

GOYANG CALL FOR ACTION

We, the mayors, governors, and representatives of local and regional governments across Asia and the Pacific, gathered in Goyang, Republic of Korea, for the 10th UCLG ASPAC Congress under the theme “Sustainable Global Self-sufficient Cities and Regions for the Future.” The Congress was hosted by Goyang Special City Government from 24 to 27 September 2025.

Through deep dive discussions on job creation, sustainable urban growth, youth leadership, energy self-sufficiency, and family-friendly cities, we reaffirmed our collective commitment to strengthen the role of local and regional governments in advancing sustainable development, social inclusion, and climate resilience.

Global challenges—including geopolitical turbulence, climate change, widening inequalities, uncontrolled rapid urbanisation, and demographic shifts—continue to threaten the well-being of our communities.

We welcomed the launch of the UCLG ASPAC Manifesto 2026-2030, which was developed through consultation, research and collaboration. It is a strategic framework that embodies the transformative power of local and regional governments. In response, we will accelerate actions that promote self-sufficiency, resilience, and inclusive prosperity as principles.

We commit to:

1. **Advance Economic Resilience and Job Creation** by fostering entrepreneurship, innovation, and local industries, ensuring inclusive access to employment and promoting green, circular and social economies.
2. **Foster Sustainable Urban Growth** by embracing smart city planning, climate-adaptive infrastructure, inclusive urban development that balance growth with environmental stewardship and using appropriate technology. Advocate social solidarity through policy changes that benefits vulnerable populations.
3. **Empower Youth Leadership** by institutionalising youth engagement in governance, investing in education and skills development, and recognising youth as drivers of innovation and sustainability.
4. **Accelerate Energy Self-Sufficiency** through the use of renewable energy, and institutionalisation of energy efficiency and conservation measures, and investment in smart infrastructure, while fostering partnerships that support a green and just transition.
5. **Promote Caring, Family-Friendly and Inclusive Cities** by considering a rights-based approach in local development planning, thereby ensuring affordable housing, accessible public services, gender equality, and safe community spaces that support diverse family structures and intergenerational well-being.

Furthermore, we call for:

- Stronger collaboration with national governments, international organisations, the private sector, academia, civil society and young people, to co-create and scale transformative solutions.
- Reform of financing systems to enable local governments to access resources directly and equitably, ensuring effective implementation of sustainability and resilience strategies.
- Enhancing decentralised cooperation, knowledge exchange amongst cities and local governments, and peer learning to increase our capacities in global governance processes.

As we look towards 2030 and beyond, we reaffirm that the resilience of our cities and regions is the essence of localising global agendas. It is forged through local leadership, collective action, and enduring partnerships. The future of sustainable urban development begins in our communities.

Adopted on 26 September 2025 in Goyang, Republic of Korea.