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Asia-Pacific



Concerting Collaboration,

Assembling Pathway

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for Resilience

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What They Say

UCLG ASPAC works always engage various stakeholders. Listen to What They Say when working with us!



“Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) offers a transformative approach to achieving equitable, safe, and sustainable sanitation services for all, especially the underserved and vulnerable populations in urban areas. By integrating diverse service delivery models and focusing on whole-city coverage, CWIS has the potential to significantly improve public health, reduce environmental pollution, and drive inclusive social and economic development across cities in the Asia-Pacific region. We sincerely appreciate the valuable contributions, steadfast commitment, and strong advocacy of UCLG Asia Pacific in mobilising cities, Local Government Associations, and regional platforms to institutionalise CWIS principles and accelerate their adoption at scale.”

Dr. Roshan Raj Shrestha
Deputy Director, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene
Gates Foundation



“City cooperation and knowledge exchange have always been at the heart of Kuala Lumpur’s collaboration with UCLG ASPAC. These efforts embody the spirit of the 4P approach—bringing together the Public, Private, and People to build meaningful and lasting Partnerships. I deeply appreciate what we have accomplished together, and I encourage all cities to embrace the same spirit. With strong city-level commitment and the support of UCLG ASPAC, there is no limit to what we can achieve.”

Dato’ Seri TPr (Dr.) Maimunah binti Mohd Syarif
Mayor of Kuala Lumpur



“On behalf of the people of North Minahasa Regency, I, as the Regent Mayor, would like to sincerely thank Guangzhou and UCLG ASPAC for their collaboration and support in implementing the Healthy and Green School Project in North Minahasa. This joint endeavour ensures our students receive nutritious meals and promotes healthy eating habits. The provision of clean water through water wells further enhances the healthy food mechanism and encourages a healthy lifestyle among students and teachers. We hope the success of this project can inspire other regions in Indonesia and the Asia-Pacific. Thank you.”

Mr. Joune J. E. Ganda
Regent Mayor of North Minahasa Regency
(Indonesia)

UCLG ASPAC Throughout 2024

In Numbers and Commitments



100

Global and Regional
Events Presence



+135

Capacity Buildings/Trainings
/Workshops



217

Total
Members



+100

Media Coverage
Report



Knowledge
Distribution to

+7000

social media
followers

(Twitter, Facebook, Instagram collectively)



Connecting

+10.000

Cities and local
government
representatives



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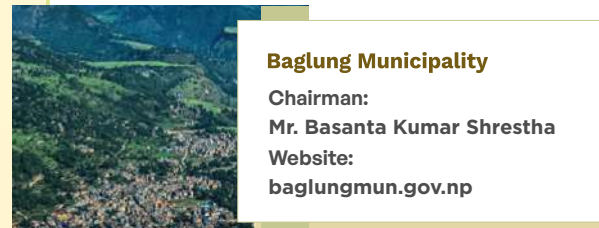


The largest regional section of UCLG

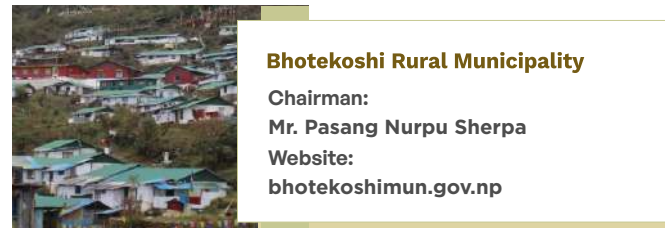
The Growing Network

20 New Members

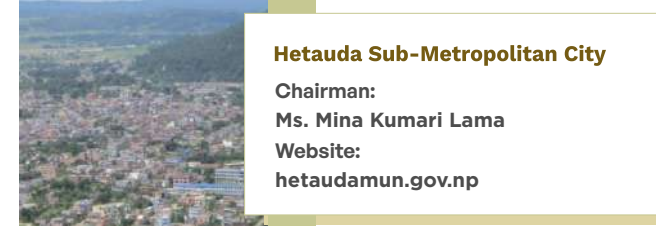
UCLG ASPAC Statutory Meetings 2024 approved 20 new members to join the network.
UCLG ASPAC looks forward to cities' active participations.



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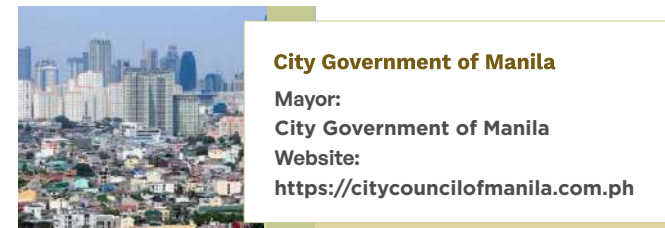
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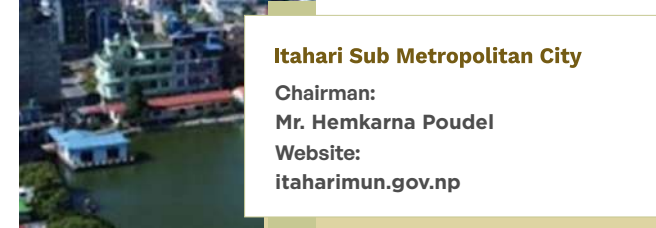
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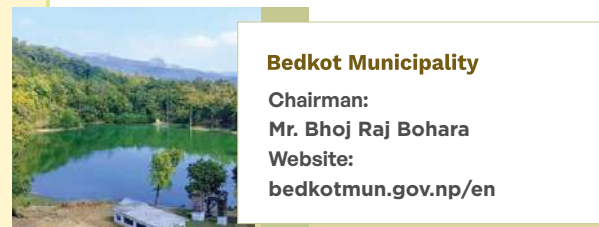
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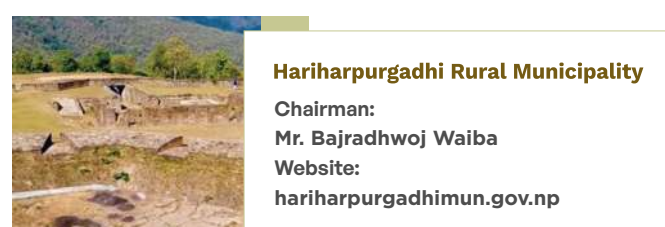
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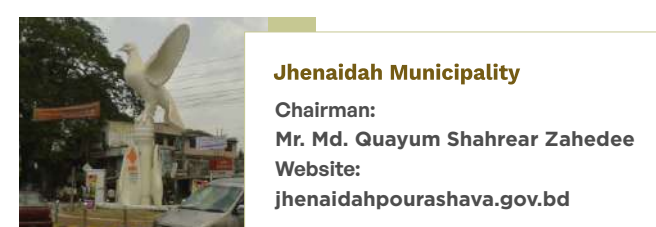
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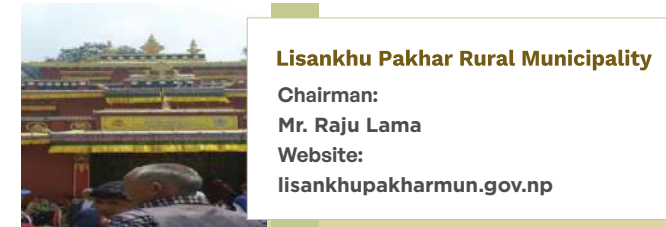
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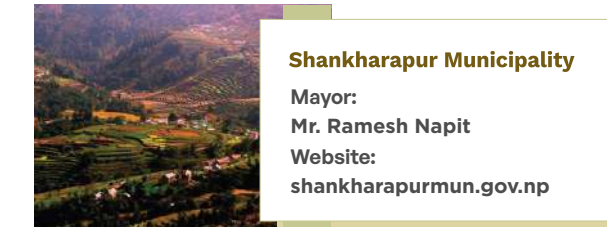
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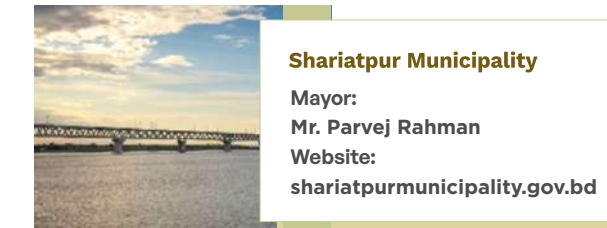
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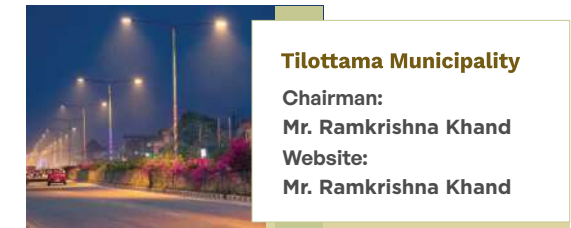
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FOREWORD

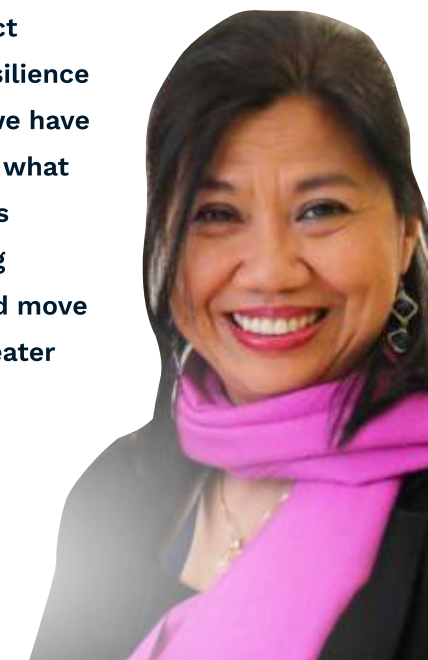


“As President of UCLG ASPAC, I am proud of our journey over the past twelve months. In gatherings from Likupang to Zhengzhou, and Jakarta to The Hague, we witnessed the power of coming together: city leaders sharing bold ideas to drive sustainable development, forge peace, and improve the lives of our communities. Our unity and collaboration have proven that even as challenges grow more complex, local innovation and solidarity can light the path forward.”

GOV. DAX CUA
President, UCLG ASPAC
(President, Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines;
Chairman, League of Provinces of the Philippines;
and Governor, Province of Quirino, Republic of the Philippines)

“Cities play a perfect role in shaping the future of sustainable development, especially efforts to address climate change, protect natural resources and build resilience and inclusive societies. What we have done stands as a testament to what we can achieve together. Let us continue building on the strong foundation of collaboration and move forward together with even greater resolve.”

Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi
Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC



UCLG ASPAC Manifesto 2021-2025

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| <p>M1</p> <p>1. Promote Effective Democratic Self-Government and Good Governance</p> | <p>M2</p> <p>2. Equal and Adequate Basic Services to Improve Quality of Life and City Resilience</p> | <p>M3</p> <p>3. Put Global/Regional Agendas and National Commitments into Effective Local Implementation</p> | <p>M4</p> <p>4. Aggregate, elevate and advocate for local voices and issues to national, regional and global levels</p> | <p>M5</p> <p>5. Empower and Enable COVID-19 Recovery and Resilience for Local Governments and Cities</p> | <p>M6</p> <p>6. Strengthen performance and service delivery of the Secretariat in order to achieve the aspiration of Manifesto 2020-2025</p> |
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Local Regional Assembly

The Local and Regional Government Assembly discussed how local and regional governments are advancing the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the enabling environment needed to effectively contribute to the acceleration of the SDGs. Participants examined the SDGs under review at the APFSD, including Goal 1 (No Poverty); Goal 2 (Zero Hunger); Goal 13 (Climate Action); Goal 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) and Goal 17 (Partnership for the Goals).



Charting Path towards Sustainable Development

In the 2024 Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development conducted on February 20-23, 2024, UCLG ASPAC led the coordination of the first Local and Regional Government (LRG) Assembly on February 19, 2024, under the framework of the Asia-Pacific Local Government Coordinating Body (APLG).

Mr. Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha, Co-President of UCLG ASPAC and Mayor of Dhulikhel Municipality, underscored the importance of the localisation of the SDGs and enhancing partnerships. He spoke on behalf of cities and local governments from Asia and the Pacific.

Result



Joint Statement of Local and Regional Governments to the 11th APFSD adopted as an outcome document of the Assembly submitted to the APFSD. The Report of the 11th APFSD served as the region’s input to the HLPF held in New York, July 2024.

Side Events

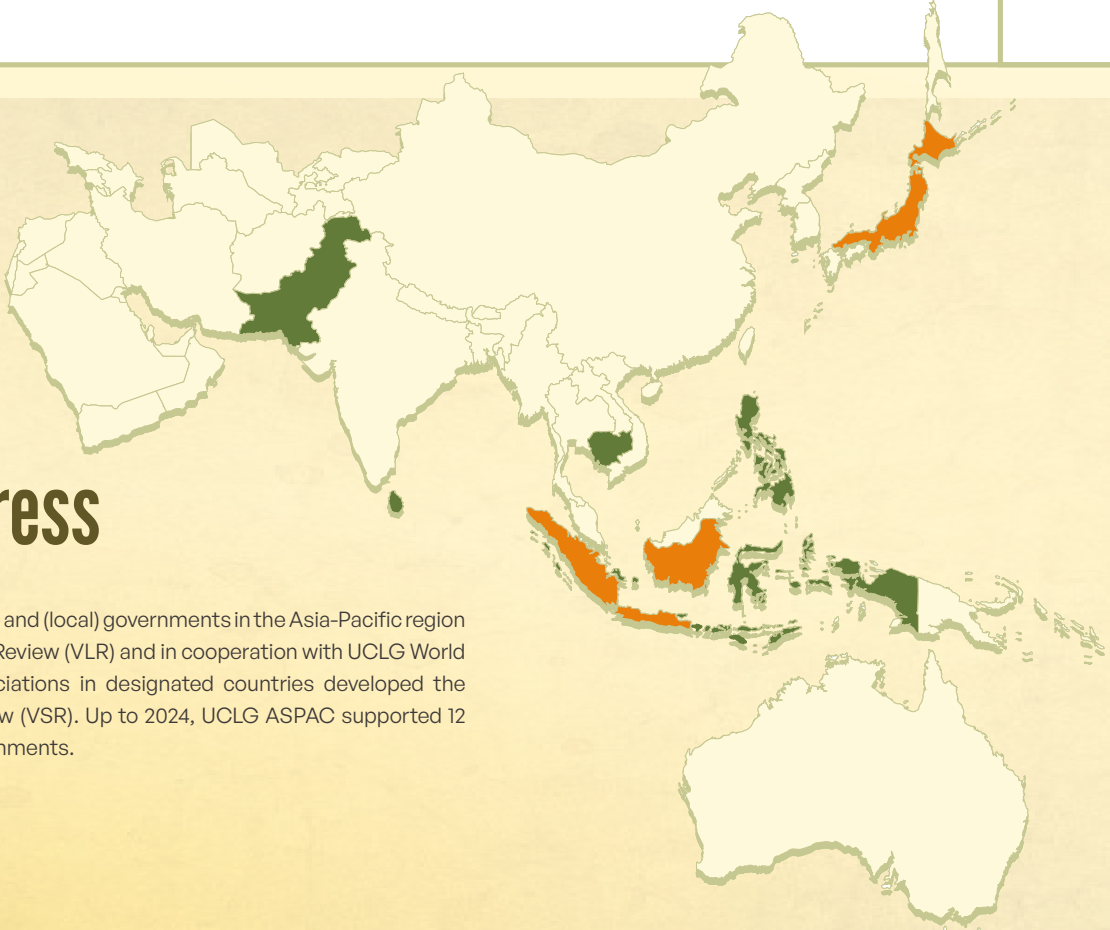
UCLG ASPAC also held knowledge sharing sessions to support cities through side events “Financing Local Actions for SDG13: Enabling Frameworks to Accelerate City Climate Finance in Asia-Pacific” and “The Rise of New and Emerging Cities in Asia: Leveraging VLRs for a Sustainable Urban Future”.



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Monitoring Local Progress

UCLG ASPAC supported cities and (local) governments in the Asia-Pacific region in developing Voluntary Local Review (VLR) and in cooperation with UCLG World and local governments associations in designated countries developed the Voluntarily Sub-national Review (VSR). Up to 2024, UCLG ASPAC supported 12 cities and 7 sub-national governments.



VLR

- Hamamatsu
- Surabaya, Jakarta, Jambi, Bandarlampung, Nusantara Capital City, West Java Province, Samarinda, Kendal Regency, Jakarta, Kutai Kartanagara Regency,
- Dhulikhel

VSR

- Nepal,
- Indonesia,
- Pakistan,
- Sri Lanka,
- Philippines,
- Cambodia



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Linking Local Commitments for Resilience

UCLG ASPAC under the Asia-Pacific Local Government Coordinating Body (APLG) framework, gathered leaders and representatives of local and regional governments for the Local and Regional Government Assembly on October 14, 2024. The Assembly, a pre-event of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR), was held on October 14-18, 2024, and was hosted by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) of the Philippines and the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP).

Mr. Juanito Victor Remulla, Jr., Secretary of DILG, expressed his commitment to enhancing the capacities of local governments on disaster risk reduction management and climate change adaptation.

Role

Collected inputs from leaders and representatives of local and regional governments for the Local and Regional Government Assembly to formulate The Joint Statement of Local and Regional Governments to be submitted to the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR)

Engagement

180 distinguished governors, mayors, city councillors, and key decision-makers

Result

The Joint Statement of Local and Regional Governments adopted as an outcome document of the Assembly and submitted to the APMCDRR on October 15, 2024.



The Statement highlighted the following:

- Develop and secure data infrastructure at the local level to effectively assess risks and vulnerabilities from climate change and disaster impacts.
- Build capacity to adopt nature-based, sustainable, and tailor-made solutions to manage climate- and water-related disaster risks, particularly for vulnerable areas.
- Collaborate with national governments and the private sector to invest in resilient infrastructure, including blue-green infrastructure, while enhancing cooperation to scale up DRR and climate financing.
- Integrate gender-responsive planning, budgeting, and implementation in local disaster risk reduction and climate action.



Called upon national governments to:

- Ensure the accessibility and interoperability of risk, climate change, and disaster impact data systems across the different levels of government.
- Strengthen multi-level and multi-hazard risk governance by including local and regional governments and other stakeholders in national policymaking processes, and reduce barriers to community engagement.
- Provide financial assistance, technical support, and capacity development to empower local and regional governments in climate and disaster risk governance and sustainable resilience-building.
- Establish financing mechanisms that incentivise investments in resilient infrastructure including blue-green infrastructure, and promote innovative and accessible technologies and tools, and multi-hazard early warning systems.
- Facilitate access for local and regional governments to disaster risk and climate-related development cooperation and financing mechanisms.



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Roadway to Enabling Environmental and Climate Governance

UCLG ASPAC, the partner implementer of the Urban-Act: Integrated Urban Climate Action for Low-Carbon and Resilient Cities, recorded a list of milestones that it achieved throughout 2024.

About the Project

Urban-Act project is a visionary initiative funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) of Germany and the International Climate Initiative (IKI) and implemented by The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) in collaboration with UCLG ASPAC, The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP), and other consortium partners.

Goal

Support the transformation of urban development in China, Indonesia, the Philippines, India, and Thailand towards low-carbon and climate-resilient urbanisation. The project aims to achieve several key outcomes, including 1) Improved institutional environments for climate-sensitive urban development, 2) Evidenced-based and inclusive climate-sensitive spatial and urban planning, 3) Project concepts for urban climate action investments identified, and 4) Enhanced knowledge through regional networking, exchange, and learning.



Key milestones in 2024



- Completion of City Enabling Environment on Environmental and Climate Change Governance (CEE-ECG) Assessment.
- Recommendations for action (joint statement) proposed at the ASEAN Mayors Forum 2024 in conjunction with the ASEAN Summit.
- Reviewed policy on instruments for climate-sensitive urban development in Indonesia.
- Identification of potential collaboration in Padang and Medan (in parallel with the visit from GIZ China and Shenzhen Bus Group).
- Panel of Expert and Training on Nature Based Solutions, Waste Management and Bioregional Governance.
- Supporting pilot cities in developing their capstone project idea.
- Facilitating Workshop: Investment Project Identification for Municipal Solid Waste Management in Padang and Medan.
- Co-organising networking events at AMF 2024 and WUF12 (Empowering Climate-conscious Cities – Mainstreaming Climate Action into Urban Planning: Solutions from the Global South).
- Supporting the regional training on Climate Finance for Cities at WUF12

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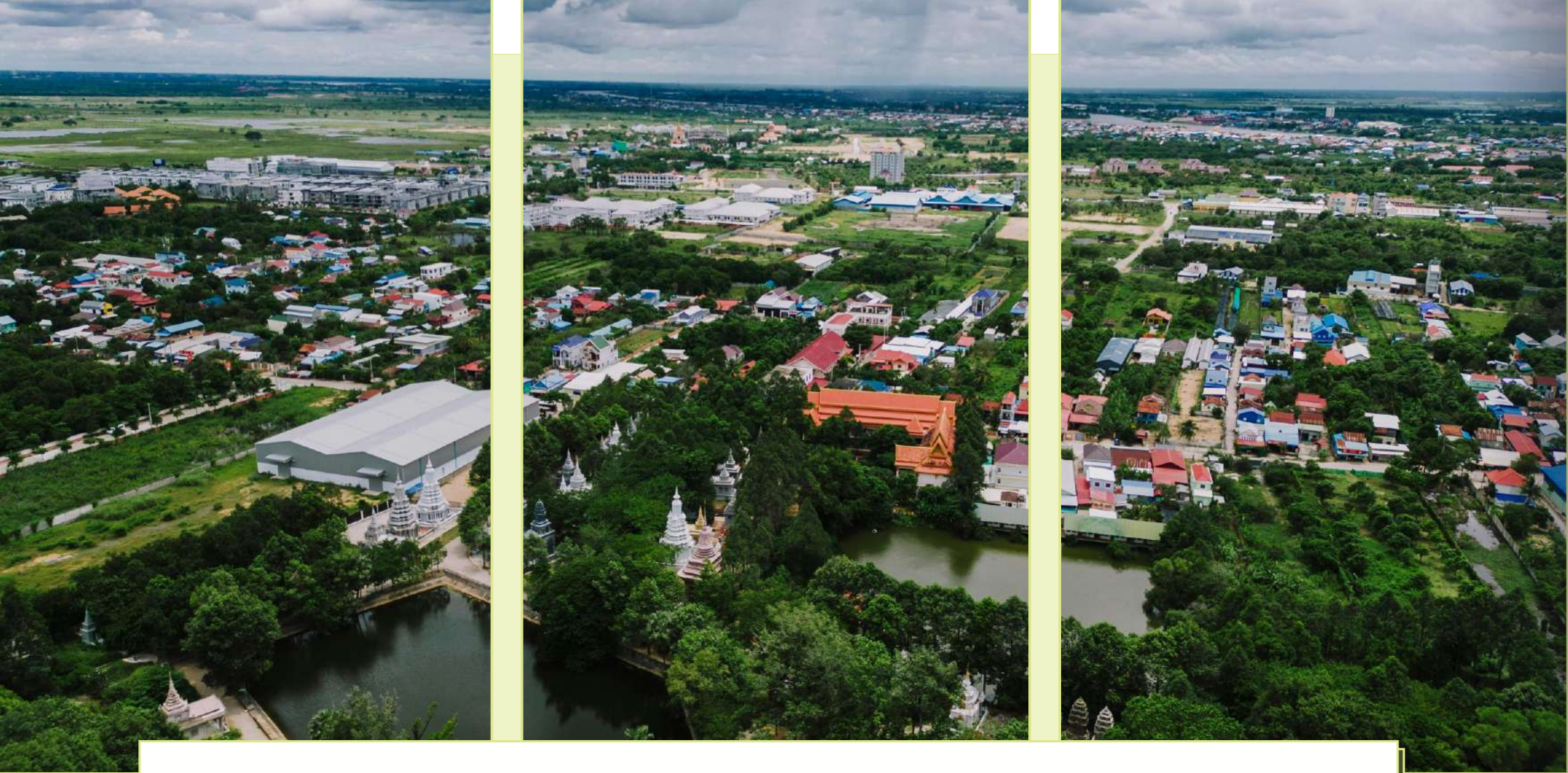
Unwavering Support to Climate Actions

UCLG ASPAC, Secretariat of Global Covenant of Mayor Southeast Asia (GCoM SEA), supported the final workshop of GCoM Asia Project, June 12-13, 2024.

The final workshop gathered 120 participants from GCoM cities and technical partners from most Asian contract countries (Republic of Korea, Japan, Viet Nam, Indonesia, India, Thailand and Malaysia) as well as selected city representatives from European cities. Also included were the EU Ambassador, H.E. David Daly; the Governor of Bangkok, Mr. Chadchart Sittipunt; and the Brussels-based Head of Unit of the EU Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), Ms. Irène Mingasson. The event included a GCoM badging ceremony for 23 cities participating as well as a workshop consisted of six thematic sessions dealing with mitigation and adaptation to climate change in Asian and European cities. GCoM partners from the Asian region also shared their thoughts regarding the future GCoM support through their organisations.

UCLG ASPAC also partook the GCoM Open House organised by GCoM Global Secretariat in Brussels, Belgium (February 28-March 2, 2024) and held GCoM SEA Webinar (March 7, 2024).





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Road to Climate Resilient and Inclusive Cities

UCLG ASPAC Climate Resilient and Inclusive Cities (CRIC) Programme, a joint project funded by the European Union to assist Indonesian and other Asian cities' efforts to protect their citizens and assets from the impacts of climate change, recorded various milestones in 2024.

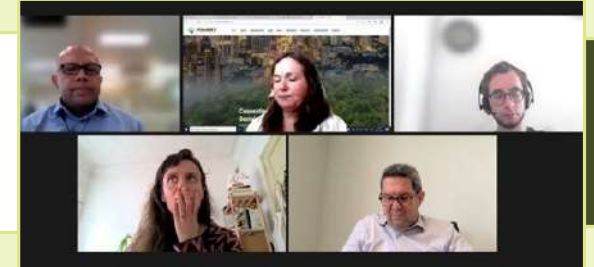
Goal #1

- Completed 100% adaptation and 100% mitigation trainings and TAs (in total 130 trainings and TAs) in 2024, producing important underlying assets: data and analysis related to climate mitigation and adaptation.
- Attended by in total 1,167 people (54% of them are women) from various city stakeholders and working group members.



Goal #2

- Worked with five Implementing Partners to finalise thematic tools and training materials, such as water, sanitation, and waste for Banjarmasin; waste management for Mataram; early warning system for Ternate; sanitation and water scarcity management for Gorontalo and Kupang; and tool to measure development of fundamental integrated solid waste management.



Goal #3

- Finalised five climate mitigation and four adaptation modules (jointly developed by CCROM and Indonesian Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF).
- Revitalised project website in 2024, updated communication products, and facilitated collaborative communication campaigns with relevant projects and stakeholders (i.e. Association of Indonesian Municipalities (Asosiasi Pemerintah Kota Seluruh Indonesia/APEKSI).



Goal #4

- Organised thematic Panel of Experts event on Urban Resilience and Early Warning System (Makassar, March 2024).
- Advocated and shared the importance of water sustainability at the World Water Forum (Bali, May 2024).
- Organised CRIC Second Thematic Panel of Experts on Bioregional Governance and Waste Management (Bali, 2024).
- Promoted decentralised cooperation through triangular cooperation within the scheme of Partnership for Sustainable Cities of the EU.





M1 ASEAN Mayors Forum 2024

UCLG ASPAC convened distinguished city leaders and representatives of ASEAN cities, igniting the spirit of collaborations, through the ASEAN Mayors Forum 2024.

Role

Secretariat of the ASEAN Mayors Forum, organiser of the AMF

Engagement

Approximately 350 city and local government leaders and senior officials, from 10 ASEAN countries in addition to other distinguished guests such as the ASEAN Secretary-General, Lao Ministry representatives, UN representatives, ASEAN Ambassadors, urban planners, and key stakeholders

Result

- Vientiane Declaration (highlighting ASEAN city leaders’ commitment to enhancing connectivity, climate resilience, and inclusive urban development, advancing toward a sustainable, people-centred ASEAN Community 2045)
- Launch of the CEE-ECG Assessment Report highlighting the need for stronger legal frameworks, enhanced local governance capacity, adequate financing, and active public participation to effectively address urban climate challenges.



Insights



H.E. Mr. Sonexay Siphandone

Prime Minister of Lao PDR

Emphasis: Significance of connectivity and resilience for ASEAN’s future and Lao PDR aims to transition from a land-locked to a land-linked country, serving as a hub for regional integration



Dr. Kao Kim Hourn

Secretary General of ASEAN

Stress: The critical role of cities in driving socio-economic progress and addressing challenges

Recommendations (to achieve smart and sustainable urban development): Enhancing connectivity and resilience, ensuring inclusion, and building capacity of city leaders and officials. Platforms like the ASEAN Mayors Forum, ASEAN Smart Cities Network, and the Meeting of Governors/Mayors of ASEAN Capitals will be essential in fostering collaboration and promoting sustainable urban development beyond 2025



Mr. Athsaphangthong Siphandone

Governor of Vientiane Capital Administration

Emphasis: Local governments play a crucial role in building the ASEAN Community, the importance of AMF and MGMAC that provide opportunities for collaboration and innovation, enabling cities to promote regional economic growth, and strengthen people-to-people linkages and cultural exchange



Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi

Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC, the AMF’s Secretariat

Highlight: The Forum’s alignment with the Lao’s 2024 ASEAN Chairmanship theme of “Connectivity & Resilience” and its support to ASEAN’s Community Vision 2045, the vital role that cities and local governments play in implementing policies, fostering resilience, and addressing key challenges such as urbanisation, climate change, and socio-economic disparities



UCLG ASPAC also supported United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, represented by the Special Region of Jakarta, and the Local 2030 Coalition in organising the 2024 International Mayors Forum, held on July 2-4, 2024.

Role: Ensured strong presence of local governments, particularly from the Asia-Pacific region

Key Contributions

- Participating local governments’ voices contributing to the Jakarta Declaration
- Launch of four Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) by Kendal Regency, West Java Province, Samarinda City, and Jakarta Special Region, all supported by UCLG ASPAC in collaboration with partners, such as UN ESCAP (West Java) and Tanoto Foundation (Kendal)



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Citywide and Inclusive Sanitation for All

UCLG ASPAC under the framework of Municipalities Network Advocacy on Sanitation in South Asia (MuNASS), pushed for formations of more regional collaborations addressing “Safe Sanitation for All” through the South and Southeast Asia City-Wide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) Summit 2024, September 25-26, 2024. Hosted by the Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities (FSLGA), participating city mayors agreed on the importance of learning and knowledge exchange to develop sustainable solutions for achieving SDG 6.2, focusing on institutionalising CWIS for marginalised communities. The Summit underscored that inclusive sanitation can only become a reality for all through united regional efforts. The gathering served as a dynamic platform for regional collaboration and shared learning.



Contribution to SDG 6.2 Data Management System

UCLG ASPAC MuNASS also contributed to the collection of Shit Flow Diagram (SFD), reflected in the Municipal Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Management Information System (MIS) Dashboard developed by the Ministry of Water Supply (MoWS) and the Department of Water Supply and Sewerage Management (DWSSM) of Nepal. SFD is an essential tool as it helps minimising the data gap of Safe Sanitation under SDG 6.2 for better decision-making on sanitation at the national level. Up to 2024, MuNASS supported a total of 72 cities in Nepal and 55 cities in Bangladesh (in collaboration with WaterAid) in developing SFD.

Key Recommendations:

- **Strengthen Regional Collaboration:** Emphasise the critical need for enhanced collaboration among cities and municipalities across South Asia to effectively address shared urban challenges and develop sustainable solutions, particularly regarding sanitation.
- **Promote Knowledge Exchange:** Create platforms for sharing experiences and best practices among local government associations to foster learning and innovation in safe sanitation initiatives, thereby empowering all municipalities to adopt effective strategies.
- **Raise Awareness on CWIS and Faecal Sludge Management:** Increase efforts to educate both elected and non-elected officials about the importance of City-Wide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) and faecal sludge management and integrate these concepts into regular urban development planning.
- **Enhance Financial Support:** Advocate for increased financial resources from both the public and private sectors to ensure that sanitation services remain accessible to all, particularly in low-income and marginalised communities.
- **Advocate for Participatory Governance:** Implement the Kathmandu Recommendation 2023 by encouraging participatory governance that includes low-income and marginalised communities in decision-making processes, ensuring that their voices are heard, and their needs are addressed in urban sanitation initiatives.

By empowering local government associations to enhance their capacity for safe sanitation, the programme has successfully translated policy into action. MuNASS has been recognised not only for shaping enabling policies but also for driving impactful, on-the-ground sanitation initiatives across South Asia.



M5

Local Economy Improvement in North Jakarta

UCLG ASPAC, in collaboration with Jakarta Provincial Government and Resilient Cities Network (RCN), under the framework of the Kalibaru Hub Project, marked strong collaborative efforts among various stakeholders uniting force for improved economic development of local people in Kalibaru area, Northern side of Jakarta. UCLG ASPAC engaged development institutions, clean action organisations, responsible waste management enterprises, entrepreneurs, conservation agencies, and other like-minded organisations to engage with and enhance the capacity of local people, striving for a better economy and conserving the environment. Throughout 2024, in one year programme implementation, the project documented a tremendous journey of knowledge

Target

Local people in Kalibaru Area that upcycle green mussel waste into cutting-edge environmentally friendly products for their livelihood.



End-to-end knowledge transfer:

- Workshop on Identification and Diversification of Green Mussel Waste Products in Kalibaru
- Workshop on Green Mussel Restoration
- Production Management Training Session
- Business Management Training Session
- Benchmarking Session
- Branding and Product Packaging Training Session
- Promotion and Marketing Training Sessions
- Networking and Market/Partner Engagement Session

Results:

- Cangkring (Cangkang Kering/dry shell) Community now has an official e-commerce account and a more structured order management system.
- Squat toilets produced by the Cangkring Community have become the first pilot project, used by households in the Kalibaru area supported by the oil-related company named PT Migas Hulu Jabar ONWJ.
- Knowledge transfer and training sessions in marketing, branding, promotion, product development, etc. also inspired local community groups working in different area. Inclusivity and balance were also reflected in the gender composition of the community group as project beneficiary: 55.6% men and 44.4% women (Cangkring Community, most representative beneficiary).

Feedback:

66.7% of participants were highly satisfied and felt confident in applying knowledge and skills gained during training to their daily work (based on a survey conducted in 2024).

Laboratory Test Results for Paving Blocks by the Cangkring Group

The Kalibaru Hub Project also supported the quality testing of paving blocks produced by the Cangkring Community to ensure the product's quality and safety. The first laboratory testing was conducted in 2023 in collaboration with Politeknik Kesehatan (Poltekkes) II Jakarta, and the second testing was conducted in Bandung in collaboration with the Ministry of industry of Indonesia in 2024.

Tested Components

- 1 Physical Quality:**
 - Appearance:** All products met standard visual criteria.
 - Thickness:** vary.
- 2 Compressive Strength:**
 - Product grades:** vary (C, D, and intermediate levels).
- 3 Abrasion Resistance:**
 - Mostly met Grade A and C categories.
- 4 Water Absorption:**
 - Mostly met Grade B standard.
- 5 Resistance to Sodium Sulfate:**
 - Passed, demonstrating high durability against salt exposure.

Conclusion

The 2024 laboratory test results indicate that the paving blocks produced by the Cangkring Community have a reasonably good and competitive quality, even though improvements to achieve standard thickness and water absorption are needed to achieve higher quality of products.



M4 Collaborations for Mekong Corridor Initiative

Mekong Corridor Dialogue is an initiative developed for area that naturally interconnects five member countries of ASEAN: Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The initiative is essential considering the area is home to nearly 65 million inhabitants (mcrmekong.org) and is projected to soar. The Mekong Corridor Initiative addresses challenges arising in the area such as climate change, declining agricultural yields, water scarcity, biodiversity loss, and waste management through dialogues, collaborations, and project implementation. Under the Mekong Corridor Initiative carried out in cooperation with Cities Alliance, UCLG ASPAC plays a role in organising the Mekong Corridor Dialogues and strengthening the partnership amongst cities and local governments along the Mekong Corridor.

#1 The Urban Mekong Corridor Dialogue



February 27, 28, 2024
Vientiane, Lao PDR

Participants: around 100 cities and local government leaders and officials from Cambodia (Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, National League of Commune/NLC), Lao PDR (Vientiane, Luang Prabang, Pakse, Thakek, Kaysone), Thailand (Mukhdahan, Nong Khai), and Viet Nam (The Association of Cities of Viet Nam/ACVN)

Result

- Comprehensive planning approach that balances economic and social equity with environmentally sustainable development in the Greater Mekong Subregion.
- Urban Mekong Corridor Initiative (UMCI) Commitment to promote sustainable urban development and collaboration among cities along the Mekong Corridor.

#2 The Urban Mekong Corridor Dialogue



December 5-6, 2024
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Participants: 80 representatives from local governments in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Viet Nam, as well as national ministries and local civil society organisations pioneering collaborative efforts with local authorities, regional governance bodies, and international development partners

Result

- Transformative grant for Phnom Penh, enabling a consortium of local governments and civil society to deliver essential services to vulnerable communities.
- Knowledge sharing

M1 Women Leaders Empowerment

UCLG ASPAC promoted the works of female city leaders through various ways:

1 Mayor of the Month

A dedicated section in the organisation's monthly publication featuring a female city leader and their positive contributions.

2 Supported Their Presence in Regional/Global Occasions

3 Supported cities and local governments in enhancing the well-being of women and children under the framework of Standing Committee of Women in Local Governments (funded by Guangzhou)



Empowering Youth in Jeonju Future Cities Forum 2024

UCLG ASPAC supported city of Jeonju in hosting Jeonju Future Cities Forum 2024, held from November 11 to 13, 2024. The event convened global leaders, experts, and stakeholders to explore practical solutions for sustainable urban development. In addition to collaboration, technological innovation, and cultural preservation as critical pillars of future urban growth, the forum included **Youth Session** discussing innovative contributions to urban development.

Speakers included Mr. Kellianne Murphy, who presented strategies for integrating agriculture into urban planning, and Mr. Saqib Mukhtar, who shared clean energy solutions. Mr. Hokyong Shon discussed Sydney's initiatives to reduce emissions, while Mr. Ki-tae Baek and Mr. Jin-soo Hwang emphasised the role of universities in regional revitalisation and advancing life sciences. The session highlighted the importance of youth-driven innovation in shaping resilient and sustainable urban communities.



The forum also featured the Youth Future Lab, a dedicated mentoring session designed to empower young participants with practical skills and strategic thinking for addressing urban challenges. This session included interactive activities, presentations, and discussions with experts who provided guidance on leadership, adaptability, and innovation in city planning. The Youth Future Lab reinforced the message that youth are key agents of change in building sustainable and inclusive cities.



UCLG ASPAC Receives Youth Programme Donation from JCI Seojeonju



During the Jeonju Future City Forum 2024 (November 11, 2024), UCLG ASPAC received a meaningful donation from Junior Chamber International (JCI) Seojeonju, dedicated to supporting youth-focused initiatives across the Asia-Pacific region. Dr Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC, accepted the donation, reflecting a shared commitment to empowering the next generation.



UCLG ASPAC at Global Stage

UCLG ASPAC promoted voices of local governments in Asia-Pacific region in various global and regional stages. UCLG ASPAC actively shared opportunities and innovations made as well as challenges faced by local governments in their journey towards achieving sustainable urban development. UCLG ASPAC also supported committed city leaders to promote their initiatives/good practices, facilitated collaborations, as well as widely opened up opportunities for funding support in addition to capacity building from its wide network worldwide.

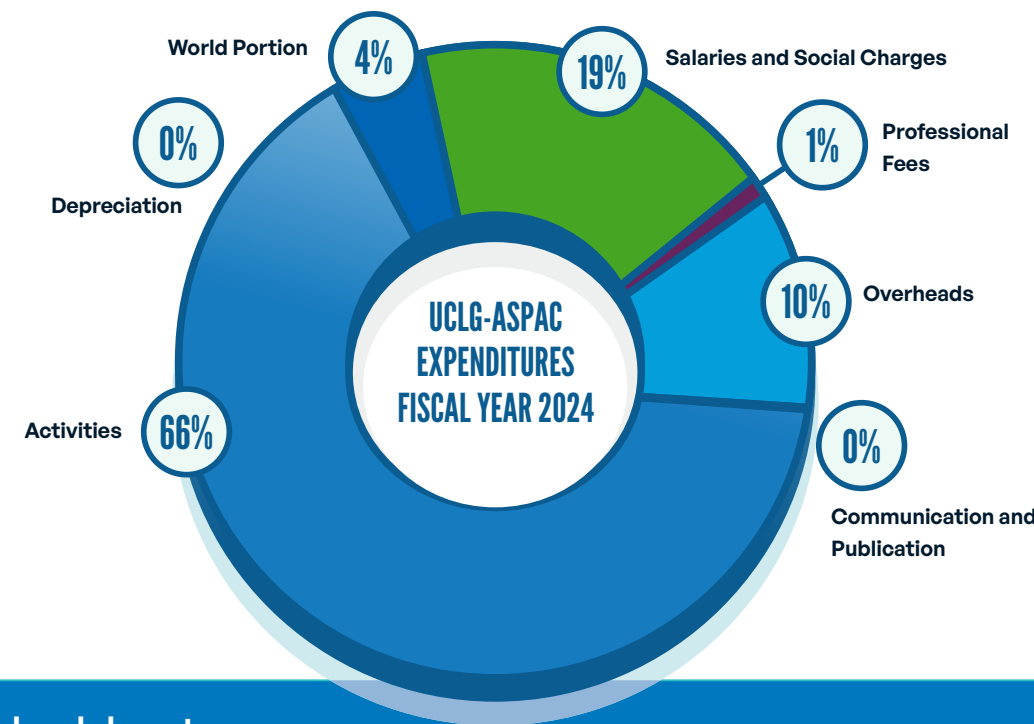
- Jeonju, South Korea
Jeonju Future Cities Forum 2024
- Andong, South Korea
11th 21st Century Human Values Forum
- Colombo, Sri Lanka
South and Southeast Asia City-Wide Inclusive Sanitation Summit 2024
- Bangkok, Thailand
11th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development
- Vientiane, Lao PDR
1st Urban Mekong Corridor Initiative (UMCI) Dialogue
- North Minahasa Regency, Indonesia
The First Session of 2024 UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting
- Bali, Indonesia
10th World Water Forum
- Jakarta, Indonesia
International Mayors Forum
- New York, USA
High-Level Political Forum
- Vientiane, Lao PDR
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- Manila, Philippines
Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
- Zhengzhou, China
2024 UCLG ASPAC Council and The Second Session of 2024 UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting
- Bali, Indonesia
Bali Panel of Expert
- Cairo, Egypt
12th World Urban Forum
- Cairo, Egypt
12th World Urban Forum
- Phnom Penh, Cambodia
2nd Urban Mekong Corridor Initiative (UMCI) Dialogue
- Baku, Azerbaijan
2024 UN Climate Change Conference

NEW PARTNERSHIPS IN 2024



Finance and Human Resources

Finance



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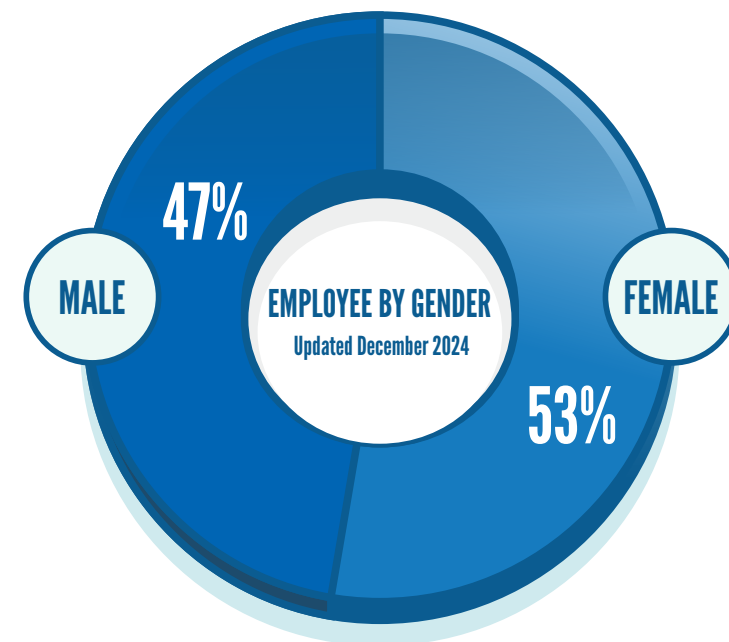


JAKARTA – Our Host City for providing office space for the UCLG ASPAC Secretariat, including electricity and water.



Organisations and Local Governments for hosting and partially financing Statutory Meetings and programme activities.

Human Resources



- Staff Retreat
- Wellness Programme (Gym, Workout Programmes)
- Secondment Programme
- Internship Programme

Working with City Representatives and Youth



Secondees



“As a local government official, I have long wanted to work at UCLG ASPAC. Through my work at UCLG ASPAC, I hope to contribute to the development of local governments in the Asia Pacific region.”

Mr. Chang-An, Kwon (ANDRA)
Daegu Metropolitan City
Secondment Period: June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2026



“During my secondment in UCLG ASPAC, I want to gain more working experience in multi-culture team of international organisation, make more Indonesia friends, get familiar with local culture, and build widely connection with Indonesian official and non-official organisations, including local governments, chambers or associations, and Chinese groups.”

Mr. Zhangjin Xin (GEORGE)
Ghuangzhou Municipal People's Government
Secondment Period: December 16, 2024 – June 13, 2026

Interns



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Padjajaran University



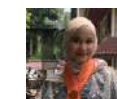
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UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau and Council Meeting

As formal gatherings of the organisation’s governing bodies, these meetings are crucial for the decision-making and governance of UCLG ASPAC. They provide a platform for members to discuss and approve key policies, strategies, and initiatives, ensuring that the organisation remains aligned with the needs and priorities of its member cities and local governments in the Asia-Pacific region.

Executive Bureau Meeting 2024

- Theme: “Enhancing Sustainable Tourism and Creative Economy through Asia-Pacific Collaboration”
- Outreach: approximately 200 distinguished representatives (Mayors, city government officials, associations, relevant ministries, organisations, academicians, across 10 countries in the Asia-Pacific region)
- Held on June 5-7, 2024, in conjunction with the 2024 Likupang Tourism Festival, an annual flagship event of the regency, hosted by North Minahasa Regency



Result

Minahasa Declaration read by Secretary General Dr. Bernadia and witnessed by H.E. Sandiaga Uno, Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy of the Republic of Indonesia

Council Meeting 2024

- Theme: “Innovation-Driven Regional Collaboration: Building a Green, Digital, and High-Tech Urban Future”
- Outreach: more than 200 delegates from over 70 local governments and institutions across 13 Asia-Pacific countries
- Held on October 21-25, 2024, hosted by Zhengzhou Municipal People’s Government



MoU Signing with Goyang City: 10th UCLG ASPAC Congress



UCLG ASPAC and Goyang Special City signed a Memorandum of Understanding formalising the conduct of the 10th UCLG ASPAC Congress on May 13, 2024. This was the continuation of the signing of the Letter of Intent in Goyang, May 2024. Upon the signing, UCLG ASPAC and Goyang Special City started the preparation and promotion needed for the success of the 10th UCLG ASPAC Congress in 2025.

10th World Water Forum: Contributions to City Leaders’ Commitment towards Urgent Water Actions



UCLG ASPAC participated in the 10th World Water Forum held in Bali (May 18 – 25, 2024) as part of its steadfast commitment to water governance and security. In the event gathering around 64,000 participants from 160 countries, UCLG ASPAC collaborated with various institutions with similar vision as well as national level government and contributed to participants’ sharing and learning experience for impactful global actions.

Fostering Dialogue at the 12th World Urban Forum



UCLG ASPAC was actively involved at the 12th World Urban Forum (WUF12) held on November 4-7, 2024 in Cairo, fostering global dialogue, collaboration, and practical solutions for urban sustainability, climate resilience, and innovative governance. UCLG ASPAC, under the framework of the Urban-Act Project, facilitated its pilot cities to participate in the various insightful events and discussion platforms in WUF12.

SPM Awards 2024: Strengthening UCLG ASPAC’s Support to Improve Local Government Capacity in Delivering Public Services



UCLG ASPAC Secretary General, Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, spoke at the SPM (Standar Pelayanan Minimum/Minimum Service Standard) Awards hosted by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) Indonesia taking place in Jakarta, April 24, 2024. The SPM Awards is held to acknowledge the efforts of Indonesian local authorities in meeting (at least) the minimum standard of public services delivery as stated in Minister of Home Affairs Regulation 59/2021. UCLG ASPAC successfully facilitated the revision process of the previous regulation in 2021 and its attendance in this event strengthens the commitment to support local governments in improving public service delivery and to maintain strong partnership with MoHA.

UCLG ASPAC and ASEAN Mayors Forum with ASEAN+China People-to-People Exchanges



UCLG ASPAC Secretary General, Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, was invited to Zhengzhou and Beijing from April 7-13, 2024. The visit included her participation in the ASEAN-China (Henan) Month of People-to-People Exchanges, a preparatory meeting with the Zhengzhou Municipal People’s Government which hosted the Council Meeting of UCLG ASPAC in October 2024, and a bilateral meeting with the China People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) in Beijing.

Knowledge Development Products

Throughout 2024, UCLG ASPAC produced and disseminated various knowledge development products to its network.

Newsletter



Annual Report



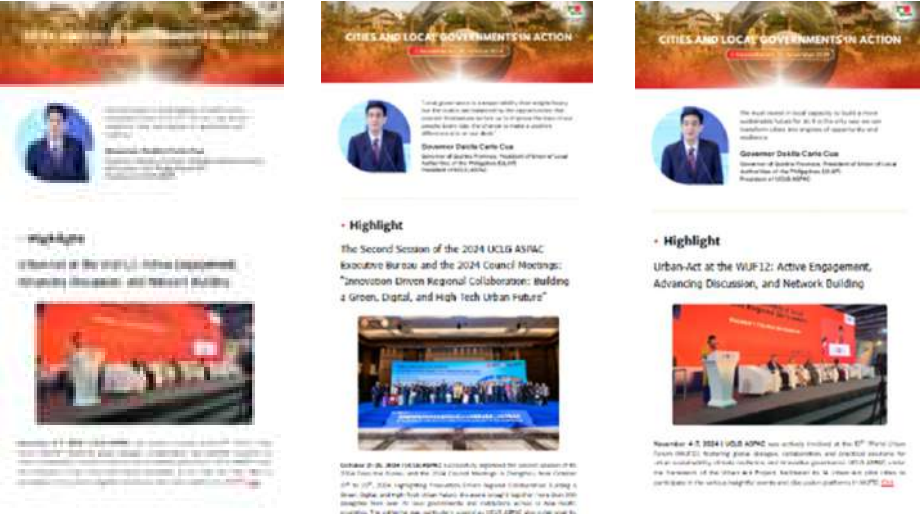
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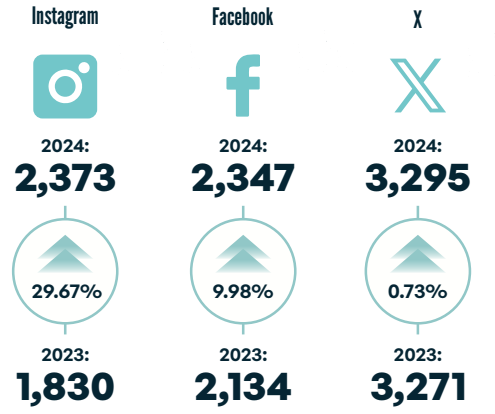
E-Learning



E-Newsletter



Social Media



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UCLG ASPAC comprises four sub-regions and all members are represented in the General Assembly, the supreme organ that is responsible for the overall policy, direction, and oversight of the Section. The Council is the principal policy-making body. It decides UCLG ASPAC's policies in a collegial way and ensures that general policies adopted by the General Assembly are implemented. The Executive Bureau is responsible for initiating proposals and carrying out the decisions of the Council. The Presidency, comprising the President and co-Presidents, represents all four sub-regions, the Associate and International Members, as well as ex-officio namely the Host, Immediate Past President, Founding President, and Women in Local Government. The President is the principal representative of UCLG ASPAC. The co-Presidents assist the President in carrying out his/her responsibilities and when necessary assume the role of President. The Secretary General directs the daily activities of UCLG ASPAC and carries out the decisions of the General Assembly, the Council and the Executive Bureau. The Secretary General manages the General Secretariat as well as the activities and programmes under the guidance of the Presidency and the responsibility of the Executive Bureau.

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Calendar of
Activities
2025

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**12-13
March**

United Nations Development
Cooperation Forum
New York, USA
UCLG

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**1-4
April**

UCLG Executive BureauWorld Forum
on Local Economic Development
Seville, Spain
UCLG

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**21-25
April**

The eighty-first session
of the Economic and Social
Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Bangkok
UN ESCAP

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**21-26
April**

Conference of the International
Observatory of Participatory
Democracy (IOPD)
Córdoba, Argentina
IOPD

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**29-30
April**

United Nations Habitat Assembly
Nairobi, Kenya
UN

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**15-17
May**

World Human Rights Cities Forum
Gwangju, Republic of Korea
UCLG
Gwangju City Government

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**27-28
May**

Sixth Global Climate and
SDG Synergies Conference
Copenhagen, Denmark
UN DESA, UNFCCC

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**26-30
May**

ADB Water & Urban Forum 2025
“Toward a Water-Secure and Livable Asia
and the Pacific”
Manila
ADB

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**2-6
June**

United Nations Global Platform
on Disaster Risk Reduction
Geneva, Switzerland
UN DRR

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**9-12
June**

First Session of UCLG ASPAC
Executive Bureau 2025
Boracay, the Philippines
UCLG ASPAC, Boracay

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**11-12
June**

Annual Meeting of the EU Global Gateway
Brussels, Belgium
EU

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**12
June**

Localising ASEAN Community
Vision 2045
Boracay, Philippines (in conjunction with the First Session
of the 2025 UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau)
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**9-15
June**

Urban 20 meeting
Tshwane, South Africa
C40

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**17-18
June**

Annual Meeting of the EU
Partnership for Development
Brussels, Belgium
EU

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**30 June
- 3 July**

Fourth International Conference on Financing
for Development
Seville, Spain
UCLG

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**14-18
July**

High-Level Political Forum
New York, USA
UN

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**10-15
August**

ASEAN Governors and
Mayors Forum 2025
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
UCLG ASPAC, Kuala Lumpur

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**12-14
September**

Urban 20 Mayoral Summit
Johannesburg, South Africa
UCLG, C40

★

**24-26
September**

10th UCLG ASPAC Congress
Goyang, the Republic of Korea
UCLG ASPAC, Goyang

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**29 September
- 1 October**

The 40th Anniversary Metropolis Seoul World Congress
Seoul, Republic of Korea
Metropolis

★

**5-7
October**

Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference
on Housing & Urban Development
(APMCHUD)
Penang, Malaysia

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**13-16
October**

International Mayors Forum 2025
Toyota
UN DESA, Toyota City, UCLG ASPAC

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**16-18
October**

Second Session of the UCLG Executive
Bureau 2025 & UCLG Council 2025
Xi'an, China
Xi'an City Government, UCLG

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**21
October**

Intercity Collaboration
Forum 2025 Hamamatsu
Hamamatsu, Japan

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**10-21
November**

30th session of the Conference of the Parties on
Climate Change (COP 30)
Belem, Brazil
UN

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**1-5
December**

19th World Water Congress
Marrakesh, Morocco
International Water Resources
Association (IWRA)

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**8-12
December**

7th United Nations Environment Assembly
Nairobi, Kenya
UN

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December

3rd Urban Mekong Corridor
Initiative (UMCI) Dialogue
Luang Prabang
UCLG ASPAC, Cities Alliance

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