Kathmandu Recommendations

Adopted at the 2023 Executive Bureau of UCLG ASPAC

"Inter-Municipal Cooperation for Resilient and Sustainable Cities"

Held in Kathmandu, 11-13 April 2023

We, Mayors and local government representatives, participated in the First Session of 2023 UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau "Inter-Municipal Cooperation for Resilient and Sustainable Cities" co-hosted by the Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN), Kathmandu Metropolitan City, Lalitpur Metropolitan City, and Dhulikhel Municipality held from 11 to 13 April 2023 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Concurred that the Asia-Pacific region needs to accelerate local actions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, particularly since there has only been 14.4 percent overall progress on the goals in the region as of 2023.

Recognised the importance role of inter-municipal cooperation for building resilient and sustainable cities in Asia and the Pacific.

Acknowledged that City Wide Inclusive Sanitation contributed to the progress of urban sanitation in South Asia by highlighting hygiene, gender responsive, equity and sustainability aspects of sanitation.

Recognised that inclusive urban sanitation and localisation of the SDGs require greater attention from national and local governments in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Kathmandu Recommendations are adopted to state the following:

1. Strengthen the enabling environment for local development through local policies, strategies, and well-resourced plans that reflect the SDGs;
2. Facilitate participatory governance through the inclusion of low-income and marginalised communities, including women, children, youth, persons with disabilities, and indigenous peoples, in urban and rural development projects/programmes/activities;
3. Promote horizontal learning and experience sharing of urban innovations within and beyond region to enhance the knowledge and skills of local governments on the localisation of SDGs and promotion of urban sanitation in relevant regional platforms, such as the Asia-Pacific Urban Forum and UCLG ASPAC Congress;
4. Call on the private sector and financing agencies to increase their support for resilient and sustainable cities; and
5. Support the development and implementation of local standards and regulatory framework, to ensure the dignity, occupational health, and safety of sanitation workers.

Adopted in Kathmandu, Nepal on 12 April 2023.