



ANNUAL REPORT 2015

A SOUL OF REGIONS,
A HEARTBEAT OF DIVERSITY

Connecting the Dots for Peace

UCLG ASPAC represents a plethora of cultures, values and ideas in the Asia-Pacific community, connecting the dots of differences towards peace and prosperity. Linking more than 7,000 local governments in this region representing over 3.76 billion people –approximately half of the world's population, it incorporates economically fast-developing countries such as China, India and Indonesia. The **UCLG ASPAC** headquarters is hosted by the Capital City Government of Jakarta, Indonesia.

Building Bridges towards Excellence

BEING the largest regional section of the **UCLG** global network, **UCLG ASPAC** engages in policy advocacy, capacity building and training, institutional development, as well as information and best practices sharing. It is the united voice and champion of democratic local self-government, facilitating cooperation between governments in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. **UCLG ASPAC** strives to promote and defend local governments on the world stage, regardless of the size of the communities they served.





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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Members and Partners,

As I began to write down my thoughts for this Annual Report, I realized how quickly my first year has passed as the President of UCLG ASPAC. It has been a wonderful year and I am thrilled to see that we have made solid progress on many fronts.

I am proud of our accomplishments in issuing the Wakatobi Declaration on the New Urban Agenda and the Makassar Declaration on the ASEAN Community, and many other significant achievements. This has strengthened our identity as a close-knit community with a unified voice. We need this now more than ever, as changes are taking place in our society. **Our identity becomes stronger as we speak with one voice and take actions under one spirit.**

As the Governor of Jeju, I was also delighted that my Province had the chance to raise UCLG ASPAC's voice at the global level. Throughout 2015 we welcomed many friends from across the world to Jeju for many occasions. We also hosted several training programmes in Jeju. This was in line with UCLG ASPAC's strategic

plan of enhancing our capacity in managing our local development.

My meeting with Jakarta's Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama, who is also UCLG ASPAC Co-President, was truly rewarding. It has brought Jeju closer to Jakarta, as we have come up with a plan to boost eco-tourism in Kepulauan Seribu (Thousand Islands), by learning best practices from Jeju.

While there is a growing awareness that human survival ultimately depends on healthy and resilient ecosystems, we urgently need a new concept of environmental peace, where we live in harmony with nature. That is why Jeju, as the only place to hold four international recognitions of biodiversity – World Natural Heritage Site, Biosphere Reserve, Ramsar Site and one of the Global Geoparks Network – organized the World Leaders' Conservation Forum.

Meanwhile, as tourism in Northeast Asia is growing at a phenomenal pace, Jeju explored this potential by organizing the Workshop on Sustainable Tourism. In connection with tourism, culture is seen as a driver for sustainability, and we officially launched the UCLG ASPAC Culture Committee in November 2015. **This Committee paves the way to establish a cultural platform that enhances the quality of life in the region through cultural activities, and the promotion of policies in line with upholding various cultural assets.**

I cannot thank everyone enough for standing by our side. Our accomplishments have been made possible by the belief in our mission that you share with us. I am committed to continuing the proud legacy of UCLG ASPAC as a purpose-led organization, under the spirit of collaboration and innovation.

We will also continue our commitment to you, our valued members and partners, who have placed your confidence and trust in us.

Won Hee-ryong

President, UCLG ASPAC

Governor, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL



Valued Members and Partners,

As we close 2015, we look back at how the year has been filled with many rewarding moments. Recapping these, for this Annual Report, we take on the theme of “A Soul of Regions, A Heartbeat of Diversity.” This stands **that culture is the main pillar in sustainable development that brings life, soul and tolerance to our diverse Asia-Pacific society. This also puts our hope and dream for humanist regions and cities – with the people as the center of development.**

So, it is this hope that has inspired our journey in 2015.

Looking back down the lane, we recall the wave of celebration that swept the world following the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September 2015 in New York. No doubt, the UCLG ASPAC community has been greatly touched. Rooted from the idea that all SDGs are local –from ending poverty to revitalizing the global partnership for sustainable development, we have a big task lies ahead of us. It is our task to localize these goals, ensuring that they are understood and taken into action by local and

regional institutions. UCLG ASPAC is determined to support all local and regional governments in acquiring the necessary capacities and resources to implement the SDGs effectively.

I am also glad that we marked a new milestone in 2015: the Wakatobi Declaration, which outlines the recognition of the central roles of cities, local and regional governments in shaping the New Urban Agenda. We are proud to have with us around 170 mayors and governors endorsing the declaration during the Asia-Pacific Conference on “Local Government Voices towards Habitat III on a New Urban Agenda” in Wakatobi, Indonesia.

We have also set the bar higher by issuing the Makassar Declaration during the ASEAN Mayors Forum, held in Makassar, Indonesia. From here, our journey for a stronger ASEAN community has begun.

Meanwhile, UCLG ASPAC Committee on Culture and Standing Committee on Women in Local Governments have been launched and are progressing well with seminars and workshops, providing the foundation for peer-to-peer learning through best practices. We can hardly wait to step further into the coming years.

I would also like to welcome our new members. This year, the Kiribati Local Government Association from the Republic of Kiribati, Catbalogan City and Surigao City from the Philippines joined our big family, along with Salatiga City, Jambi City, Pangkal Pinang City and East Kalimantan Province from Indonesia. We are honored to have you!

We owe this wonderful journey to our members and partners, whose active participation and long-standing support have enabled us to turn hopes and inspirations into reality. Great challenges await us, but **I believe that our constant pursuit of growth will eventually take us to our destination.** As we close this year, we also begin a new chapter, and I am more than ready to embrace this new chapter with you!

Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi
Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC

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PRESIDENT



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Representing East & Northeast Asia Sub-Region
Governor of Jeju Special Self-Governing Province

CO-PRESIDENT



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EXECUTIVE BUREAU 2014 - 2016

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Mayor, Gunsan City



Yoo Jeong-bok

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SOUTHEAST ASIA SUB-REGION



Hugua

Regent Mayor, Wakatobi Regency



Nguyen Van Khol

Chairman, Association of Cities of Vietnam (ACVN)



Kriangkral Phoomlaochaeng

President, National Municipal League of Thailand (NMT) Mayor, Yangtala Municipality



Say Kosal

President, National League Cambodia

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Mahin Limbu

Chairperson, National Association of VDCs in Nepal (Navin)



Lawrence Yule

President, Local Government New Zealand Mayor, Hastings District Council



Romano Reo

Mayor, Betio Town Council Chairman, Kiribati Local Government Association (KILGA)

DESIGNATED MEMBER



Tamotsu Okamoto

Chairperson, the Board of Director, Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR) of Japan

PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES AND HIS LEADERSHIP



Green at Heart, Green in Actions

DRIVING an electric vehicle (EV) since 2014, Governor Won Hee-ryong is the first municipal head in the Republic of Korea to adopt an EV as an official car to promote the eco-friendly vehicles. This has been part of his move to boost the campaign to make Jeju Special Self-Governing Province carbon-free by 2030.

"Being a good leader, it is important to be honest and listen to people with your heart."

Governor Won Hee-ryong
President, UCLG ASPAC



As an effort to realize the '**Global Eco-Platform Jeju**' action plan, Governor Won signed a MoU on 26 May 2015 with the CEO HA Hyeonhoe of LG Home Entertainment Company. Jeju and LG will cooperate on the action plan to fuse infrastructure construction for new renewable energy development.



Jeju Special Self Governing Province (represented by Governor Won) received an **E-Visionary Award at IEVSE28**. This award is given to cities that greatly contribute to the supply and investment of Electric Vehicle (EV), and long-term planning of EV policies as global models and environmentally friendly future means of transportation.



Asking for UN's support and cooperation, Governor Won met UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon on 6 December 2015, introducing the **Jeju Model of New Energy Industry Platform**, which will see 100% of Jeju's electricity powered by renewable energy.

Consolidating Forces for a Stronger Local Government Community



Governor Won met Jakarta's Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama on 4 November 2015, introducing '**Jeju Olle**', a series of ecological walking trails for tourists. Jakarta wished to receive support for the resort development projects on 14 out of 110 islands around Jakarta known as the Thousand Islands. The two agreed to cooperate in the sectors of ecotourism, culture exchange, and renewable energy.

"What we could learn from Jeju Special Self-Governing Province is its best practices in boosting eco-tourism in the island. If these best practices could be implemented in the Kepulauan Seribu (Thousand Islands)... that would be a great achievement."

Basuki Tjahaja Purnama
Governor, Jakarta
Co-President, UCLG ASPAC

Reinstating Culture at the Heart of Society

Governor Won officially established the **UCLG ASPAC Culture Committee** during the Culture Workshop on 20 November 2015 in Jeju. The committee will lead international culture exchanges in the Asia-Pacific. The establishment of the Committee was proposed at the World Culture Summit held in March in Bilbao, and approved during the UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting in April in Makati. The Jeju government, who holds the post of the President of the Committee, will hold two workshops on tourism, culture, and environment.



"Culture is becoming more recognized as fundamentally important to the enrichment of life. It is closely linked to both the local economy and identity of a region. Our life is culture."

Governor Won Hee-ryong,
President, UCLG ASPAC



Governor Won spoke during the World Culture Summit in Bilbao.

Voicing Urgent Matters, Incorporating Global Campaigns

- Emphasizing Jeju's active role as a **peace bridge** for unity of Korean Peninsular and inter-Korean relations, Governor Won shared his perspectives on Asian peace and economic environment during the **2015 Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity**, held on 20-23 May.
- Unveiling his plan to make Jeju the **world's first Environmental Capital** through exemplary responses to global environmental problems, Governor Won observed **UN's Biodiversity Day** and **Wetlands Day**.
- Emphasizing the importance of '**environmental peace**' as encapsulated in his warning that 'future crises will arise from environment', Governor Won joined the World Leader's Conservation Forum held on 8 July.
- Jeju co-hosted the first '**Mediation Committee for World Environmental Hub**' with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in Paris, France, on 4 December 2015, during the COP 21-2015 UN Climate Change Conference.



Top: The Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity

Bottom: The first "Mediation Committee for World Environmental Hub"



Increasing exchanges for the realization of common prosperity: 20th anniversary of sister-province relations of Korea and China.



Marking the 50th anniversary of diplomatic ties between Korea and Japan: Joint Governors Meeting suggested for the creation of Korea and Japan Local Governments Forum on Tourism and Environment.

SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE MOVE



2015 was a very special year in development. The adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in March, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September and the Paris Agreement in December recognized the key role that cities and local governments have to play. Led by the Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC supports cities and local governments and has worked to highlight some emerging issues of great importance to the region.

Secretary General and two women mayors, Seberang Perai (Malaysia) and Banda Aceh (Indonesia) put their signatures on a marble stone during the ASEAN Mayors Forum (Makassar, September 2015)

Strategically Engaging ASEAN

The grand ASEAN Mayors Forum hosted by Makassar City in September 2015 has been the milestone in cooperation with ASEAN. The Makassar Declaration highlighted the commitment of local governments and partners crafted on a marble stone at a public space in Losari Beach, making it a historical moment of reuniting a thousand cities for one ASEAN. The Secretary General spoke at the Forum and stated the importance of collaborating for a stronger ASEAN. The Makassar Declaration was endorsed to ASEAN for consideration.

Women, the Spearhead for Change

Empowering and promoting women in politics have been the front tag of UCLG ASPAC. Its Standing Committee on Women in Local Governments led by Mayor Illiza of Banda Aceh has made a contribution to the outcomes of the Sixth Asia-Pacific Urban Forum. The appointment of the Secretary General by the UN as a member of the Advisory Group on Gender Issues (AGGI) of UN-HABITAT has been a good strategy in bringing Asia-Pacific's voices and concerns at the global level. The Secretary General has also facilitated a discussion at UCLG's Session on Gender Equality held in conjunction with the COP21 in Paris.



A short visit to the Youth Summer Camp with Chairman of Moscow City Council, Alexey Shaposhnikov, and Co-President of UCLG, Mayor of Victoria, Jacqueline Moustache-Belle (Moscow, July 2015).

"UCLG ASPAC has a role to provide a platform for responsible, young people to shape the development of the urban future they want."

Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi
Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC





Reuniting for Post-2015 Development Agenda and the New Urban Agenda at UCLG Executive Bureau Meeting in Porto Alegre (June 2015).

Public Space, the Barometer for Humanized Cities

The Secretary General has been promoting public spaces – quality, quantity and users- as the barometer of building humanized cities. She spoke at various occasions during the Habitat Day's Celebration under the theme "Public Spaces for All," in Indonesia. The Philippines' Conference on Public Space in the New Urban Agenda attended by the Vice President, Jejomar Binay, in February 2015 has also brought the momentum with the adoption of the Declaration on Philippine Cities Network on Public Space. "It is important for city mayors, therefore to balance growth with their desire to design and build more sustainable and liveable urban systems," according to VP Binay.

Photos below: (L) With dynamic mayors, including Mayor of Paris, and other participants at the UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality's Session (Paris, Dec. 2015); (C) The visit to Jeollabuk Province with UCLG ASPAC staff members (December 2015); (R) A formal launch of the UCLG ASPAC Culture Committee, with Governor Won, Mayors of Bilaspur and Raipur of India, the Vice Mayor of Vigan of the Philippines, the Chair of UCLG Culture Committee and a representative from Solo, Indonesia (Jeju, November 2015).



WAKATOBI DECLARATION

ROAD TO THE NEW URBAN AGENDA



A conference to remember: A number of public figures received the honorary title of "Laode" - a title given to the men only - from the local King during the Conference's Cultural Ceremony.

THE Asia-Pacific Conference on "Local Government Voices toward Habitat III on the New Urban Agenda" held in September 2015 in Wakatobi, Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia, gathered more than 170 delegates from cities, local governments, their associations and international partners in the Asia-Pacific region. At the end of the Conference, the Wakatobi Declaration on the New Urban Agenda was issued.

Held in conjunction with the UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau and Council Meetings, the Conference recognized the central role of cities, local and regional governments in shaping the New Urban Agenda that would be discussed and approved at the Habitat III Conference in Quito, Ecuador. Taking into account the dialogue and discussions among local leaders, the Conference emphasized the importance of good governance, sustainable urbanization, the need to shift to low carbon societies, to tackle climate change and spreading the benefits of economic prosperity that cities produce.



Reiterating commitments: Participants of the Wakatobi Conference and the UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau and Council Meetings.



"Development that takes sides with sustainable environmental conservation does not only bring prosperity to all human beings, but also to the safety of all living creatures. The Wakatobi Declaration will be the unified voice of Asia-Pacific governors, regents and mayors, and will be presented during the Habitat III Global Conference in Quito, Ecuador."

Hugua,
Regent Mayor of Wakatobi

Left: Young residents of Wakatobi Islands entertained delegates during the Conference's Cultural Ceremony. Right: Wakatobi MRegent ayor Hugua (in the middle) with UCLG ASPAC President and Secretary General.

Wakatobi Declaration



The Declaration unified the delegates, voicing their commitments to:

- Bridge the division in different levels, recognizing that the interaction of global authorities, regional and bilateral cooperation and mutual support are key to relationships that have the quality to transform communities.
- Work in collaboration with national governments towards creating enabling environments, beginning with the creation and mobilization of a knowledge management center.
- Strengthen and expand access to the different sources of funding to support common initiatives and programs.
- Guarantee inclusiveness and ensure that all sectors and groups of society (particularly women and children, and persons with disabilities) effectively participate in planning and implementing activities in our local governments, utilizing their full potential.
- Redefine leadership, not only as being the helm of steering the development and implementation of development plans, but also as servants of the people.
- Follow through and ensure that the voice of local governments is heard in all negotiations, leading up to the Habitat III Conference in Quito, Ecuador, in 2016.
- Work together towards the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal number 11, "Making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable".
- Strengthen existing local government associations to cascade and guide member local governments to achieve the priorities and commitments set in this declaration.

ASEAN MAYORS FORUM

A THOUSAND CITIES FOR ONE ASEAN

Makassar, Indonesia | 8-9 September 2015



500

Participants



30

International and local organizations



11

Countries



10,000

Visitors during the ASEAN Community



71

Local Governments



150 OR MORE

News articles in local and national media outlets

THE ASEAN Mayors Forum was shaped with interactive discussions allowing local governments and stakeholders to debate and exchange about their experiences and best practices. It thus contributed to the gradual building of a solid network of local governments in the ASEAN region. On a concrete level, some important decisions have been made. The Mayors signed the Makassar Declaration, in which they agreed to an annual meeting of the ASEAN Mayors, a few days prior to the annual ASEAN Summit, in order to enhance coordination between local and national efforts. The mayors also agreed to develop a formal exchange platform to share experiences and best practices. In addition, the mayors and the participants have demanded a stronger ASEAN Secretariat dealing with local government issues, creating a specific unit to coordinate regional action.



Local Governments Commitment in the Makassar Declaration:

- Raise awareness and educate people about ASEAN including creating an ASEAN University.
- Organize an annual ASEAN mayors meeting prior to the ASEAN Summit and to create an ASEAN Mayors organization.
- Establish or formalize a platform, such as DELGOSEA to promote the sharing of experiences and good/best/smart practices, including prospects for replication, knowledge enhancement, skills development and capacity building.
- Explore financial options, accessible to local governments.

Elements of Local Governments' Vision as Part of ASEAN in the Makassar Declaration

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| ➤ People-empowerment | ➤ Responsive and Forward-looking |
| ➤ Integrated and inclusive approach | ➤ Heritage preservation |

Other Elements Highlighted

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| ➤ Need for education for ASEAN nationals following the benefits brought by ASEAN | <i>Proposed actions:</i>
Establish an ASEAN University in Palangkaraya, Indonesia, with a research center, to create and promote the ASEAN identity. |
| ➤ Youth involvement | |
| ➤ Private and Community involvement | Establish a Public-Private Partnership Center in Makassar. |



DELGOSEA

6 ASEAN countries

40 Best practices collected

3,500 Friends of DELGOSEA

16 Best practices replicated

"Inter-city cooperation is at the heart of making the most of the opportunities brought by the ASEAN Community."

Dato' Maimunah Mohd. Syarif,
Mayor, Seberang Perai,
Malaysia

"As a mayor, the captain of the ship, we need our crew for sailing to a better place."

Ms. Stephany Uy Tan,
Mayor, Catbalogan,
the Philippines

MEDIA COVERAGE

2015 ASEAN MAYORS FORUM

National News Outlets



Local News Outlets



Study carried out by UCLG ASPAC on 142 articles on 18 outlets.

CO-ORGANIZING the 2015 ASEAN Mayors Forum, DELGOSEA Network aimed at promoting good governance and strengthening local governments in ASEAN. The Network has marked valuable deliverables this 2015 by producing a charter of DELGOSEA as well as advocating ASEAN in developing self-local government bodies. The ASEAN Mayors Forum was a stepping stone towards an accreditation of local governments in ASEAN. The Network was served as a benchmark of networking platform to be synchronized with the Mayors Forum.

In its internal body, the Network managed to formalize its structure and membership through the charter. This institutionalized structure helps to effectively increase the coordination and management of DELGOSEA. UCLG ASPAC led the Standing Committee responsible for conducting the advocacy for ASEAN.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

REINFORCING THE LEARNING AGENDA OF ASIAN LOCAL AUTHORITIES

As the road to global sustainability runs through the world's cities and towns, metropolitan areas and local governments will be at the center of decision-making and therefore need to be empowered. Recognizing this, UCLG World came forward with the Learning Agenda that offers a space to test new ideas and methodologies and develop learning spheres and communities of practice to address the specific interests of our members.



LED strategies contribute to stronger policy coherence between national and sub-national levels.

Welcoming this action, UCLG ASPAC, together with UCLG World, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities (FSLGA) organized a Workshop in Negombo, Sri Lanka, from 9 to 12 December 2015 to begin addressing the SDGs at the local level, with a specific focus on SDG 8 around Local Economic Development (LED). The meeting gathered Southwest Asian members and partners and experts from the Netherlands, the Philippines, Spain and South Africa.



WORKSHOP ON SDG 8 – LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

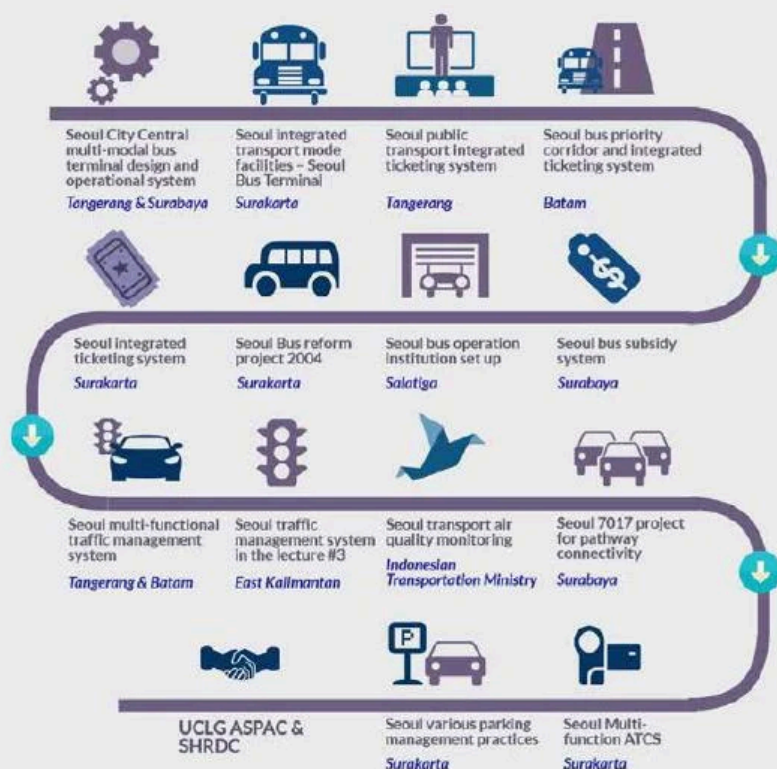
DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	CONCLUSIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the targets and the strategy towards implementing the SDGs at a local level. • Implementation of SmileUrbo, an interactive simulation game designed to develop players' soft skills to solve real-world problems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study on local experiences of Decent Work and Economic Growth. • Field visit to Negombo's Fish Market, illustrating the support from the municipality and national governments to local business. 	<p>Training Centers from South Africa (SALGA, MILE), Netherlands (VNG), South Korea (IUTC) and Japan (CLAIR), as well as the UCLG LED Approach and the International Labour Organization presented their methodologies, content and a panel of training and learning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information gathered serves as the basis to define how the cities and LGA's can include such concepts in their local plans, and how awareness can be raised among representatives and citizens. • The findings allow UCLG and UCLG ASPAC to respond more efficiently to the needs of LGs and LCAs, in order to propose a set of tools or a training program. • First concrete proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the participation of the Maldives Local Authority board in a peer learning event organized by MILE and the UCLG Planning Committee in March 2016. (b) The Sri Lanka Association is eager to hold training for councilors with SALGA.
<p>✓</p> <p>The simulation activity created a sense of trust between the participants who shared their challenges, difficulties and new ideas very openly.</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>The visit inspired a round table, concluding that cities need to seek opportunities with a sectorial approach and support, and make use of economic activities through local policies (licensing, land use, tax and revenue).</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>Concluded that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGAs value soft skills- advocacy, facilitation, and communication. • Cities are in need of tools, and mechanisms to apply knowledge related to specific services-business licensing, access to good practice, councilor training. 	

URBAN MOBILITY

CHAMPIONING SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

Adoption of Seoul's Best Practices

The Local Government Transport Officer Forum (LGTOF) will follow up the action plans of Indonesian national and local governments to adopt some of Seoul's best practices.



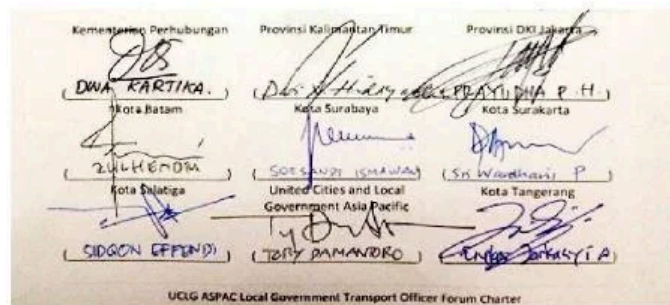
Collaborative actions: Representatives from Indonesian local governments are ready to adopt Seoul's good practices.

In pursuit of long-term sustainability of urban transport system, UCLG ASPAC and 14 representatives from Indonesian local governments established in September 2015 the Local Government Transport Officer Forum (LGTOF). The Forum serves as a new platform for Indonesian officials at the national and regional level to address escalating challenges of transportation in urban areas. Its establishment is the outcome of the Sustainable Mobility Workshop, organized in collaboration with the Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC).

The workshop highlighted the success story of Seoul Metropolitan Government in reorganizing its public transport system, giving more benefits to passengers while using public transport. With an action plan to adopt Seoul's best practices at hand, the LGTOF will commence its first meeting in March 2016, in Salatiga City, Indonesia.



Learning from Seoul: The training highlighted the success story of Seoul Metropolitan Government in reorganizing its public transport system.



The training opened the path to the establishment of the Local Government Transport Officer Forum (LGTOF).

CULTURE

CAPITALS OF CULTURE: CELEBRATING HERITAGE AS A WAY FORWARD

CULTURE is not limited to the past – it is evident and expressed in daily life, and is also a tool for shaping the future. In the building of cities, culture, which manifests the soul of a place and its people, should not be taken for granted.

Among the targets for local governments under SDG 11 – to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable – is to strengthen efforts

to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage.

Two founders of the **Culture Committee, Solo City and Jeju Special Self-Governing Province**, are showing how this can be done through both tried-and-tested and innovative ways. Their cultural policies and projects further concretize the recommendations laid out in **"Culture 21: Actions"**, reflecting benefits to cities and the well-being of the people.



BEING the biggest island in the Republic of Korea, Jeju is a popular destination due to its unspoiled natural environment which has been given recognition as a UNESCO Natural Heritage Site. With its rich heritage, Jeju is leaving no stones unturned to preserve and promote its culture. The provincial government has a strong Cultural Policy Division that undertakes measures towards this mission, such as the transformation of unused buildings into creative spaces (e.g.: vacant house art projects/"Binjib Project" with the local community), the support for underprivileged residents to exercise their cultural rights, and the support for private art and cultural programmes. It also prioritizes the preservation of traditional intangible culture including *haenyeo* (sea women), Jeju language, and 18,000 myths and folklores, which are promoted through creative contests, research, and tourism. Not to forget the famous "Jeju Olle", a series of ecological walking trails for tourists.



THE "spirit of Java" is kept alive and simply a part of life in Solo, Indonesia. The Solo City government leads with a vision that emphasizes the role and value of culture in its society. Its policies are geared towards the development of character and attitude, placing a high value for Javanese culture through education, events, and other supporting activities. There are regulations, for example, on the use of traditional clothes for government employees, the use of Javanese language and writing, and the performance of traditional music orchestra called *gamelan*. Performing arts thrive in Solo, where public spaces are regularly transformed into performing stages. Meanwhile, arts and dance studios are full of students, and the local government provides grants and scholarship programmes aiming at attracting foreign students to study the Javanese culture in the city.



The Culture Committee of UCLG ASPAC was established in late 2015, with the vision to promote culture in local development planning through policy formulation, exchanging cultural policies and exemplary practices, and establishing a culture network in the region. It takes as a reference the document entitled "Culture 21: Actions" developed by UCLG.

"Culture 21: Actions" outlines nine sections that highlight key and relevant themes to culture and planning. Additionally, it offers points that can serve as a reference for a local government's self-assessment on their cultural policies, describing commitments and actions that are both achievable and measurable.

9 Sections of "Culture 21: Actions"

- Cultural rights.
- Heritage, diversity, and creativity.
- Culture and education.
- Culture and environment.
- Culture and economy.
- Culture, equality, and social inclusion.
- Culture, urban planning, and public space.
- Culture, information, and knowledge.
- Governance of culture.

A full version of "Culture 21: Actions" can be downloaded from www.agenda21culture.net

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

A GATEWAY TO A GREEN TRANSFORMATION



Sustainable Tourism – “Tourism that takes full account of its current and future economic, social and environmental impacts, addressing the needs of visitors, the industry, the environment and host communities.”

It is projected that international tourist arrivals will reach 1.8 billion by 2030, with an average annual growth of 3.3 %, and that the Asia-Pacific region will gain most of these arrivals. Shifting to sustainable models of tourism matters greatly given that for all its positive image, tourism causes harmful impacts to the environment and also communities. Sustainable tourism is seen as a development tool, and when done in this manner, it can drive economic growth and alleviate poverty through job creation and the promotion of local culture and products.

Holding onto this belief, UCLG ASPAC and the Jeju International Training Centre (CIFAL Jeju),

with the support from the Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, organized the first-ever training on **“Sustainable Tourism: Policies for Delivering Social, Environmental, and Economic Benefits in the Asia-Pacific Region”** on 17-20

November 2015 in Jeju. Participants shared their case studies and learned from experts in the field, one take-away that can be further explored is how In the end, central and local governments, and other stakeholders should look more closely into developing and setting high standards for sustainable tourism.

With the positive evaluation for this training, dates have been plotted out to continue the training workshop in 2016.

Eco-tourism can return up to 95% of revenues to the local economy, as compared to only 20% for “all-inclusive package tours”.



Top photos

Left to right: Bajo Village in Wakatobi – Indonesia, Seongsan Ilchulbong and Bio Sphere Reserve in Jeju – Republic of Korea. **Credits:** Jeju Tourism Organization and Wakatobi Tourism & Creative Economy Authority.

Bottom photo

For a green future: Participants and resource speakers of the “Sustainable Tourism: Policies for Delivering Social, Environmental, and Economic Benefits in the Asia-Pacific Region” training.

PILOT PROJECT:

BAPPENAS KNOWLEDGE CENTER FOR SMART PRACTICES

HOW: Identification and replication of selected smart practices.

LOCATION: Indonesia

KEY PLAYERS: UCLG ASPAC, Directorate of International Development Cooperation (IDC) - Indonesia's National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Knowledge Sector Initiative (KSI), Eastern Indonesia Knowledge Exchange (BaKTI).

EXPECTED OUTCOME: A Knowledge Centre that serves as an integrated repository for information, knowledge, and smart practices under Bappenas that can improve the quality of national and regional planning.

PROJECT FUNDING: Knowledge Sector Initiative (KSI)
POTENTIAL FUNDING FOR SMART PRACTICES REPLICATIONS: Village Fund, Special Allocation Fund (DAK), local budget, CSR or donors.

"UCLG ASPAC is expected to produce knowledge products in the form of modules of smart practices and guidelines on how to replicate those smart practices."

Tb A. Choesni,
 Director of International Development Cooperation,
 BAPPENAS

Solid Waste Final Processing

Source of smart practice: Malang Regency, East Java

Beneficiary of replication: Wakatobi Regency, Southeast Sulawesi

➡ Solid Waste Final Processing (TPA) Talangagung was rejected by residents due to its bad odour and dirty condition. As an open dumping site, it also polluted the environment, while the anaerobic decomposition and the fermentation of waste emitted the methane gas (CH₄).

⊕ Three civil servants of the Human Settlement and Spatial Agency discussed the initiatives to solve the problems, and later implemented them with support from the Malang Regency.

FROM INITIATIVES TO ACTIONS

- ✓ Change the operation of the TPA from an open dumping into a controlled landfill.
- ✓ Apply 3R (Reduce, Re-use and Re-cycle) and establish a Garbage Bank in the TPA area, so the waste can be converted into a resource with an economic value.
- ✓ Manage leachate (water escaping from a landfill site) to reduce soil and water pollutions.
- ✓ Control and use methane gas as a renewable energy source for households.
- ✓ Use the TPA as an educational center or laboratory to develop and apply the appropriate technology to use the energy sources of methane.
- ✓ Use the TPA as a learning place for students and stakeholders in the preservation of environment, based on landfill management.

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districts have replicated the TPA's method of converting the methane gas from landfill sites into a renewable energy.

"Today, I guarantee that there is no more odors coming from the TPA since its conversion into a controlled landfill with a green area. We could also manage to change the gas from the dump into energy, which is very useful for the local people."

Koderi,
 Civil servant, the Malang Regency
 and Project initiator



The Educational Center at the Solid Waste Final Processing (TPA) Talangagung



The Garbage Bank, where wastes are converted into recycled materials with an economic value.



Project initiator Mr. Koderi (right) and Mr. Susilo of UCLG ASPAC (second right) in front of the reactor, engine and generator used to convert methane gas to a renewable energy source.

Water Management System

Source of smart practice: East Lombok Regency, West Nusa Tenggara

Beneficiary of replication: Bima Regency, West Nusa Tenggara



All decisions regarding the water management system are taken during village meetings.



Residents of Lendang Nangka Village collaborated in installing pipes for the water metering.

LINKING BUSINESS TO LOCAL ACTIVITIES

The community's strong religious observance is used as a way to engage the residents to PAMDES' Water Metering System.

45% of the revenues of PAMDES was donated to the construction of the village's grand mosque, which became the pride of the village



Communication and financial report is done through religious activities.



No one steals the water anymore. The residents are eager to pay the water bill, knowing it will be used for the mosque.

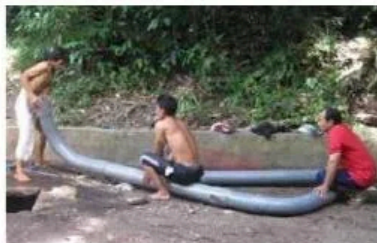
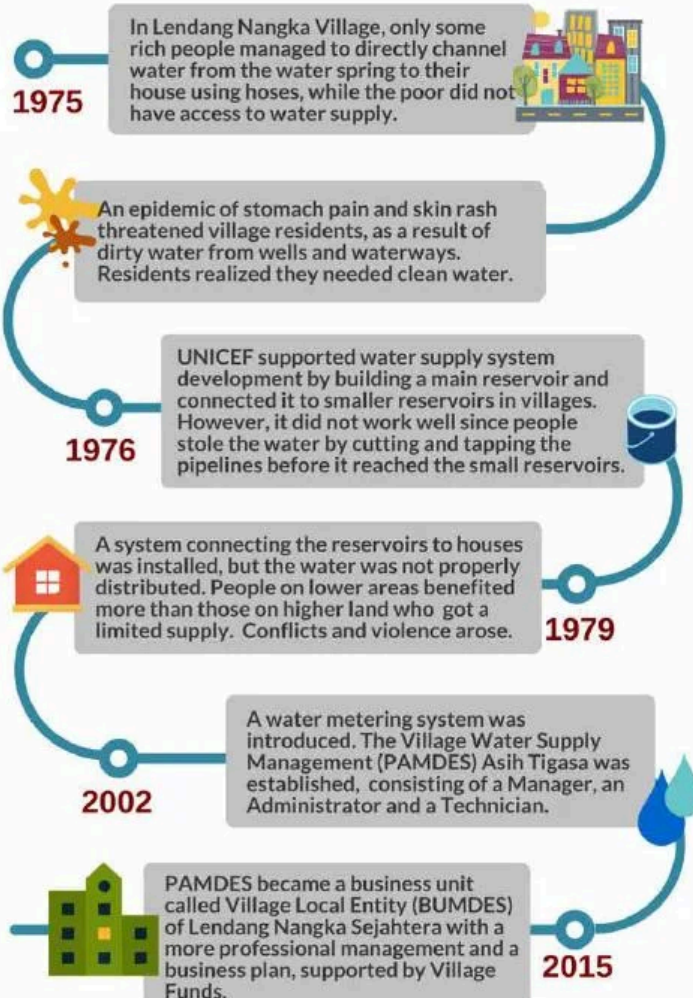


Residents support the preservation of water catchment areas through greenery program.



The economy of Lendang Nangka Village is moving forward as local businesses that need clean water can accelerate.

Lendang Nangka Village, East Lombok Regency



Left to right: Residents of Lendang Nangka installed pipes; a woman fixed a water metering in her house yard.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

INTEGRATED RESOURCE AND RECOVERY CENTER: FROM WASTE TO WEALTH

UCLG ASPAC, together with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP), has been actively promoting Integrated Resource Recovery Centers (IRRCs). An Integrated Resource Recovery Center (IRRC) is a facility where 80-90% of waste can be processed cost-effectively within proximity of source of generation and in a decentralized manner. The project aims at converting the organic fraction of municipal solid waste into biogas through the process of anaerobic digestion. In December 2015, UCLG ASPAC, UN ESCAP and the Waste Concern Bangladesh jointly organized training on IRRC in Dhaka City, Bangladesh. The training brought together Indonesian local government representatives from Malang City, Malang Regency and Jambi City. The training gave an opportunity to the participants to analyze cost



The IRRC Training in Dhaka, Bangladesh, provided insightful knowledge on the cost and benefit of the IRRC approach.

and benefit of the IRRC approach, as well as increasing their understanding in the challenges, trends and opportunities in waste-to-energy projects and technologies in developing countries in Asia-Pacific.

CONVENTIONAL APPROACH



IRRC APPROACH



By reducing **ONE** ton of waste:

Create new
2 jobs
for the waste
pickers

Produce
0.25
tons of good
quality
compost

Produce
40-80
cubic meter
of biogas

Save
1.1
cubic meter
of landfill
area

Reduce
0.5
tons of green
house gas
emissions

Provide
door-to-door
service to
2k-3k
households

WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: PUSHING FOR GENDER BALANCE



"UCLG ASPAC and Cities Alliances will shortly embark a joint project on 'City and Local Governments Enabling Environment: Rating in Asia and the Pacific.'"

Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi,
Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC

UCLG ASPAC Secretary General (second left, front row) with the Mayor of Banda Aceh (third left, front row) currently chairing the ASPAC Standing Committee on Women in Local Governments, and the attendees of the One-day Regional Consultation on Gender event, jointly organised by UCLG ASPAC and Cities Alliance, in Jakarta, on 18 October 2015.

ASIA-PACIFIC remains one of the regions with oppressing gender gap issues and low rates of women's political representation. Data from a UNDP report (2013) on gender equality and women's participation and leadership in governments at the local level in Asia-Pacific reveals a 3% reduction in the number of elected women councilors since 2010. While raising the quota of seat reservations for women in local councils is one of the ways used to address the issue, it is also imperative to deal with increasing women's real contribution to politics and to raise their influence in policy-making processes.

UCLG ASPAC Standing Committee on Women in Local Governments advocates for the greater participation of women in politics, emphasizing that their engagement positively impacts poverty reduction, development, as well as peace and security efforts. This aligns with the Post-2015 development agenda/Sustainable Development Goals, and cuts across different themes of local development, such as public space and safety, local economic development, education, and disaster risk reduction and management – to name a few.



Campaigning for the Gender Equality issue to be addressed in the Habitat III Conference, the UCLG ASPAC Committee on Women in LGs organized the following events:

- One-Day Regional Consultation on Mainstreaming Strategies and Good Practices for Gender Responsive Local Governance towards Habitat III
- Sixth Asia Pacific Urban Forum Parallel Session on Safer Cities and Public Spaces for Women's Empowerment
- High-Level Regional Meeting for Habitat III Side Event "Engendering the New Urban Agenda – Strategies and Recommendation for Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in Local Governance"



The Committee's work plan includes a meeting to be held on the sidelines of the 3rd Summit of South Asian Cities in New Delhi (May 5-7, 2016); monthly best practice articles in e-newsletters, and a prospective training session on gender-responsiveness (e.g.: gender-sensitive budgeting) or on leadership skills that some members have expressed a desire for.

SDG 5

Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls



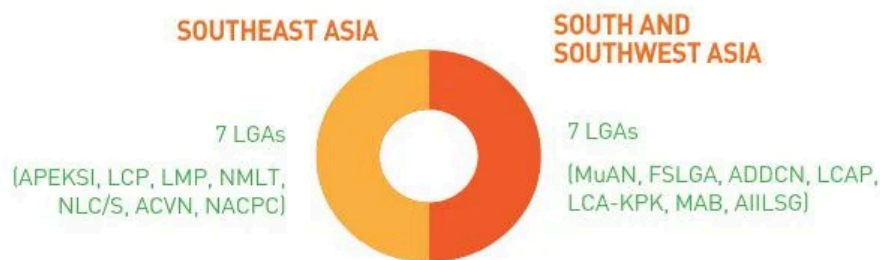
WHY DOES SDG 5 MATTER TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS?

- Local governments (LGs) can act as a model for gender equality & the empowerment of women through non-discriminatory service provision to citizens and fair employment practices.
- LGs are in the front-line of identifying and tackling violence and harmful practices against women (e.g.: through urban planning – the creation and maintenance of public spaces)
- LGs can identify and tackle barriers to women's equal access to land control and ownership

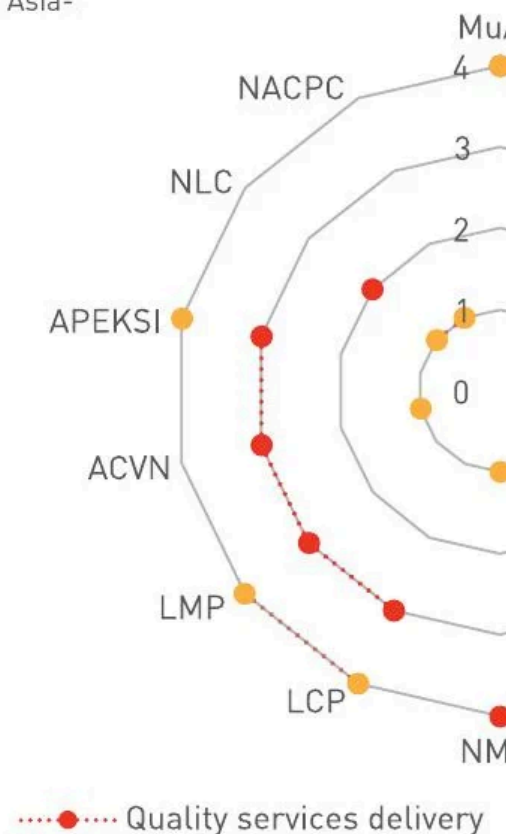
REGIONAL STUDY OF PLATFORMA

BUILDING LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS' CAPACITIES

ASSessment of the state of play of the local government associations in Asia-Pacific countries was done as part of the global research led by UCLG World. UCLG ASPAC supported the study by providing regional view of Asia-Pacific as well as mobilizing members to join the online survey.



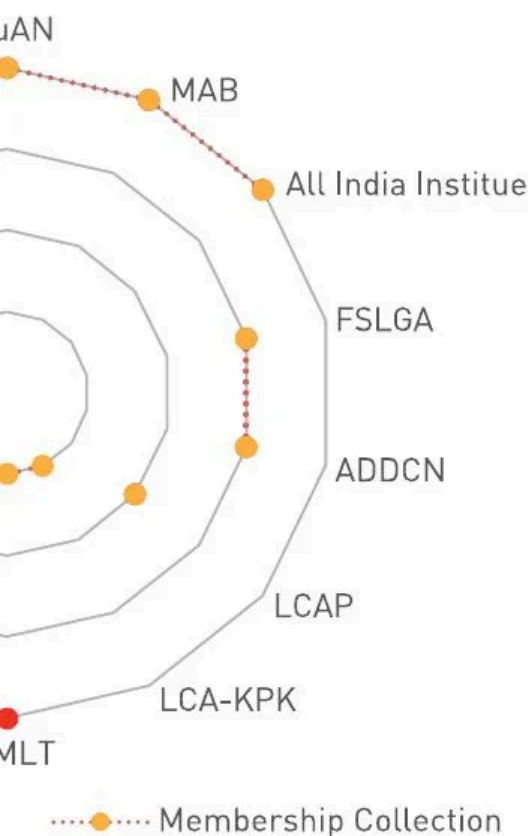
- Supported by PLATFORMA, the assessment served as an initial evaluation of the national and regional government.
- It was participated by 15 associations representing 10 countries of South & Southwest Asia and Southeast Asia.
- It applied self-assessment approach to encourage associations to have more objective observation regarding their performance towards more effective organization.
- LGAs completed the online survey comprising multiple-choices of questionnaire from every aspect of analysis. The responses thus reviewed and grouped into four stages of developments to reflect the current capacity of the associations starting from basic, developing, performing and excellent.



7 Elements of Analysis

These elements were drawn based on LGA toolkits prepared by IULA, VNG and other supporting partners, and were defined into specific elements of indicators.

STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT	GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES	BOARD AND SECRETARIAT MANAGEMENT	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	SERVICE DELIVERY	OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS	HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
• Strategic planning	• Legal status and level of independence	• Board awareness	• Revenue from membership fees	• Quality of services	• Strategy for communication	• Staff roles, job descriptions and responsibilities
• Strategic monitoring and evaluation systems	• Tasks and responsibilities of board and staff	• Election of board members	• Other sources of revenue and financial sustainability	• Service satisfaction	• Choice of mechanism	• Staff policies and procedures
• Strategic management	• General assembly	• Leadership	• Financial administration and management	• Capacity building	• Type and character of information disseminated	• Staff recruitment, motivation and development
		• Operational management		• Strategy	• Direct contact with membership	• Performance appraisal
				• Type and character of issues	• Visibility	
				• Quality of positions taken	• Character of networking	
				• Interaction with member local authorities	• Types of exchange and learning	
				• Interaction with government		



- Having a self-reflective assessment, most associations are at the performing level in delivering services to their members in both South and Southwest Asia and Southeast Asia.
- Only a few LGAs, including MuAN, MAB, All India Institute and NMLT, have excellent stages for the aspect of services delivery.
- Another gap also can be found in the ability to collect membership fees. Some LGAs have an excellent performance in the membership collection therefore they manage to have good financial figures. On the other hand, LGAs such as ACVN, NLC, NACPC, LCA-KPK and NMLT need to improve their financial ability in collecting revenues.
- For further improvement, it is advised to reduce the high dependency on membership fees as the main income, as a way to increase the sustainability of financial management.



List of Associations Surveyed

- **ACVN** - Association of Cities of Vietnam
- **ADDCN** - Association of District Development Committees of Nepal
- **AIILSG** - All India Institute of Local Self Government
- **APEKSI** - Indonesian Municipalities Association
- **FSLGA** - Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities
- **LCAP** - Local Council Association of the Punjab Pakistan
- **LCA-KPK** - Pakistan Local Councils Associations of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- **LCP** - League of Cities of the Philippines
- **LMP** - League of Municipalities of the Philippines
- **MAB** - Municipal Association of Bangladesh
- **MuAN** - Municipalities Association of Nepal
- **NLC/S** - National League of Communes/Sangkats of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- **NACPC** - National Association of Capital and Provincial Councils, Cambodia
- **NMLT** - National Municipal League of Thailand



BOOSTING INSTITUTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL CAPACITIES OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS (LRGs)

Following up the study, UCLG ASPAC and PLATFORMA organized a **workshop on "Asia-Europe Dialogue on Strengthening Governance and Capacity Building of Local Authorities"** on 29 and 30 April 2015 in Makati, the Philippines. The workshop aimed at reinforcing institutional and operational capacities of LRGs in the Asia-Pacific region, and at supporting them to become development actors in their own right.

Hosted by the city of Makati and conducted in conjunction with the Executive Bureau meeting of UCLG ASPAC, it gathered more than 60 participants to evaluate the strengths and weakness of decentralization and local government advocacy in the Asia Pacific region. LGAs are

determined as a key actor to support local governments reflecting to their position as "middle-man" in the country. Silvio Lazzari, European Commission Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development emphasized **the importance of effective communication between local governments and civil society to bring greater partnership in managing development challenges.**

Conclusion: Capacity building programmes to enhance LRGs should focus on the improvement of financial competency, the utilization of a good share of public money for locally developed policies, and the exercise of democratic capacity.

TRAINING AND NEW MEMBERS

1.

Workshop:
UCLG ASPAC Culture Committee
– Jeju, Republic of Korea

2.

Workshop:
Sustainable Mobility
– Seoul, Republic of Korea

3.

Workshop:
Developing Capacities in
Climate Change Adaptation and
Disaster Risk Reduction in Local
Governments
– Jeju, Republic of Korea

4.

Workshop:
Sustainable Tourism - Policies for
Delivering Social, Environmental
and Economic Benefits in Asia and
the Pacific region
– Jeju, Republic of Korea

5.

New members – THE PHILIPPINES:

- Catbalogan City
- Surigao City*

*Pending the City's final confirmation

6.

New members – INDONESIA:

- Salatiga City
- Jambi City
- Pangkalpinang City
- East Kalimantan Province

7.

New member: Kiribati Local
Governments Association (KiLGA)



UCLG ASPAC

Links more
than **7,000**
local
governments



Representing
over **3.76**
billion people





 **4 Workshops**
 **7 New Members**



NEW MEMBERS, A BIGGER FAMILY

CATBALOGAN CITY



Catbalogan, the capital of Samar Province, in the Philippines, is known for its climate change resilient initiatives. With the Rice Watch Action Network, Catbalogan set up a climate resilient field school or CRFS. The field school has produced dozens of farmer graduates who were taught various skills and techniques on sustainable farming that is appropriate to their areas and adaptable to climate change.

Mayor: Stephany Uy-Tan

Population: 132,000 (approximately)

Land area: 274.22 km²

EAST KALIMANTAN PROVINCE



A member of the Governors' Climate & Forests Task Force (GCF) since 2008, East Kalimantan Province, Indonesia, holds a strong climate change commitment. Its Green Economy programme emphasizes on a low-carbon economy with prudent and fair use of natural resources. Meanwhile, the Green East Kalimantan programme ensures environmentally and ecologically friendly policies, urban planning and activities.

Governor: Awang Faroek Ishak

Population: 3,508,000 (approximately)

Land area: 129,066.64 km²

JAMBI CITY



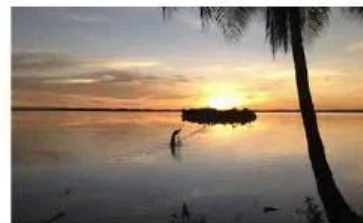
Jambi City is the capital of Jambi Province, Indonesia. It promotes a clean, safe and smart living environment. Having a low crime rate, Jambi is among the safest places in Indonesia, including for investment. The dimension of "safety" in the city means zero tolerance against drug use, crimes, prostitution and adultery, domestic violence, discrimination and child abuse.

Mayor: Syarif Fasha

Population: 569,300 (approximately)

Land area: 205.38 km²

KIRIBATI LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



Established in March 2012, the Kiribati Local Government Association (KiLGA) plays an important role in assisting Republic of Kiribati's 23 Councils to serve their communities better in dealing with current issues and challenges. As a young association, KiLGA has strengthened itself through capacity building and training carried out both on site and by involvement in regional workshops, lobbying, and advocacy meetings.

Chairman: Mayor Romano Reo

Members: 23 Councils in Kiribati

SALATIGA CITY



Salatiga City, located in Central Java, Indonesia, is known as the City of Sports. This is because many local and national champion athletes come from Salatiga. Famous national athletes coming from this City include Bambang Pamungkas, Gendut Doni and Ruwiyati. In fact, education and sports have been placed among the City's top 3 priorities, of which the other two are trade-services, and tourism.

Mayor: Yulianto

Population: 176,800 (approximately)

Land area: 56.78km²

PANGKALPINANG CITY



Pangkalpinang, the capital of Bangka Belitung Islands Province, Indonesia, takes pride in its beautiful sceneries that bring tourism potential to the City. In developing its tourism industry, the City accentuates its ethnic diversity, which offers cultural richness to visitors. It is not surprising that there are currently 40 arts and culture groups that actively participate in preserving the traditions of Pangkalpinang.

Mayor: Muhammad Irwansyah

Population: 191,900 (approximately)

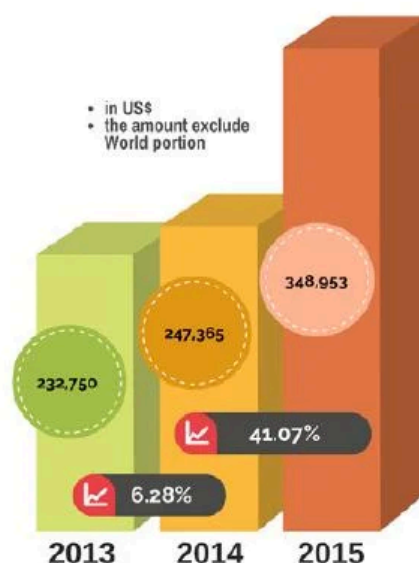
Land area: 118.408 km²

Growing With Members



Celebrating a strong relationship: UCLG ASPAC Consultative Meetings in Jakarta, Indonesia (top), in Negombo, Sri Lanka (middle), and in Hanoi, Vietnam (bottom), brought together UCLG ASPAC members throughout 2015.

MEMBERSHIP FEE COLLECTION



SUB-REGION ACTIVITIES

ASIA-PACIFIC IN COLORS

EAST AND NORTHEAST ASIA



The World Human Rights Cities Forum was co-organized by the Gwangju Metropolitan City together with the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights and the Korea Human Rights Foundation. Held on 15-18 May, the Forum became a platform for the human rights cities to enhance the human rights of citizens through participation and sharing beyond the traditional level of resistance to the authoritarianism. <http://www.whrcf.org/?ln=en>



The 10th Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity, held on 20-22 May in Jeju, Republic of Korea, carried the theme of 'Towards a New Asia of Trust and Harmony'. The Forum aims at building common peace and prosperity and addressing stability and security issues within the region through international cooperation. www.jejuforum.or.kr

SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST ASIA



The 2nd India Cities Summit, held in New Delhi on 22-23 May, was a high profile gathering of Ministers, Mayors, Commissioners, CEOs, senior local government officials from South Asian countries and cities, as well as various institutions working in the area of Smart and Sustainable Cities in the sub-region. <http://www.smartcitiesindia.com/>



The Consultative Meeting in Negombo, Sri Lanka, on 9-12 December 2015 agreed on the establishment of UCLG ASPAC sub-regional office in Islamabad, Pakistan. www.uclg-aspac.org



The 2nd International Conference on Local Government "Engage People, Building Good Governance", held on 27-28 March in Dhaka, Bangladesh, saw UCLG ASPAC Secretary General deliver her remarks in the Opening Session and share updates on the role of local government.

SOUTHEAST ASIA



The Conference on Public Space and Partnerships in the New Urban Agenda ended on a high note as city mayors led by LCP National Vice-Chairman and Balanga City Mayor Joet Garcia, Seberang Perai City Mayor Maimunah Mohd Sharif, city planners, and representatives from the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) signed the Declaration on Philippine Cities Network on Public Space at Hotel Jen in Pasay City on 28 February 2015. The declaration expresses the strong and clear commitment of city mayors and various partners towards the establishment of green, safe, inclusive, accessible, and interconnected public spaces. Vice President Jejomar Binay delivered a keynote presentation at the Conference. <http://www.lcp.org.ph>



The Asia-African Smart City Conference took place in Bandung on 22-23 April to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Asia-Africa Conference. The Conference generated the Bandung Declaration on smart cities, consisting of five points of agreement to strengthen development between cities in the Asia-Africa region.



The National Urban Forum: Towards Indonesia New Urban Agenda was held in Jakarta on 28 May 2015. Present at the Mayors' Session were Tri Rismaharini, Mayor of Surabaya and Muhidin, Mayor of Banjarmasin who each shared their achievements on sustainable development. Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC was invited to give her views on the presentations.



The 6th Asia Pacific Urban Forum (APUF-6), held on 19-21 October in Jakarta, gathered representatives from central and local governments, academia, NGOs/CBOs, UN agencies across Asia and the Pacific to discuss the regional views and perspective towards the New Urban Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals. UCLG ASPAC, in collaboration with partners, organized various side events including on financing, gender equality, women empowerment, safety and public space. <http://www.unescap.org/events/apuf6>

PACIFIC



2015 Asia-Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum

The Forum was held in Brisbane (Queensland, Australia) on 5-8 July. The Summit theme was 'Business and Leadership in the Asia-Pacific', bringing three themes: 'Global Cities', 'Future Cities', 'Digital Cities' and 'Cities for People'. <http://www.apcsummit.org/>

GLOBAL OUTREACH: UCLG ASPAC AND UCLG WORLD



UCLG RETREAT 2015: CONNECTING IDEAS, REDEFINING ACTIONS

SHARING the same spirit of harnessing the power of UCLG Network, UCLG ASPAC participated in the first edition of UCLG Retreat in Barcelona, Spain, in February 2015. Welcoming the involvement of the ASPAC section, UCLG Secretary General, Josep Roig, revealed that ASPAC was one of the most energetic sections of UCLG, where a strong urbanization process was taking place, and many young people willing to change things.

"At the moment the world is learning a lot from what Asia-Pacific is doing. I hope that in the next few years we will be having a lot of change inside the ASPAC organization."

Josep Roig,
UCLG Secretary General

PRESIDENT



Kadir Topbaş,
Mayor of Istanbul (Turkey), President of the Union of Municipalities of Turkey

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Mayor of Paris (France), President of UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality



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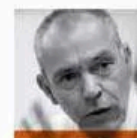
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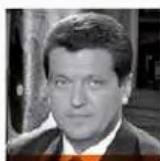
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HIGHLIGHTS OF COLLABORATION

- UCLG ASPAC has been encouraging its members to be more involved in global activities of the Committees of UCLG. As a result of the promotion of the Committees by the Secretariat, several UCLG ASPAC members have joined and/or reactivated their engagement with the Committees.
- Activities of the Committees include peer-to-peer learning, pilot or demonstration projects, capacity development and training, workshops/seminars and knowledge sharing initiatives.
- From a total of 19 Committees, Working Groups and Communities of Practices, one has been led by UCLG ASPAC member.



Ilсур Метшин
Mayor of Kazan
(Russian Federation)



Jacqueline Moustache-Belle
Mayor of Victoria
(Seychelles), President of
the Association of Districts
Victoria



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Mayor of Quito (Ecuador)

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Mohammad Bager Qalibaf
Mayor of Tehran (Iran),
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Ilсур Метшин
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COMMITTEES

- Women in Local Governments
- Urban Strategic Planning Development Cooperation and City Diplomacy
- Urban Strategic Planning
- Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights
- Mediterranean and Interregional Committee
- Peripheral Cities
- Culture
- Decentralization and Local Self Government
- Digital and Knowledge Based Cities
- Local Finance and Development
- Urban Mobility
- Urban Health

For the Culture Committee, UCLG ASPAC is involved through the designation of Jeju Self-Governing Province as one of eight Pilot Cities. Jeju has also initiated the creation of UCLG ASPAC Culture Committee. Meanwhile, Gangwon Province has also been active in issues surrounding Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights.

COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

The City of Guangzhou has initiated and led the Communities of Practice focusing on Urban Innovation.

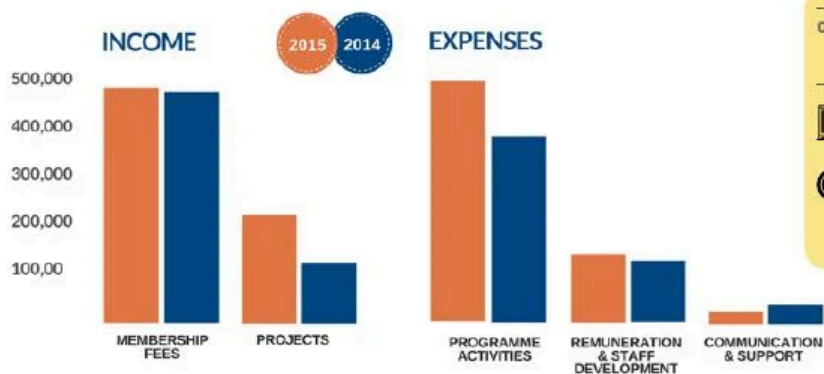
TASK FORCES

Given ASPAC's priority area on disaster risk reduction, UCLG ASPAC has proposed to be the core member of the Task Force on Local Government Disaster Response. A plan of activities of the Task Force is being formulated.



The Secretariat Team with Jakarta's Governor and UCLG ASPAC Co-President, Basuki Tjahaja Purnama (front row, in the middle).

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



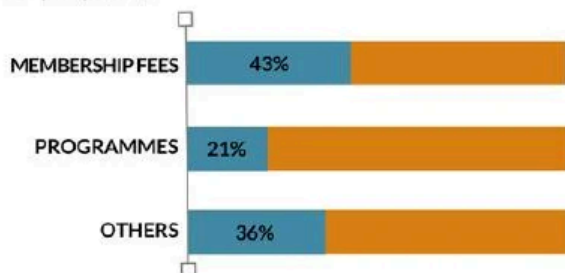
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ALLOW UCLG ASPAC TO OPERATE AT REDUCED COSTS

- Host City (Jakarta) provided the office space for the UCLG ASPAC Secretariat, including electricity.
- Organizations and local governments financed the Council meetings and programme activities.

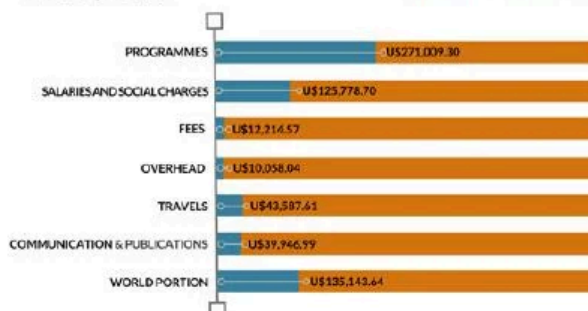
MAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO UCLG ASPAC PROGRAMMES

- EUROPEAN COMMISSION
- KONRAD ADENAUER STIFTUNG (KAS) MANILA
- UNESCAP
- AUSTRALIAN AID COMMITTEE FUND

INCOME US\$ 1,016,890.48



EXPENSES US\$ 637,738.85



A growing organisation with cost-effective efforts.

COMMUNICATIONS AT A GLANCE

Media Trip

Learning from Seoul: Modern Urban Transport System

It was one unforgettable week in December 2015 for 21 journalists from Surakarta, Indonesia, as they took off to Seoul, Republic of Korea. They had one mission: to learn about Seoul's best practices in modern urban transport system. The media trip, organized by the Surakarta City Government, UCLG ASPAC and the Seoul Metropolitan Government, provided answers to the question on how the latter has successfully created a transport system to serve its roughly ten million citizens.



Seoul Transport Operation and Information Service (TOPIS)

The visit to TOPIS allowed journalists to understand how the facility gathers and processes real-time information that enable the city to efficiently manage road and subway train traffics. Through a wide screen monitor, streets are easily monitored and quick response could be done to address any urgent matters including traffic accidents and parking infringements.

Cheonggyecheon's Stream

Cheonggyecheon's Stream is an example of an eco-green tourist spot with clean water in the middle of a crowded and bustling city. Urban planners and citizens alike would appreciate its historical background, when a brave decision was made in 2003 to destroy the existing 5.8 km concrete elevated highway established in 1968. Despite much protest from Seoul city-dwellers, this huge urban rehabilitation project known as "5.8 km Revolution" was finally completed in September 2005.

Traffic policy - Seocho-gu Office

Seocho-gu is the world's first city to use the so-called photovoltaic power in bus and taxi shelters. Here, Indonesian journalists learned about renewable energy solution, green alternative transportation with a bike-sharing system, and sharing residential parking spaces, which are enabled through the use of smartphones.

Project 7017

After visiting Seoul Central Station and Bus Express Terminal as good examples of integrated urban transportation system, the Indonesian journalists met Ms. Lee Joo Young from Project 7017. From her, the journalists learned about urban rehabilitation to change the elevated highway into an eco-green environment.



Social Media



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↑20% from 2014

Top 10 Countries

Indonesia	31.2%
Thailand	4.9%
Philippines	4.5%
Nepal	3.7%
Rep. of Korea	3.5%
Mexico	3.4%
Brazil	3.0%
Turkey	2.7%
Sri Lanka	2.7%
Bangladesh	2.5%



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Top 10 Countries

Indonesia	11%
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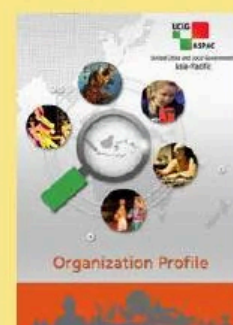
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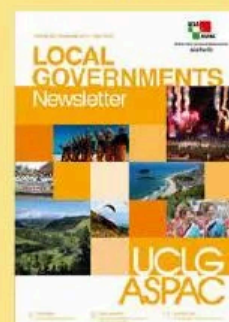
ANNUAL REPORT



ORGANIZATION PROFILE



NEWSLETTERS



SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION: BEST PRACTICES & REPLICATIONS



TRAINING REPORT ON SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY WORKSHOP WITH SHRDC & UCLG ASPAC



ASPAC AHEAD: DEVELOPING CAPACITIES IN CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

OFFICIALS EXCHANGE: BRINGING LOCAL EXPERTISE TO GLOBAL REACH



Young-Gyu Kang (left) with Wilson Shengweng May (second left) during a visit to Pusaka Junior High School in Jakarta.



Eric Youngmork Lim Wilson (left) with Young-Gyu Kang (right) during a visit to Makati, the Philippines.

EMBRACING YOUNG GENERATION THROUGH INTERNSHIP



Candice, Nicole and Seenying received certificates from the Secretary General upon the completion of their internship terms.

BELIEVING in the importance of engaging the youth in shaping the urban future, UCLG ASPAC has designed its Internship Programme to bring highly qualified and motivated students with diverse backgrounds into the Secretariat. Its main goal is to give to successful candidates an opportunity to improve their analytical and technical skills, as well as the experience to work in a truly international environment. In the past years, dedicated interns from various countries have joined the Secretariat, coming from a variety of educational backgrounds. They were assigned to different divisions including Strategic Services, Communications and Information, and Member Services.

Candice Chesterfield,
Development Studies and Geography, University of the
Sunshine Coast, Australia

"Working on urban green space, urban safety and local economic development has only further cemented my passion for looking through the lens of spatiality and urban design to try to create and establish stronger human-environment relationships at a local government level."

Melody Zhang Yishuhan
Undergraduate, Senior Translation, Institute of English
Language and Culture, Guangdong University of Foreign
Study, People's Republic of China

"I felt honored to participate in the Conference on "Local Government Voice towards HABITAT III" in Wakatobi. I was amazed to see Wakatobi, an unpolluted island with numerous marine animals living in the clear seawater under the azure sky. I can vision that Wakatobi will make achievements in building the low-carbon society."

Young-Gyu Kang
Seoul Metropolitan Government, Republic of Korea

"Capacity building for officials from UCLG ASPAC member cities, especially in the context of urban policy, is my major area of interest. This is strictly related to my job at the Metropolis International Training Institute (MITI) Headquarters in Seoul – to be exact in the Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC). In this regard, my exchange period at UCLG ASPAC will be used for sharing Seoul Metropolitan Government's best practices, to make them available for other member cities to replicate."

Eric Youngmook Lim
Changwon City, Republic of Korea

"Thanks to UCLG ASPAC, I could attend interesting workshops and conferences on different topics, from where I could get ideas on emerging issues in the world. Moreover, working in such an international environment gave me the opportunity to meet a variety of people from different countries and learn a lot from them. The opportunity to participate in some projects and events helped improve my communication skills in a foreign language."

Wilson Shengweng May
Guangzhou Science, Technology and Innovation Commission, People's Republic of China

"I am fortunate enough to be selected and appointed by Guangzhou Municipal Government to enjoy a two-month secondment period at UCLG ASPAC. I had an opportunity to bridge Guangzhou to the Secretariat and the ASPAC members for potential cooperation opportunity on the other hand. The work experience in the international organization is also expected to accumulate for my future career development."



Seenying Lau

Seenying Lau
Development Studies, University of Adelaide, Australia

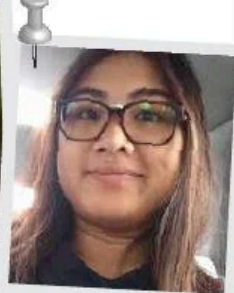
"My experience has not only given me an important understanding of development processes, but also allowed me to expand my interpersonal skills with many networking opportunities."



Inti Dohle

Shirley Xie Yuanli
International Business, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia

"My desire to work in UCLG ASPAC has grown from my three years staying in Malaysia, which aroused my interest in the topic of promoting equality and fighting racism in the society. I believe business and social initiative can coexist in equilibrium."



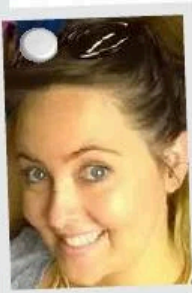
Nicole Ng

Nicole Ng
University of Technology Sydney, Australia

"My experience at UCLG ASPAC has deepened my understanding of the dynamic of working in the not-for-profit sector. I became friends with my co-workers, whose generosity and patience I will never forget."



Xie Yuanli



Candice Chesterfield

Inti Dohle
Architecture, Glasgow School of Art, Scotland

"Spending three months living in Indonesia and working with a great team, I have not only learned the developing process and relations in local governance but I as well absorbed the culture and interacted with kind and wonderful people."



Melody Zhang Yishuhan

MARKING NEW COLLABORATIONS

CONTINUING its work to strengthen local governments, UCLG ASPAC inked strategic partnerships with four organizations in 2015: UCLG Eurasia, World e-Governments Organization of Cities and Local Governments (WeGo), CityNet and Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC).

UCLG EURASIA



In a bid to strengthen further cooperation between the two regional sections, UCLG ASPAC and UCLG Eurasia signed an Agreement on Cooperation on 31 July 2015, during the UCLG Eurasia Congress in Kazan, Russia.

Bringing two regions closer: UCLG ASPAC Secretary General, Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, and UCLG Eurasia Secretary General, Mr. Rasikh Sagitov, are ready to embark on a new partnership adventure.

"Our two regions of local government border one another and have much in common as part of the developing world and closely associated with the important BRICS economic zones."

Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi,
Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC

WORLD E-GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION OF CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (WEGO)



With a plan to collaborate on further promoting e-governance and smart cities in Asia-Pacific, UCLG ASPAC signed an agreement with WeGo on 11 September 2015. Both the organizations have agreed on various areas of cooperation, including capacity building, knowledge sharing, and joint projects.

Achieving new results together: UCLG ASPAC Secretary General Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi and WeGo Secretary General Dr. Gunso Kim share a common agenda to promote sustainable urban development.

SEOUL HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SHRDC)



Formalizing both organizations' intent to cooperate in developing international training programs in the field of urban sustainability to support local and regional governments, UCLG ASPAC and SHRDC signed in October 2015 a Memorandum of Understanding. Prior to the signing ceremony, a first training workshop on "Sustainable Mobility" was jointly organized by the organizations in Seoul on 1-9 September 2015 and was attended by Indonesian local government officials.

Inking a partnership: With an intention to disseminate Seoul's experiences, UCLG ASPAC Secretary General Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi and SHRDC President Joon-Ho Ahn agreed to join forces in various activities.

CITYNET



A Memorandum of Understanding between UCLG ASPAC and CityNet was signed in Sidoarjo, Indonesia, on 5 September 2015, providing big opportunities to share significant points of common interest to support cities and local government in Asia-Pacific with their urban development and management efforts.

Sharing common spirit: UCLG ASPAC Secretary General, Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, and CityNet Secretary General Dr. Vijay Jagannathan look forward to collaborating in regional capacity building initiatives.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2016

WE will remember 2015 as a year that has marked significant progress for UCLG ASPAC. Apart from our successful events, programmes and projects – as presented in this Annual Report, we have also worked on the localization agenda of Sustainable Development Goals and on the preparation of Habitat III global summit. Moreover, we have delved into the issues of culture and women in local governments like never before. With many plans ahead of us, we carry on to double our efforts in 2016 with excitement and energy. Of course, there

is much to do, but this year marks a great leap forward, and we want to invite you to join us next year in expanding our reach and deepening our impact.

Finally, we cannot thank enough our members, partners, and participating individuals for their support in everything that we believe in. We would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to this Annual Report, which serves to preserve our organizational memory. We will see you again in 2016 with more to bring!

UCLG ASPAC CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES IN 2016

5-7 May	New Delhi, India	First Session of UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau 2016 and Third South Asian Cities Forum	UCLG ASPAC and AIILSG
18-22 May	Jeju, Republic of Korea	UCLG ASPAC-CIFAL Jeju Training on Developing Capacities on Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)	CIFAL Jeju
26-27 May	Kazan, Russian Federation	UCLG Executive Bureau Meeting	UCLG
14-22 Jun	Seoul, Rep. of Korea	Training on Urban Regeneration (Advanced)	Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC)
5-13 Jul	Seoul, Rep. of Korea	Training on E-government	SHRDC
23-31 Aug	Seoul, Rep. of Korea	Training on Urban Regeneration	SHRDC
4-13 Sep	Seoul, Rep. of Korea	Training on Transport (Sustainable Mobility)	SHRDC
5-8 Sep	Jeollabukdo, Rep. of Korea	6 th UCLG ASPAC Congress	UCLG ASPAC

**To get the full and updated list of events, do not hesitate to contact us or check out our website.*



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Your feedbacks and suggestions are important for us. Feel free to send us your message to info@uclg-aspac.org, and let us know what we can improve in our next Annual Report.



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