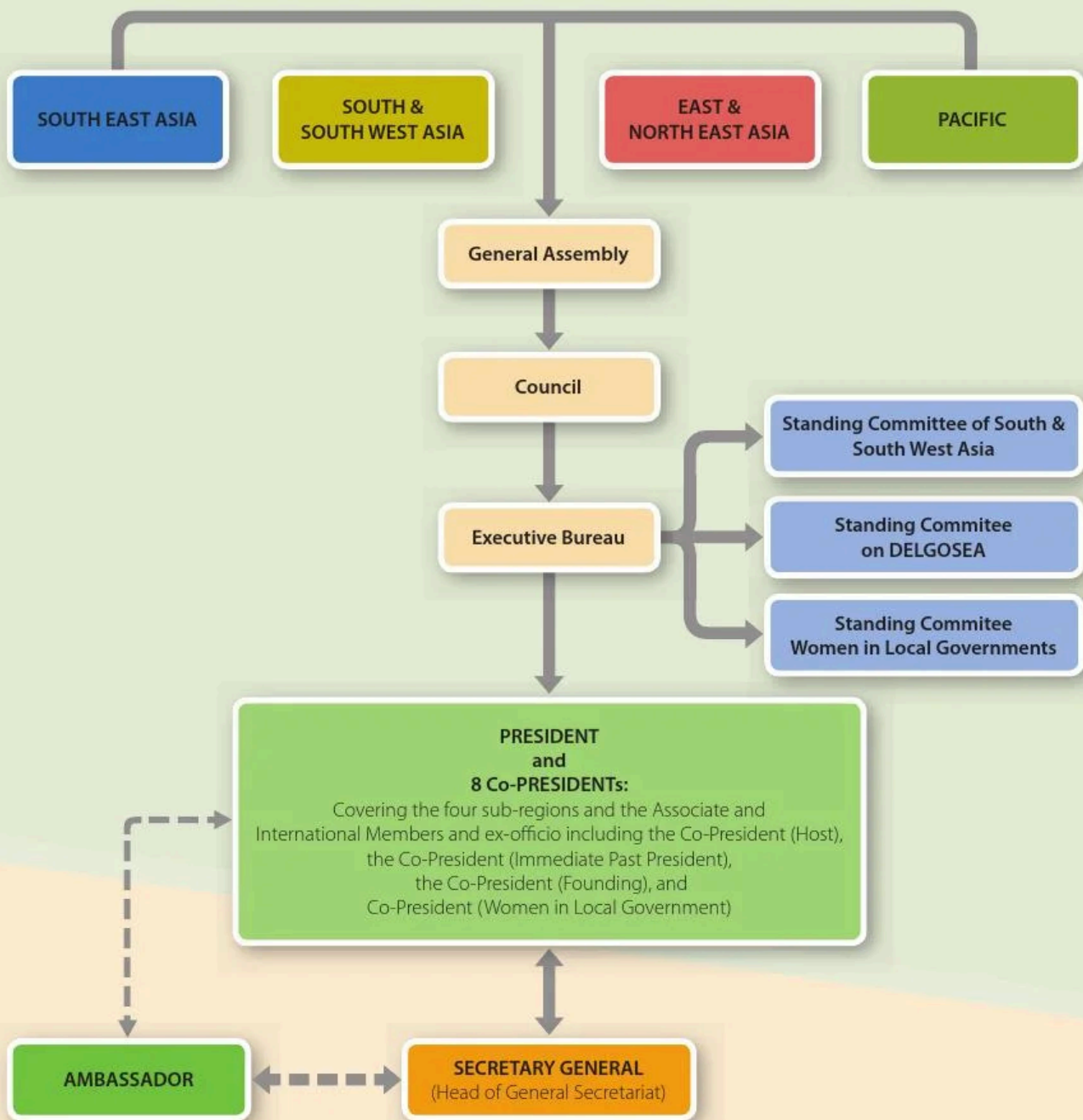
THIMPHU

Thimphu is the capital and largest city of Bhutan. The city became the capital of Bhutan in 1961. Thimphu, as the political and economic center of Bhutan, has a dominant agricultural and livestock base, which contributes to 45% of the country's GNP.



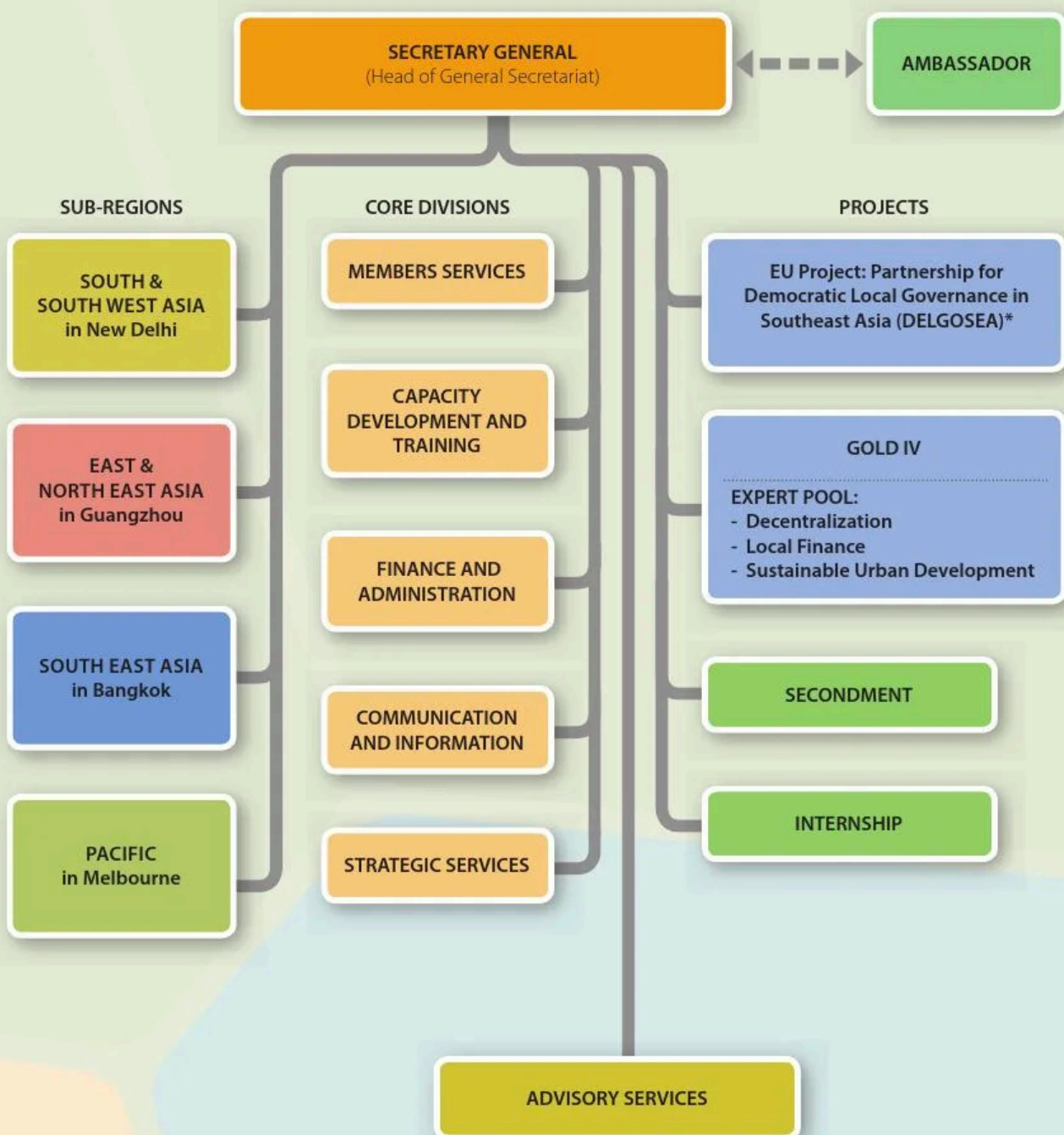
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UCLG ASPAC Organization



STRUCTURAL DESIGN

UCLG ASPAC Secretariat



SUB-REGION ACTIVITIES

EAST AND NORTHEAST ASIA

Changwon International Educational Cooperation Center opens in Cambodia



The center is run by the non-governmental organization, Good Hands, to educate children, assist in medical projects for locals and improve international education networks.

World Environmental Hub



"World Environmental Hub" is defined as a model or representative city for a global system of ecologically-oriented cities.

Incheon Training Program for Asian Public Officials



This program has contributed to promoting mutual understanding and enhancing the friendly relationships among international cities since 2007.

SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST ASIA

International Conference on Local Government



Jointly organized by Municipal Association of Bangladesh (MAB) and Bangladesh Union Parishad Forum (BUPF), the main goal of the conference was to promote current local government context of home and abroad.

South Asian Cities Summit 2013



The objective of the seminar was to convene a high profile gathering of senior local governments officials from South Asian cities (India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan) and from across the globe.

2013 K2H Fellowship Program



The Korea Heart to Heart (K2H) Fellowship is a professional 6-month program designed to foster a new generation of public officials and future decision-makers from around the world.

World Human Rights Cities Forum (WHRCF)



Under the theme "Sustainable Human Rights City for All: Guiding Principles for a Human Rights City", the forum aimed to address the emerging challenges identified by key actors in the process of making a human rights city a reality on the grounds of their own context.

PACIFIC

National Local Roads and Transport Congress



The 2013 National Local Roads and Transport Congress provided an important opportunity for local government representatives in Australia to play a part in shaping the policy agenda for national local roads and transport.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Meeting of the Governors/Mayors of the Capitals of ASEAN



There were three crucial points of the discussion of the Meeting, these are (a) In depth discussion and preparatory meeting on a working level of ASEAN Capitals Meeting; (b) Three areas in particular to be chosen from the first Working Level Meeting of; (c) Creating and institutionalized framework to involve the ASEAN Capitals in the opinion-forming and decision-making processes of ASEAN.

TRAINING CENTER

CIFAL Jeju

UNITAR - CIFAL Jeju Short Survey on Local Authorities & Food Security in the Asia Pacific Region, January 22nd-February 5th 2013

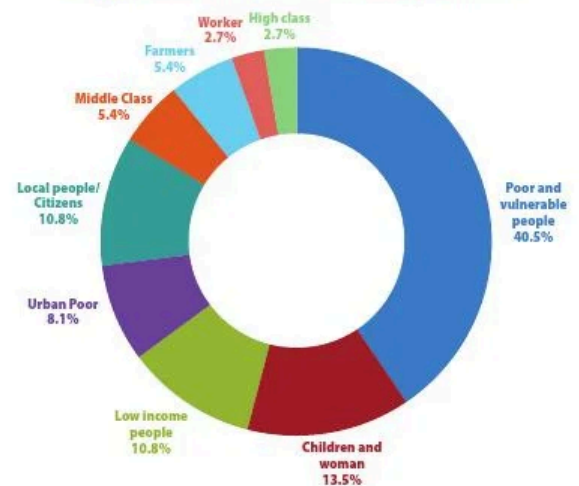
The survey aimed to access current needs, baseline knowledge and interest in developing key knowledge skills on food security in the Asia Pacific region. Responses were given from 13 countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Kiribati, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand).

CIFAL Jeju's Workshop on Food and Nutrition Security: Developing Local Government's Capacities to Enhance Resilience to Food Crisis and Food Self-Sufficiency", 20-22 March 2013

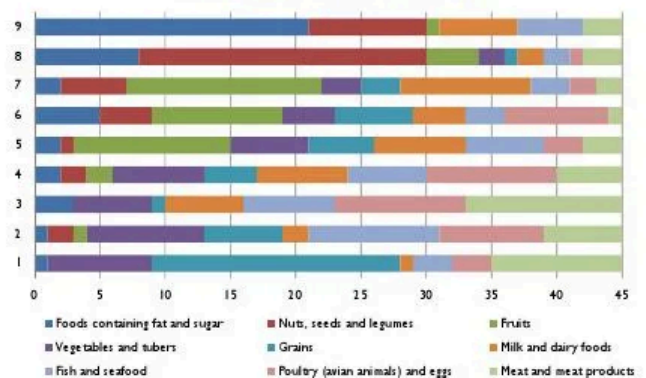
This workshop aimed to promote awareness about the importance of food security as part of human security at the local level, the workshop provided:

- An opportunity for local authorities to build capacities to enhance resilience to food crisis and food self-resilience.
- A platform to exchange lessons learned and good practices in local and national efforts to fulfill MDG 1 (End Extreme Poverty and Hunger).
- A venue for city-to-city cooperation in implementing local action plans for food security.

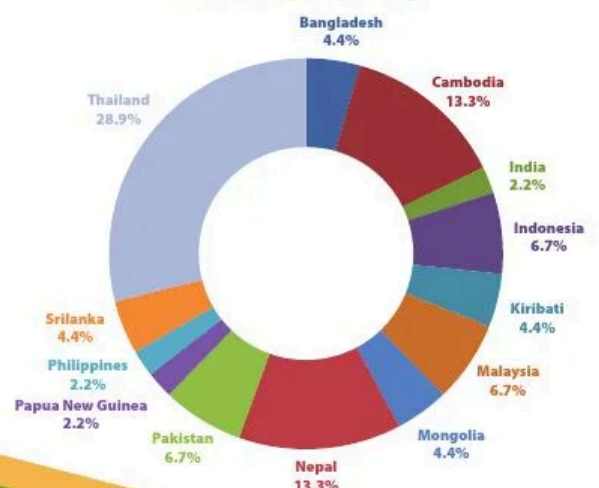
Major Food Groups Consumed by Citizens



Groups Most Affected by The Lack of Food Security



Who Took The Survey



PROJECTS

GOLD

UCLG GOLD III Workshop for Southeast Asia, 22 March, Manila, Philippines

The 3rd Edition of the UCLG Triennial Global Report of Decentralization and Local Democracy (GOLD III) is devoted to exploring the situation of the governance of local basic services around the globe. A selected group of experts and practitioners were invited to analyze the accuracy of the findings reflected in the draft, and made recommendations for inclusion in the final text.

UCLG GOLD III Workshop for South & Southwest Asia, 16 April, Ahmedabad, India

The UCLG GOLD III Workshop for South & Southwest Asia was the second series of GOLD III regional workshops for Asia Pacific jointly organized by UCLG, UCLG ASPAC and CDIA with the support of the European Union and the Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility (PPIAF).



UCLG GOLD III Workshop, 16 May 2013, Gwangju

The workshop, attended by 63 participants, discussed the draft content of the GOLD III's chapter dedicated to Asia Pacific and to ensure that the final text reflects the views and experience of local government in the region.

The outcomes of GOLD activities in Asia Pacific region were shared with all other regions of UCLG in Barcelona on July 2, 2013.



For details on GOLD, click: <http://cities-localgovernments.org/gold/>

PROJECTS

DELGOSEA

After the end of DELGOSEA Phase 1, the network has started its second phase from November 1st, 2012 onwards co-financed with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung(KAS) Manila and UCLG ASPAC.

DELGOSEA continues its 2nd phase with the objective to further exchange of knowledge at the local levels amongst countries in the Southeast Asia and to advocate to and lobby with national governments for empowering cities and local governments. The ideas for advocacy at ASEAN was agreed to be the focus of the network by expanding the network to other 5 countries in the South-East Asian region. Compilation and transfer of new best/good practices on good local governance is still in the heart of DELGOSEA Phase 2.

UCLG ASPAC plays a great role in supporting DELGOSEA Phase 2. During the UCLG ASPAC Congress took place in Jakarta from October 2-5, 2012, the Executive Bureau of UCLG ASPAC endorsed the establishment of the DELGOSEA Standing Committee.

In 2013, the network has conducted several activities, including the workshops for DELGOSEA Network, the Internal Meeting of Standing Committee, and identification as well as dissemination of new best practices.

The current DELGOSEA priorities are:

- The expansion of Network to the other five ASEAN countries that are not yet represented (Brunei, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar and Singapore)
- The encouragement of the existing members to focus on national advocacy
- The establishment of a regular and continuous dialogue of the Network in the different ASEAN member states with the Ministries responsible for local governments in order to strengthen the national advocacy component and in preparation for establishing a formal relationship with ASEAN in the near future.

PROJECTS

DELGOSEA

LIST OF ACTIVITIES

- **DELGOSEA Brainstorming Workshop on 19-20 February 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand**
- **The First Standing Committee of DELGOSEA meeting: A Cooperation between KAS and UCLG ASPAC on 21 March 2013 in Manila, The Philippines**
- **The Workshop-Meeting of the DELGOSEA-Standing Committee on 24-25 June 2013 in Jakarta, Indonesia**
- **DELGOSEA Coordination Workshop on 3-4 August 2013 in Siem Reap, Cambodia**
- **The Workshop of Building Cooperation with ASEAN on 12-13 November 2013 in Jakarta, Indonesia**



PROJECTS DELGOSEA

STANDING COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON

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VICE CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Yvette Yap

(Deputy Executive Director for Policy,
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Membership

(Voting-Right Members)

1. Association of Cities of Vietnam (ACVN), Vietnam
2. National League of Communes/Sangkats (NCL/S), Cambodia
3. The National Municipal League of Thailand (NMT), Thailand
4. Leagues of Cities of the Philippines (LCP), The Philippines
5. League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP), The Philippines
6. Association of Indonesian Municipalities (APEKSI), Indonesia
7. Association of Indonesian Municipal Councils (ADEKSI), Indonesia
8. Association of Indonesia Regency Legislative Councils (ADKASI), Indonesia

Membership

(Non-Voting Right Members)

1. Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)
2. Local Government Development Foundation (LOGODEF), The Philippines,
3. Cambodian Civil Society Partnership (CCSP), Cambodia
4. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Thailand
5. Learning House for Development (LHD), Lao People Democratic Republic (Lao PDR)

EU EVALUATION REPORT

The European Commission, the funding agency for the first phase of DELGOSEA carried out a monitoring mission to investigate how project results were being sustained.

Due to time constraints, the evaluation was concentrated in two of the five DELGOSEA project countries, Thailand and Indonesia. In Thailand, EU representative, Mr. Carlos Schubert accompanied by Dr. Peter Koeppinger, the DELGOSEA Network Director and Ms. Tharee Kamuang, a previous national coordinator for DELGOSEA in Thailand, travelled to Thailand from 19 – 22 November and had meetings with DELGOSEA's main implementing partner, the National Municipal League of Thailand (NML). He visited the pilot city of Pakkret near Bangkok, where the restoration of an old market put the town firmly on the tourist map and encouraged the revival of old cultural traditions.



The EU Delegation has also carried out the evaluation mission to Indonesia and received more information on the project's background and implementation history of DELGOSEA. Accompanied by Ms. Natalis Padang, former Indonesia's national coordinator and Secretary of the DELGOSEA Standing



Committee (July-December 2013), the EU delegation had the opportunity to visit Wakatobi, a coastal area in the Indonesian island of Sulawesi. Waste management has been the issue, focusing on developing methods for involving the whole community in recycling and clean-up activities, as well as innovative way of dealing with wastewater to prevent it from polluting the ocean environment. (courtesy: www.delgosea.eu)

STRATEGIC ISSUES

Urban Transportation Solutions

Sharing Good Practices: Workshop on Urban Mobility and Environment

The August 29th workshop discussed the transportation issues as well as environmental challenges and innovative solutions implemented by the Korea Transportation Institute (KOTI) and members of UCLG ASPAC from the Capital City of Jakarta, Surabaya and Changwon.

This workshop held in Jakarta was found very useful as members could derive benefit on the knowledge of innovative lesson learnt particularly from Korea in handling the transportation issues. Dr. Kim Gyeng Chul, the President of KOTI as a keynote speaker shared the essential of leadership and innovation to deal with the challenges of transportation with the examples of Bogota, Curitiba, London and Seoul experiences. He further suggested that, in the case of Jakarta, customized policy that fits with the condition of Indonesia is needed. To implement the policy, good leadership with a clear vision and strong willingness is also needed.

Participants were also interested in replicating a new initiative of Jakarta in handling the traffic congestion and street vendors' relocation in Tanah Abang's area. They visited Tanah Abang Block G and observed the result of the intervention from Jakarta in managing the traffic and street vendors in the most crowded commercial area which is also known as the biggest market in South-East Asia.



STRATEGIC ISSUES

Better Sanitation and Water Services

UCLG ASPAC and FSLGA conducted “International Workshop on Empowering Local Partnership for Better Sanitation and Water Services” on 27 November 2013 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Asia-Pacific region with more than 4.2 billion people poses a tremendous challenge to the ability of cities and local governments to deliver basic services. The UN has noted that 2.5 billion people live without improved sanitation and 1.1 billion people still practice open defecation.

The issues of provision of sanitation, water and limitation of local governments in financing basic services were discussed during the workshop. Partnership was highlighted as one of the solutions in providing basic services.

This would be beneficial as local governments often face limitations in their ability to implement projects. This type of relationship has the potential to lead to a greater access to other opportunities and connections.

Participants obtained more knowledge on financing basic services as well as building partnerships with the private sector in public services delivery. They were fully aware that local governments often have a low capacity to raise resources even for day-to-day operations of basic services and have even greater difficulty in finding capital funds for investments. Having alternative resources to financing basic services becomes even more important for local governments in order to improve living standard for their community.



STRATEGIC ISSUES

Disaster Risk Reduction

“Regional Consultation with Local Governments: Towards a Post 2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)”

UCLG has been a strategic partner of UNISDR in engaging local governments to implement the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 2005-2015 – building resilient nations and communities against disaster. In formulating the successor framework of DRR, UCLG ASPAC has agreed to be the coordinator of the Stakeholder Group of Mayors and Local Governments for Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia to work together with other stakeholder groups to ensure multi-stakeholder engagement in DRR. To coordinate the Stakeholder Group of Mayors and Local Governments for DRR, UCLG ASPAC and UNISDR organized Regional Consultation with Local Governments on 27 November 2013 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The session has discussed and delivered inputs from local governments for further framework of DRR in HFA2. The new framework of HFA2 will be different with the previous HFA as it is designed with local actors as a primary implementer. The successor will ensure that disaster risk reduction is made a core function of local governments with consistent budget allocation and staffing.



STRATEGIC ISSUES

Zero Waste is Possible in Our Home

Research on Solid Waste Management

To support the development of programme at UCLG ASPAC, research on 'zero waste is possible in our home' has been conducted with support of interns. These activities are performed as part of knowledge management of the Secretariat.

Research on solid waste management aims to develop a recycling concept to be implemented in municipality areas. The City of Depok, near Jakarta, was chosen to be the case study due to its strategic location and the solid waste problem faced. The study is to be completed in February 2014 with the expected list of recommendations and strategies in implementing 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle).

The Secretariat has also received an expression of interest from City of South Tangerang and Bandung to conduct the same study. UCLG ASPAC assists its members to implement recycling and explore the possibilities of the recycling industry by building their capacity to minimize waste as well as changing our society's behavior that 'trash is cash'.



FOR A BETTER WORLD

Strengthening Cooperation with Jakarta and MoHA Indonesia

The agreement of UCLG ASPAC and MoHA Indonesia on the establishment and activities of the Secretariat in Indonesia ended on August 9th, 2013. Both parties have agreed to extend this relationship.



The scope of the agreement will be expanded from the location of the UCLG ASPAC Secretariat, to include the opportunity to create more joint programmes on democratic local governance in Indonesia. The period of the agreement has the potential to be extended from 3 to 5 years. This amendment will provide the opportunity to members in Indonesia to be involved in the following activities:

- *Joint programmes/projects to support development attempts in economic, social, cultural, vocational, environmental and decentralised services delivery based on the principle of good governance, sustainability and social inclusion*
- *Global networking for the exchange of knowledge and expertise, institutional and human resource capacity building*

Cooperation with the Capital City of Jakarta - the Host of the Secretariat has been strengthened as highlighted in the first coordination meeting with them attended by other Indonesian members held on 27th August 2013.

Jakarta Governor has given the new home for UCLG Secretariat in the main premise of the Capital City Hall. An inaugural ceremony with the presence of the Vice Governor, Mr. Basuki Tjahaja Purnama was held in conjunction with the DELGOSEA Workshop in November 2013.

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Partnerships with FCM

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and UCLG ASPAC have been working to strengthen the important role of Local Governments in responding to the needs and challenges of Local Economic Development (LED).



Members of UCLG ASPAC including the Association of Cities of Vietnam (ACVN), the National League of Communes and Sangkats of Cambodia (NLC/S) and the League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) were involved in the Municipal Partners for Economic Development (MPED) aiming to enhance local governments capacity to better understand their programme reality, needs, opportunities and challenges in playing fruitful role in LED.

The 3rd Asia Partners Forum on Local Economic Development was held in Cebu, the Philippines on 16-18 October 2013 with the objective of stimulating local leaders with ideas and the strategic role they can play in LED. Ambassador Peter Woods represented UCLG ASPAC and delivered a presentation on decentralized development cooperation and UCLG ASPAC roles in promoting LED.

In the true spirit of blending theory and practice, a field trip was organised that stimulated discussion and ideas by visiting a successful guitar manufacturing entity, as well as a mango processing plant that used not only the fruit but also the stones to re-process and create very useable commodities. They also visited a neighbourhood industry where brooms are manufactured out of indigenous materials, at affordable prices and giving employment for many local people. The emphasis was on understanding that while the attraction of large capital from within and outside a country is often desirable, much can be done on a more modest basis that cumulatively enhances local economies greatly.

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Hello ASEAN!



In an attempt to strengthen the cooperation with ASEAN, UCLG ASPAC has drafted the policy paper to assist Local Governments in building strong ASEAN Economic Community 2015

This paper explains the entry point of cooperation of UCLG ASPAC with ASEAN. From the assessment, it can be identified that UCLG ASPAC and ASEAN work in the corresponding thematic areas, including governance, economy, social culture and environment. The similarities of thematic areas indicated the needs for UCLG ASPAC to engage with ASEAN.

Governor Joko Widodo of Jakarta who is also the Co-President of UCLG ASPAC took the leadership role in building cooperation of Mayors and Governors from Capital Cities of ASEAN towards the ASEAN Economic Community 2015. There were three crucial points of the discussion of the Meeting, these are (a) In depth discussion and preparatory meeting on a working level of ASEAN Capitals Meeting; (b) Three areas in particular to be chosen from the 1st Working Level Meeting of; (c) Creating and institutionalized framework to involve the ASEAN Capitals in the opinion-forming and decision-making processes of ASEAN.

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

UCLG ASPAC has attempted to strengthen and enhance its networking with the existing and potential partners and/or donor agencies in its effort to expand its activities.

Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA)

Cities Development Initiative for Asia has been one of the prominent partners of UCLG ASPAC. In 2013, CDIA and UCLG ASPAC have worked together in their effort to empower local governments' financial capacity.

United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA)

UCLG ASPAC has been actively participated in the UNACLA regular meeting to contribute in the enrichment of various essential issue related to sustainable development. The last meeting was organized on 14 April 2013 in conjunction with the 24th Session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat from 15-19 April 2013 at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi, Kenya. The meeting discussed on "Job Creation and Local Productivity" aiming to share the experiences from UNACLA members in creating jobs and innovations as well as also challenges faced by them. Mr. Hugua, Regent Mayor of Wakatobi, attended the meeting as the representative from UCLG ASPAC.

Korean Transport Institute (KOTI)

Sharing and transferring the good practices of development among members has been the key of work of UCLG ASPAC. In line with this mission, UCLG ASPAC expanded its network and started a joint collaboration of activity with KOTI on sharing of best practices for the issue of transportation and urban mobility. Hosted by the Capital City Government of Jakarta, the Workshop on Urban Mobility and Environment was organized on 29 August 2013 in Jakarta.

United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)

UCLG has been a strategic partner of UNISDR in engaging local governments in implementing the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 2005-2015 – building resilient nations and communities against disaster. One of our activities is Regional Consultation with Local Governments: Towards a Post 2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) which was held on 27 November 2013 in conjunction with UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau and Council Meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

For the following 5 years, USAID in Indonesia would focus its work to support South-to-South Cooperation which is relevant with the on-going programme of UCLG ASPAC. Further meeting with them is planned after the country strategic plan is finished. The country strategic plan is needed to define the following activities as well as the policy of USAID which becomes the basis of UCLG ASPAC to prepare joint activities with them. The country strategic plan is expected to be finished at the end of this year.

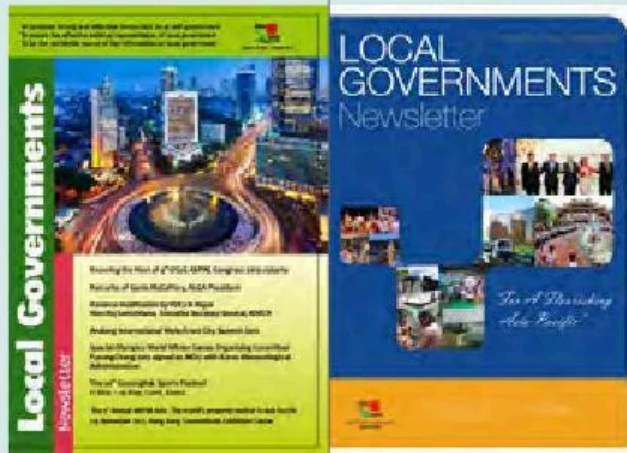
German Society for International Cooperation/Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

GIZ has continuously supported UCLG ASPAC through their capacity building programme. They are committed to build The Secretariat by providing international experts as well as domestic staff to be dispatched at UCLG ASPAC office within the scheme of CIM programme. These secondees from GIZ will be assigned to enhance the capacity development and training division. In addition, they also agreed to disseminate the internship programme of UCLG ASPAC within their wider network.

The Secretariat plans to conduct a coordination meeting with partners particularly that are based in Indonesia. This notion of coordination has been conveyed to partners and they affirmed to support the meeting. It is expected that the meeting can synchronize the programmes among donors and bridge the gap between them and actors of development which are local governments. Members of UCLG ASPAC will be invited to this dialogue which will be regularly conducted.

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Media Visit:



UCLG ASPAC held the very first Media Visit on 6-8 November 2013 with the purpose of engaging the media in the effort of promoting the works of cities, local governments and their associations (LGAs) in the Asia Pacific, particularly Indonesia. The top and reputable media visited were Jawa Pos, ANTARA, KOMPAS, and the Jakarta Post. Media is expected hold an essential role to disseminate UCLG ASPAC activities to the public, especially to non-member local governments and LGAs with the hope that they will discover the benefits of joining this organization.

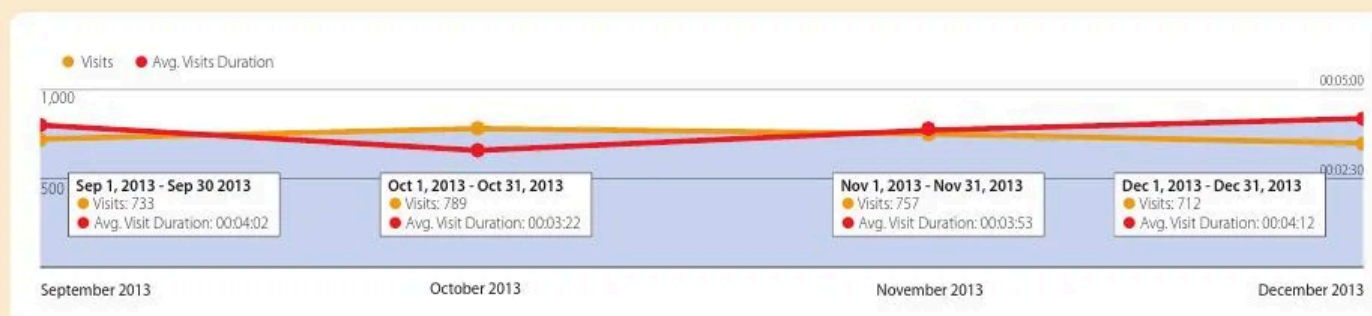
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Emeritus Mayor Peter Woods (OAM)
Ambassador

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SECONDMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lim Young Mork from Changwon City joined the Secretariat in June 2013 for one year assignment (with one-year extension). He has assisted the Secretariat in enhancing the cooperation between Korean cities and UCLG ASPAC.

Objective

- To enhance the cooperation between member cities and UCLG ASPAC.
- To understand and strengthen the role of UCLG ASPAC as a knowledge management hub.
- To support the advocacy and activities by taking part in some programs.



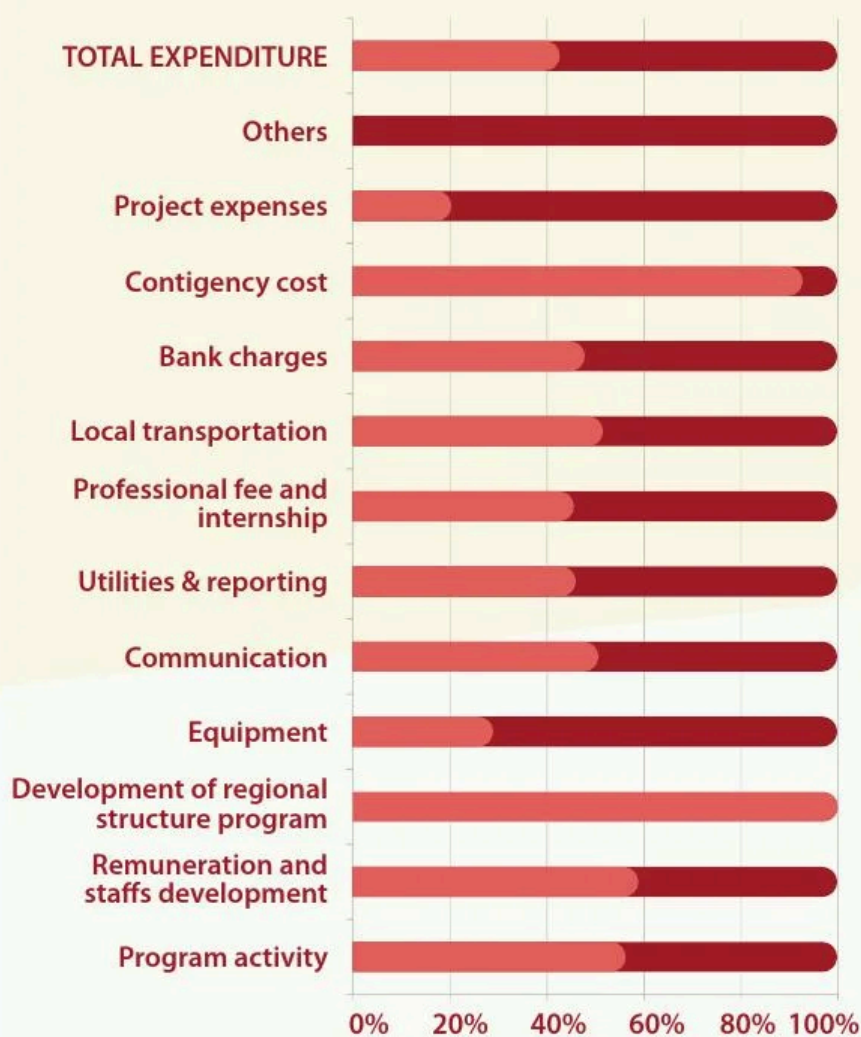
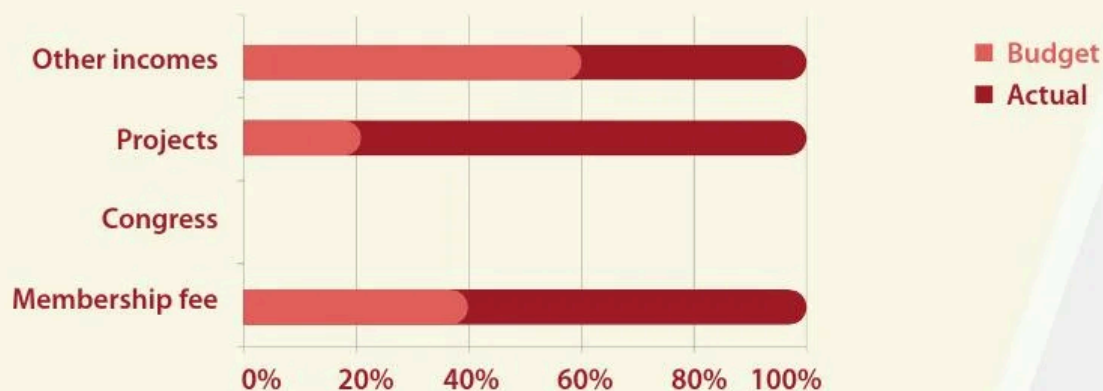
INTERSHIP

UCLG ASPAC has established an internship program targeted to university students all over the world, including in Indonesia. The program is intended to provide professional exposure of students recent graduates through involvement in the activities of UCLG ASPAC and at the same time enhance the service of the Secretariat.

From July to September 2013, UCLG ASPAC has received 60 expressions of interests for the internship program. The selection process has resulted 5 interns to be placed at the Secretariat, 3 of them have started on October 1st, 2013 under the Strategic Services Division. The other 2 interns joined at the end of October 2013 to support the Member Services Division. Aside from the call of application, the Secretariat also accepted a dispatched researcher, Ms. Kang Eunsook from the Government of Korea in November 2013. She obtained the scholarship from the National Human Right Commission of Korea (NHRCK), an institution where she's been assigned as the permanent employee.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHT



Revenue: USD 469,287
Expenditure: USD 327.270
(the above amount excludes the cash and fixed assets)

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