



The First Session Of **2022** UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting

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v For Adoption

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Item 2

√ For Information

**APOLOGIES FOR THE ABSENCE AND APPROVAL OF
SUBSTITUTES OF MEMBERS OF ATTENDANCE**

As of 24 April 2022, the Secretariat received no apologies for the absence from the Executive Bureau members. The Secretariat is anticipating the apologies for absence to be made on-site.

The Secretariat noted that Ms. Huo Hong is no longer the Mayor of Zhengzhou City. This implies that the position of Co-president representing East and Northeast Asia sub-region is vacant.

The UCLG ASPAC Presidency and Executive Bureau Members are invited to share the response to the mentioned vacant positions.

COMPOSITION OF UCLG ASPAC PRESIDENCY AND EXECUTIVE BUREAU 2020-2023

Council members at last their meeting on 9 September 2021, within the framework of 8th of UCLG ASPAC Congress “From Steady Recovery to Sustained Prosperity in Post Covid Asia and the Pacific” approved the Secretariat proposal on the Extension of the term of current Presidency and representatives of Executive Bureau and Council from 2020-2022 to 2020-2023. The new date of UCLG ASPAC Congress and new terms of Presidency and representatives of Executive Bureau and Council is recorded in the Constitution of UCLG ASPAC.

President

Mr. Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha
President of Municipal Association of Nepal
Mayor of Dhulikhel Municipality (Representing South and Southwest Asia Sub-region)

Co-Presidents

- Mr. Stuart Crosby
Co-President Representing Pacific Sub-region
- **Vacant**
Co-President Representing East and Northeast Asia Sub-region
- Ms. Madelaine Alfelor
Co-President Representing Southeast Asia Sub-region
- Dr. Ranjit S Chavan
Co-President Representing Associate and International Organisation Members
- Governor Anies Baswedan
Co-President for Host of UCLG ASPAC Secretariat
- Ms. Zhang Yajie
Co-President for Women in Local Government & Chairman of Standing Committee of Women in Local Government
- Ms. Tri Rismaharini
Co-President for Immediate Past President
- Cr. Chen Haosu
Co-President for Founding President

Secretary General

Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi

Executive Bureau Members

- East and Northeast Asia Sub-region
 1. Mr. Zheng Jianxin
Mayor, Changsha Municipal People's Government
 2. Mr. Kwon Young-jin
Mayor, Daegu Metropolitan City
 3. Mr. Wu Xiande
Mayor, Fuzhou Municipal People's Government
 4. Mr. Song Ha-Jin
President, Governors Association of Korea (GAOK)
 5. Mr. Li Mingyuan
Mayor, Xi'an Municipal People's Government
 6. Mr. Yasutomo Suzuki
Mayor, City of Hamamatsu
 7. Mr. Liu Xin
Mayor, Hangzhou Municipal People's Government
 8. Ms. Shiow-Yen Lu
Mayor, Taichung City Government
 9. Mr. Wen-je Ko
Mayor, Taipei City Government
 10. Mr. Hur Tae-Jeong
Mayor, Daejeon Metropolitan City
 11. Mr. Jiang Jiang
Vice President of Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)
 12. Mr. Park Heong-Joon
Mayor, Busan Metropolitan City

- South and Southwest Asia Sub-region
 1. Ms. Foziah Khalid
President, Local Councils Association of the Punjab (LCAP)
 2. Mr. Chintan Tamang
Dhankuta Municipality

- Southeast Asia Sub-region
 1. Dr. Bima Arya Sugiarto
Chairman, Association of Indonesian Municipalities (APEKSI)
 2. Mr. H. Syarif Fasha
Mayor, Jambi City
 3. Mr. Benhur Tomi Mano
Mayor, Jayapura City
 4. Mr. Hendri Septa
Mayor, Padang Municipality

5. Mr. Say Kosal
President, National League of Local Councils (NLC)

• Pacific Sub-region

1. Ms. Botika Maitinnara
Chairperson, Kiribati Local Government Association (KiLGA)

Designated Member

Mr. Tamotsu Okamoto
Chairperson, the Board of Director, Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR)

Item 3

v For Adoption

REVIEW OF MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU MEETING HELD USING HYBRID FORMAT AND HOSTED BY ZHENGZHOU CITY AND CPAFFC ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2021: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Summary and Recommendations

The 2021 UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau (ExBu) Meeting was successfully organised in a hybrid format with virtual attendance of UCLG ASPAC members, except UCLG ASPAC members in Nepal, UCLG ASPAC President, Secretary General and Secretariat's staff members who attended the meeting offline in Gokarna Forest Resort Hotel, Kathmandu. Hosted by the Zhengzhou Municipal People's Government and co-hosted by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), the ExBu meeting was held on 9 September 2021, within the framework of the 8th of UCLG ASPAC Congress "From Steady Recovery to Sustained Prosperity in Post COVID Asia and the Pacific" which was preceded with the two-days of side events and UCLG ASPAC committee meetings. More than 700 participants were registered at the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress.

The ExBu meeting was chaired by Mayor Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha as UCLG ASPAC President and supported by Secretary General Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi. The meeting highlighted the following points and decisions:

1. Work Plan and Budget 2022 were approved.
2. Reactivation of the UCLG ASPAC Financial Management Committee for 2021-2023.
3. The arrangement of membership recruitment of Humanitarian Development and Peace (HDP) Nexus led by Gyeonggi Provincial Government will be the same as other Committees.
4. Establishment of UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee led by Xian Municipal People's Government.
5. Establishment of Committee on Circular Economy led by All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIIILSG).
6. Xian Municipal People's Government as Host of UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau in April/May 2022.
7. UCLG ASPAC Council 2022 is to be held back-to-back with UCLG World Congress in Daejeon, 3-7 October 2022.
8. The next host of the UCLG ASPAC Congress in 2023 will be decided by UCLG ASPAC ExBu. As informed by CPAFFC, the interested cities are Yiwu and Kunming.
9. New Members: Semarang City, Banjarmasin City, Musi Banyuasin Regency, Sawahlunto City, North Minahasa Regency, Balikpapan City, Maritime Local Government Network (LGN), Dhulikhel Municipality, Namyangju City, and National Association of Mayors of Korea (NAMK).
10. Membership Fee Reduction and Waiver: Jambi City, Jayapura City, Padang City, Kiribati Local Government Association (KiLGA), Korea City Federation, Association for Development of Local Governance (ADLG), and Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad.
11. Membership Withdrawal: Cimahi City, and Association of Regency Government of Indonesia (APKASI)

The Executive Bureau is invited to:

1. **Adopt** the minutes of the meeting.

2021 EXECUTIVE BUREAU
ZHENGZHOU, 9 SEPTEMBER 2021

DRAFT MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Opening of the Business Session

1. The President of UCLG ASPAC, Mayor Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha of Dhulikhel Municipality, opened the ExBu meeting and greeted members attending the Meeting. He complimented the successful two-day committee meetings and side events and expressed his high appreciation for members' active involvement and participation in the Congress. He also thanked UCLG ASPAC for the opportunity given to him, especially to MuAN and Dhulikhel Municipality. He mentioned that he would expand this organisation and amplify the voice of the Asia Pacific at the world and global levels. He was pleased to see the high participation of members at the ExBu, which was the second time organised virtually during the COVID-19 outbreak that started early last year. Finally, he thanked the Zhengzhou Municipal People's Government for hosting the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress.

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

2. President invited the UCLG ASPAC ExBu members to comment and adopt the agenda.

Decision:

- No comment was raised by the members and the agenda was adopted.

Item 2: Apologies for the Absence and Approval of Substitutes of Members of Attendance

3. President Ashok invited Secretary General Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi to confirm the attendance of members.
4. Secretary General informed that the Secretariat received an apology from Dr. Ranjit Chavan, President AIILSG and UCLG ASPAC Co-president representing the South and Southwest region for not being able to attend the meeting and he was represented by Mr. Ravi Ranjan Guru.
5. Secretary General also informed that Co-President Madam Chen Yini, who was also Chairperson of the UCLG ASPAC Women in Local Governments (WILG) Standing Committee was no longer the Vice Chair of the Chinese People's Consultative Conference Guangzhou Committee, she mentioned that the vacant post of the UCLG ASPAC WILG Standing Committee would be discussed in Agenda Item 4 because the Standing Committee Meeting received the nomination of Madam Zhang from Guangzhou Municipal People's Government.
6. President invited participants to give comments and adopt the agenda.

Decision:

- There was no comment from the participants and Item 2 was adopted.

Item 3: Review of Minutes of the Executive Bureau Meeting Held Virtually and Hosted by LGNZ on 25 August 2020: Matters Arising from the Minutes

7. President invited Secretary General to deliver the review of the Minute of the Wellington's ExBu Meeting.
8. Secretary General shared the minutes of Wellington's ExBu meeting for information and approval. She mentioned that minutes of the meeting has already been circulated with members in advance, the minutes included activities conducted by UCLG ASPAC, activity reports of the sub-regional members, reports of the Committees including discussions of the Standing Committee of Women in Local Governments, Culture Committee, South-Southwest Asia Standing Committee, Southeast Asia Standing Committee, Belt and Road Local Cooperation Committee, and 21st Century Maritime Cooperation Committee, discussion of Manifesto 2021-2025, preparation of UCLG ASPAC Congress in Zhengzhou, and discussion of workplan of UCLG ASPAC for 2021
9. President invited members to review and adopt item 3.

Decision:

- There were no comments from the participants and item 3 was adopted.

Item 4: UCLG ASPAC Activity Reports (Presidency, Executive Bureau, the Committees and the Secretariat)

The Presidency, ExBu members, Committees and the Secretariate were invited to share their activities report.

4.1. Activities by Presidency and Executive Bureau Members Representing Sub-regions

10. Secretary General invited the Presidency and ExBu members to report their activities.

4.1.1. East and Northeast Asia

11. The Deputy Secretary General of the **Governors Association of Korea (GAOK)**, Mr. Daesik Kim, presented the activity report:

Members' Activities

- 2021 Global Mayors Challenge hosted by Bloomberg Philanthropies
Daegu was selected among the 50 champion cities together with other ASPAC members, such as Taipei, Manila, and Wellington. He thanked UCLG ASPAC for assisting and extending the competition information to members
- Establishment of Gyeonggi-do's HDP Nexus Committee
Gyeonggi Province and GAOK had a discussion with UCLG ASPAC on this Committee which aimed to reduce poverty, produce economic growth, and maintain social stability through humanitarian support. He mentioned that Gyeonggi would share the activities later and expected that many members would be interested and become part of the special objective.

GAOK's Activities

- K2H (Korea Heart to Heart) Programme 2021
It was a six-month training programme for foreign local officers to cooperate. Despite the COVID-19 situation. The event successfully gathered 7 participants from 6 countries including Cambodia, Ethiopia, Latvia, Russia and Vietnam. The number is only 10% of the annual participants, but GAOK highly valued this number because it showed that we were overcoming the pandemic.
 - K-Glocal Newsletter
Mr. Kim shared that GAOK started issuing it in 2020. It was a showcase of the most important initiatives from the Korean local governments successfully implemented: from COVID-19, smart cities, to big data. The 1st edition would cover the topic of the new deal project. He also informed that it was published in five different languages including English. To receive the Newsletter, the participant just needs to scan the QR Code from the screen. For a subscription, anyone could send an email. Mr. Kim also said GAOK welcomed any suggestion on the Newsletter regarding the works and initiative of Korean Local Governments.
12. The Executive Director of the International Affairs Advisory Council of **Taipei City Government**, Mr. Gordon Yang, conveyed condolences to Mayor Hou Hong for the loss of the city of Zhengzhou on the heavy rainfalls and floods and expressed the readiness of Taipei City to support.
 13. Mr. Gordon Yang also shared that since 2019, Taipei City submitted for the Voluntary Local Review (VLR) for three (3) consecutive years. The newest addition would come up at the end of 2021. He said that Taipei would continue to strive for the achievement of SDGs and other global agendas. He shared that in earlier 2021, Taipei City had already published the white paper on the digital transformation of industry in the post-pandemic era, the solution for the current problem and the future prospect. Taipei City was more than happy to share the document.
 14. Secretary General shared those other members of the East and Northeast Asia Sub-region submitted their reports to the UCLG ASPAC Secretariat for the ExBu Business document which was made accessible to interested members.

4.1.2. Pacific

15. The UCLG ASPAC Co-President and President of **Local Government of New Zealand (LGNZ)**, Cr. Stuart Crosby, shared the activity report. LGNZ is working with central government agencies to ensure essential local services continue to be provided during lockdown due to COVID 19.
 - LGNZ has been contributing to the central government's climate change analysis and policy development work – advocating for support to enable councils to invest in adaptation and retreat, in line with the SDGs.
 - LGNZ continues its commitment to the Pacific Technical Assistance (TA) project – a partnership with the central government that provides TA to councils and communities in the Pacific that so far has included infrastructure and asset management, town planning, transport planning, and public health and safety programmes such as dog control and disaster management.

4.1.3 South and Southwest Asia

16. Mr. Ravi Guru of **All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG)** presented the activity report on

behalf of UCLG ASPAC Co-President, Dr. Ranjit Chavan. These include Climate Resilient and Inclusive Cities (CRIC) of UCLG ASPAC, Girl Power Projects supported by EU in Jharkhand, Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities on solid waste management, Climate-Smart Cities Assessment Framework and many others.

4.2. Activities by UCLG ASPAC Committees

17. Secretary General invited UCLG ASPAC Committees to report the activities. She further informed the members that the Committees included Southeast Asia Committee, South-Southwest Asia Committee, Women in Local Governments Standing Committee, Culture Committee led by Jeju Provincial Government, Belt and Road Local Cooperation Committee led by Hangzhou, 21st Century Maritime Cooperation Committee led by Fuzhou.
18. Secretary General announced there several members proposed to establish new Committees.

4.2.1. The Southeast Asia (SEA) Standing Committee

19. Mayor Noraini Roslan of **Subang Jaya** shared that the Southeast Asia Committee Meeting was held on 8 September and hosted by Iriga city. Key discussion and decision points included:
 - The UCLG ASPAC Secretary General emphasised that Southeast Asia is a very dynamic region and mentioned that ASEAN Mayors Forum is the only forum that received accreditation from ASEAN as a platform for the mayors to learn from each other.
 - Madam Leny R, Vice President of the Republic of Philippines, addressed the occasion by mentioning the COVID-19 requirement for immediate actions and highlighted the need for collaboration on solidarity during this pandemic.
 - Mayor Ashok, President of UCLG ASPAC stressed that COVID-19 caused dramatic losses and that's why we had to go hand-in-hand in solving the pandemic.
 - The UCLG ASPAC Secretary General announced the official adoption of Manifesto 2021-2025 in Congress. Members of the Committee discussed and agreed on having a special action plan linking it to the manifesto for the SEA sub-region.
 - Discussion points around the proposed Action Plan of the SEA Committee included:
 - Both Subang Jaya and Prix agreed that digitalisation was critical during the pandemic and it could enhance the transparency of local governments. Digitalisation is already included in the Manifesto to reduce the gap, thus SEA regions could assess the digital gaps and take actions to reduce the gap.
 - A need to strengthen local governments' resources and local revenue to finance the activities that need to be done within the city. Mayor Ashok shared what had been done to the city, strategies and advice received from the World Bank and UCLG ASPAC.
 - The importance of aligning goals with vertical integration such as the incorporating SDGs into the city's strategy and action plan, evaluating and doing documentation (actions taken by cities doing the VLR are very much welcomed) so that we know the status and we can identify gaps and actions to reduce the gaps.
 - Emphasis on small businesses, green recovery, digital transformation in Subang Jaya and what we have learned from COVID-19: collaboration for the goal, optimising data for decision making, and cities are to be agile and adaptable.

- Identification of the importance of belonging to the association to have a united voice to push for reform and allocation and that there's a call for local government's election and accountability and performance of the committee members.

20. Secretary General informed that considering the benefits of associations, Cambodia plans to combine the two associations and they are exploring some help that could be provided to support Cambodia.

4.2.2. The Standing Committee on Women in Local Governments (SCWILG)

21. Councilor of **Catbalogan City** Ms. Stephany Uy-Tan delivered the report:

- Training of Trainers Event to be conducted on “Increasing Women’s Voices in Local Governance and Public Service Deliveries” on 14 October 2021: It was a partnership between UCLG ASPAC, PWDC, and Urbanice Malaysia to increase awareness on gender equality and access to public services amongst city local government management and technical officers; improve public understanding of mechanism and opportunities for public participation in decision making in public service deliveries and resource allocation; introduce best practices and tools to incorporate inclusiveness in the project undertaken
 - Telemedicine Programme by Guangzhou and selected Indonesian cities with the partnership of UCLG ASPAC, Guangzhou and selected Indonesian cities was a proposal of Madam Chen Yini for a joint telemedicine programme by Guangzhou Women and Children’s Medical Centre. This was revisited at the SCWILG meeting in August 2020 and positioned under the banner of LOCALISE SDGs Programme. Multiple discussions took place between Guangzhou and selected Indonesian cities. Jambi City and Guangzhou Municipality signed the Letter of Intent (LoI) on 26 July 2021 to be followed by MoU at a later date to support implementation in 2021-2022. Madam Chen Yini had informed the meeting that she would no longer Chair the Committee. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to lead the Committee. Madam Zhang Yajie was nominated by Guangzhou as the candidate for the Chair of SCWILG. The candidacy would be presented to EXBU members and to be approved by the Council.
 - Suggestions from members included expansion of the telemedicine programme, learning from the experience of city members in increasing women leaders at the local levels including equal representation at the city council, a multi-country programme on gender; and promotion of women in local government (council and administrative); e-Commerce in SME income generation for women through regional apps for product marketing and selling for products by women to counter the impact of COVID-19 pandemics, and that membership in this committee could encourage the acknowledgement of women leaders and for them to share among other women leaders. The discussion also included cultural exchange amongst city members.
 - The Secretary General addressed the nomination of Madam Zhang Yajie to be the Chair of the SCWILG and announced to ExBu members on this nomination and its automatic role of Co-President of UCLG ASPAC. SG presented the profile of Madam Zhang and the letter of nomination. SG and President invited members for comments and to second this nomination.
- No reservation was made by the member and nomination was approved.

4.2.3 The South and Southwest Asia Standing Committee

22. Mr. Ravi Ranjan Guru shared the key points of the meeting including:

- Attendance of the meeting at 37 participants.
- Ms. Hemanthi Goonasekera from FSLGA in her Opening Remarks stated that there were opportunities and great partners available to support work in the SSW region and suggested opting for these opportunities and working on the collective action plan.
- Presentation of Mr. Ravi Ranjan Guru on activities done by AILSG.
- Presentation of Mr. Anwar Hussain from Pakistan sharing that ADLG was leading the UCLG ASPAC LEAD for SDGs Programme implementation in Pakistan; LCAP had carried out activities under the strengthening of LCAs in Pakistan with the partnership of CLGF and engaged in initiating a small project in collaboration of GIZ.
- Presentation from Good Governance Institute Bhutan sharing that they could not organise any training due to pandemic challenges. It was also difficult for the election commission for extending the survives for service providers and voters in the election, but they also reached out to women to ensure participation and for the research on women contestants in a local government election.
- Recommendation from President Ashok Kumar that the SSW Committee set a framework of action and prepare a collaborative action plan.
- Suggestions from SG that the SSW Committee has joint targets that its members would like to see by 2025 by linking it to Manifesto. Committee members could define strategies for the target for example publication on the status of local government in the region, localisation of SDGs Agenda or Training. She stressed SSW Committee targets and strategies for a concrete action plan to measure the success of the SSW.
- Support offer from AILSG for the development of multi countries proposals, organising regional webinars and annual publication of the SSW Committee. Mr. Ravi of AILSG highlighted the importance of holding biannual meetings for sharing updates and data collection in the sub-region.
- The plan mentioned by SG if it was needed to register UCLG ASPAC in Pakistan, as UCLG ASPAC was implementing the LEAD for SDGs programme supported by the EU in Pakistan in partnership with ADLG and LCAs in Balochistan and Sindh Provinces. SG highlighted that UCLG ASPAC was not officially registered to directly work in Pakistan, while under the Government of Pakistan's regulatory policy of 2015, it was mandatory for all INGO receiving foreign funds. After the official status, UCLG ASPAC could directly implement and oversight the project, open its bank account, staff and members could get long term business visaa and get recognition as a dialogue partner in the local government development sector.
- Regarding the membership fees, the amount was accumulated.
- Members of SSW showed confidence and decided that the same Chair and Co-Chair would continue for the next two years.

4.2.4. The Culture Committee

23. Mayor Juan Carlo Medina of **Vigan City** shared the report of the Culture Committee Meeting including:

- Launched of publication “Culture Policies and Actions of Local Governments in Response to COVID-19: An Asia-Pacific Perspective” on 17 June 2021, which featured initiatives of 6 local governments: Andong City, Baguio City, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, Seoul Metropolitan Government, Vigan City, and Xi’an Municipal People’s Government. GAOK supported the launch by providing Korean interpretation and that the publication could be downloaded on the UCLG ASPAC website.
- Activities conducted by Culture Committee included support for the 2021 Jeju-UCLG Global Young Creatives Residency (GYCR) Programme and collaboration with Xi’an for the Seven Keys workshops.
- In the Committee Meeting, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province presented the Culture Session at the 15th Jeju Forum organised by Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, and Makati presented the development of a five-year cultural development plan for 2021-2025 which would serve as the roadmap of the cultural agenda for the next five years. Makati representative said it was the outcome of the Culture 21 Lab Workshop organised with experts from the UCLG Culture Committee and UCLG ASPAC Secretary General.
- Suggestions during the meeting included knowledge exchange on heritage conservation and preservation as part of land-use planning, more activities aimed at the involvement of the youth, and more exploration of the behavioural intention of culinary tourism in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

4.2.5. The Belt and Road Local Cooperation Committee (BRLC)

24. Mr. Du Shigen from **Hangzhou Municipal People's Government** while delivering the activities report mentioned that during the COVID-19 Pandemic, BRLC managed to organise the online and offline activities that included:
- Offline activities for example the close contact with the beautiful countryside for foreigners living in Hangzhou programme, took them to appreciate another side of the city.
 - Belt & Road Youth Forum organised in May was part of the many 50 conferences as a platform where young people keen on innovation inspired by mind-opening discussion turned out to be a great success.
 - BRLC also managed to organise an online meeting with Lugano (Swiss), Heidelberg (Germany), and Cape Town (South Africa), to share ideas and experiences on fighting the pandemic, and economic recovery.
 - BRLC also participated in ASEAN China Governors Mayors Dialogue 2021, Sustainability Forum and conferences under the framework of UCLG ASPAC.
 - Official BRLC website in Chinese and English functioned well to help communication among members and promote the Committee.
 - This year, BRLC received 6 new members which had been approved by the BRLC Council Meeting held the day before.
 - BRLC had conducted joint research with UCLG ASPAC Secretariat since early this year. Two research papers with practical implementation had come out: 1) on sustainability and 2) on fighting the pandemic.
 - Plan for the next half year: host the 4th e-Commerce training workshop at the 2nd BRLC New Year concert as they proved to be well received. Photography contest for countries along the

Belt and Road was also in the picture. Mr. Du shared that Hangzhou would host the 19th ASIAN Games next year and that the city would consider the programme with the sports team.

4.2.6 The 21st Century Maritime Cooperation Committee (21 CMCC)

25. Deputy Director of Foreign Affairs Office of **Fuzhou Municipal People's Government** Mr. Du Weiguang presented the activities and workplan of the 21st Century Maritime Cooperation Committee:

- Representative of the Committee actively participated in activities organised by the UCLG, Metropolis and UCLG ASPAC on how to address the impact exerted by the COVID-19 pandemic. At the 2020 Metropolis General Assembly, Fuzhou was firstly elected as a member of the Metropolis board of directors.
- In 2020, Fuzhou also joined UCLG ASPAC 2021-2025 Manifesto Development Committee and shared ideas and suggestions for promoting maritime cooperation and marine management with the Manifesto.
- New cities applied and were approved for membership in the Committee, new members included Zhengzhou, Dalian, Peshwar, Yangon, Banda Lampung and Dhulikhel. Besides, they also invited new advisers to join the Committee. At present, the Committee have 62 members from 27 countries and 18 advisers from the fields of marine biological resources, marine ecological protection, shipping economy, marine laws and regulations, GPS, etc.
- The official website of the 21st-Century Maritime Cooperation Committee was launched on December 31st, 2020. Members were welcomed to share their news for information and joint discussion among members.
- The Committee organised an online Workshops on “Marine Ecological Conservation and Disaster Risk Reduction” and “Marine Litter Management”.
- Upon the request of Nepalese members, Dhulikhel and Kirtipur Municipalities in Nepal, the Committee and Fuzhou provided disposable medical surgical masks, medical disposable protective coveralls, pulse oximeter and oxygen concentrators and bilevel positive airway pressure units for helping them fight against the epidemic. On August 13th, boxes of materials with the slogan “May Our Friendship be as Deep as the East China Sea and as Glorious as the Himalayas” successfully arrived in Nepal.
- Work Plans:
 - The Second General Assembly of the Committee is planned for 2020, where the new generation of Presidency (President and Co-Presidents), Secretary General and members of the Council would be appointed.
 - The 8th Committee meeting under the theme of cultural heritage protection was planned for 2022.
 - Workshop on maritime on marine technology and industrialisation to discuss mariculture, deep processing of seafood, ocean engineering equipment and to develop a more intelligent and sustainable marine economy.

4.3. Activities by the Secretary General and the Secretariat

26. Secretary General Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi presented the activities of advocacy, learning and capacity building and knowledge management and briefed the participants on Human Resources,

Administrative, Secretariat Team, initiatives and project/programmes of UCLG ASPAC, which included:

- **Advocacy** | Conducted advocacy with the collaboration of members through the Asia-Pacific and the Global Migration Initiatives with the UN Bodies and advocated the role of local governments through APFSD (Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development) and APLG.
- **Learning and Training** | Secretary General shared that the members have actively participated in the Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy. It was also the first time for the secretariate to work on the localisation of SDG 7, focusing on the eLearning Module Development (SDG 7 is about energy for all). Learning activities were also conducted under Blended Learning Course, Xi'an Scholarship Programme (1 person from Baguio was accepted for the Master Degree), joint work with BRLC Research, and with Guangzhou on Health Services for Women and Children.
- **Knowledge Management and Communication** | Secretary General shared that several publications were produced including the Culture Publication.
- **Human Resources, Administrative and IT** | Due to the COVID-19 and following the regulation of the Indonesian Government, staff members worked from home with certain percentages of attendance at the office. SG announced that Secretariat also received new secondees from Seoul Metropolitan Government and that there were 2 secondees from South Korea: Daegu and Seoul.
- **Secretariat Team Members** | Secretary General shared the development of the staff members from 5 staff members in 2013 and now reached 47 with a good balance of gender. She mentioned that Secretariat also implemented SMART KPIs to see the performance of the staff and would reflect on the continuation of their contracts.
- Due to COVID, Secretariat also organised 50 webinars which were participated by more than 2,000 people, mostly local government officials, Mayors, and Governors.
- **Initiatives, Projects, and Programmes** | Secretary General mentioned the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) in which Mayor Abigail Binay of Makati City became the board member representing Southeast Asia.

27. President Ashok invited participants for comments and adoption.

Decision:

- No comment was received, and Item 4 was duly adopted.

Item 5: UCLG ASPAC Initiatives, Programmes and Projects (joint collaborations with aid institutions & partners)

28. Secretary General continued her explanation from the previous item mentioning:

- UCLG ASPAC had been very active in the issue of climate actions. Many members had been contributing to this programme, including the Global Mayor Challenge.
- ASEAN Mayors Forum had received accreditation from ASEAN Secretariat.
- UCLG ASPAC would also conduct Urban ACT which would start next year, with the support of the German Government.
- Joint publication on SDGs localisation and the impact of COVID-19.
- UCLG ASPAC had been very active in the localisation of SDGs. For the first time, VLR Surabaya

was developed together in collaboration with UN ESCAP. She said it was the first VLR developed in Indonesia and that VLR and VSR were included in the VNR of the Government of Indonesia that was submitted to the UN in July 2022.

- Together with ADB, UCLG ASPAC started the work of VLR Jakarta, as the second VLR to be established for Indonesian local governments and the first for the provincial government. Together with ADB, UCLG ASPAC also worked on SDGs Snapshots.
- UCLG ASPAC Programme in Pakistan supported by the EU.
- CRIC Programme supported by the EU, a joint programme with AILSG and several European partners.
- Under the DRR and Public Space, together with CUF, UCLG ASPAC had one programme in Palu. Together with UN Habitat, UCLG ASPAC continued working on the public space programme in Indonesia.
- UCLG ASPAC has been working with MoHA Indonesia to bring up a local perspective for smooth delivery of public services at the local level as well as SDGs in Indonesia.

29. President Ashok invited participants for comments and adopt item 5.

Decision:

- No comment was received and Item 5 was adopted.

Item 6: Approval and Notes

6.1. The Membership Matters

6.1.1. The Membership Interest

30. Secretary General Bernadia informed that Secretariat has received new membership interest from local governments from Indonesia (Semarang City, Banjarmasin City, Musi Banyuasin Regency, Sawahlunto City, Minahasa Utara Regency, Balikpapan) and South Korea (Namyangju City, National Association of Mayors of Korea), Dhulikhel (Nepal) and an association, the Maritime Local Governments Network.
31. President Ashok and meeting participants were invited to approve the applications.
32. President Ashok accompanied by Secretary General awarded the certificate of membership to new members. Representatives of new members delivered a few words of gratefulness to UCLG ASPAC and its members for welcoming them as members and hoped that through working with all other members, the matters of local government and local sustainable development will get improved in their cities.

6.1.2. The Membership Fee Reduction and Waiver

33. Secretary General proceeded and shared that several members, due to difficulties with finance, had requested to accept membership fee reduction requests: Metropolitan Cooperation of Islamabad (Pakistan), Padang City, Jayapura City, Jambi City (Indonesia), Korean City Federation (North Korea), Association for Development of Local Governance (ADLG)(Pakistan), Kiribati Local Government

(KILGA).

34. Secretary General invited comments from ExBu members to accept the membership fee reduction and waiver.

6.1.3. The Membership Withdrawal

35. Secretary General reported that the Secretariat received the request of withdrawal from Cimahi City and APKASI.
 - No comments or rejections were received from the participants and the request of members for reduction/waiver membership fee, new and withdrawal of membership was approved under item 6.1.

6.2 Financial Highlight

36. Secretary General Bernadia shared the financial highlight of UCLG ASPAC mentioning that the Secretariat received less income last year and this year because of difficulties of members in paying membership fees, and that transfers from donors were received in 2019 while expenses were made in 2020. She also shared the financial report 2020, where most funding was spent on programmes, salary and social charges, consultation fees, communication and publication and less on travel due to COVID-19. Further, she also shared that under financial report 2021, the Secretariat expected to receive transfers from donors for USD 2.3 million by end of this year.
37. Further, Secretary General announced that due to COVID's temporary lockdown, the Secretariat could not complete the audit on time.
38. Reactivation of UCLG ASPAC Financial Management Committee, the Secretary General proposed to ExBu members for the reactivation of the Financial Management Committee. She shared that the Financial Management Committee was already there in 2004 (established) in Taipei. Furthermore, the composition of the Financial Management Committee was shared with the meeting participants.
39. Secretary General invited President and participants for comments and adoption
 - No comments or rejections were received; The agenda item 6.2 was approved

6.3. The Work Plan and Budget 2022

40. Secretary General shared the workplan which would focus on the implementation of the Manifesto:
 1. Promote effective democratic self-government and good governance.
 2. Equal and adequate basic services to improve quality of life and city resilience.
 3. Secretariat would also continue carrying out the implementation of the global agenda, especially the localisation of SDGs and GCoM, in which UCLG ASPAC became the host of GCoM SEA.
 4. Secretariat would also continue strengthening the ASEAN Mayors Forum, and work closely with UCLG World on several activities including climate change, knowledge sharing events and resilience.
 5. Empower and enable COVID-19 recovery and resilience for LGs and cities by promoting and

disseminating the module already developed by UCLG ASPAC. Secretariat was reviewing this module and continued building local government alliance for post disaster and carried out the human rights and SDGs for inclusive recovery and resilience together with Gwangju City Government.

6. Secretariat also strengthened its performance and service delivery by leveraging the UCLG ASPAC learning Platform (later launched in Council).
41. Secretariat acknowledged that the revenue of membership fee might not be as good as earlier because many members faced difficulties due to COVID-19. Secretariat expected half of the revenue to come from the Membership Fee, and others from donors. Most of the activities would be for programmes and projects.
42. Secretary General invited the President and meeting participants for any comments on the next workplan and its forecast.
 - No comments or rejections were received from the participants and the workplan and its costed budget were approved.

6.4. Hosting of UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau 2022 and the 9th UCLG ASPAC Congress 2023

43. Secretary General proceeded on the agenda item and shared that on July 22, the Secretariat sent the call to host UCLG ASPAC ExBu 2022 and the 9th UCLG ASPAC Congress to members. The deadline for the call was 10 August 2021.
44. The Secretariat received interest from Xi'an to host the 2022 ExBu. They had some internal procedures for follow-up.
45. Secretary General invited the Director of **Xi'an Municipal Foreign Affairs Office** Mr. Qiang Sheng to speak on their interest in hosting the UCLG ASPAC ExBu 2022.
46. Director of **Xi'an Municipal Foreign Affairs Office** Mr. Qiang Sheng said that as a city of UCLG Co-President, Xi'an has participated in various UCLG activities, including two well-known key projects—the Local4ActionHubs and the "Seven Keys" Workshop. In the framework of UCLG ASPAC, Xi'an has launched Xi'an-UCLG ASPAC International Talents Education Programme. In October 2021, the Euro-Asia Economic Forum would be held in Xi'an and Xi'an planned to host a side event with the theme of "Picturing the Future: Local Governance and Sustainable Development" and start the "Seven Keys" Workshop. Mr. Sheng invited all UCLG ASPAC member cities and organisations to join this upcoming side event.

Further, Mr. Sheng shared that being the permanent site of the Euro-Asia Economic Forum, Xi'an is also the host city of various international meetings such as the Silk Road International Tourism Exposition, the Global Venture Capital Summit, the Global Hard & Core Technology Conference, and the World Culture Tourism Conference. With the aspiration to make more contributions to UCLG ASPAC, Xi'an applies to host the first session of the 2022 UCLG ASPAC ExBu Meeting. Xi'an was in the process of relevant procedures for this purpose.
47. Secretary General further shared that the Secretariat also received the application from Yiwu about their interest to host the 2023 Congress and information from CPAFFC that Nanjing and Yiwu had expressed strong interest to host.
48. Secretary General invited CPAFFC to present to speak on the intent.
49. Deputy Director General of European and Asian Affairs Department of **CPAFFC** Mr. Hao Zhongwei

shared that Nanjing did not apply this time, only Yiwu and Kunming Cities. CPAFFC suggested having internal coordination for the two cities' applications and have the decision next year in 2022.

6.5. UCLG ASPAC Council 2022 and 7th UCLG World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders, 3-7 October 2022, Daejeon City (Back-to-Back Events)

50. Secretary General shared that the next Council Meeting would be held in Daejeon, back-to-back with UCLG World Congress 2022.
51. Secretary General invited President to ask for comments or accept the intention from the ExBu members and adopt the Item 6.

Decision:

- No comment and reservation were made by the members and the Secretary General declared that the application received from Xi'an as the host for the 2022 UCLG ASPAC ExBu Meeting is accepted.

Item 7: UCLG World Activities and Linkage with UCLG ASPAC

52. Secretary General shared activities participated by UCLG ASPAC Presidency and members in UCLG World Activities including the UCLG ExBu 2021, several peer-to-peer learning, witnessing the signing ceremony of the 2022 Congress Agreement between UCLG and Daejeon.
53. Further, Secretary General also shared that Secretariat also worked together with UCLG World on the localisation of SDGs on the development of VSR for Indonesia and the next VSR would be Pakistan.
54. Secretary General invited participants for comments and adoption.

Decision:

- Item 7 was adopted.

Item 8: Other Businesses

55. Secretary General shared the interest received from members on the establishment of new committees: Humanitarian-Development-Peace (HDP) Nexus, that the Secretariat already circulated the information to members and members already agreed on the setting-up of this new committee. SG also announced the proposals from members on the establishment of 2 new committees, namely the Committee on Tourism proposed by Xi'an and the Committee on the Circular Economy proposed by AILSG, and City Experience and Digitalisation.
56. Secretary General invited General Manager, Mr. Choul-jin An, from Gyeonggi International Peace Centre regarding the establishment of the HDP Nexus Committee.

The Establishment of the HDP Nexus Committee

57. Ambassador Young Samma from **Gyeonggi International Peace Center** - HDP Nexus Committee delivered a presentation on the HDP Nexus Committee mentioning:
 - Gyeonggi had been involved in many development cooperation projects for a long time. From the experience, Gyeonggi saw that the development has inherent implications for

humanitarian aid and that peace was another element to be combined with development cooperation.

- The Ambassador presented the background of the Gyeonggi's initiative for Peace ODA, the adoption, and the launch of this Committee. He also shared the expectation of the Committee including:
 - It would be a new platform to share knowledge and experience about community development in the Asia-Pacific region with UCLG ASPAC members.
 - Members would be able to learn how to operate Community-Driven Development Project and set up plans for community development needs.
 - Members to work collectively to develop project proposals and make an evaluation of the project implementation and recognition.
 - Membership of the committee: 1) Members of UCLG ASPAC - automatically will be committee members and have no membership fee; 2) Non-members of UCLG ASPAC - to send the completed application via email address, membership fee if any.
 - Ambassador Samma requested a decision.

58. Secretary General invited members to join and approve the proposal of the establishment.

- Establishment of HDP Nexus Committee was approved.

Proposal for the Establishment of the Committee on Tourism

59. Director of Xi'an Municipal Foreign Affairs Office Mr. Qiang Sheng delivered the presentation mentioning that the "Tourism Committee" would be committed to building a dialogue, exchanging and cooperating platform for all member units, promoting cultural and tourism cooperation and experience sharing among members; organising theoretical research on tourism development, promoting practical experience and cases of tourism city development; establishing tourism among members Market reciprocity mechanism, carry out tourism market promotion and marketing, promote resource sharing, and cross-border and cross-industry cooperation; exchange tourism city resource management experience, improve members' tourism management capabilities and service levels; organize member conferences, and hold member cities and tourism cities.

60. Mr. Qiang concluded the presentation with the hope that each member city in the Asia-Pacific region can use the "Tourism Committee" as a bridge, serve as the starting point and end for each other, and join hands with each other to promote the development and prosperity of the tourism industry in the region and play an active role in building a community with a shared future for mankind.

61. Secretary General invited participants for comments and agreement on the proposal.

62. Mr. Hao Zhongwei of CPAFFC responded that they supported the Tourism Committee Initiative but would like to discuss the automatic membership of the UCLG ASPAC members on the HDP Nexus Committee.

- Establishment of the Tourism Committee was approved.

Proposal on the Establishment of Committee on Circular Economy

63. Mr. Ravi Ranjan Guru from AILSG presented the proposal to establish Committee on Circular Economy

mentioning:

- The framework for a Committee includes: 1) developing a joint vision and common agenda on the circular economy among UCLG ASPAC members, 2) facilitating cooperation and knowledge sharing with other actors, 3) providing recommendations and creating the elaborated framework for creating awareness on adopting and implementing circular economy in Asian-Pacific region members, 4) developing and providing a platform for high-level meetings and conferences, 5) screening, scoping, and formulating opportunities for local authorities and business enterprise to work, 6) creating collaborative approaches between governments, businesses, and society for promoting circular economy model.
64. Secretary General thanked the members and emphasised that whatever Committees are established, it is important to ensure the joining of many members and get benefits out of the Committee and keep it sustainable.
65. Secretary General and President invited members to approve the proposal from AILSG.
- Establishment of the Committee on Circular Economy was approved

2021 Zhejiang International Friendship Cities Exchange Exhibitions

66. Vice Mayor of **Yiwu Municipal People's Government** Mr. Wang Wei gave a presentation on the 2021 Zhejiang International Friendship Cities Exchange Exhibitions. He shared that the third Zhejiang International Friendship Cities Exchange Exhibitions would be held from 13- 15 November 2021 in Yiwu, China.
67. Vice Mayor Wang warmly welcomed members of UCLG ASPAC on behalf of Zhejiang's provincial people Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and Foreign Affairs Office of Yiwu Municipal People's Government to participate in the exhibition. He further informed that international provinces/cities of Zhejiang and members of UCLG ASPAC were invited to the exhibition for promotion of local featured products and quality products of brand enterprises, and promotion of city image, investment and business environment, tourist attraction etc.

Gangwon Forestry exhibition 2022

68. Marketing Manager of Organising Committee of **Gangwon** Forestry Exhibition 2022 Ms. Jeongmi Kim gave a presentation on the exhibition to be held from May 4 - June 5, 2022, in Gangwon province. The theme of the exhibition is "Seeking the Future of the World." She further informed that a story of mankind, which protect and fosters forests and pre-circles the benefit of forests would be presented in the exhibition.
69. Ms. Kim also shared that various activities have been arranged under the themes i.e. the Past, Present, and Future of Forest Reflecting various topics on climate change, biodiversity and forest peace, The Spread of Peace & Forest Initiative (PFI), Forests and introduce human beings who live with life for people's awareness, Go back to nature and enjoy a real rest and The advancement of the forest industry and the beginning of an era of genuine co-prosperity during the 33 days of the exhibition.
70. Ms. Kim invited UCLG ASPAC members to attend the exhibition.

International Urban Training (IUT) Center Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea

71. Ms. Banghee Wee shared information on the IUT centre that was established in 2007 in collaboration with the Gangwon Provincial Government of Korea and UN Habitat. The IUT organises capacity building programs for leaders of Asia-Pacific Regions through sharing knowledge and experience focused on SDGs. The IUT has more than 2,700 alumni members from 54 countries of the world. It has two focused areas i.e.:

- ✓ Capacity Building – On/Offline training on Regional Development and Revitalisation, Sustainable Development and Urbanisation, and Urban and Rural Linkages Development. New Normal in the Post COVID World and Green New Deals, Healthcare and Sanitation are the new focus of IUT.
- ✓ International Cooperation – On/Offline Matching G2G, G2B, B2B and seek International Fund Contribution to the International Community.

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Item 4
√ For Information and Approval

UCLG ASPAC ACTIVITY REPORTS
(Presidency, Executive Bureau, the Committees, and the Secretariat)

Summary and Recommendations

For July 2021 to Mid-March 2022, UCLG ASPAC President, Co-Presidents, Executive Bureau members and Committees have organised and participated in various activities and events focused on global agendas and commitments (SDGs, Climate Change, DRR), decentralised/municipal international cooperation, intercultural initiatives, smart city, innovation and technology, tourism, urban recovery, women leadership, waste management, COVID-19 recovery, and youth significant role. Two new committees (HDP Nexus and Tourism) have run their activities/programmes since their establishment in 2021.

After the Executive Bureau Meeting held on 9 September 2021, UCLG ASPAC Secretary General carried out various strategic initiatives and activities/programmes to particularly localise the global agendas. Secretary General also managed to sustain the role of UCLG ASPAC as the host of the strategic Secretariat of ASEAN Mayors Forum (accredited by ASEAN in 2018) and Global Covenant of Mayors for South-East Asia. Projects funded by the EU on climate for Indonesia and SDGs localisation in Pakistan are also continued despite challenges faced due to COVID-19. Phase II of sanitation project funded by BMGF is also embarked in Nepal and Bangladesh and will be upscaled in more countries.

Even though most of the activities were implemented using a hybrid format due to the pandemic, a few of the activities were successfully conducted offline with strict health protocol.

The Executive Bureau is invited to:

1. **Take note** of the reports provided by Presidency and Executive Bureau members in respective sub-regions; UCLG ASPAC Committees; Secretary General and the Secretariat's Divisions.

4.1. Activity by Presidency and Executive Bureau Members Representing Sub-regions

The following highlights activities carried out/participated/organised by Presidency and Executive Bureau members from July 2021 to Mid-March 2022. Detailed information is available in Annex 4.

[President of UCLG ASPAC: Mayor Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha of Dhulikhel | President of Municipal Association of Nepal]

From period July 2021 to Mid-March 2022, President Ashok participated in various activities organised by UCLG ASPAC and partners. These include the following:

- Attended **KASpaces Nepal Webinar** jointly organised by ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability, South Asia and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), Singapore with support from the Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN), 27 July 2021.
- Participated in **2021 Global Youth Leadership Training Program** - Local4Action Hub Xi'an, 12 August 2021.
- Participated in **Online Workshop on Marine Litter Management** organised by 21st-Century Maritime Cooperation Committee, Fuzhou, 25 August 2021.
- Attended **Inauguration** of the office of the President UCLG ASPAC located at the Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN), 7 September 2021.
- Participated in the **8th UCLG ASPAC Congress side event**: Local Government Voices for 'Reviewing local progress and accelerating action for the SDGs in a post COVID world', 7 September 2021.
- Attended the **South-Southwest Standing Committee meeting**. This meeting was a part of 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress held on 7 September 2021.
- Participated in the **8th UCLG ASPAC Congress side event**: The post-pandemic tourism recovery-impact and strategy, 7 September 2021.
- Attended the **Belt and Road Local Cooperation Committee Meeting**, 8 September 2021.
- Attended the **21st Century Maritime Cooperation Committee Meeting**, 8 September 2021.
- Attended the **Southeast Asia Standing Committee**, 8 September 2021.
- Participated in the **8th UCLG ASPAC Congress** including opening, plenary session, Executive Bureau meeting, Council meeting, and closing, 9 September 2021.
- Attended **establishment ceremony of the UCLG ASPAC - Xi'an Tourism Committee** on 20 October 2021. Dhulikhel is one of the founding members of the UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee.
- Attended **Liveable Cities Advisory Group Inaugural Meeting** organised by Asian Development Bank (ADB), 1 December 2021.
- Attended **Virtual Regional Workshop** for the inauguration of the project “Mainstreaming Leaving No One Behind in National Urban Policies and Programmers in South Asia” organised by UN Habitat, 3 December 2021.
- Attended **Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN)'s 29 Establishment Day** celebration and launch of **MuNASS Phase II** in presence of Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal, Sher Bahadur Deuba, 13 March 2022.
- Participated in **Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (2021 APFSD)** organised by UCLG ASPAC and UN Habitat, 22 March 2022.
- Participated in **Joint Statement of Local Governments to the 8th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development**, 25 March 2022.

4.1.1. The South and Southwest Asia Sub-region

[Co-President: Dr. Ranjit S Chavan, President of All India Institute of Local Self Government]

The following is the list of AILSG's Activities from July 2021 to Mid-March 2022. The complete report on AILSG's activities can be found in Annex.

- Launched **Capacitating CSOs & Empowering Women and Girls through Social Entrepreneurship**
- Organised **training programs for over 450 officials of Karnataka and the UT of Ladakh under the capacity building programme of the Jal Jeevan Mission**

- Supported **Solid and Liquid Waste Management Detail Project Report** and implementation support for **selected villages**
- Implemented **Project "Building Accessible, Safe & inclusive Indian Cities (BASIIIC)"**
- Conducted **Social Mobilisation Drive in Dharampuri**
- Participated in **7th Smart Cities India Expo**
- Launched **Urban75 Initiative**
- AIILSG & Urban Update collaborated with various organisations and organised more than 20 webinars. These webinars indulged in conversations with experts, bureaucrats, representatives of urban local bodies, and social welfare activists that have been actively involved in improving the functionalities of the urban landscape
- Conducted **COVID-19 Survey across 22 Cities in India**

4.1.2. The East and Northeast Asia Sub-region

[Outgoing Co-President: Ms. Hou Hong, Former Mayor of Zhengzhou Municipal People’s Government]

- Co-hosted the **8th UCLG ASPAC Congress**

The 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress, co-hosted by CPAFFC and Zhengzhou Municipal People’s Government, was successfully held from 7th to 9th September, 2021 in a hybrid format. It set up its main venues in Zhengzhou and Kathmandu where the President and Secretary of UCLG ASPAC and Nepal members joined in person. Participants gathered in the cloud to discuss the theme of “From Steady Recovery to Sustainable Prosperity in Post COVID Asia and Pacific”, expressed their views, reached a consensus surrounding the theme and launched the UCLG ASPAC Manifesto 2021-2025. Moreover, they put forward new concepts, new views and new solutions for improving urban governance capacity and promoting rapid economic recovery in Post COVID era, and defined the direction and goals of the Asia-Pacific region in the next five years. This Congress has achieved fruitful result and condensed the efforts and sweat of the preparatory team. It was the crystallisation of the collective wisdom of the participants, a symbol of “unity, fraternity and cooperation” in the Asia-Pacific region. It was also an experience reference for its future development. The Congress includes the opening and closing ceremony, statutory meetings, committee meetings, side events, photo contests and unveiled Congress monuments. The report of the Congress is available and can be accessed at the following link <https://uclg-aspac.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Congress-Proceedings-edit-April-2022.pdf>

- Organised the **2021 World Sensor Summit**

The 2021 World Sensor Summit was successfully held in Zhengzhou International Conference & Exhibition Center from 1-3 November 2021 with the theme of “Perceiving the World and Creating a Smart Future”, including three parts: sensor summit, sensor industry scientific and technological achievement exhibition and sensor innovation competition. The final selection of the “China (International) Sensor Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition” was also held during the Summit.

[Co-President: Ms. Zhang Yajie, Vice-Chair Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference Guangzhou Committee representing Women in Local Government]

- Participated in the **8th UCLG ASPAC Congress**

Co-President Zhang Yajie participated virtually and delivered a speech at the meeting of the Standing Committee on Women in Local Governments (SCWILG). She also was a speaker at the event of “Kuala

Lumpur Regional Training Center (KLRTC) 38: "Building Back Better: Evolving Urban Management for Resilient and Heathy Cities" held in conjunction with the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress.

[Guangzhou Municipal People's Government]

The following is the list of activities that were carried out by Guangzhou with the complete report that can be found in Annex.

- Participated in **the U20 Event to Road to G20 Event**

In the framework of the Road to G20 Event, UCLG ASPAC and the Ministry of Home Affairs of Indonesia (MOHA) organised an international event contributing to the U20 that was held in hybrid format on 24 February 2022 in Bandung, West Java Province of Indonesia, with the selected theme on "Fostering Collaboration between Cities to Accelerate Solution towards Climate Change, the Pandemic, and Economic Recovery". Nicholas You, Executive Director of Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation, and council member of Guangzhou People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (GZPAFFC) joined the meeting and shared the Five Lessons from Guangzhou's COVID-19 Response.

- Attended **the 2022 UCLG Retreat from 21-25 February 2022**

- Participated in **Series USE: Positions**

USE, Metropolis' inspiring knowledge-sharing platform showcasing innovative promising approaches to sustainable urban development and connecting a global community of city makers, launched a new interview series USE: Positions. As part of the series of interviews with mayors of leading global cities and regions, Metropolis spoke with Mr. Wen Guohui, Mayor of Guangzhou and President of the World Metropolis Association. In the interview, Mayor Wen shared his city's approach how to keep the pandemic in check in Guangzhou, a Chinese megacity with more than 18 million residents and a vibrant global hub for trade. Yet the city has experienced fewer cases overall than many global cities see in a day. These interviews were published in partnership with Cities Today.

- Participated at **the 2021 World Metropolitan Day**

- Participated in **Metropolis City Managers Workshop**

- Participated in **Smart City Expo World Congress**

- Organised **the 13th Metropolis Congress and 2021 Global Mayors' Forum Serial Events**

In collaboration with CPAFFC, UCLG, Metropolis, Guangzhou Municipal People's Government organised the 2021 Global Mayors' Forum, the 13th World Congress of the World Association of Metropolis and the 5th Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation ("2021 Global Mayors' Forum Serial Events") from 8th to 13th November 2021. The Forum builds on the basis of the Guangzhou Award, with an aim to establish a proactive, city-based and world-oriented multilateral exchange and cooperation platform for local governments. Some 800 guests from 126 cities in 80 countries and 9 international organisations, and Consulate Generals or Representatives from 26 consulates in Guangzhou attended the conference online or offline to discuss topics such as public health, science and technology and new infrastructure, poverty reduction, climate change, improving urban resilience and carrying out urban renewal. Mr. Wen Guohui, Mayor of Guangzhou and President of the World Metropolis Association, Emilia Saiz, Secretary General of the UCLG, Octavi De La Varga, Secretary General of Metropolis, Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha, President of UCLG ASPAC and Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC attended the serial events and delivered speeches.

- Released **Guangzhou Award Reports on Urban Innovation**

On 24 August 2021, the Guangzhou Award Reports on Global Urban Innovation and Local Implementation of SDGs Seminar wrapped up successfully. The three reports, prepared and released by Guangzhou Institute

for Urban Innovation (GIUI), include the Urban Innovation Trends: A Global Report, the 5th Guangzhou Award Report on Local Implementation of SDGs, and the Urban Innovation Assessment Methodology Interim Report. These reports embody the fruit of the Guangzhou Award's efforts to share valuable experience in urban innovation and governance on a global scale. Urban Innovation Trends: A Global Report is a systematic review of more than 1000 initiatives from the past five award cycles, and the Urban Innovation Assessment Methodology Interim Report gives a new definition of urban innovation.

[Busan Metropolitan City]

- Organised **UN Weeks in Busan**



Busan Metropolitan City entered its UN Weeks in Busan initiative for the 3rd UCLG Peace Prize, which aimed to celebrate successful initiatives undertaken by local governments for conflict prevention, peace building and post-war rehabilitation. The City of Busan wished to promote the UN Weeks in Busan initiative to UCLG members. As part of the UN Weeks in Busan initiative, the City of Busan annually hosts the UN Day event, a commemorative ceremony for the fallen UN veterans interred at the UNMCK (United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Korea), the only UN-certified cemetery in the world. The ceremony represents the history of Busan, which rose from the ashes of the Korean War and achieved peace and prosperity through dedicated rehabilitation efforts.

- Participated in **the Bid Planning Office for World Expo 2030**



Busan citizens have long aspired to host the World Expo in their city. This dream finally began to materialise when the bid for the World Expo 2030 Busan was confirmed as a national project in May 2019 and the Bid Planning Office for World Expo 2030 Busan was founded in November 2019. Then **in July 2021, the Bid Committee for World Expo 2030 Busan was launched to conduct promotional activities for the bid.** The World Expo 2030 will put particular emphasis on displaying new future technologies, such as artificial intelligence, 6G, and smart airports and ports, to show Korea's status as a leading "smart country" to the world. It will be an occasion to achieve new heights in the economy, society, and culture at large. The choice of host city for the World Expo 2030 is due to be made in 2023. The city will diligently prepare a bid plan while mobilising national capacity to make sure Busan can successfully become the host city.

[Daejeon Metropolitan City]

- Signed **Agreement with the UCLG**

The Signing Agreement was proceeded as an essential procedure to determine the details necessary for the preparation of the 2022 Daejeon UCLG Congress through consultation with the UCLG Secretariat. The Daejeon-UCLG online agreement was signed in advance on 15 July 2021, and the Mayor of Daejeon visited World Secretariat in Barcelona on 28 October 2021 to promote the UCLG Congress and officially signed a face-to-face agreement with the UCLG World Secretariat.

- Signed **Agreement with the UCLG ASPAC**

At the 2021 ASPAC Council, Daejeon was designated to host the 2022 UCLG ASPAC Council (including Executive Bureau Meeting). As an agreement to set the details for the preparation of the UCLG ASPAC Council in 2022, the agreement was carried out on December 15 by Mayor Daejeon and Secretary General Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi who visited Daejeon to attend the D-300 Resolution Ceremony for the success of the Congress.

- Organised **Technical Visit for UCLG Secretariat**

Secretary General of UCLG, Emilia Saiz and the UCLG delegation visited Daejeon from April 3-7, 2022, and had technical meetings regarding preparations and logistics for the Congress. Inspections for the Congress venues were carried out. At the meeting with the Mayor of Daejeon, Secretary General Emilia Saiz promised to actively support the successful hosting of the 2022 Daejeon UCLG Congress and to encourage the participation of the UCLG members. The UCLG delegation conducted a DMZ Peace Tour with the Mayor of Daejeon in order to renew awareness of 'Peace on the Korean Peninsula', and to consider the DMZ Peace Tour as an official schedule for the Congress, which has relevance to the Peace Agenda.

[Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)]

- Organised **8th UCLG ASPAC Congress**
- Organised **EURO-ASIA Economic Forum Side Event "Picturing the Future: Local Governance and Sustainable Development" Conference**
- Organised **"In Joint Pursuit of Better Governance for the Cities"**
- Organised **2021 Imperial Springs International Forum**

On December 5, the 2021 Imperial Springs International Forum opened in Guangzhou, Guangdong province. It was co-hosted by CPAFFC, the Australia China Friendship and Exchange Association, the People's Government of Guangdong Province and the World Leadership Alliance Club de Madrid. President Xi Jinping delivered a speech at the opening ceremony via video in Beijing. Vice-President Wang Qishan attended the ceremony and gave a speech. Forum participants discussed the theme of the forum — "Multilateralism 2.0: Global Cooperation in the Post-Pandemic Era" — and six sub-themes, focusing on "What's wrong with the world, and what we can do about it". They offered suggestions on global cooperation in the post-epidemic era and expressed hope of building consensus to that end.

- Participated in **Virtual Dialogue between Premier Li Keqiang and Business Leaders of the Global CEO Council**
- Organised **China-South Asia International Cultural Forum - Video Conference on Health Silk Road**
- Organised **Sino-Swiss Sustainability Forum on Urban Water Management**
- Organised **Dialogue between China's Special Envoy for Climate Change and C40 Mayors**

On September 10, 2021, the CPAFFC and C40, a network of large cities committed to addressing climate change, hosted a virtual meeting between China's special envoy on climate change and the cities' mayors. The dialogue focused on accelerating climate action through international collaboration and building a resilient, inclusive and zero-emission future for all cities. President Lin Songtian of the CPAFFC delivered a speech at the meeting. The meeting had created a great opportunity for mutual learning and dialogue, encouraging cities around the world to work hand-in-hand in tackling the climate crisis and building a clean and beautiful world with a shared future.

- Organised **Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games— Forum on Cooperation among Friendship Cities for Common Development**
- Organised **Special Leaders' Meeting of China-ASEAN People-to-People Friendship Organisation**

On July 30, 2021, CPAFFC and the China-ASEAN Association held the Special Leaders' meeting of the China-ASEAN People-to-People Friendship Organisation via video link in Beijing. Leaders of people-to-people friendship organisations from China and 10 ASEAN countries had candid, in-depth exchanges under the theme of "working in solidarity to fight against the pandemic, promote economic recovery and safeguard regional and global peace, stability and development." They reached a broad consensus and agreed to issue a joint declaration on working in solidarity and opposing the politicisation of the COVID-19 pandemic. The year 2021 marks the 30th Anniversary of China-ASEAN Dialogue Relations. The past three decades witnessed fruitful achievements in exchanges and cooperation. China and ASEAN are willing to take this opportunity to continue working together to deepen traditional friendship, innovate exchanges and cooperation, and promote the continuous improvement of ASEAN-China relations, to better benefit both sides.

- Organised **The 2nd Northeast Asia Cooperation Roundtable**
- Organised **The 7th China-South Asia Friendship Organisation's Forum**
- Organised **The 22nd Exchange Conference of Friendship Cities among China, Japan and Republic of Korea**
On November 4th and 5th, 2021, the 22nd Exchange Conference of Friendship Cities among China, Japan and the Republic of Korea was successfully held in Seoul, South Korea. The Conference was co-hosted by CPAFFC, the Governors Association of Korea (GAOK) and the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR). Representatives from LGs of three countries delivered speeches on the theme of "Efforts of the Local Governments in Leading the Post-Covid Era." Based on respective local development characteristics and plans, they freely exchanged views and contributed wisdom on deepening the mutually beneficial cooperation between the three countries. The conference achieved the expected results. With the joint efforts of CPAFFC, GAOK and CLAIR, the Conference has become an important mechanism and platform for local governments of the three countries to exchange and learn from each other and discuss cooperation and development.
- Organised **Forum on Lancang-Mekong Local Government Cooperation**
- Organised **2021 China and Central and Eastern European Countries (CEEC) Mayors Forum**
- Organised **Forum on China-Africa Local Government Cooperation**

[Fuzhou Municipal People's Government]

- Participated in **the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress**
The representative from Fuzhou reported the work progress and plan of the 21st Century Maritime Cooperation Committee at the Executive Bureau meeting.
- Participated in **Picturing the Future – Local Governance and Sustainable Development**
On 20 October 2021, representatives from Fuzhou took part in the event themed "Picturing the Future – Local Governance and Sustainable Development", which was co-organised by CPAFFC, the City of Xi'an, UCLG and UCLG ASPAC. As one of the founding members of the UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee, Fuzhou, with other participants, witnessed its establishment at the event.
- Participated in the **13th Metropolis World Congress and Global Mayors' Forum 2021 Series of Events**
From 8 to 13 November 2021, representatives from Fuzhou participated in the 13th Metropolis World Congress and Global Mayors' Forum 2021 series of events. Fuzhou attended the annual meeting of the Metropolis Board of Directors for the first time as a member. A child from Fuzhou was awarded as the only winner of the group aged from 5 to 8 years old in the "Metropolis Through Children's Eyes" drawing contest.
- Attended **2021 UCLG Executive Bureau and World Council Meetings** on 16-17 November 2021

[Governors Association of Korea]

- Participated in the **8th UCLG ASPAC Congress**

During the Congress, members of GAOK actively participated in several occasions such as (1) **Gyeonggi Province** officially launching the HDP Nexus Committee; (2) **Daejeon Metropolitan City** sharing their practice on 'New Normal Digitalisation' during the plenary session; (3) **Namyangju City and National Association of Mayors of Korea (NAMK)** were approved as new members of ASPAC; (4) **Gangwon Province** introduced the training programmes provided by the International Urban Training Center (IUTC) designed for senior decision makers and policy makers from Asian cities; (5) **Jeju Special Self-Governing Province** also shared their 3D Virtual Booth which introduced Jeju, its Carbon-Free 2030 and peace projects in an alternative way.

- Participated in **2021 UCLG Executive Bureau and World Council Meetings**

During the meetings, Daejeon Metropolitan City shared information on the preparation for the upcoming 2022 UCLG World Congress.

- Mobilised **GAOK members to support other UCLG ASPAC Members facing COVID-19 cases in Indonesia**

Four Korean local governments responded to the COVID-19 support and donated surgical and N95 masks to their counterpart sister cities in Indonesia (few other members had already donated individually in year 2020) as follows:

1. Donation Jeollanam-do Province to West Java Province and Central Sulawesi Province.
2. Donation Chungcheongbuk-do Province to Central Java Province.
3. Donation Gangbuk District to West Java Province.
4. Donation Nonsan City to Malang City.

- Organised **Local Policy Initiative Seminar**

The Korea-France Local Government Cooperation Meeting has been taking place since 2016 under the organisation of GAOK and Cités Unies France (CUF). Under the guidance of both organisations, there is a group of local governments established in each country that is called 'Groupe Pays Corée' (French Group) and 'FranceWa' (Korean Group). To continue the cooperation between the two groups during the times of the pandemic, GAOK and CUF have launched an annual 'Local Policy Initiative Seminar.' The first seminar took place in May 2021 under the theme of "Tourism in the times of COVID-19." The second seminar also took place online in October 2021 with the theme of "Local governments for eco-friendly transformation" and it gathered around 140 local government participants from Korea and France. Local governments seeking a counterpart to collaborate also had opportunities to share their interests. The next Korean-France Policy Initiative Seminar will take place in person during the Daejeon World Congress where CUF will be attending with a delegation of Mayors and officials from France.

- Organised **22nd Korea-China-Japan Local Governments Conference**



The '22nd Korea-China-Japan Local Government Conference' was hosted by GAOK on 4 November 2021. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the trilateral meeting was held in a hybrid format for the first time since its establishment. The conference was attended by approximately 1,400 participants online and offline. Upon request from foreign counterparts, this year we had also provided English interpretation and allowed guests from other countries (organisations, embassies etc.) to attend as

observers. The conference focused on the theme of "Efforts of local governments in Korea, China and Japan to lead the post-COVID era" followed by local government individual meetings organised the next day for

discussing cooperation matters. The 23rd Trilateral Conference will be held in Jiangxi Province, China, this year.

[Hamamatsu City]

- Participated at the **8th UCLG ASPAC Congress**

Mayor Yasutomo Suzuki gave a presentation in the “Propelling the New Normal” plenary session, discussing what worked during the COVID-19 Pandemic and the best practices to bring forward in digitalising Hamamatsu. Mayor Yasutomo shared the projects that Hamamatsu have undertaken towards “the new normal” and took the opportunity to learn about the meaningful projects and actions taken on by other local governments. He also exchanged opinions with others in the panel discussions.

- Organised **Hamamatsu’s Active Global Workforce Certification Project**

Hamamatsu City runs a project to recognise the initiative and active efforts made by enterprises to involve foreign resident workers in the labour market in Hamamatsu. In October 2021, the city took applications from enterprises and judged the businesses on various aspects including working conditions, work and social insurance, human resource management, training and development, employee benefits etc. In the end, 20 enterprises were awarded a certificate. In addition to receiving the certificate, those 20 businesses receive preferential treatment for procuring aid from the city. As a follow-up, advisors were assigned to those businesses to give advice and support. Hamamatsu City is planning to recruit and certify more enterprises, to add to the pre-existing list.

[Hangzhou Municipal People’s Government]

- Organised **4th Hangzhou International Day**

Hangzhou Municipal Government hosted the 4th Hangzhou International Day in a hybrid form on 5 September 2021. In the opening ceremony, “China-CEEC Smart City Center” was officially unveiled, a Memorandum of Cooperation between Hangzhou and its partnership cities was signed, “Qianjiang Friendship Ambassadors” awards ceremony was held and a series of activities with regards to city internationalisation have been held to comprehensively display the practices and achievements of Hangzhou in worldwide communication and cooperation. A series of extended activities lasted until late October.

- Organised **the 8th Hangzhou Int’l Sister City Mayors Conference**

The Conference kicked off on 23 November 2021. Mayors and deputies of mayors from 21 international sister cities compared notes on future cooperation and development centring on the theme of Internationalisation and Urban Development, with topics on Recovery of Urban Economy against COVID-19, Sports Events and Urban Internationalisation and Promotion of City’s Competitive Industry. Liu Xin, Mayor of Hangzhou, and Co-President of BRLC, remarked on the Forum, Dr. Bernadia, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC, sent her congratulations virtually, and Mr. Husain Al Musallam, Director General of Olympic Council of Asia, and President of International Swimming Federation sent a congratulatory letter.

- Participated in the **13th Metropolis World Congress**

Metropolis hosted an international painting competition themed “**Metropolis through Children’s Eyes**” on 6 August 2021, inviting teenagers in Hangzhou to participate. 15 teenagers aged from 5 to 14 have submitted their work. The winning entries were exhibited at the 13th Metropolis World Congress in 2021.

- Attended **2nd Sino-Swiss Sustainability**

Mr. Wang Hong, Deputy Mayor of Hangzhou, attended the 2nd Sino-Swiss Sustainability Forum virtually and remarked on the plan of “Water City with Wetland and Beautiful Hangzhou” on 13 July 2021.

[Taipei City Government]

- Attended the **4th Local and Regional Governments Forum (LRGF)**

The 4th LRGF was held from 9th to 16th July in the form of a video conference. Mr. Gordon Yang, Executive Director of Taipei International Affairs Advisory Council of Taipei City Government, was invited to attend some of the meetings to show Taipei's commitments to the UN's sustainable development goals.

- Attended the **8th UCLG ASPAC Congress**



During the Executive Bureau, Executive Director Yang reported that Mayor Ko has sent a letter to Mayor Ho Hung of Zhengzhou to express Taipei City's concerns and condolences for the catastrophe caused by the severe flood and stressed that it is essential for local governments to work together to fight against climate change. Besides, Taipei City has published its White Paper on its Digital Transformation in the Post-Pandemic Era and would share the link of the document with the member cities of UCLG ASPAC.

- Attended **2021 UCLG Executive Bureau and World Council Meetings** from 16 to 18 November 2021

On behalf of Mayor Wen-Je Ko, Executive Director Gordon Yang attended the 2021 UCLG World Executive Bureau and Council Meetings which were held in person and online from 16 to 18 November 2021. In addition to listening to the reports on businesses, finance, and new membership, Taipei City would give its best wishes to Daejeon, Korea in preparing for the next UCLG World Congress in the coming months.

- Participated in **Global Mayors Challenge by Bloomberg Philanthropies**

Taipei City was selected as one of 50 Champion Cities due to a proposal to use innovative technology to improve senior citizens' health during the pandemic. As one of the finalists of the Global Mayors Challenge, Taipei City was advanced to the four-month Champion Phase of the competition. From June through October, Taipei, along with the other 50 champion cities, has refined ideas with technical assistance from Bloomberg Philanthropies and its network of leading innovation experts.

- Attended **The Asia-Pacific Cities Summit (APCS) and Mayors' Forum**

- Attended **Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF) 2021 General Assembly**

- Participated in **CityNet "City-to-City Learning Exchanges on Improving Bicycle Programme"**

- Organised **2021 and 2022 Taipei Lantern Festivals**



Due to the pandemic, the 2021 Taipei Lantern Festival was postponed from February to December 17-26, 2021, in the Wanhua District of Taipei City. The event was held in person and virtually and attracted approximately 1.18 million visitors in person and nearly half a million views online. Moreover, the 2022 Taipei Lantern Festival was held from 11 to 20 February, both in person and virtually due to the pandemic. The event attracted over 6 million visits or views. The event was held at the well-known tourist attraction area in Taipei City, the Shilin Night

Market. A total of 14 global cities were invited to participate in the 2022 event.

- Organised **2022 Taipei Smart City Summit & Expo and Go SMART Day**

[Xi'an Municipal People's Government]

- Launched the **Local4Action HUB on Youth Education and Dialogue**

Under the framework and guiding principles of UCLG, the Local4Action HUB on Youth Education and Dialogue aims to enable exchanges and interactions among youth from various cultural backgrounds and to drive the localisation and implementation of SDGs 4, 5, 8, and 17 with the power of youth amid the crucial Decade of Action. **The Global Youth Leadership Training Programme** is the core activity of the Hub. It is made up of three-day series of lectures themed Urban Governance Modernisation and Sustainable Urban Development, and a High-Level Youth Dialogue Forum. Given the outstanding performance of this activity, **Xi'an has been invited to join the SDG Local Tales 2022**. As a follow-up, Local4Action Hub Xi'an co-hosted by Xi'an Municipal People's Government, Tourism Committee of UCLG ASPAC, and Xi'an Jiaotong University, will innovate a new approach to empower the next generation of tourism leaders. **Global Youth Training Programme of Culture and Tourism Industry** will be launched in July 2022, hoping to create a crucial platform to provide youth with the skills and knowledge they need to develop tourism after the COVID-19 pandemic impacts the world.

- Organised **"7 Keys Workshop" -- Pooling Experts' Wisdom to Further Promote the SDGs Localisation.**

On 9 December 2021, the "7 Keys Workshop" was successfully held in Xi'an. The workshop was co-organised by CPAFFC, Xi'an Municipal People's Government, UCLG, and UCLG ASPAC with aiming to sort out the keys to promoting sustainable development through observation, analysis, discussion, and exploration. The workshop was attended by 26 experts who discussed and covered what cultural policies and actions Xi'an should take to promote the localisation of the SDGs further. Their proposals were selected according to specific criteria, and a consensus was finally reached to form the "7 Keys" as follows:

1. Promote culture to benefit all, and achieve integration, inclusiveness & common prosperity.
2. Practice the concept of harmony between humans and the earth, and strengthen natural ecological education.
3. Increase the supply of high-quality cultural products.
4. Strengthen the understanding and education of the intangible cultural heritage and traditional culture.
5. Create a liveable and pleasant urban ecological space.
6. Continue the logic line of local history and culture, inherit, carry forward the traditional culture, and build the international metropolis where the inhabitants support and help each other.
7. Strengthen the construction of cultural governance system.

The "7 Keys Workshop" will be accessible on the website of the UCLG Culture Committee.

4.1.3. The Southeast Asia Sub-region

[Co-President: Mayor Madelaine Alfelor of Iriga City]

Mayor Madelaine Alfelor participated in UCLG World Council from 16 to 18 November 2021 in her capacity as UCLG Treasurer. Following the outcome of the World Council on the **collegial presidency**, Mayor Alfelor shared the position of UCLG Governing Presidency with the **Mayor of Xi'an** for the period of between the 2022 UCLG Retreat (February) and the high-level meeting on the review of the New Urban Agenda in April.

4.1.4. Pacific Sub-region

[Co-President: Cr Stuart Crosby, President of Local Government New Zealand]

- Organised **PacificTA Programme**

LGNZ continued to partner with the central government on the PacificTA programme. The programme teams New Zealand-based technical experts with their counterparts in Pacific Island countries to share skills and improve the way cities, towns, and villages are run. PacificTA helps local Pacific Island managers to run public services such as environmental management (eg water and air quality) infrastructure and asset management, town planning, transport planning, and public health and safety programmes such as dog control and disaster management. The results from the programme have been very encouraging with demand for assistance from Pacific countries continuing to increase and the government has extended its support. The programme has been running since 2012. See <https://www.lgnz.co.nz/pacificta/>.

4.2 Activity by UCLG ASPAC Standing Committees

4.2.1. The Southeast Asia Committee

In conjunction with National Webinars and to follow up on the result of post COP26, UCLG ASPAC, with the framework of the ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF), initiated the ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue which was virtually held on 17 January 2022. This webinar was organised under the theme of “Finding Breakthrough and Stepping Up Climate Commitment Post-COP26.”

The ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue aimed for city leaders to share their focus on building support for climate action and ambition. It served as a platform to raise climate awareness and provide guidance to local/regional governments on the results of COP26 and how local/regional governments could contribute to the climate goals.

Joining this event, the chair of the Southeast Asia Committee and Mayor of Iriga City, Ms. Madelaine Alfelor, expressed her thank to UCLG ASPAC and her commitment to formulating a climate action plan and reducing emissions. She continued by sharing experiences and best practices in tackling climate change and temperature rise. The mayor encouraged all city leaders to have real action agendas and work hand in hand to implement an actionable agenda. To end her presentation, she emphasised that “We don’t have many choices. We need adaptive, work together, thinking about sustainability. We need to act now and together.”

4.2.2. The South and Southwest Asia Committee

The activity report is going to be made on-site.

4.2.3 The Standing Committee on Women in Local Government

- Ms. Zhang Yajie attended the SCWILG meeting during the September 2021 ExBu and delivered a speech. In the speech, she briefly stated her work plan in addressing women and gender equality issues as well as advance telemedicine cooperation.
- UCLG ASPAC Secretariat and Guangzhou Women and Children's Medical Center conducted a rapid assessment of the programme and the partnership with Jambi to support telemedicine programmes.
- Ms. Zhang Yajie attended the 2021 Global Mayors' Forum Serial Events and delivered a speech at Sub Forum 4: Building Diverse, Inclusive and Resilient Urban Governance System. In her speech, she shared Guangzhou’s approaches to urban governance, including the city’s cooperation with UCLG ASPAC on the telemedicine programme and the promotion of women’s well-being.

- UCLG ASPAC and Guangzhou are jointly organising webinar series to support members in providing women and children caring services amid the COVID-19 response. The first webinar “Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic” was held on April 22, 2022. Ms. Zhang, Chair of SCWILG, delivered her welcoming remark. The second and third webinars are expected to be organised in August and November this year.
- UCLG ASPAC, PWDC, UN Habitat and DBKL will jointly organise a series of capacity building initiatives on “Gender Responsive and Participatory Budgeting (GRP) at the Local Government Level” that will include webinar, training and pilot city projects on GRP. The training will be held at the Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Center (KLRTC).

4.2.4 Culture Committee

The following are some activities that were carried out by the members of the Culture Committee with the complete report available in the Annex.

- In June 2021, Baguio City was one of the six (6) cities featured in the UCLG ASPAC Culture Publication with the theme: “**Culture Policies and Actions of Local Governments in Asia-Pacific in Response to COVID-19**”. The publication highlighted the 3rd Baguio Creative City Festival, one major programme implemented by the city to achieve the objectives of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN).
- The City of Baguio was invited to take part in the global launch of the UCLG ASPAC Culture Publication through a webinar titled “**Show Must Go On: Culture and Cities in the Next Normal**”.
- The Philippines and Baguio City in collaboration with UNESCO are currently taking part in the **pilot implementation of the UNESCO Culture | 2030 Indicators**.
- Baguio City in partnership with the Philippine National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) is currently conducting a cultural mapping of the City’s tangible and intangible assets, cultural properties, and resources.
- Makati City will participate in the 5th International Award UCLG-Mexico City-Culture 21. Makati will submit its application for the Award, featuring the Makati Cultural Development Plan 2021-2026. It is a milestone accomplishment of the city for culture during the pandemic.
- Makati City formulated Makati Cultural Development Plan 2021-2026 in 2021 with partners and stakeholders. It covers the cultural heritage, the arts, creative economy, cultural education, and cultural governance. It was approved by the Makati Local Culture and Arts Council in October 2021 and adopted by the Makati City Council in January 2022.
- Representative of Makati City attended the 9th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development. Makati also submitted inputs for inclusion in the Statement of LGs and was provided with a slot in the Forum.
- In collaboration with Jeju Foundation for Arts & Culture (JFAC), Jeju Special Self-Governing Province organised the **3rd UCLG Global Young Creatives Residency (GYCR)** from 2 to 6 August 2021 at Gapado Island. UCLG GYCR is an international art project that allows young artists from home and abroad to gather in Jeju Island and engage with one another by sharing inspiration and participating in joint creative projects.
- Held for the 6th time in 2021, the **CJK Youth Cultural Arts Camp** was co-hosted by Jeju Provincial Government, Nara Municipal Government, and Ningbo Municipal People’s Government from 28 August to 3 November 2021 virtually. 40 teenagers from three cities joined online to participate in team workshops on the themes of music and calligraphy and shared artworks.
- Under a common theme of “Hanyeo, Seawomen divers,” Jeju and Guangzhou held **Korea-China Joint Exhibition on <Women of the Sea>**. Videos and artworks were exhibited offline (10-23 December 2021)

and 40 artworks from Korea and China were displayed online (27 December 2021-26 June 2022) in the format of an online exhibition book.

- Jeju organised **Korea-China Joint Exhibition by Artists with Disabilities** from 1 to 31 December 2021.
- Jeju organised **Korea-Japan Dance Exchange between Jeju-Cheongju-Nigata Teens** from August to December 2021.
- Jeju organised Jeju-Aomori Orchestral Ensemble by Young Artists from August to December 2021. This event was an on/offline performance and video screening by Korean and Japanese musicians studying orchestral music.
- The 2022 Work Plan of Jeju is as follows:
 1. The 4th UCLG Global Young Creatives Residency (GYCR) on July-August 2022;
 2. Strengthen international cultural network through 2022 International Ecological Art Exchange, Cultural Committee at UCLG World Congress;
 3. Strengthen global network by conducting one culture session at the 17th Jeju Forum, 14-16 September 2022;
 4. The international exchange between youths in cultural arts, May – December 2022;
 5. International promotion of Jeju culture through the participation of Jeju-made films in film festivals of partnering cities, May – December 2022;
 6. The international exchange between professional artists to increase opportunities for Jeju-based artists to perform on the international stage and enhance their capacity, May – December 2022.

4.2.4. The Belt and Road Local Cooperation Committee (BRLC)

- Organised **2021 UCLG ASPAC Committee on the BRLC Meeting and the Second BRLC Council Meeting**
The meeting was scheduled to open on the afternoon of 8 September 2021. The meeting was attended by Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha, President of UCLG ASPAC, Mayor of Dhulikhel Municipality, and President of MuAN, Jiang Jiang, Vice President of CPAFFC, Dr. Bernadia, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC, Kyösti Oikarinen, Co-President of BRLC and former Political Mayor of City of Oulu, Finland, Maria Moreni, Co-President of BRLC and President of Italy-China Link Association, as well as BRLC members and partner enterprises. **Six new members joined BRLC at the meeting**, including Dhankuta Municipality of Nepal, Cagliari Municipality of Italy, Silk Road Legal Cooperation Network, Argentine Chinese Council, Line of Actual Control (LAC) China Business Federation and Dujiangyan Municipality, China. In total, **the number of BRLC members had grown up to 83**. In the evening, a workshop meeting with the Argentine Chinese Council and the LAC China Business Federation was arranged accordingly. Mr. Zou Xiaoli, Chinese Ambassador to Argentina, and Dr. Bernadia, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC, were invited to share their thoughts.
- Organised **Forum on Creating a New Future with Digital Intelligence**
Co-hosted by BRLC, Hangzhou Young Entrepreneurs' Association and Singapore China Association, the Forum was held on 28 September 2021. Focusing on new trends and directions of the global digital economy development brought by technological and industrial transformation, speakers shared the opportunities and challenges those young entrepreneurs might confront with and discussed the impact of digitalisation and intelligence on global economic development and business transformation.

4.2.5. The 21st Century Maritime Cooperation Committee

- Organised an **Online Workshop on Marine Litter Management**.
From 25 to 27 August 2021, the Online Workshop on Marine Litter Management, co-organised by the 21st Century Maritime Cooperation Committee of UCLG ASPAC and Metropolis, attracted over 60 participants

and experts from 30 cities and organisations of 15 countries, such as Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Nepal, Kenya, Sri Lanka, etc. The workshop included a panel discussion and six lectures delivered respectively by six experts from UNEP, Fuzhou Municipal Bureau of Ecology and Environment, Xiamen University, Kiribati Local Government Association (KiLGA), Minjiang University and Surabaya, by discussing key measures and policies on marine litter management, as well as sharing experience in legislation and regulation.

- Organised the **7th 21st-Century Maritime Cooperation Committee Meeting**

On 8 September 2021, the 7th 21st-Century Maritime Cooperation Committee Meeting, under the theme of “**Digitalisation Contributing to Recovery and Prosperity of Cities**”, took place via Zoom in Fuzhou. The meeting was attended by more than 60 participants from over 30 member cities and organisations of UCLG ASPAC and the Committee of over 10 countries, such as Indonesia, New Zealand, Poland, Myanmar, etc. **The secretariat of the Committee briefly introduced new members and advisers of the Committee.** The representatives from Fuzhou shared the development of “Digital Fuzhou”, the role of information systems in epidemic prevention and control and the application of digital technologies to resource planning and management. Other participants also actively exchanged views on the theme at the meeting.

4.2.6. The HDP Nexus Committee

Established in June 2021, the HDP Nexus Committee is initiated by Gyeonggi Provincial Government under the framework of UCLG ASPAC. The main goal of the Committee is to explore new modes of practical cooperation in ‘Peace Official Development Assistance (ODA)’ and to support LGs in tackling global challenges including natural disasters, climate change, international conflicts, and many other humanitarian crises. Since its establishment, the Committee had conducted the **HDP Nexus Committee Information Session** on 25th August 2021 and **Launched the 1st HDP Nexus Committee** on 7th September 2021. The Committee will provide capacity building training to the Committee members regarding how to develop the HDP Nexus-based proposal, and opportunities to develop and implement HDP Nexus pilot projects.

4.2.7. UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee

The Tourism Committee initiated by Xi’an is a new Committee under the framework of UCLG ASPAC. Its members are UCLG ASPAC members, tourism cities along the Silk Road, and sister cities of Xi’an. The principle of the Committee is to promote harmonious development, exchanges and mutual learning of tourism, promote exchanges and cooperation between members and tourism cities along the Silk Road, and promote the coordinated development and mutual benefit of cultural tourism among cities.

Up to April 2022, **37 cities around the globe have joined the Committee.** The Committee has launched 3 large-scale activities:

- Side event of the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress with the theme of “Post-Pandemic Tourism Recovery – Insight and Strategy.”
- Establishment of Tourism Committee of UCLG ASPAC under the theme of picturing the Future: Local Governance and Sustainable Development.
- Culture and Tourism Development Workshop with the theme of “Tourism Contributing to the Harmonious Development, Exchange and Mutual Learning among Cities and Regions.”

During the 2022 UCLG ASPAC ExBu Meeting, the **1st Congress of the UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee will be launched.** According to its annual plan, there are all together with a dozen of activities all year long.

4.2.8. The Committee on Circular Economy

The activity report of the Committee is to be shared on-site.

4.3. Activities by the Secretary General and the Secretariat

4.3.1. Activities and Participation by the Secretary General

UCLG ASPAC Secretary General, Dr. Bernadia I. Tjandradewi managed to carry out various strategic initiatives and activities to strengthen and expand cooperation and collaboration with members, partners, and stakeholders to effectively localise the global agendas and commitments at the local level and to raise the visibility of UCLG ASPAC at national, regional, and global levels. She also supported the implementation of new Committees under the UCLG ASPAC framework and committed to supporting city and local government cooperation initiatives of members and ensured the commitment of UCLG ASPAC as the host of the strategic Secretariat of ASEAN Mayors Forum and Global Covenant Mayors for South-East Asia.

As shown in the Table (available in Annex), between July 2021 and April 2022, the Secretary General has participated in more than 50 off/online numerous national, regional, and global events. She shared and advocated initiatives on the role of local and regional governments in the implementation and localisation of global agendas and commitments namely Localisation SDGs, Climate Resilience, Disaster Risk Management, Renewable Energy, Tourism, Youth, Maritime, COVID-19 Recovery, Culture, Climate Financing, Gender Equality and Human Rights. Below are some events participated by Secretary General as a speaker or moderator. Below are some of those activities; detailed activities are given in Annex.

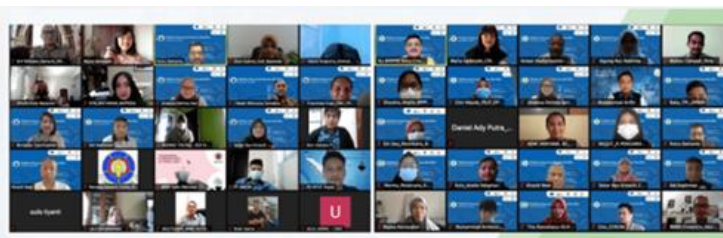
- **UCLG ASPAC-INDONESIAN PARLIAMENTARY MOU SIGNING: SUPPORT TO LOCALISE SDGS, 13 AUGUST 2021 – OFFLINE IN JAKARTA**

UCLG ASPAC signed an MoU with the Indonesian Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Body (BKSAP) to ensure the localisation of SDGs. BKSAP has tasks to coordinate and strengthen the SDGs awareness-raising among parliament members in Indonesia as well as to build partnerships on SDGs implementation with other parliamentarians at the global level. The signed MoU marked a five-year collaboration of the two parties to strategically build a partnership on the implementation of SDGs at the national and regional levels.



The MoU was signed at the BKSAP Office in the Indonesian House of Representatives (DPR RI) premises between Ms. Damayanti, the Deputy of Session, Secretariat General of the House of Representative of the Republic of Indonesia, and Secretary-General representing UCLG ASPAC. Both parties have agreed to promote the implementation of the MoU by transforming the work plan into concrete actions.

- **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN TRAINING: DEVELOPING CLIMATE-PROOF POLICIES FOR CLIMATE-RESILIENT CITIES, 25 AUGUST 2021 – VIRTUAL**



UCLG ASPAC, under the framework of the EU-funded Climate Resilient and Inclusive Cities (CRIC) Programme, supports Indonesia's effort to build climate-resilient cities. In line with this, CRIC rolls out the Climate Action Plan (CAP) training to deliver climate change mitigation and adaptation training to its 10 pilot cities. The CAP training aims to build local governments' capacities in developing and implementing scientific based-climate policies. The CAP training, starting from August 2021 to June 2022, consists of mitigation and adaptation training.

The Secretary-General of UCLG ASPAC, Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, highlighted at the CAP kick-off event that "Climate change requires immediate and concrete responses. Improving climate resilience is integral to the cities, both for now and in the future. "... Local leaders in the pilot cities have pledged their commitments towards climate-resilient cities," Further, she also urges increasing the capacity of the local governments to integrate their climate actions and strategies.

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- **SEOUL FORUM ON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: ENCOURAGING CITIZEN OWNERSHIP FOR SDGS LOCALISATION, 27-28 AUGUST 2021 – VIRTUAL**



UCLG ASPAC supported the initiative of the local government of Seoul to involve their local citizen in optimising local budget use through the Seoul Forum on Citizen Participation. This year's event was organised to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Seoul's Participatory Budgeting initiative.

UCLG ASPAC Secretary-General in her presentation expressed her high appreciation for the efforts made by the Seoul Metropolitan Government to ensure that the voices of local people are heard. According to her, the initiative was an important contribution, particularly to the achievement of SDGs. By implementing a participatory budgeting programme, Seoul has encouraged citizen ownership that helps local governments in the implementation phase and ensured the achievement of the programme's targets (specifically) and SD Goal(s) (eventually). On this occasion, she also shared the roadmap created by UCLG ASPAC for local governments to localise SDGs as well as for local government associations.

- **WORLD RECHALLENGE FORUM: PARTAKING THE EFFORTS TOWARDS RECOVERY BY EMBRACING FAILURES, 13 OCTOBER 2021 – VIRTUAL**



UCLG ASPAC is proud to support the initiative of the South Korean Government in promoting the spirit of relentless to restart and rechallenge (even after failure) through World Rechallenge Forum. Hosted by the Ministry of Interior and Safety (MoIS) and Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises and Start-up (MSS), the World Rechallenge Forum event was organised under the framework of Fail Expo.

In relation to the global solidarity, Secretary-General of UCLG ASPAC, shared that she witnessed the strong solidarity spirit among cities and regions in the Asia-Pacific region and highlighted the keywords including comprehensive partnership and collaboration. “People-centred cooperation and people-centred development can always work, and this is what we put as a priority to understand the needs of society (and) to understand the need of people. That is where local governments play (their) important role.”

• **ASIA-PACIFIC VOICES AT THE UCLG WORLD COUNCIL MEETING 2021, 16-18 NOVEMBER 2021 – HYBRID IN BARCELONA**



UCLG ASPAC Secretary General attended the UCLG World Council Meeting 2021 in person. It was organised in a hybrid format at the Smart City Exhibition Centre. The gathering included a council meeting taking theme “Smart Cities and Territories, Pillars of the Common Agenda”; the UCLG World Council Policy Debate and Business Session addressing how the municipal movement can contribute to the UN Secretary General’s Common Agenda, and world transformation in the coming years, emphasising on the future of human rights; and a session themed “A Pact for the Future: Renewing the Social Contract for the Great Reset” in regards to the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic to demonstrate the important role of LRGs.

• **XI’AN’S “7 KEYS WORKSHOP”: POOLING EXPERTS’ WISDOM TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE SDGS LOCALISATION, 9 DECEMBER 2021 – VIRTUAL**



The “7 Keys Workshop” was successfully held in Xi’an. The workshop was co-organised by Xi’an Municipal People’s Government, CPAFFC, UCLG, and UCLG ASPAC. The “7 Keys Workshop” is to sort out the keys to promoting sustainable development through observation, analysis, discussion, and exploration. The team of 26 experts gathered in hybrid mode (online and offline). The workshop was launched in a 7-hour discussion on Xi’an’s cultural strategies while promoting the

localisation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Among others, The UCLG Culture Coordinator, Mr. Jordi Pascual; UCLG ASPAC Secretary General Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi; Director of Xi’an Municipal Foreign Affairs Office Mr. Qiang Sheng took part and spoke in the “7 Keys Workshop.”

Dr. Bernadia highlighted in her statement that Xi’an has successfully implemented the “Local4Action Hub” programme and took lead in establishing the UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee, making essential

contributions to the world organisation. Xi'an has a strong leading and exemplary role in the UCLG ASPAC, and the promotion of international influence through culture will have a more positive effect, she added.

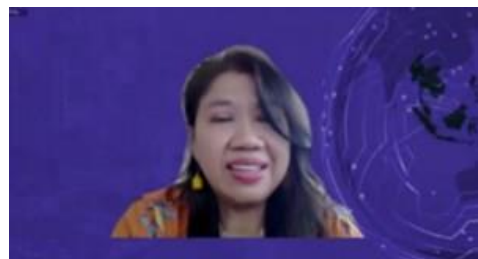
- **A RESOLUTION CEREMONY FOR THE 2022 DAEJEON UCLG WORLD CONGRESS AND UCLG ASPAC COUNCIL MEETING, 13-15 DECEMBER – OFFLINE IN DAEJEON**



At the 2022 Daejeon UCLG World Congress Resolution Ceremony, Secretary General Dr. Bernadia congratulated Daejeon for hosting the 7th UCLG World Congress in 2022, encouraged members to participate, and expected a successful Congress. The event aimed to successfully host the 7th UCLG World Congress next year. Attending this event were Mayor Her Tae-jeong of Daejeon, National Assembly Speaker Mr. Park Byeong-seok, UCLG ASPAC Secretary General, citizens, political figures including members of the National Assembly, party

representatives, and minister.

- **THE ASEAN CITY LEADERS DIALOGUE: FINDING BREAKTHROUGH AND STEPPING UP CLIMATE COMMITMENTS POST-COP26, 17 JANUARY 2022 – VIRTUAL**



In the ASEAN city leaders dialogue, city leaders within the Southeast Asia region shared their good practices in facing climate challenges. Efforts taken were varied, from utilising a digital transformation programme to monitor weather and environment (Baguio City, Philippines), planting trees (Iriga City, Philippines), improving the drinking water provision system (Gorontalo City, Indonesia), and public engagement to encourage participation from citizens (Makassar City, Indonesia),

increasing green open spaces (Pontianak City, Indonesia), infrastructure improvement (Phuket City, Thailand), and programme implementation (Can Tho, Viet Nam).

The ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue concluded with the signing ceremony of GCoM Pilot Cities from four countries (Indonesia, Viet Nam, Thailand, and Malaysia), officially marking the beginning of the GCoM SEA implementation programme. Positive hopes were expressed by pilot cities from four countries signalling the enthusiasm to achieve a shared goal in the respective region.

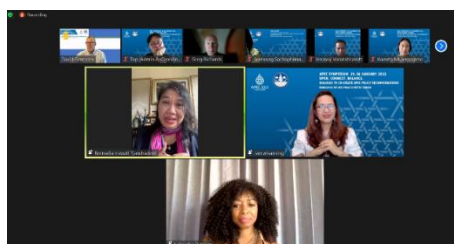
Closing the event, UCLG ASPAC Secretary-General congratulated the commitment that cities made and reiterated the homework that each city has had “this does not mean our climate commitment has reached a plateau. There is still much to improve and advocate for. In the end, we still have a lot of work to do.”

- **UNESCO WORLD CONFERENCE ON CULTURAL POLICIES – MONDIACULT 2022, 12 JANUARY 2022 – VIRTUAL**

UCLG ASPAC Secretary-General, Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi was invited to the UNESCO World Conference on Cultural Policies Mondiacult 2022 held by UNESCO and the Ministry of Culture and Education of Indonesia to deliver a statement related to the culture and development in the Asia-Pacific region. The Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation was the second of five regional consultations planned

between December 2021 and February 2022 in preparation for UNESCO – MONDIACULT 2022. Indonesia was leading the Consultation for the region – one of the widest and most diverse one of the World.

- **REDESIGNING THE NEXT PHASE OF BETTER TOURISM: DIALOGUE TO CO-CREATE APEC POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS APEC SYMPOSIUM, 25-26 JANUARY 2022 – VIRTUAL**



UCLG ASPAC Secretary-General was invited to the APEC Symposium: Redesigning the Next Phase of Better Tourism – How Local Government and UCLG Drives Sustainable Tourism. This virtual symposium aimed to create dialogues and prepare a comprehensive tourism policy recommendation. The objectives of the dialogue were: 1) to critique the existing tourism development approaches, 2) to define key transformational goals that are holistic, and relevant to the recovery, rebuilding and

rethink our future, and 3) to outline a regenerative tourism framework as a basis to establish policy recommendations and 4) provide policy recommendations and implications through selected forms of tourism (for example gastronomy tourism, community-based tourism).

- **2021-22 INTERNATIONAL MAYORS FORUM, 25-26 JANUARY 2022 – VIRTUAL**

UCLG ASPAC Secretary-General was invited to deliver the presentation on the Local Government Alternative Financing for COVID 19 response and Recovery and Accelerate SDGs delivery. This International Mayors Forum was organised by UNDESA, UNOSD and UNCRD. The general objective of the International Mayors Forum was to provide a platform for policy dialogue and knowledge sharing through presentations and discussions on key aspects related to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals – particularly Goal 11—, and other international frameworks and agreements such as the Paris Agreement at the local level as a means to achieve a better understanding of progress, gaps, challenges, lessons learnt and specific mechanisms that can accelerate the sustained transformation needed to make societies inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

- **URBAN 20: FOSTERING COLLABORATION BETWEEN CITIES TO ACCELERATE SOLUTIONS TOWARDS CLIMATE CHANGE, THE PANDEMIC, AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY AT THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ROAD TO G20, 24 FEBRUARY 2022, HYBRID IN BANDUNG**



UCLG ASPAC jointly with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) of Indonesia held an International Seminar Road to Indonesia’s G20 Presidency under the theme “Fostering Collaboration between Cities to Accelerate Solution towards Climate Change, the Pandemic, and Economic Recovery.” Organised on a hybrid format in Bandung, West Java, this event aimed at showcasing the exemplary and good practices and the success of cities and local governments in achieving areas following the U20 priority issues;

thus, contributing to the upcoming G20 event in November “Recovering Together, Recovering Stronger.” Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC, addressed how inclusive solutions are of utmost importance, with resiliency as the final destination. “We are looking for collaborations to ensure that no one is left behind in the process of recovery from the pandemic and address the climate emergency and the U20 platform for the joint partnership for cities and local governments as part of the solution,”.

- **MUNICIPALITIES NETWORK ADVOCACY FOR SANITATION IN SOUTH ASIA (MUNASS) – PHASE II: LAUNCHED IN NEPAL, 13 MARCH 2022 – VIRTUAL**



UCLG ASPAC Sanitation Programme, The Municipalities Network Advocacy for Sanitation in South Asia (MuNASS) Phase II, a programme funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) was formally launched in Nepal during the 29th Establishment Day of Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN) in the presence of Right Honorable Nepal Prime Minister, Mr. Sher Bahadur Deuba. The programme is executed by UCLG ASPAC with MuAN as the implementing partner. Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC highlighted that MuNASS is not a project but a safe sanitation programme we are executing in Bangladesh and Nepal to strengthen the capacity of local governments.

4.3.2. Activities by Secretariat's Divisions

| ADVOCACY

Penang Platform for Sustainable Urbanisation (PPSU)

UNESCAP and UN-Habitat, in collaboration with the PPSU, convened the 2nd Regional Partners Forum last 28-29 October 2021. The Forum served as a regional review of Asia-Pacific progress in localising the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and achieving the New Urban Agenda (NUA).

UCLG ASPAC Secretary General reported on the progress of UCLG ASPAC's Voluntary Commitment at the 7th Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (APUF) in 2019. UCLG ASPAC committed "to support at least 50 cities and provinces to develop SDGs aligned local plan, climate action plans, local disaster plans and/or participatory design and construction of public spaces by 2022". The follow-up on the Voluntary Commitments and the outcome of discussions at the 2nd Regional Partners Forum is documented in the UNESCAP report "The Transition of Asian and Pacific Cities to a Sustainable Future: Accelerating Action for Sustainable Urbanisation." UCLG ASPAC is one of the 15 founding members of the PPSU launched at the 7th APUF.



Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy

The Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy is a capacity-building initiative geared toward newly elected or appointed mayors/governors in the region. It provides intensive training and creates a network of local leaders dedicated to sustainable urban development.

The Academy is being held virtually due to travel restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Academy welcomed its third batch of fellows on 14 December 2021. A total of 15 Mayors has been selected from 9 countries as Fellows for the third cohort: Ismayilli Region, Naftalan, and Shusha (Azerbaijan), Chandpur and Gazipur (Bangladesh), Gelephu Thromde (Bhutan), Kochi (India), Ternate (Indonesia), Taribo and Tabiteuea

Island Council (Kiribati), Sepang and Kuala Selangor District Council (Malaysia), Fuvahmulah (Maldives), and Iloilo and Vigan (Philippines).

UCLG ASPAC led the development of the module on “COVID-19 Recovery” which was delivered on 11 January 2022. UCLG ASPAC is a permanent member of the Academy’s Advisory Board together with the UNESCAP, UN-Habitat, United Nations University – Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), and Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU).

Asia-Pacific Local Government Coordinating Body (APLG)

UCLG ASPAC, as coordinator of the APLG, facilitated the preparation of a joint statement and the participation of local governments at APFSD. The 9th APFSD organised by UNESCAP was held last 28-31 March 2022. With the theme “Building back better from COVID-19 while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Asia and the Pacific,” the APFSD included an in-depth review of the following SDGs: SDG 4 (Quality Education); SDG 5 (Gender Equality); SDG 14 (Life Below Water); SDG 15 (Life on Land); and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

UCLG ASPAC organised the side event “Bridging the Gap: Experience of Subnational Governments in Reporting and Monitoring SDGs Achievement” together with UNESCAP and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The side event shared the experiences of the Associations for Development of Local Governments in Pakistan (ADLG) and the League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) in developing the Voluntary Subnational Review (VSR), and Surabaya, Jakarta, and Urbanice Malaysia in developing the VLR. UCLG ASPAC also co-organised the side event “Means to Reach the Climate and SDGs Ambition: Financing options, research, and technologies to advancing local governments in turning commitments into reality” led by the Indonesian Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS). UCLG ASPAC Secretary General delivered the joint statement of local governments.

| LEARNING AND TRAINING

Human Rights Localisation in the Context of SDGs Programme in cooperation with Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights (RWI)

1. *Completion of BLC for Local Governments: Localising Human Rights and the SDGs for Inclusive Recovery and Resilience in Asia and the Pacific in conjunction with the 11th WHRCF at Gwangju City, 5 – 9 October 2021 (online)*

In conjunction with the 11th World Human Rights City Forum (WHRCF) 2021, UCLG ASPAC joined forces with RWI and Gwangju City to organise the BLC completion session taking place online from 5 to 9 October 2021. The session comprised of BLC Exclusive event, BLC Sharing session, WHRCF 2021, Human Rights Localisation Handbook event, and BLC Presentation session.

2. *BLC Exclusive event*

The event was organised on 5th and 6th October 2021 aiming at presenting and discussing BLC participants’ course projects to implement the human rights-based approach to their ongoing plan/project in their respective cities. Nine participants from Malaysia and the Philippines presented their course projects during the 2-day event. UCLG ASPAC facilitated the event for Day 2 session on 6 October, bringing a speaker from Bogor City to present the City’s experiences on the

right-based approach development programme and BLC's participants to present their course projects.

3. *BLC Presentation session*

UCLG ASPAC participated in an open session titled BLC presentation session organised on 9 October 2021. Five best course projects were presented during the event, all developed by women from the Philippines. These projects included a human rights review of a disasters risk reduction and management (DRRM) plan; the inclusion of persons with disabilities in a DRRM plan; the development of a Voluntary Local Review tool for cities in the Philippines; a study of the work burden among indigenous women; and a review of a COVID-19 rehabilitation and recovery plan from a rights-based perspective. UCLG ASPAC served as a moderator in the second session where BLC participants presented their projects and discuss the result of the projects.

4. *BLC Closing session*

The 2021 BLC programme officially closed on 9 October 2021. UCLG ASPAC's Secretary General delivered the opening and closing remarks where she expressed her appreciation of the event and was encouraged to see the all-female participants. Further, she emphasised that the BLC has managed to introduce and promote gender equality spirit in the training and highlighted the importance of mainstreaming human rights into the local policies that will lead to the acceleration of SDGs achievement. She wished that cooperation between UCLG ASPAC, RWI, and Gwangju would continue in 2022 in support of realising 200 human rights cities and 1,000 human rights cities by 2030. UCLG ASPAC has seen so much potential for cooperation among international organisations, non-state actors, universities, and local government associations to encourage the local governments and cities in the Asia-Pacific region to establish the right-based approach in the SDGs localisation process toward the human rights cities. With enormous commitment and strong collaboration among all stakeholders involved, it is believed that the human rights cities will be achieved as expected sooner.

11th WHRCF Sharing Session on 6 October 2021

UCLG ASPAC attended the event conducted on 6 October 2021. UCLG ASPAC's Secretary General participated as a guest speaker for an online discussion entitled "Localising Human Rights with SDGs – Voluntary Local Review" and another online discussion entitled "Global Charter – Agenda for Human Rights in the City", together with RWI serving as moderators.

International Human Rights Festival in Semarang (17 – 19 November 2021)

UCLG ASPAC Secretariat supported Semarang City in organising a plenary and three side events in conjunction with the International Human Rights Festival 2021 taking place in Semarang City from 17 to 19 November 2021. The sessions were Plenary on Tourism Recovery During COVID-19 Pandemic, Side event on Migration, a Side Event on Climate Change and a Side Event on Human Rights Localisation. The festival was attended by international stakeholders, local governments, and non-state actors.



| KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Besides promoting UCLG ASPAC activities and projects through the UCLG ASPAC website and social media, the Knowledge Management (KM) team dove into working towards aggregating, elevating, and advocating for local governments’ voices at national, regional and global levels regarding the issue of climate change and climate resilience.

The KM Team Division also continued to contribute to UCLG ASPAC Secretariat, by providing various **communications and visibility products to support the activities of programmes and projects** under UCLG ASPAC. It is aimed to further increase the visibility and echo of lessons learnt and best practices of UCLG ASPAC member cities. This includes the creation and provision of event e-flyers, social media editorial plans, and virtual backgrounds for various events (webinars, seminars, training, workshops).



From 2022 onwards, the KM team has some plans that have been started, as follows:

- Finalising the new UCLG ASPAC website that is expected to be going live before October 2022.
- Developing Member Dashboard in collaboration with Member Services Division. The dashboard will feature not only the basic profile and membership status of UCLG ASPAC’s members but also relevant bite-sized information regarding their prioritised issues.
- Developing press releases of events conducted by UCLG ASPAC and disseminating them to relevant media platforms and conducting simple post-event media monitoring.
- Returning to be more actively involved in contributing to the UCLG ASPAC Learning Platform using the Thinkific platform.
- Maintaining the Stakeholder Mapping and Focal Point of SEA in GCoM Communications Technical Working Group (TWG).
- Planning to create a UCLG ASPAC Podcast Station to improve the visibility of UCLG ASPAC’s work as a knowledge hub.



| COMMUNICATION

- **Local Governments Newsletter Vol.35 “Sustained Prosperity”**



Main Section

UCLG ASPAC, through Communication Division, published Newsletter Vol.35 taking the theme “Sustained Prosperity.” The newsletter shared knowledge on sustainable prosperity framework as well as presented good practices from cities: Melbourne, New Zealand, India, Myanmar, Zhejiang, and Sichuan.

The Organisation: Secretariat, Programme Implementation – Progress

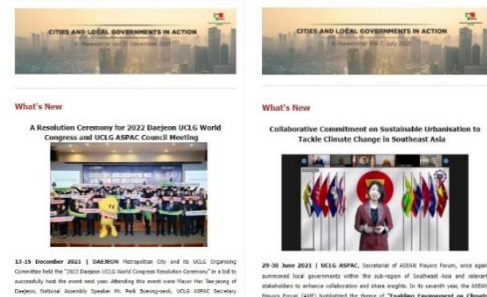
UCLG ASPAC updated readers on programmes the Organisation was working on, including the SDGs Programme, Disaster Risk Reduction, Culture, AMF and progress on Climate Resilient and Inclusive Cities, LEAD for SDGs in Pakistan Programme.

Contribution from Members

In Newsletter Vol.35, UCLG ASPAC also promoted innovations and good practices from members: Gangwon (Invitation to Forestry Exhibition 2022), Daejeon (Towards the 7th UCLG World Congress in 2022), and Dhankuta (Knowing More about the Beautiful City).

• **E-Newsletter**

UCLG ASPAC updates its network through a monthly e-Newsletter. The e-News is published at the end of every month and includes various updates to show the Organisation’s contribution and updates to members and partners, through its project implementation as well as exposure in events, such as Regional Partners Forum, Human Rights Festival, Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy, ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue, as well as UCLG World events.



e-Newsletter July 2021-February 2022 promoted women leaders in the Asia-Pacific region: Mayor Tatong Bara (Kotamobagu, Indonesia), Mayor Clover Moore (Sydney, Australia), Mayor Ika Puspitasari (Mojokerto, Indonesia), Mayor Renu Dahal (Bharatpur, Nepal), Mayor Jasmin Angelli Maligaya Bautista (Cavite, Philippines), Mayor Arya Rajendran (Thiruvananthapuram, India), Regent Cellica Nurrachadiana (Karawang, Indonesia), and Mayor Low Yen Ling (Southwest District, Singapore).

e-Newsletter also promoted innovations reported by cities, such as Gunsan’s Top Level of Child Friendly City, Seoul Forum on Citizen Participation, Daejeon’s 2021 Science Festival, Gunsan’s Practice on Sustainable Agriculture and Carbon Neutrality.

• **Social Media**

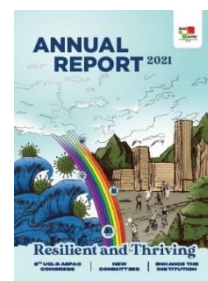
UCLG ASPAC has also continuously updated its social media channels with various relevant content: good practices, events announcements, inspirational quotes from speakers of events, as well as promotion of the city’s updates.



UCLG ASPAC Twitter | @UCLGASPAC Follower: 3,007
UCLG ASPAC Facebook | 1,861 Followers 1,400 Likes
UCLG ASPAC Instagram | 1,224 Followers

• **Annual Report 2021**

UCLG ASPAC recorded its achievements, milestones, and contributions throughout 2021 in the Annual Report 2021. Included were the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress, AMF 2021, APFSD, Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy, and the progress of its various programmes: Global Covenant of Mayors, Climate Resilient and Inclusive Cities, SDGs Localisation in Indonesia and Pakistan, and collaboration with Indonesian



Ministry of Home Affairs. The report also included the organisation’s matters: human resources, financial highlights, knowledge development products, governing body, and partners.

| HUMAN RESOURCES, ADMINISTRATIVE & IT

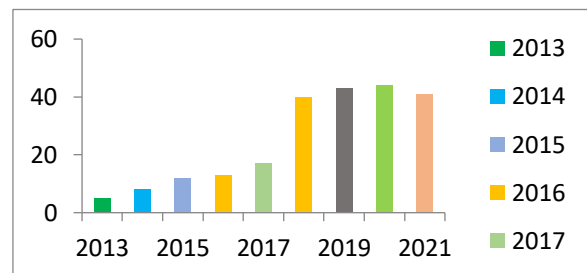
Over the year 2021, HR Division has been implementing the **HRIS Platform** for several module functions on-time attendance, timesheet management, leave management, performance appraisal, and payroll management. However, the system can still comply with the standard requirements. Since implementing the initial HRIS Platform, feedback from users has been requested for improvement, and technical steadiness issues were major problems faced. Significant foundational work has been reviewed and completed with a streamlined process and introduction of a new Enterprise Resources Planning (ERP) to replace the existing HRIS and accounting system; this new technology provides the solution for employee life-cycle transactions from hiring to retirement and everything in between.

The Employees Annual Retreat 2021 was successfully held from 29 November to 1 December 2021 in Magelang City, Central Java, Indonesia. A total of 19 employees joined it. The Retreat aimed to continually strengthen the teamwork and at the same time design the Manifesto year 2022’s work plan.

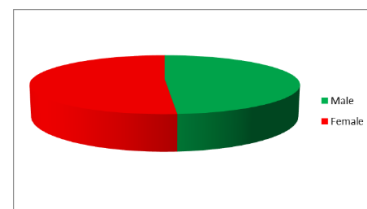
Ongoing initiative to **maintain the health of employees** during the pandemic situation, the wellness packages including vitamins were delivered to the employee’s residence every quarter in the year 2021.

Secretariat Team Member

Secretariat has expanded its organisational structure to better facilitate the growth of UCLG ASPAC. From 2013’s personnel of around 5 staff and growth rapidly to end of the year 2021 and slightly reduced to 41. These include core and project/programme staff members. The IUC project and Localise SDGs were closed in the year 2021 and the employees had completed their contract, which made the number of employees decrease.



In an effort of gender equity employment, HR Admin Division continues to reflect the gender balance in the year 2021, 51% of the staff are female and 49% are Male.



Strengthen Administration Support Services at Secretariate Office

- To increase the synergies and established efficiencies between Finance Accounting Division and HR Admin Division as a support system in UCLG ASPAC’s Secretariat, the new Enterprise Resources Planning (ERP), Microsoft Business Central (BC) System have been deployed from November 2021 up to December 2022. The Business Central Human Resources Integrated System (BC HRIS) was the first Module that has been installed for employees.

- Since the office of UCLG ASPAC's Secretariat was transferred by Host, the Provincial Government of Jakarta to the new location of Building H, 21st floor, and the condition of the building has not been occupied for 10 (ten) years, therefore the office was to be renovated with a comfy and simple design starting December 2021.

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v For Information

UCLG ASPAC Initiatives, Programmes, and Projects (Joint collaboration with aid institutions and partners)

Summary and Recommendations

UCLG ASPAC undertakes various programmes/projects funded by financial institutions and joint initiatives with strategic partners. The projects and initiatives are at regional, sub-regional and national coverage. Current UCLG ASPAC activities and initiatives focus on localisation SDGs, climate resilient, sustainable energy, low carbon, public space, water and sanitation and public services.

In collaboration with Indonesia's Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), UCLG ASPAC has successfully revised and launched the new Ministry Regulation on minimum standard of basic services.

In term of localisation SDGs, UCLG World and UCLG ASPAC jointly developed the Voluntary Subnational Review (VSR) for Indonesia. In July 2021, the VSR for Indonesia was confirmed to be included as a complementary input for the VNR of Indonesia. UCLG ASPAC and UCLG are currently working on VSR for Pakistan and Philippines and with ADB on Voluntarily Local Review (VLR) for Jakarta.

The Executive Bureau is invited to:

1. **Take note** of the updates on UCLG ASPAC programmes/projects and initiatives funded by aid institutions and jointly undertaken by strategic partners.

5.1. Initiatives and Projects – Asia Pacific Coverage

| Global Covenant of Mayors Global Regional Coordination Asia Pacific (GCoM GRC ASPAC)

Based on highlighting key priority areas of technical and political characteristics identified from the Global Regional Coherence (GRC) in 2020, UCLG ASPAC implemented the second phase of this grant by conducting several key activities. The second phase aimed to further strengthen the voice and position of LRGs in the regional dynamics of the GCoM, through the Regional Covenants, in articulation between the UCLG regional sections, the ICLEI offices and the regional partners.

The GRC 2.0 has several objectives and purposes with the details as follows:

- To strengthen the voice and position of LRGs in the regional dynamics of the GCoM, through the Regional Covenants.

- To explore opportunities to conduct joint activities that are aligned with global-regional activities on key regional priorities.
- To enhance and establish coordination with ICLEI's offices at regional and country levels, as well as Regional CoM, and any other key organisations in the region.

To achieve those objectives and purposes, **the GRC 2.0 conducted several activities aimed at Advocating the Importance of Race to Zero Carbon, Race to Resilience, and Climate Financing and Budgeting.**

From June 2021 to March 2022, the GRC 2.0 had focused on the process of advocating key messages that were also being voiced by the GCoM, namely: (i) Race to Zero Carbon; (ii) Race to Resilience; and (iii) Climate Financing and Budgeting. The advocacy process was conducted in the form of two (2) main groups of activities, which are fostering collaboration/regional-scale coordination and nurturing knowledge/awareness raising.

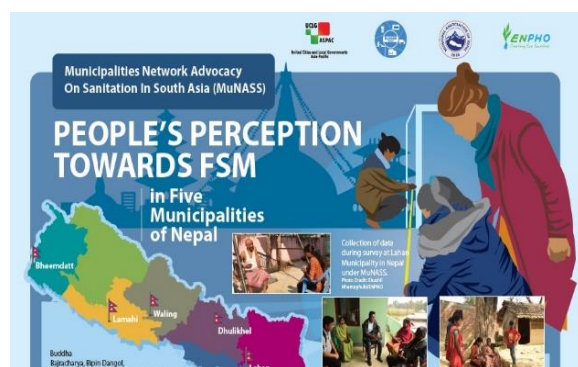
Through the implementation of GRC 2.0, UCLG ASPAC, as the most extensive regional section of UCLG, was able to continually voice its support to address climate change issues. Especially, when the impacts of climate change in Asia-Pacific are real and apparent. The implementation of GRC 2.0 was able to engage more than **1,000 direct stakeholders** from different backgrounds, involving more than **150 speakers and panellists** from their respective fields related to climate change and resiliency, and engage more than **400 governmental institutions** from different levels.

UCLG ASPAC, through the implementation of GRC 2.0, has been able to **Contribute to Creating a Collaborative Enabling Environment for the Race to Zero Carbon, Race to Resilience, and Climate Financing and Budgeting.**

5.2. Initiatives and Projects – Sub-regional Coverage

| Municipalities Network Advocacy for Sanitation in South Asia (MuNASS)

UCLG ASPAC Sanitation Programme, the **Municipalities Network Advocacy for Sanitation in South Asia (MuNASS) Phase II**, a programme funded by the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)** was formally launched in Nepal on 13 March 2022 during the 29th Establishment Day of Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN) in the presence of Right Honorable Nepal Prime Minister, Mr. Sher Bahadur Deuba. The programme is executed by UCLG ASPAC with MuAN as the implementing partner and Environment and Public Health Organisation (ENPHO) as the technical partner in Nepal.



The second phase is a build-up from the earlier phase that focused in Bangladesh and Nepal on capacity building, implementing national policy and strategy on sanitation with a focus on Fecal Sludge Management

(FSM) and non-sewered sanitation system in line with Goal 6, as well as conduct a feasibility study to develop a sustainable detailed project planning and action plan that improves accessibility on financial option through different funding mechanisms such as public-private partnership, cooperation with banks and development agencies and communities.

UCLG ASPAC welcomed once again the Municipal Association of Bangladesh (MAB) to also execute the Municipalities Network Advocacy for Sanitation in South Asia (MuNASS) Phase II as the implementing partner in Bangladesh. In a virtual ceremony on 13 April 2022, UCLG ASPAC and MAB signed a **Memorandum of Understanding to support municipalities in Nepal and Bangladesh** to strengthen urban sanitation service delivery and test innovations to fill Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6.2 data gaps.

MuNASS Phase II aims to demonstrate innovation on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Goal 6.2 measurement by mobilising cities and local governments in South Asia, documentation of the municipal-led investment for CWIS and FSM in South Asia is available and Goal 6.2 are mainstreamed into the regional agenda through advocacy, knowledge exchange and joint activities among municipalities in the Asia-Pacific region. The programme involves the Local Government Associations (LGAs) in countries covering Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Viet Nam and Indonesia — who are all members of UCLG ASPAC.

| Global Covenant of Mayors Southeast Asia Secretariat (GCoM SEA Secretariat)

The Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) for Climate and Energy is the largest **global alliance of cities and local governments voluntarily committed to actively combatting climate change and transitioning to a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy**, in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement. To support the implementation of GCoM in Asia, the **European Union** financially assisted the International Urban Cooperation/IUC project (GCoM phase 1) from 2018-2020 and continuously supports the GCoM phase 2 (2021-2023) which is to engage and train Asian cities in Southeast Asia, South Asia, and East Asia to commit and achieve emissions reduction following their local target and country's NDC, for sustainable climate-resilient cities. In this project, **UCLG ASPAC acts as the host of the Southeast Asia GCoM Secretariat (GCoM SEA Secretariat) and the ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF)**.

- **Kick-off GCoM Asia Phase 2 in Southeast Asia**



To kick-off the implementation of GCoM Asia Phase 2 in the target Southeast Asia (SEA) countries, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam, the GCoM SEA Secretariat conducted GCoM national webinars in the target SEA countries as a prior session to the ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue on 17 January 2022 within the framework of ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF). The national webinars were attended by around 200 participants.

- **Activities of GCoM Asia in target countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam)**

Under its one-year work plan (September 2021-August 2022), GCoM SEA Secretariat has been carrying out the following main activities of GCoM Asia Project in target countries in Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam):

1. Pilot Cities for Development of Climate Action Plan (CAP)

Climate Action Plan (CAP), at a minimum, includes an inventory of existing CO2 emissions, reduction goals or targets, and analysis of the projection risks and impacts to climate change. The beside figure shows the pilot cities in each target country:



2. Capacity Building

In March 2022, the GCoM Asia Project conducted national training in three countries, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, and Vietnam in collaboration with local partners. The two-day training on climate change mitigation was attended by up to 21 local governments. The training invited ministry representatives for a panel discussion, local technical partners for technical discussion, as well as international speakers from GCoM Global, EU Joint-Research Centre (JRC), and European cities to share knowledge and experiences.



3. Project link to Finance

A number of signatory cities (including pilot cities of phase 1) are being supported by the GCoM Asia Project in facilitating access for the cities to project preparation financing or financing for scaling up, they are:

Muar City – Malaysia

Project: Building an integrated solar farm with landfill gas recovery in Bukit Bakri landfill.

Proposed Support to TAP Fund: Creation of partnerships; Development of business case; Investment finance, connecting with private investors; Project structuring; TA to support project definition.

Tam Ky City, Vietnam

Project: Energy efficiency and sustainability in public and private buildings.

Proposed Support to TAP Fund: Creation of partnerships; Development of business case; Highlighting project to private investors; Investment finance, including connecting with private investors; Technical assistance to support project definition.

Can Tho City, Vietnam

Project: Low-carbon and climate resilient agroindustry urban supply chains in Can Tho, Vietnam.

Proposed Support to TAP Fund: Creation of partnerships, Development of business case, TA to support project definition.

Malang City, Indonesia

Project: Waste management in Malang.

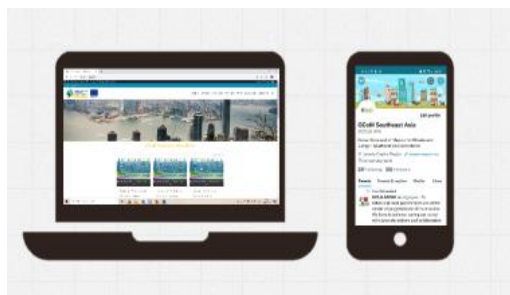
Proposed Support to TAP Fund: Development of business case; Project structuring; Technical assistance to support project definition



On 23 September 2021, **Palembang City, Musi Rawas Regency & Lubuklinggau City** were approved by Gap Fund to get technical assistance: Prepare a **cost-benefit analysis, strategy and action plan** for green, resilient construction and energy-efficient affordable housing in the three cities in Indonesia. The project would help inform the national Government One Million Housing programme which aims to provide incentives for developers to build 220,000 homes per annum and to upgrade 160,000 affordable homes.

- **Project Visibility | GCoM SEA's e-Newsletter and Social Media**

The quarterly e-Newsletter of GCoM SEA *“Enabling Low Carbon and Resiliency Transition in Cities and Local Governments”* was issued in January 2022 for its first edition. The GCoM SEA's e-Newsletter can be accessed through email (sent by GCoM SEA Secretariat) and webpage (<https://www.asean-mayors.eu/author/gcom/>) to get update on GCoM Asia Project in Southeast Asia countries, GCoM signatories, and innovative actions in achieving emissions reduction for sustainable climate-resilient cities and local governments.



Website (<https://www.asean-mayors.eu/>)

Within the course of 1 Sep 2021 to 28 Feb 2022, the GCoM SEA website has been visited 753 times with a total 1751 page views.

Twitter(@GCoM_SEA)

In 6 months, the GCoM SEA Twitter account has tweeted 81 times and gained 11,865 tweet impressions, 6787 profile visits, 11 mentions, and 19 new followers.

| ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF)

Hosted by UCLG ASPAC, the AMF Secretariat actively organised some activities from the mid of 2021 to March 2022. The following activities:

- Organised **ASEAN Mayors Forum: Strengthening Commitment for Sustainable Urbanisation and Enabling Environment of Climate Change**

Funded by BMU Germany for the Urban Act Project preparation, the UCLG ASPAC in partnership with the UNESCAP and the GIZ Bangkok attempted to accomplish regional network engagement by organising a virtual ASEAN Mayors Forum Special Event (plus China and India) on 29 and 30 June 2021. The theme “Enabling Environment on Climate Resilience: Local Governments and Cities Commitment to Tackle Climate Change”, the ASEAN Mayors Forum provided a plenary session, and is followed by other sessions with various topics of discussion. The overarching objectives of this event were to reinforce commitments among mayors, political partners and stakeholders and stimulate coordination, promote race to zero and

race to resilient campaign among ASEAN Cities and Local Governments networks; and share knowledge on the climate action local practices and urban climate sensitive development plan.

- Participated in **Smart Green Cities Programme Launching**

Representing AMF and UCLG ASPAC, the Secretary-General Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, joined the declaration of commitment to the Smart Green ASEAN Cities Programme Launching on 22nd November 2021.

- Organised **ASEAN Mayors Forum: ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue-Finding Breakthrough and Stepping Up Climate Commitments Post-COP 26**

In responding to the COP 26, the UCLG ASPAC, AMF, the Global Covenant of Mayors Secretariat for Southeast Asia (GCoM SEA) and the GCoM Global Regional Coherence (GRC), have successfully organised the ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue under the framework of ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF), on 17 January 2022. This event was held back-to-back with the GCoM National Webinars in Southeast Asian countries, which took place before the ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue. The dialogue was a very functional platform for city leaders to express their expertise and experience on climate action and ambition to raise climate awareness and provide guidance to local/regional governments on the outcomes of COP26 with the concept of back-to-back events, the events have successfully brought together more than 100 participants and speakers from UCLG, GCoM Global, UNFCCC, and other COP26 participants, who shared significant findings and recommendations for future climate actions and implementation.

The event was focusing on the dialogue of the city leaders from ASEAN countries. This event also involved the signing ceremony session of GCoM Pilot Cities from four different countries. Some cities that have signed the GCoM Commitment letter before were not signing live during the event. All in all, the speakers agreed that cities have the potential in contributing to global climate action. However, local government cannot act alone, cities need to enhance both horizontal and vertical cooperation in achieving the climate target, particularly in emission reduction. With COP26 officially acknowledging the importance of multilevel action, it is a great momentum for us all to collaborate and work together towards a greener and better future.

- Improved **ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) Visibility 2021**

The AMF Secretariat has set up some strategies to improve AMF Visibility in 2021. The following strategies are the creation of the AMF Digital Platform as ASEAN entities, development of Website and communication products, etc.

5.3. Initiatives and Projects – Country Coverage

| Development of Digital Platform of *PAKOLEKTIF.COM* For Urban Farmers Hub (Yogyakarta, Indonesia)

The city of Yogyakarta has innovated and collaborated with the community and business sector in bridging the gap to fulfil the daily necessities of the people while maintaining physical distancing through digital marketplace. With this innovation, the city has successfully transformed a traditional public space (i.e., the public market) into a virtual public space through the market digitalisation.

Collaborating with the Local Government of Yogyakarta and the Local Farmers Community (Panen Apa Hari Ini), UCLG ASPAC and UNHABITAT initiated the programme for the implementation and sustainability of the improved digital platform. The project aimed to improve the understanding and capacity of the stakeholders in utilising the digital platform to strive economically and help fulfil the essential needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, there was also a need to build the capacity of local urban farmers in utilising the digital platforms. Implemented in December 2020, the programme has: (i) updated the data of every local farmer group in the city; (ii) improved each local farmer groups' databases (members and products); (iii) developed a more regular harvest routine/schedule from the local farmer groups so that the products can be consistently available in the digital marketplace; and (iv) improved documentation on the local farmer groups activities and products to provide added value in the digital marketplace.



The programme helped to build the capacity of local urban farmers to utilise the Digital Platform/Hub in the platform <https://parikolektif.com/>. The digital platform/hub was launched on 2 December 2021 in one of the locations of the urban farms in Yogyakarta (Purbayan, Kotagede, Yogyakarta). The website was launched by the Head of Kotagede District, Yogyakarta, that hoped the website can further support the development of urban farming activity within the district and contribute to the city level.

| Public Space Programmes

Balaroa – Palu

In 2021, UCLG ASPAC is implementing the solidarity fund from Cites Unies France (CUF) and it is not only providing technical and physical support but also building the local government's capacity focused on resilience and effective stakeholder coordination during the rehabilitation phase in Palu City, Indonesia

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the implementation of the programme and it has greatly affected the most vulnerable sectors and communities, especially those who live in prone-disaster areas such as Palu City, Central Sulawesi Province which is still in the recovery phase from the 2018 earthquake, tsunami, and liquefaction disasters. While the project is being delayed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020, UCLG ASPAC has conducted the implementation of activities that includes coordination with the national government, facilitation of stakeholders mapping for local needs during the rehabilitation, and identification of the targeted local economic development (KUBE).



In 2021 and 2022, the project has been continued with three major programmes completion:(a) Developed a Disaster Risk Study for the disaster-affected community (KRB) including an early warning system; (b) In the process of constructing public space at Permanent Housing/Huntap in Balaroa Village; (c) Planning to conduct a Peer learning workshop.

The Palu City Mayor and Vice-mayor fully support the CUF-UCLG ASPAC Palu Post Disaster Programme implementation and completion. The mayor and vice mayor have coordinated the process of working

together with relevant stakeholders on the land site ownership status for public facility construction. Furthermore, the Mayor of Palu stated that Palu City Government welcomes any support for helping the community and city's rehabilitation and reconstruction including the development of public space which is part of the mayor's top priority programme for the next five years.

| Bring Up Local Perspectives in National Regulation for Smooth Delivery of Public Services at Local Level and SDGs Incorporation in Indonesia



In collaboration with Indonesia's Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), UCLG ASPAC has supported the Directorate General Regional Development Agency in revising Ministry Regulation No.100/2018 with support from UCLG EU FPA funding. The new Ministry regulation (No.59/2021) is released in November 2021 and launched in February 2022. The gaps and obstacles were identified in implementing the regulation on the minimum standard of basic service at the local level in Indonesia. Delivering public services (Standar Pelayanan Minimum/SPM) covers six sectors: education, health, public works, and spatial planning (including access to clean water, electricity, and vital infrastructures), public housing, community, and public safety (human rights, gender, safety), and social sector (poverty, inequality, disaster).

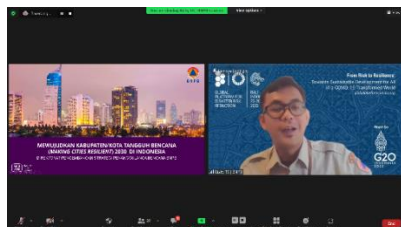
Inputs and results were collected for the revision of the regulation as follows: Simplification of SPM indicators; SPM achievement index will have grouping scale to 100%; Selection of regional SPM team must be articulated on mayor/governor decree; SPM performance reporting system will use an online system submitted every quarter; There will be incentives for regions with the highest achievement.

| Virtual Roadshow "Making Cities Resilient (MCR2030)" For Indonesian Cities

UCLG ASPAC has been actively promoting the importance of disaster risk reduction, management, and resilience throughout its works and in collaboration with its global partners. In cooperation with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), UCLG ASPAC has been prioritising the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) through the Making Cities Resilient (MCR) platform to engage more and more cities to commit and prioritised the resilience aspect. Eyeing the same vision and commitment, UCLG ASPAC has organised a series of the virtual roadshow for local governments in the Asia-Pacific region. This year, cities in Indonesia got their first turn.



A total of six webinars have been completed in six batches (following six regions) collaboration with the National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) of Indonesia and the Association of Indonesia Municipalities (Asosiasi Pemerintah Kota Seluruh Indonesia/APEKSI). Cities are invited to make resilience a priority and join the MCR2030 platform to help them monitor their progress. At the opening of the virtual roadshow, UCLG ASPAC Secretary General emphasised the importance of cities becoming more resilient. With the MCR2030 as the platform, UCLG ASPAC hopes that this will become the beginning of cities' resilience journey.

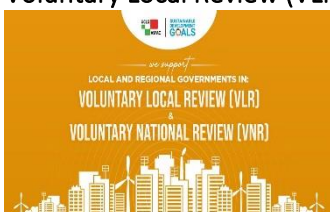


The virtual roadshows are expected to bring local governments in Indonesia to commit, join the MCR2030 platform, and together demonstrate Sendai Framework Indonesia's global commitment to Disaster Risk Reduction, including at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR) event in Bali in May 2022 and APMCDRR 2022 in Brisbane in September 2022.

In the process, UCLG ASPAC along with UNDRR, its regional core partner of MCR2030 will assist the implementation of MCR2030, primarily supporting at the strategic level by providing high-level inputs to ensure the strategy stays on track and integrated according to key success measures. In addition, core partners will actively support MCR2030 by serving as peer reviewers and mentors as well as playing both partnership-brokering and advocacy-making roles.

| Voluntary Local Review (VLR) and Voluntary Sub-national Review (VSR)

- **Voluntary Local Review (VLR)**



In the period of 2021 to March 2022, UCLG ASPAC in collaboration with international partners namely UNESCAP and ADB provided support to Surabaya and Jakarta (Indonesia) in developing their first VLRs. Surabaya was even recognised as its first VLR being ever developed in Indonesia.

1. Surabaya VLR

The Surabaya VLR was developed under the auspices of UNESCAP and UCLG ASPAC in close collaboration with the Government of Surabaya City from April to December 2021. The report itself has been finalised and was printed for further dissemination in January 2022. The Surabaya VLR was presented by a Surabaya City government representative at United Nations' High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development's side event on VLR taking place on 15 July 2021.

2. Jakarta VLR

Asian Development Bank (ADB) in collaboration with UCLG ASPAC provided support for the Jakarta Capital City government to develop its VLR. It became the second VLR developed by an Indonesian city after Surabaya. Started in August 2021, the undertaking was closely coordinated by UCLG ASPAC in cooperation with a national consultant hired by ADB as well as the Jakarta Capital City government. The report was in the finalisation process and is expected to be finalised in April 2022. The Jakarta VLR was presented online by Jakarta's Head of Regional Development Planning Board in the event of Asia Pacific Sustainable Development Forum (APFSD) 2022 dated 28 March 2022. The Jakarta government is planning to organise a launch event for its VLR after the completion of its development.

- **Voluntary Sub-national Review (VSR)**

Starting November 2022 UCLG World Secretariat has been providing support for three countries in the Asia-Pacific namely Pakistan, Philippines, and Sri Lanka in developing its Voluntary Sub-national Review

(VSR) in conjunction with their plan to submit Voluntary National Review (VNR) in July 2022. The current progress of the activities is data collected by survey and interviews with relevant stakeholders as well as drafting initial report. The report is expected to be finalised in May and or June 2022.

| Update on Local Empowerment Advocacy and Development (LEAD) SDGs Localisation in Pakistan

- **Formation of District Alliance on SDGs in Pilot districts**

During the reporting period, three district alliances are formed in SDGs mainstreamed pilot districts of Larkana, Noshero Feroze and Quetta. The overall scope of work of the district alliance is raising awareness of relevant stakeholders and community on SDGs, ensuring constant coordination between various stakeholders of the alliance and relevant government departments at the district level for public-private partnership and supporting the district government for prioritise SDGs related Issues for Implementation as Pilot Project.



District alliances were formed by following mapping of stakeholders in the piloted districts, invitation of membership to potential stakeholders in the districts and sharing TORs with members of the alliances for their input. Thereafter, District Alliance on SDGs were launched in the districts of Larkana on 22 November 2021 in Nausharo Feroze on 5 February 2022 and in Turbat on 6 April 2022. Launch meetings were attended by representatives of civil society organisations, INGOs, the commercial sector, education, health & local government departments, academia, research institutions, media, Services General Administration & Coordination Department, Bar Association, Youth and LCAS members.

A training workshop on the Localisation of SDGs was organised for members of two provincial alliances and three district alliances of pilot districts. The training workshop aimed at enhancing the knowledge of members for implementation of their actions for localisation of SDGs through the alliances and ensure their engagement in SDGs aligned district plans.

- **National Policy Dialogue on Budget Allocation on SDGs in Pakistan**



Soon after the completion of the research study of “Assessment of Budgetary Allocation to SDGs in Pakistan FY 2019- 2020 & 2020- 2021” under the LEAD programme, The National Parliamentary Taskforce, with the assistance of LEAD’s programme, organised a national policy debate on the findings and recommendations of the research on 7 July 2021 at Islamabad. Mr. Riaz Fatyana Member of National Assembly and

Convener – National Parliamentary Taskforce on SDGs was invited as chief guest while Dr Bernadia Tjandradewi, Secretary General UCLG ASPAC was invited online as a keynote speaker on the occasion. Attended by 68 participants, the policy dialogue brought together legislators, ministers and executives from federal and provincial governments as well as local governments and members of the local government associations to deliberate on financial resources being allocated to implement SDGs in the country and to

propose policy recommendations for more focused and SDGs specific budgeting for the effective localisation and implementation of SDGs as per the United Nations Agenda 2030.

- **VSR process and LGs Inputs to VNR Pakistan 2022**

Pakistan was one of 47 countries that presented its Voluntary National Review (VNR) of SDGs progress on implementation in the 2019 session of the UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). However, it was noted that LGs input was not systematically obtained and included in the 2019 VNR Pakistan.



Pakistan’s second VNR is due in 2022 and this time LEAD’s programme and UCLG ASPAC initiated the process of Voluntary Sub-national Review (VSR) for collecting information on the local government’s contribution to the localisation of SDGs in their respective territories of Pakistan. The information, including not only the local data that shows the impact of the SDGs mainstreamed policies but the qualitative information of the local and provincial government’s experiences, policies, and practices, is embedded for the localisation of SDGs in municipal services.

LEAD programme team held a number of meetings with the Federal SDGs Secretariate, Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiatives Pakistan before initiating the exercise that the data related to the local government contribution to SDGs implementation, collected during the VSR process, will be fed into the Voluntary National Review report of Pakistan 2022. Pakistan VSR team with the collaboration of LCAs has collected data through provincial consultations, Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and Individual Interviews of local government representatives from the field and is in process of developing the first draft of the report. Afterwards, the report will be shared with Federal SDGs Secretariat Pakistan for chip-in data of local government’s contribution to SDGs localisation into the Pakistan VNR report 2022.

- **Capacity building of local government on mainstreaming SDGs in Local plan, monitoring and reporting**



In the first phase, the programme developed Trainer’s Manual on SDGs Mainstreaming in Planning, Monitoring and Reporting for LGs by engaging experts on SDGs Localisation to support LGs elected and appointed officials to develop SDGs aligned district plans. knowledge of SDGs and their targets, and localisation of SDGs. The manual was revised and finalised after pre-test training in Balochistan Province. The manual sessions provide knowledge of SDGs and targets, localisation of SDGs, role and responsibilities of LG for mainstreaming SDGs in district plans and tools/skills to identify the needs and priorities of their people, articulate the need/priority in the district development plans and its alignment with SDGs targets/ indicators.

In the second phase, TOT was organised for a slot of 12 experts including LEAD programme staff and local trainers at LEAD’s Islamabad office. Master trainers will roll out training for district functionaries, LCAs members and community organisations in all districts of Balochistan and Sindh. Training will be organised

in clusters, comprised of 5 or 6 districts of both Sindh and Balochistan provinces as well as separate training of four training programmes in pilot districts under the LEAD programme.

- **Capacity Building of “Parliamentary Taskforces for SDGs Localisation**



The engagement of parliamentarians, not only as lawmakers but also as elected representatives of their people is critical for buy-in if the SDGs are to be effectively adopted, implemented and achieved. LEAD programme extends support to the Federal and provincial taskforces on SDGs to play a more effective role in oversight and legislation for the localisation of SDGs in Pakistan.

In line with the MOU signed with the Parliamentary Taskforces, the LEAD programme conducted a rapid assessment of the taskforces to know the existing capacity, identify gaps and challenges to contribute and extend support to mitigate these challenges. By following the finding of the assessment, two days capacity building workshop aimed at providing an opportunity to the Parliamentary Taskforces to identify strategies, mechanisms and partnerships to support localisation and implementation of 2030 agenda more effectively”. The workshop was attended by a total of 77 participants including 22 males and 23 females in all four provinces of Pakistan. Chief Guest and a number of speakers of the event among others Hon. Asad Qaiser, Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan, Hon. Riaz Fatyana, Convener National Parliamentary Taskforce on SDGs, Dr. Bernadia Tjandradewi (virtual), Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC and Delegation of European Union to Pakistan honored the event and spoke at the opening and closing ceremony of the event. At the end of the workshop, the course of action for each parliamentary taskforces was outlined to mitigate the constraints for their efficient and effective role in legislative reforms and supervision of SDGs as well as for the localisation of SDGs in Pakistan.

| Climate Resilience Inclusive Cities (CRIC)

The Climate Resilient and Inclusive Cities (CRIC) is a **five-year project of UCLG ASPAC funded by the EU and runs from 2020 to 2024**. The Project promotes triangular cooperation between cities in Europe, Southeast Asia and South Asia through knowledge transfer, tools testing and capacity building. In its implementation, the Project collaborates with local governments in ten Indonesian cities to help them improve climate resilience, climate mitigation and adaptation, good governance and inclusivity. UCLG ASPAC leads the implementation of the CRIC Project in close collaboration with Pilot4Dev, ACR+, Ecolise, Gustave Eiffel University and All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIIILSG).

Urban Analyse Reports (UAR)

The reports, which were completed in 2021, have been officially handed over to all pilot cities. These will be used as one of the main inputs for the development of sustainable climate action plans and tools.

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Development

CRIC is aiming to complete the Climate Action Plans of the 10 cities by October 2022, to be continued with Sectoral Action Plan Development and support for the preparation of concepts for the climate actions implementation.

For this purpose, CRIC has organised a series of Climate Action Plan (CAP) Training programmes for the ten pilot cities. The training, conducted in a hybrid format, involved the Climate Change Working Group in each CRIC Pilot Cities and national level stakeholders including representatives from the National Secretariat of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the Indonesian Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS), the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF), and Local Government Associations (APEKSI). The CAP Training Programme consists of five trainings, three training on climate change mitigation (M1, M2, and M3) and two trainings for climate change adaptation (A1 and A2), 14 days in total. From 31 June 2021 (CAP Training Kick-off) until the end of March 2022, CRIC has conducted a total of 13 trainings out of 50 trainings (26%) and a total of 15 out of 80 technical assistance (19%).

Participation in Human Rights Festival 2021



CRIC has supported the promotion of added value elements and mainstream relevant cross-cutting issues on human rights, such as by introducing the CRIC Project in the Human Rights Festival in Semarang on 18 November 2021 through a CRIC organised session on Collective Commitment towards Social and Environmental Justice, while at the same time building awareness on the importance of mainstreaming human rights in all policies and its strong linkages with climate change. CRIC has also identified various existing policies on gender equality and women and children protection, human rights, climate resilience and disaster in its pilot cities.

Participation in Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2022

CRIC contributes to UCLG ASPAC's close collaboration with the Ministry of National Development Planning of Indonesia for the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2022 through the renewal of local governments' commitment, a showcase of practices, and knowledge sharing. The Report of the 9th APFSD will serve as the region's input to the High-Level Political Forum to be held in July 2022.

In close collaboration with the Ministry, UCLG ASPAC, under its major climate programmes, the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) Asia and Climate Resilient and Inclusive Cities (CRIC), shared the knowledge and presented a showcase of cities in a side event organised on 28 March 2022, "Means to Reach the Climate and SDGs Ambition: Financing Options, Research, and Technologies to Advancing Local Governments in Turning Commitments into Reality".

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Item 6

v For Decision and Information

APPROVALS AND NOTES

Summary and Recommendations

The UCLG ASPAC Secretariat received six membership applications for joining the Organisation. The applications are from Indonesia (Ogan Komiring Ilir Regency), Nepal (Harion Municipality, Godawari Municipality, Tarakeswor Municipality, Dhunibeshi Municipality, South Korea (Association of Districts of Daejeon Metropolitan City, and Gimhae City). The Secretariat also received interest from Makassar City, Samarinda City and Marshall Islands Mayors Association (MIMA) to join UCLG ASPAC.

The Secretariat presents the updates on Work Plan 2022 that are aligned with the Manifesto 2021-2025. The Secretariat also shares the UCLG ASPAC Advocacy Plan 2021-2025.

As of 02 May 2021, the Secretariat has not received interest from members to host the Executive Bureau Meeting 2023. Meanwhile, CPAFFC informed the Secretariat that Yiwu and Kunming have interested in hosting the 9th UCLG ASPAC Congress.

Daejeon Metropolitan City as the host of UCLG ASPAC Council 2022 to be held back-to-back with the 7th UCLG Congress 2022 held a signing agreement for the 2022 UCLG ASPAC Council Meeting with UCLG ASPAC Secretary General Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, at Daejeon City Hall on 15 December 2021.

The Executive Bureau is invited to:

1. **Endorse** (1) the membership applications received by the Secretariat, (2) Update on UCLG ASPAC Work Plans 2022, (3) UCLG ASPAC Advocacy Plan 2021-2025
2. **Share** the response to members' requests for membership fees reduction and waiver
3. **Take note** of the host of UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau 2023 and the 9th UCLG ASPAC Congress 2023.
4. **Take note** of updates on UCLG ASPAC Council 2022 to be held back-to-back with the 7th UCLG Congress 2022.

6.1. Membership Matters

6.1.1 Membership Interest

As of 2 May 2022, the Secretariat has received six applications to join UCLG ASPAC from the following local

governments and one local government association for the approval of the UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau members:

- Nepal
 1. Harion Municipality
 2. Godawari Municipality
 3. Tarakeshwor Municipality
 4. Dhunibeshi Municipality
- Indonesia
 1. Ogan Komiring Ilir Regency (due to financial availability, applied for Direct Member of UCLG ASPAC and requested a reduced fee)
- South Korea
 1. Association of Districts of Daejeon Metropolitan City
 2. Gimhae City (due to financial availability, applied for Direct Member of UCLG ASPAC and requested a reduced fee)

The UCLG ASPAC Secretariat will request the approval from UCLG World Executive Bureau on applications from Harion Municipality, Dhunibeshi Municipality, and Association of Districts of Daejeon Metropolitan City at the upcoming 2022 UCLG World Executive Bureau Meeting that will be held in Sevilla on 13-15 June 2022.

The signed membership applications from the above local governments and the association and request letters for a reduced fee are available in Annex 6.

The Secretariat of UCLG ASPAC also received interest from Makassar City, Samarinda City and Marshall Islands Mayors Association (MIMA) to join UCLG ASPAC. However, the Secretariat received no membership applications from them yet.

6.1.2 Membership Fees Reduction and Waiver

Due to the financial issues and budget limitations, the following city and LGA members requested the fee waiver and reduction:

- **Anuradhapura Municipal Council**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the Council is facing a financial crisis and is unable to pay the membership fee at this moment. Anuradhapura Municipal Council requested their membership not be terminated until the financial situation improves and they can pay the membership fee. The outstanding of the Council is for the period 2018-2022 with a total amount of USD 8,165. The council addressed these issues to the UCLG ASPAC Secretary General in a letter dated 20 January 2022. The letter is available in Annex.
- **Association of District Coordination Committee Nepal (ADCCN)**

The association sent a letter to the UCLG ASPAC Secretary General on 20 April 2022 asking for a waiver of membership fees for 2020 and 2021 with a total amount of USD 1,740 due to a limited budget and not adequately supported by the Federal Government. Previously, the association had also requested a waiver for the membership fee for 2019, and it had been approved by Executive Bureau Meeting held on 25th August 2020. The mentioned letter is available in Annex.

- **Jambi City**
Due to the budget refocusing on handling the COVID-19 pandemic (following the request of the National Government) and city budget prioritisation, Jambi City was requesting a reduced fee for the year 2022. The request letter is available in Annex.
- **Ogan Komering Ilir**
A letter requesting a reduced fee for a newly applied member, Ogan Kemering Ilir is available in Annex.
- **Gimhae City**
A letter requesting a reduced fee for a newly applied member, Gimhae City is available in Annex.

6.2. Financial Highlights

Overview of the UCLG-ASPAC 2022 Financial Management (1st Quarter)

UCLG ASPAC started the first quarter of 2022 with much-increased activities compared to the 1st quarter of 2021. The Finance and Accounting Division has recorded a double increase in financial transactions per month compared to 2021 since mid of January 2022. The current condition in Indonesia where the COVID-19 cases have shown a significant decline, allows UCLG ASPAC to start again face-to-face activities that are combined with virtual participation. Activities that were postponed in 2021 are now being reactivated with an updated work plan and a new budget.

Execution of FY 2022 Budget as of 30 April 2022

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 UCLG-ASPAC has allocated a total of USD 3.6 million for overall activities which are dominated by programme activities by 54% of the overall budget items. This budget has increased 79% higher than the budget in 2021. In 2022 we are now having more travelling, training, workshops and also management system development to improve the UCLG ASPAC operations.

Table 1. The Realisation of the Budget for the First Quarter of 2022 (January – April)

	UCLG ASPAC BUDGET FY 2022		UCLG ASPAC REALIZATION BY 1st QUARTER 2022		PERCENTAGE
INCOME					
Membership Fees	USD	529,669.98	USD	236,351.00	44.62%
Congress	USD	21,100.00	USD	-	
Other Income	USD	28,514.70	USD	404.93	1.42%
Programmes	USD	3,110,208.00	USD	420,139.99	13.51%
Total Income	USD	3,689,492.68	USD	656,895.92	17.80%
EXPENDITURE					
Salaries and Social Charges	USD	887,813.68	USD	158,118.80	17.81%
Professional Fees	USD	165,457.75	USD	1,750.70	1.06%
Overheads	USD	169,932.74	USD	52,637.76	30.98%
Communications and Publications	USD	24,479.00	USD	3,118.72	12.74%
Activities					
# Statutory Meetings	USD	84,630.00	USD	-	0.00%
# Congress	USD	21,100.00	USD	-	
# Advocacy and Capacity Building	USD	119,713.59	USD	-	0.00%
# Programmes and Projects	USD	1,989,364.50	USD	329,458.30	16.56%
World Portion	USD	227,001.42	USD	-	0.00%
Total Expenditure	USD	3,689,492.68	USD	545,084.27	14.77%

As of April 30 2022, UCLG ASPAC has progressed smoothly into the 2nd quarter by achieving almost 20% of income realisation and 13% of expenditures spent. Accounting records have shown an increasing trend of transactions and are forecasted to be still going up until August 2022. The positive trend also shows that income is received as scheduled; this is much larger compared to 2021. This indicates a very positive trend from members which may also show a good prospect of economic recovery after the pandemic in the last two years.

Income in the First Quarter of 2022

UCLG ASPAC expected an income of USD 3,6 million for the Fiscal Year 2022. This amount consists of the income from membership fees and project/programme funding from donors and/or members. The contribution from members allocated for activities of the Committees led by members has also grown. The income from Congress successfully held and hosted by Zhengzhou in 2021, was expected to be the balance of 2021's income that was received in 2022. The amount of income has increased 70% from last year's budget and as of April 2022, UCLG ASPAC has received almost 18% of the budgeted income or USD 656,895.

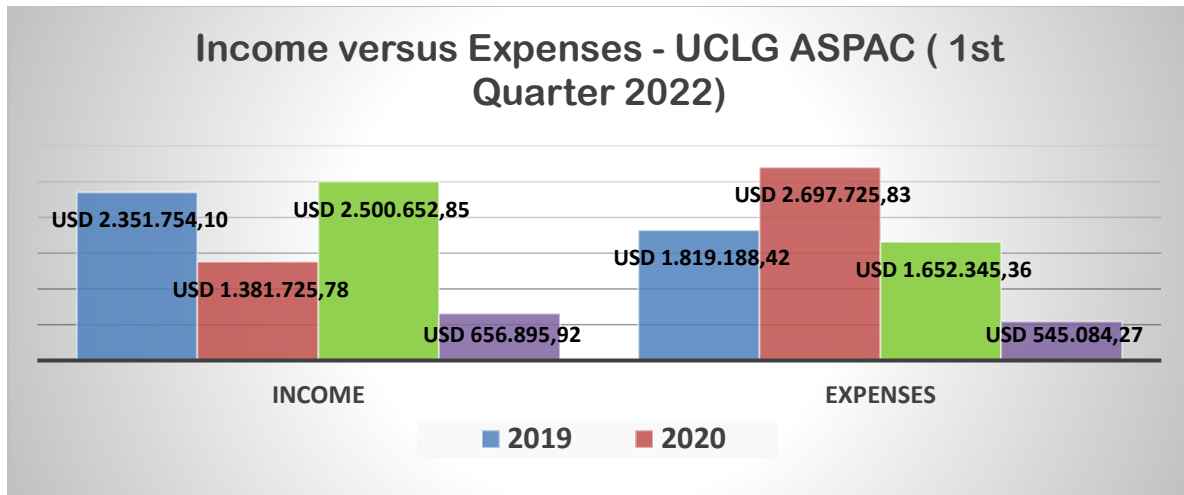


Fig. 1. Income vs Expenditures for the First Quarter of 2022

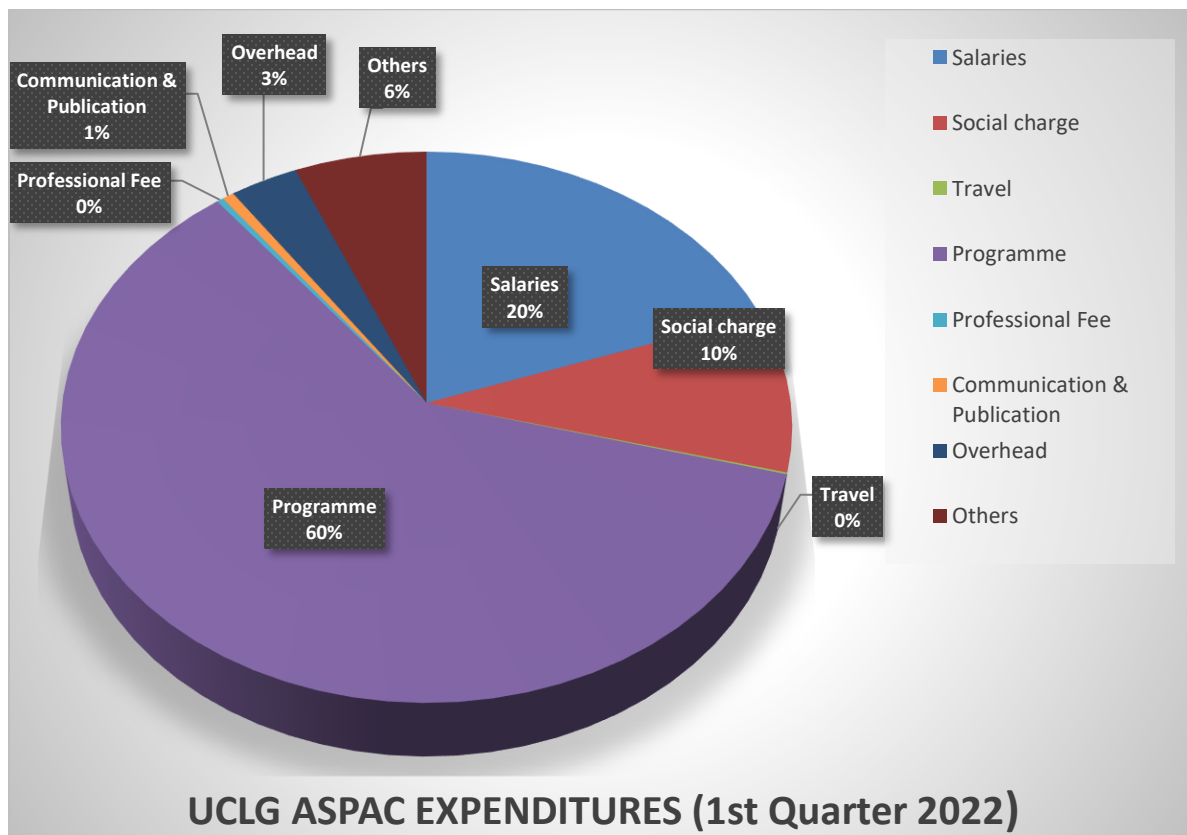


Fig. 2. Type of Expenses for the First Quarter of 2022

Expenditures in the First Quarter of 2022

In this first quarter of 2022, UCLG ASPAC has recorded expenses of USD 545,084 or 14% of the allocated budget. This also shows a positive trend since this amount is lower than the current received income. The largest portion of these expenses came from project activities which are 60% of the total recorded expenses in this quarter.

Entering the first quarter of 2022, the graphic above shows good progress on income versus expenditures, a positive balance with the total expenses of 19% below the total current income. With the current good trend of membership payment rate, the Secretariat is optimistic this positive trend will continue until the end of the year. The Secretariat is also expecting the new income source to come in mid-2022 since a few new activities are now being proposed to donors for new funding.

Information on Membership Fees (1st Quarter 2022)

In this first quarter of 2022, UCLG ASPAC has received USD 236,351 membership fee in which the members have paid their membership fees on schedule; this has increased compared to last year in the same quarter. This amount is almost 45% of the forecasted revenue from membership. This has indicated a positive and stronger trend of the economic recovery of members after being affected by the pandemic in the last two years.

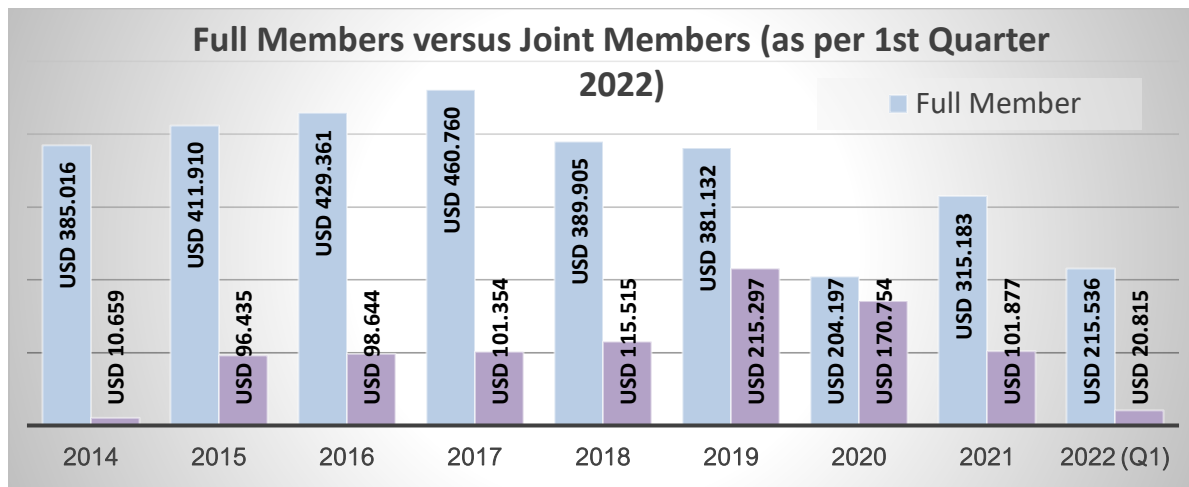


Fig. 3. Membership Fees of Full and Joint Members.

The above figure shows the composition of membership fees of full members (UCLG ASPAC and UCLG World) and joint members (UCLG World, UCLG ASPAC and Metropolis) from 2014 to 2022. The figure shows only the 1st quarter of 2022; the amount is expected to increase in the next quarters.

6.2.2 Audited Financial Report

The table below shows the audited Financial Position from 2015 to 2020. Total current assets have grown positively almost three times (3x) since 2015; the assets are expected to still grow in the coming years.

Aside from membership consistent growth, the portfolio of UCLG ASPAC has also grown year over year. New projects or programmes from various donors has come almost every year which made UCLG ASPAC portfolio grow larger over the past 5 years or more.

Table 2. UCLG ASPAC Financial Position for the Year 2015 to 2022

UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL SECTION (UCLG - ASPAC) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020						
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
ASSETS						
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	2,080,850.00	2,592,747	2,248,542	1,587,916	1,007,706	792,636
Other receivables	935,280.00	576,981	478,546	126,480	96,697	102,629
Total Current Assets	3,016,130.00	3,169,728	2,727,088	1,714,396	1,104,403	895,265
NON-CURRENT ASSETS						
Fixed assets	31,614.00	18,545	7,665	9,264	13,002	16,370
Other non-current assets	-	150,000	150,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Total Non-Current Assets	31,614.00	168,545	157,665	409,264	413,002	416,370
TOTAL ASSETS	3,047,744.00	3,338,273	2,884,753	2,123,660	1,517,405	1,311,635
LIABILITY AND NET ASSETS						
CURRENT LIABILITY						
Other payables	66,671.00	90,121	146,097	62,056	37,089	95,826
NET ASSETS	2,981,073.34	3,248,152	2,738,656	2,061,604	1,480,316	1,215,809
TOTAL LIABILITY AND NET ASSETS	3,047,744.34	3,338,273	2,884,753	2,123,660	1,517,405	1,311,635

Opportunities for UCLG ASPAC to expand its portfolio from donors or institutions have been anticipated with continuous development in overall internal management to increase transparency, especially in financial management capacity improvement with more advanced Information Technology (IT). The Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) using Microsoft Business Centre is now being developed in the UCLG ASPAC management system to increase its capacity and transparency and make it more robust. The system also helps increase efficiency in operation especially in ensuring that the objectives of the activities are aligned with the targets and members' needs and interests.

6.3. Update on UCLG ASPAC Work Plans 2022

Following the approved summary of the UCLG ASPAC Work Plan for 2022 by the 2021 UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau at the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress on 7-9 September 2021, the Secretariat is carrying out the following activities and programmes for the implementation of the UCLG ASPAC Work Plans 2022 for the second year's implementation of UCLG ASPAC Manifesto 2021-2025:

Table 3. Work Plan 2022 for the Implementation of 2021-2025 Manifesto

No.	Activity/Programme	Timeframe
Goal 1: Promote effective democratic self-government and good governance		
1	Side Events at Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development	March
2	Contribute to the International Migration Review Forum Progress Declaration	April
3	Organise the Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy	May
4	Xi'an Municipal People's Government - UCLG ASPAC International Talent Education Programme Invitation – Scholarship Opportunity for Civil Servants from Cities and Local Governments	April – May
5	Xi'an - UCLG ASPAC Chinese Language Training Programme - Online courses (Basic Chinese Language, Speak Chinese in Real Scenario, Understanding China, and Charm of Xi'an)	April & July
6	Smart Cities Innovation Lab (SCIL) (tentative pilot: Jambi City and Surabaya City)	June – September
Goal 2: Equal and adequate basic services to improve quality of life and city resilience		
1	Advocacy and Capacity Development on Minimum Service Standards (MSS) for cities and local governments (a joint undertaking of UCLG ASPAC and the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia) - Internal Awareness Raising of the Directorate General of Regional Development (Offline/online Focus Group Discussion) - Workshop for the Indonesian MSS's Joint Secretariat Center of Inter Ministries and Institutions (Offline/online Focus Group Discussion) - Workshop for the Awareness Raising of Minister of Home Affairs Regulation No. 59 of 2021 addressed to Governors, Regents/Mayors who are members of UCLG ASPAC - Award for the best performing region in implementing MSS in 2022 (to be postponed)	February – December
2	Training on Gender Responsive and Participatory Budgeting (GRPB)	June – November
3	Conduct Webinar Series for strengthening local government capacity after COVID-19 (local government hospital in-service telemedicine)	April – December
4	Carry out the 2 nd phase of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) Project on Water and Sanitation targeting Bangladesh and Nepal and upscaling it in the Asian region	March – December
5	Construction of Public Space Facility in Palu City (selected theme: Learning from the 2018 disasters)	February – June

6	People's Learning Center Ketandan Programme – Surabaya	February – June
7	Capacity Building on Sustainable Mobility and Transportation	July
Goal 3: Put global/regional agendas and national commitments into effective local implementation		
1	Carry on LEAD for SDGs localisation in Pakistan including the VSR	January – December
2	Capacity building of local governments in integrating climate action plans in pilot cities of the Climate Resilience Inclusive Cities (CRIC) and Urban Climate Action for Low-Carbon and Resilient Cities (Urban-ACT) programmes	March – December
3	Preparation of Voluntary Local Reviews (VLR) for Jakarta and Semarang City and Bandar Lampung	January – March
4	Training activities on Climate Action Plan Development addressed to the EU-funded GCoM Asia Project's Pilot Cities in Southeast Asia Countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam)	January – October
5	EU-funded GCoM Asia Project's National Training Workshop on climate change mitigation and adaptation for selected cities and local governments in Southeast Asia countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam)	March – May
6	Capacity building of local governments and their associations in the preparation of VLR and VSR through coaching to relevant local government staff and local government association staff	September – December
Goal 4: Aggregate, elevate and advocate for local voices and issues at national, regional and global levels		
1	ASEAN Mayors Forum (Surabaya and Phnom Penh/Siem Reap)	October & November
2	The Urban20 (U20) International Event Road to G20 "Fostering Collaboration between Cities to Accelerate Solution towards Climate Change, the Pandemic, and Economic Recovery	February
3	U20 Mayors Forum hosted by Jakarta	August
Goal 5: Empower and enable COVID-19 recovery and resilience for local governments and cities		
1	Webinar: Making Cities Resilient/ MCR2030 Virtual Roadshow	February – September
2	Side event at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR) in Bali (Local Leader Forum)	May
3	Side event at the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR) in Brisbane	September
Goal 6: Strengthen the performance and service delivery of the Secretariat to achieve the aspiration of Manifesto 2020-2025		
1	2022 First Session of UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau (hybrid) in Xi'an	June
2	2022 UCLG ASPAC Council and 7 th UCLG World Congress in Daejeon	October
3	UCLG ASPAC Secondment Programme	January – December
4	Facilitation of City-to-City Cooperation	January – December
5	Development of Member Dashboard of UCLG ASPAC	March – September
6	Development of e-learning platform	January – December

7	Member Needs Assessment Survey	March – July
8	Programme Development of Digital Platform (Parikolektif.com) as a hub of city farmers	January – December
9	Decentralised cooperation (KSI) training for local governments in Indonesia and ASPAC members	May – December
10	Implementation of ERP for increasing productivity and efficiency at the Secretariat’s operation	January – December
11	Carry on the production of newsletters, e-Newsletter, Annual Reports, social media, and any other publications related to prioritised fields	January – December
12	Support the activities organised by UCLG ASPAC Committees including research	January – December

6.4. UCLG ASPAC Advocacy and Communication Strategy

The UCLG ASPAC Secretariat through the policy and advocacy team has created the **UCLG ASPAC Advocacy Plan 2021-2025** which aims to raise awareness and recognition of the important role and status of local governance in the Asia-Pacific region and contribute to national, regional, and global policy making and reforms through collective political commitments and evidence-based policy recommendations. The plan that is aligned with the Manifesto 2021-2025 can be found in Annex 6.

6.5. Hosting the UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau 2023 and the 9th UCLG ASPAC Congress 2023

On 30 March 2022, the Secretariat informed members that the deadline to apply for hosting the 9th UCLG ASPAC Congress was extended to 1 August 2022. On the same occasion, the Secretariat also sent out to members a call for expression of interest in hosting the UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau 2023 with a submission deadline of 29 April 2022.

As of 01 May 2021, the Secretariat has not received any interest from members to host the ExBu 2023. However, CPAFFC has informed the Secretariat that Yiwu and Kunming have interested in hosting the 9th UCLG ASPAC Congress. In addition, CPAFFC has also informed the Secretary General that Nanjing that previously showed the same interest decided to not continue applying for the host of Congress.

6.6. Update on UCLG ASPAC Council 2022 and 7th UCLG World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders, 10-14 October 2022, Daejeon City (Back-to-Back Events)

On 13-15 December 2021, Daejeon Metropolitan City and its UCLG Organising Committee held the “2022 Daejeon UCLG World Congress Resolution Ceremony” in a bid to successfully host the event next year. Attending this event were **Mayor Her Tae-jeong of Daejeon, National Assembly Speaker Mr. Park Byeong-seok, UCLG ASPAC Secretary General Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi**, citizen representatives, and political figures including members of National Assembly, party representatives, and minister.

The event started with congratulatory remarks, followed by promotion video clips, a progress report by Secretary General of Daejeon UCLG Organising Committee, an ambassadorial appointment, and a photo-op. At the meeting, Secretary General Dr. Bernadia congratulated Daejeon for winning the bid to host the 7th UCLG World Congress in 2022, encouraged members to participate, and expected a successful Congress. Participants of the event also promised their full support and attendance in the Congress and to actively promote the event.

Daejeon mascot Kkumdoli, the representative symbol of the 1993 Daejeon Expo, and college students from Daejeon have been appointed as honorary ambassadors. They will show up in various areas to raise awareness and interest in Congress.

In addition, Daejeon held a signing agreement for the 2022 UCLG ASPAC Council Meeting with Secretary General Dr. Bernadia, at Daejeon City Hall. The 2022 UCLG ASPAC Council and the 2nd Session UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau will be conducted on 10th and 11th October 2022, in conjunction with UCLG World Congress 2022. Mayor Her requested UCLG ASPAC support to deliver the Congress invitation letter to the Korean Cities Federation, a North Korean member. The letter from Mayor Her is shown in Annex.

Meanwhile, the 2022 UCLG World Congress that is to be held around Daejeon Convention Center (DCC), will include various statutory meetings and sessions, along with smart exhibitions with approximately 250 booths. Daejeon is preparing a variety of programmes in addition to the official meetings, as various members and international organisations are expected to participate. K-pop, 33 global-civic festivals and tourist programmes, World Food Festival, cultural exhibitions, and art performances will lighten up the Congress, and Daejeon is making every effort for its preparation. A visit to Korea DeMilitarised Zone (DMZ) will also be arranged for the participants.

A representative of Daejeon Metropolitan City will deliver a presentation on the preparations for UCLG ASPAC Council 2022 and the 7th UCLG World Congress.

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UCLG WORLD CALL FOR NOMINATION, OTHER ACTIVITIES AND LINKAGE WITH UCLG ASPAC

Summary and Recommendations

In close coordination with UCLG World Secretariat, UCLG ASPAC Secretariat is assisting ASPAC Members who are eligible for the Call for Nomination of Asia-Pacific Representatives at the UCLG Governing Bodies 2022 – 2025.

UCLG ASPAC members have participated in various virtual forums organised by UCLG World from July 2021 to March 2022.

The 2021 UCLG World Council was held using a hybrid format from 16 to 18 November 2021 in Barcelona. UCLG ASPAC Presidency and Council members had attended the several sessions and dialogues virtually. The UCLG ASPAC Secretary General had a chance to attend the 2021 UCLG Council in person in Barcelona.

As Indonesia hosts the G20 this year, in February 2022, UCLG ASPAC jointly with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) of Indonesia held a U20 International Seminar Road to Indonesia's G20 Presidency under the theme "Fostering Collaboration between Cities to Accelerate Solution towards Climate Change, the Pandemic, and Economic Recovery." UCLG ASPAC Secretariat also participated in the UCLG World Secretariat's Retreat 2022 in Barcelona last February.

The Executive Bureau is invited to:

1. **Endorse** the Call for Nomination of Asia-Pacific Representatives at the UCLG Governing Bodies 2022 – 2025.
2. **Take note** of the involvement and participation of the UCLG ASPAC Presidency and members in UCLG World activities.

7.1. A Call for Nomination of Asia-Pacific Representatives at the UCLG Governing Bodies 2022 – 2025

Following a letter from UCLG Secretary General Emilia Saiz addressed to the UCLG ASPAC Secretary General Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi on the 2022 Electoral Process for the UCLG Governing Bodies, on 11 May 2022 the Secretariat of UCLG ASPAC was sending out a letter addressed to the full members of UCLG and UCLG ASPAC calling for nomination for the UCLG Governing Bodies 2022 – 2025. **The Direct Members of UCLG ASPAC are ineligible to be nominated at the UCLG World Governing Bodies.**

The mandate of the Governing Bodies of UCLG will end at the 7th UCLG World Congress in Daejeon, 10-14 October 2022. As per UCLG Electoral Procedure Rules, the electoral process is taking place in each world

region and is monitored by the Committee on Statutory Affairs. In the case of the Asia-Pacific region, UCLG ASPAC is to make nominations and to coordinate with the Metropolis section for the UCLG ASPAC and metropolitan joint membership.

As per the Electoral Procedure Rules, nominations should be built on consensus with inclusive consultation processes. The nominations should pay special attention to promoting gender equality and respecting the 30% minimum gender quota agreed by the Executive Bureau. It should further guarantee balances between the different types of members (individual members and associations), as well as among the different tiers of government (i.e., local, provincial, regional) and the repartition of seats between membership in different countries. For your reference, the **Guide to UCLG 2022 electoral process** can be found in Annex.

- **UCLG ASPAC Representatives at World Council and World Executive Bureau**

The total number of seats available for ASPAC is **66 for the World Council**, and **23 members of the Executive Bureau** are to be elected by the World Council members. To be eligible for nomination, the candidate should meet the following requirements: (1). **up to date with the payment** of membership fees (up until the year preceding the meeting), (2). **must hold a political mandate** from a local government. For reference, the **eligibility status of UCLG ASPAC members** for the UCLG Governing Bodies 2022-2025 can be found in Annex. Those who are not yet eligible can change their status to be eligible by making payment of its membership fees (up to date until 2021) no later than 31 July 2022.

On this occasion, the Secretariat would like to encourage the eligible members of UCLG and UCLG ASPAC to occupy the 66 available seats for World Council and 23 seats for the World Executive Bureau and strongly encourages the eligible members to consider the gender equality in making their nominations to respect the **30% minimum gender quota**. For this purpose, the eligible members are required to complete the nomination form and return the completed form to UCLG ASPAC Secretariat no later than 31 July 2022. The **nomination form** is available in Annex 7.

- **UCLG ASPAC Representatives at UCLG Presidency**

Currently, UCLG ASPAC is represented by **Mayor Li Mingyuan of Xi'an Municipal People's Government** as UCLG Co-President representing Asia and the Pacific and **Mayor Madelaine Y. Alfelor of Iriga City** as UCLG Treasurer (the position filled in by Asia-Pacific for the first time since UCLG's establishment). As Mayor Alfelor did not stand for the local election in her city held on 9 May 2022, UCLG ASPAC is exploring any interest of mayor/governor from this region to take up the position of Treasurer of UCLG World.

In terms of the UCLG Presidency for 2022 – 2025, UCLG ASPAC should maintain its representatives as UCLG Co-President and UCLG Treasurer. Furthermore, should there be interest to run for the position of UCLG World President, the Secretariat will provide full support and exert the critical contribution of the Asia-Pacific region (largest regional section and big contributor in membership fees) to do the necessary campaign/lobby for the intended position. It would be the first time for ASPAC to take the lead in UCLG Governance.

7.2. Asia-Pacific Participation at the 2021 UCLG World Council



From 16 to 18 November 2021, UCLG ASPAC attended the UCLG World Council Meeting 2021 organised in a hybrid format at the Smart City Exhibition Centre, Barcelona. The cities from Asia and the Pacific region were actively involved in various dialogue sessions: Council Meeting with the theme of “Smart Cities and Territories, Pillars of the Common Agenda”; UCLG World Council Policy Debate and Business Session addressing how the municipal movement can contribute to the UN Secretary General’s Common Agenda, and world transformation in the coming years, emphasising

on the future of human rights; a session on “A Pact for the Future: Renewing the Social Contract for the Great Reset” that provided the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic to demonstrate the important role of local and regional governments.

At the Pact for the Future session, Mr. Sheng, **Xi’an Municipal People’s Government** delivered his observation and thought by mentioning that erasing gaps between the rich and poor will take (a long) time, but equal access to basic services must be delivered to all, such as vaccinations. In this regard, he called for effective, resilient, and people-centred local governance. **Mayor Noraini Roslan of Subang Jaya City** reiterated lessons learned by cities during the pandemic and called for support from all levels of government.

Mayor Her Tae-Jeong of Daejeon Metropolitan City, through a video message, shared the 2023 UCLG Congress preparation in Daejeon taking the theme “Breaking Through as One.” He proudly stated that the Congress will be held with the full support and cooperation of the central government. He also mentioned the request to UCLG World Secretariat to invite the Korean Cities Federation of North Korea to the Congress to deliver a strong message for peace on the Korean Peninsula and in the world. He looks forward to seeing UCLG members in Daejeon.

Governor Anies Baswedan of Jakarta Capital City Government, the host city of the UCLG ASPAC Secretariat, through a video message on UCLG Executive Bureau Policy Debate and Business Session, mentioned the importance of the pact for the future and cordially invite UCLG members to the next U20 event to be held in Jakarta.

During the UCLG World Forum of Regions, **the Vice Governor Emil Dardak of East Java Province** shared three key issues faced by the local government including the fiscal relationship with municipalities, local democracy and public opinion, and relationship with the central government.



The outcome of the World Council included the adoption of the 2022 work plan, the approval of the budget, a **collegial Presidency**, and preparations for the Seventh UCLG Congress in Daejeon 2022. Following the decision of the President of UCLG, Mohamed Boudra, to not stand for re-election in the local elections held in Morocco in September 2021, the consensus was reached on a proposal to continue building on the **collegial approach** with **rotating responsibilities for the members of the Presidency**, based on the policy agenda for which the representatives are responsible and on the international agenda linked to these responsibilities.

The UCLG Governing Presidency will rotate as follows:

- Between the World Council and the UCLG Annual Retreat, the week of 21 February: Mayor of Kazan.
- Between the Retreat and the high-level meeting on the review of the New Urban Agenda in April: **Mayor of Xi'an and Mayor of Iriga.**
- Between this meeting and our Executive Bureau in June: Mayor of Soria and Mayor of San José.
- Between the Bureau and the High-Level Political Forum in July: Mayor of Konya and Mayor of Kitchener.
- Between the Political Forum and Urban 20, in July-August: Mayor of Paris and Mayor of Barcelona.
- Between Urban 20 and the UCLG World Congress in October: Mayor of The Hague.

The key decisions report of the 2021 UCLG World Council can be downloaded at the following link: https://docs.uclg.org/circulars/2021/27/eng_key_decisions_2021_world_council.pdf

7.3. UCLG ASPAC Secretariat's Participation in UCLG World Secretariat's Retreat 2022 in Barcelona

UCLG ASPAC Secretariat participated in the Retreat organised by UCLG World Secretariat taking place in Barcelona on 21-25 February 2022. The event was set to prepare for the UCLG World Congress in Daejeon in October 2022.

The first day was to embrace the key milestone for the municipal movement: the World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders and World Congress. The Congress is aiming to gather the entire municipal leaders and partners to promote sustainable transformation and a political process involving four tracks (Local4Action, Statutory, Assembly, and Town Hall). The special discussion on the workplan was focused on the learning, policy, research, and statutory activities. The session also discussed the plan for 2022 following the new normal and post-pandemic situation.

On the second and third days, the session was involving various partners such as UN agencies, LGAs, practitioners, and academicians who contributed to the UCLG family work in 2021. A representative from UCLG ASPAC Secretariat joined the VSR workshop and shared the experiences and lessons learnt from the Asia-Pacific region on the implementation of SDGs localisation by strengthening the capacities of LGs and LGAs through capacity building and learning.



During the second day of the Retreat, Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi presented the Manifesto and work plan for 2022 which showcased the UCLG ASPAC's focus on addressing the regional challenges to achieve the global agenda within the APLG platform. UCLG learning team was using the concept of Townhall exercise that was to experiment beyond as Lead organisations of each Town Hall had been asked to imagine a headline from the future related to their respective Town Hall discussions.

On the day fourth and fifth were focused on the discussion of the Lampedusa charter which addressed the issue of migration and displacement. The participants including Mayors, councillors and other stakeholders discussed a proposal for the "Lampedusa Charter" which would express a new narrative on human mobility, moving from a focus on managing migration to a community-based approach. Lastly, the UCLG Retreat 2022 produced a statement about the Ukrainian and Russian war and urged local leaders to extend solidarity and promote peace and cooperation and solve the conflict between both countries. A statement is shown in the Annex.

7.4. U20 International Seminar Road to G20 (A Joint Undertaking of UCLG ASPAC and MoHA Indonesia)



On 24 February 2022, UCLG ASPAC jointly with the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) of Indonesia** held a **U20 International Seminar Road to Indonesia's G20 Presidency** under the theme "**Fostering Collaboration between Cities to Accelerate Solution towards Climate Change, the Pandemic, and Economic Recovery**". Organised in a hybrid format in Bandung, West Java, this event aimed at showcasing the exemplary and good practices and the success of cities and local governments in achieving areas under the U20 priority issues; thus, contributing to the upcoming G20 event in November "**Recovering Together, Recovering Stronger.**"

At the opening of the event, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC addressed how inclusive solutions are of utmost importance, with resiliency as the final destination. She highlighted that the **collaborations are urged to ensure that no one is left behind in the process of recovery from the pandemic and address the**

climate emergency and the U20 platform for the joint partnership for cities and local governments as part of the solution.

In his keynote speech, Mr. Bambang Susantono, Vice President of Asian Development Bank (ADB) emphasised how urbanisation, particularly in Asian-Pacific cities must be properly planned to mitigate the pacts of climate change and narrow the gaps in urban infrastructure. He shared that ADB has created the 5E Approach to create liveable cities which are: **1) Economic Competitiveness 2) Environmental Sustainability and Resilience 3) Equity and Inclusiveness 4) Enablers and 5) Engagement.**



During the session on global-regional issues, Secretary General of UCLG, Emilia Saiz in her video message emphasised how key crucial points of **U20 mean nothing without the voices of cities and local governments, particularly in ensuring that all development is equally felt by all.**

UCLG ASPAC member cities showcased exemplary practices of Asia-Pacific cities in paving the way for a just and resilient future. **Jambi City** focused on energy transition with optimisation of waste management systems; **Mumbai City** aimed to shift transportation preferences from private to the public such as with the Urban Transportation Project; **Xi'an Municipal People's Government** focused on digitalisation and growth; **Surakarta City** and **Semarang City** put priority in creating a healthy and inclusive environment, high-quality government services (access to healthcare) and protecting disability rights; **Seoul Metropolitan Government** focused on the utilisation of technology to enhance the safety of its citizens by a rapid gathering of data to predict upcoming disasters; **Guangzhou Municipal People's Government** shared their approach in COVID-19 response with maximising technology for early detection of surging cases, reporting, timely isolation as well as treatment.

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Summary and Recommendations

UCLG ASPAC Secretariat and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) of Indonesia conducted a coordination meeting on 17 February 2022 in Semarang to evaluate the cooperation conducted during 2020-2021 and discuss the 2022 UCLG ASPAC programmes that are related to the Ministry and UCLG ASPAC members in Indonesia.

The Secretariat also renewed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kuala Lumpur City Hall in enhancing the capacity of local governments.

The Executive Bureau is invited to:

1. **Take note** of the result of the evaluation meeting between UCLG ASPAC and the Ministry of Home Affairs of Indonesia.
2. **Take note** of the new MoU between UCLG ASPAC and Kuala Lumpur City Hall.

8.1 Evaluation and Coordination Meeting with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) of Indonesia and UCLG ASPAC Members in Indonesia



Following the three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UCLG ASPAC and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) of Indonesia signed in 2020, both parties held a coordination meeting to evaluate the cooperation conducted during 2020-2021 and discuss the 2022 UCLG ASPAC programmes that are related to the Ministry and UCLG ASPAC members in Indonesia. UCLG ASPAC provided a space for

dialogue on how cities and local governments in Indonesia could best obtain membership advantages from the Organisation. The meeting was attended by approximately 80 participants and conducted in a hybrid format on 17 February 2022 in Semarang.

UCLG ASPAC Secretary-General Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi welcomed the participants by emphasising the role of UCLG ASPAC that is beneficial for members such as facilitating city-to-city or local governments to local governments cooperation, capacity building, localising the Global Agendas, as well as COVID-19 recovery in collaboration with relevant partners. On this occasion, she thanked MoHA for the fruitful cooperation mentioning the recent collaboration success on the revised regulation on minimum

standards of basic services or Standar Pelayanan Minimum (SPM) in the Indonesian language. Dr. Bernadia also thanked Semarang City for their kind assistance and help to make the meeting run well.

Mr. Heriyandi Roni, Head of Cooperation Facilitation Centre of MoHA appreciated the works carried out by UCLG ASPAC for local governments and members in Indonesia. He stated that members should optimise the membership benefits to empower and improve the local capacity and ability of the community through collaborative programmes. He also thanked related Ministries/Institutions who have helped the Ministry of Home Affairs in overseeing the collaboration with UCLG ASPAC.

The first session of the meeting was dedicated to the evaluation of cooperation between MoHA and UCLG ASPAC from 2020 to 2021. A representative from the Directorate General of Regional Development of MoHA presented the revised regulation on SPM (Minimum Basic Services) in detail and proposed some programmes for 2022. UCLG ASPAC Secretariat presented the programmes and activities for Indonesian members that had been carried out from 2020 to 2021. UCLG ASPAC also facilitated a solidarity act through a donation of medical supplies to help cities/local governments in facing COVID-19 and assisted members in the preparation of the Regional Development Planning documents on Voluntary Local Review.

The second session of the meeting discussed the 2022 UCLG ASPAC Cooperation Programme Plan. UCLG ASPAC Secretariat presented the proposed 2022 Work Plan covering the activity continuation and proposal of new programmes, including UCLG ASPAC's plan to develop members' needs assessment and membership dashboard. In this session, members showed their interest to establish city-to-city cooperation or local government-to-local government cooperation, have technical support on a specific issue, and have cluster cities/local governments based on the same characteristic.

The key messages of the meeting were:

- Indonesian local governments look forward to getting their capacity enhanced such as through international internship programmes,
- Active participation of Indonesian local governments is expected to ensure that a set programme runs optimally,
- UCLG ASPAC is to share the Work Plan draft to Indonesian members for comments and inputs,
- MoHA will coordinate with relevant institutions relating to the monitoring of MoHA-UCLG ASPAC cooperation.

8.2 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UCLG ASPAC and Kuala Lumpur City Hall



UCLG ASPAC and Kuala Lumpur City Hall (KLCH) continue their partnerships in “Revitalisation and Enhancement of the Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Center (KLRTC).” This was formalised through the signing ceremony of a Letter of Intent (LoI) between both parties. **This LoI signing is an extension of its first initiation on 19 February 2019 and once again unites the same vision of both institutions in enhancing the capacity of local governments.**

Representing the KLRTC was the Mayor of Kuala Lumpur himself, Datuk Seri Mahadi Bin Che Ngah; and UCLG ASPAC was represented by Secretary General Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi. The signing ceremony took place in the Kuala Lumpur City Hall Headquarters on 15 April 2022.

In her remarks, Dr. Bernadia highlighted that with this new Lol, both parties will continue to grow and reap benefits from each other through mutual partnership. It also expects to optimise the function and operation of KLRTC to be the capacity building and learning hub for cities and local governments on sustainable development, not only in Malaysia but also in Asia and the Pacific.

Mayor of Kuala Lumpur, Datuk Seri Mahadi Bin Che Ngah highlighted the importance of collaboration in achieving common goals as UCLG ASPAC and KLCH have been standing together for decades in addressing the importance of sustainable development towards capacity building transformation and activities. “With UCLG ASPAC’s presence in KLRTC, we hope it becomes a collective effort between both parties to enhance KLRTC’s capacity to be a role model for cities in Asia and the Pacific, and beyond,” he added.

KLCH’s vision to become “The well-being city for all in 2030” aligns with UCLG ASPAC Manifesto and this will be the foundation of the cooperation and strategy. UCLG ASPAC will continue its support to Kuala Lumpur, particularly in the capacity building programme, and advocacy to bring more collaboration within its network of cities and local governments.

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PARTICIPANT LIST
2021 UCLG ASPAC EXECUTIVE BUREAU
Zhengzhou, 9 September 2021

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2.	Hou Hong	Mayor	Zhengzhou City
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5.	Sita Kumari Sundas	Chairperson	Association of District Development Committees of Nepal (ADDCN)
6.	Bidya Sunder Shakya	Mayor	Kathmandu Metropolitan City (KMC)
7.	Vijay Kumar Sarawagi	Mayor	Birgunj Sub-Metropolitan City
8.	Chintan Tamang	Mayor	Dhankuta Municipality
9.	Ramesh Maharjan	Mayor	Kirtipur Municipality
10.	Baikuntha Neupane	Mayor	Vyas Municipality
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16.	Abigail Binay	Mayor	Local Government of Makati
17.	Carlo Medina	Mayor	Local Government Unit of Vigan City
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ANNEX 4.1.1. Activity Report of AILSG

AILSG ACTIVITY REPORT (JULY 2021 TO MARCH 2022)

I. General activity organized and participated by Members

Title - Capacitating CSOs & Empowering Women and Girls through Social Entrepreneurship

Background –

All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AILSG) and European Union launched the Girl Power project to support capacity building of civil society organizations (CSOs) working for women empowerment in Jharkhand. The project, funded by the European Union, aims to support and empower 5000 marginalized women through skill building trainings and entrepreneurial support including provision of networking and market access opportunities.

Attaining gender equality has become essential for Indian society to ensure sustainable development of the region. In Jharkhand state, approximately 50% of the working population is women in the age group of 15-49 years. The five year long Girl Power Project is being implemented in 10 districts of Jharkhand State covering 20 blocks namely Dumka, Deoghar, Koderma, Hazairbagh, Khunti, Gumla, Ranchi, West Singhbhum, East Singhbhum and Saraikela on 11 different products identified during the baseline survey.



Activities Conducted

- **Create a network Formation:** This project will create a network of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and women which will act as a support base for fostering rights and support to women and girls in Jharkhand. The Network will include one Advisory Group which will give

overall direction to the project in terms of CSO capacity building and social entrepreneurship.

- **CSO Capacity Building:** This project will build capacity of CSOs, including women led CSOs, to empower them on social entrepreneurship. The project will support the CSOs throughout the project duration.



- **Skill Building for women and Girls:** This project will provide women and girls with skills for creating social enterprises and support existing social enterprises led by women. Based on the inputs from CSO partners – identified women and girls (around 5000 in total) are trained on various skill building activities. Further on, the project will roll out Entrepreneurs support Centres programmes within the targeted CSOs to sustain the action on the long run.
- **Market Place:** This project will develop a marketplace to enable potential women and girls entrepreneurs to provide ready access for their goods and services. The project will set up an innovative nodal centre to Jharkhand Mahila Social Entrepreneurship Market Connect (JMSEMC) to coordinate the project. It will also act as a SPOC (Single Point of Contact) for women and CSOs to connect with prospective buyers in the marketplace. In addition to showcase events and marketing shows, a web portal to connect CSOs/Entrepreneurs to buyers will be created to enable market creation and demand.
- **Policy dialogues:** This project will engage in policy dialogue with policy makers and a broader set of CSOs and women led social entrepreneurs in India and EU for promoting women and girls led social entrepreneurship. The project will create and enhance dialogue with policy makers. The project will also undertake study visits and promote dialogue with CSOs in EU and other parts of India. At the end of the year, Mahila Social Entrepreneurship Awards will be given for CSOs who have been active in promoting partnerships and capacitating women and incentivising women social entrepreneurs.

Result –

- The Girl Power Project, was inaugurated on September 15, 2020 by Hon'ble Minister of the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare of Jharkhand State Mr. Badal Patralekh.
- A total of 15 training modules have been developed, 11 technical training modules on the identified products namely Organic farming, Poultry, Goat Rearing, Dairy, Fish rearing, Mushroom cultivation, Lac production, Mahua, Bee keeping, Bamboo craft, Silk processing, and four non-technical modules on soft skill, Skill development and Govt Schemes, Enterprise & Marketing, Mainstreaming Gender were also developed.

Proposed outcomes

- ✓ Self-sustaining Market Connect office
- ✓ 20 CSO Entrepreneur Support Groups
- ✓ 10 Entrepreneur Support Centers
- ✓ 20 Certificate Courses
- ✓ 01 Marketing show/ Mela
- ✓ 5000 women trained
- ✓ 1000 women social entrepreneurs
- ✓ Best Practice Forums
- ✓ Women Network for Social Entrepreneurship in Jharkhand

Title - AILSG trains state officials for efficient implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission

Background –

All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AILSG) organized a series of training programs for over 450 officials of Karnataka and the UT of Ladakh under the capacity building program of the Jal Jeevan Mission.

The training programmes were conducted in both the formats – online and physical. The training focused on various aspects of the Mission including ‘Participatory planning, implementation & operation and maintenance of rural drinking water supply project under JJM’, ‘Operation and management of water supply system to achieve sustainable, equitable, consistent, economically viable safe and low energy consuming technologies’, ‘Best practices on rural water resource management’, and ‘Sensor-based IoT systems for monitoring rural water supply’. Team AILSG also organised field visits for the officials.

Result –

- The training programmes aimed to increase community participation and achieve the targets under JJM.
- The trainers underlined the challenges that officials could face while working with the beneficiaries. Trainers conducted interactive sessions to understand the ground realities and provide them tailor-made solutions.
- The officials were trained to map maximum clusters of houses to develop an integrated and comprehensive action plan.
- It was also suggested to revisit the village and carry out this activity to fill gaps in existing projects.
- This process will ensure the investment and participation of people from all sectors of society.
- Participants were also trained on incorporating the concept of resource mapping for the smart implementation of the scheme.

Title - Preparation of Solid and Liquid Waste Management Detail Project Report and implementation support for selected villages

Background –

AILLSG is supporting Zila Parishads for the Preparation of Solid and Liquid Waste Management Detail Project Report and also providing implementation support for selected villages under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase II.

The major responsibilities of the AILLSG Team include basic data collection from the villages, preparation of DPR and estimation documents and providing handholding support for concerned officials for implementation of the project. AILLSG is also providing advisory and strategic support to the block and district level officials of respective Zila Parishads.



Result –

- Introductory meeting at respective villages
- Sample Household Survey
- Basic data collection
- Preparation of DPR
- Preparation of Estimation, Drawing and Designs
- Liasioning for Technical and Administrative Sanctions from Zila Parishad
- Handholding and basic training of Gram Panchayat and Block Level Officials
- Documentation and Implementation monitoring.

Title - “AIIISG promoting Disability Inclusion” through BASIIC Programme

Background –

All India Institute of Local Self Government in collaboration with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) and with the support of FCDO (Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office) fund of the UK Government, is implementing the project "Building Accessible, Safe & inclusive Indian Cities (BASIIIC)".

The principal goal of BASIIC is to build the capacities of Indian cities to be sensitive and responsive to the needs of the people with disabilities (PwDs). The project aims to holistically build the capacity of practitioners to plan and implement with the tenets of universal access and inclusiveness. AIIISG through this project, has curated a detailed four-module course on “Fundamentals of Disability Inclusion”

The aim is to familiarise city officials on the importance of achieving universal design within the urban ecosystem. AIIISG under this project has also brought the key stakeholders working on disabilities on a common platform and has demonstrated innovative solutions – technologies, programs and service delivery models in the realm of universal access through a series of Training & Capacity Building programs.

Result –

Activities Conducted (With details of milestones achieved)

- City Training Needs assessment conducted across 30 Indian cities to collect evidence on city’s perception towards Universal design and inclusive practices, and further design tailored relevant training modules and resources based on learning needs of the city officials
- Self-paced course on “Fundamentals of Disability Inclusion created. The course is also live on nulp.niua.org
- Training Programs for 100+ officials conducted across 5 Indian Cities

Through the course and training programs, the project has helped the city stakeholders learn to Diagnose city’s level of accessibility, safety and inclusivity and:

- Identify key barriers impacting vulnerable population and promote equitable, lasting and cost effective measures to remove barriers in the future.
- Gain working knowledge of how to conduct an access and safety audit
- Improve city’s performance by addressing accessibility and inclusivity related issues

- Adopt national and global best practices to tackle the issues and challenges faced by PwDs in a city



Title - AIILSG conducts social mobilization drive in Dharampuri

Background –

AIILSG – MPUDC - Bhopal Outreach Campaign Project team tried to build consensus in the community about the importance of sewerage connections, especially among households, according to project demand and objectives.

The project helped in sensitizing people about the importance of sewerage connection for a healthy life through various IEC and social mobilization activities.

Social mobilization is a powerful tool to address inequities through community engagement and grassroots level action. It is a name given to an overall process of change, which happens to a substantial part of the population moving from traditional to modern life.



Result –

1. The AILSG - IEC & social mobilization team has delivered ample IEC campaigns within appropriate strength, and with good holistic approaches.
2. Field executives of outreach campaign project have conducted social mobilisation intervention and dissemination through various IEC activities.
3. The Outreach Campaign Project of AILSG Bhopal has achieved the target of “Social Mobilization and Population Education” in Dharampuri, District Dhar, Madhya Pradesh, in limited time through missionary prospect.
4. Some of the important measures which were taken by the IEC team, AILSG Bhopal
 - ✓ Social indoctrination.
 - ✓ Continuous visit (IPC).
 - ✓ Meeting with stakeholders, civil society, and users.
 - ✓ Ensured women participation through women meetings.
 - ✓ Cluster approach.
 - ✓ Inclusion of marginalised members
 - ✓ Assimilation with community.

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- ✓ Listen to their problem & action research.
- ✓ Promotional IEC activities.
- ✓ Preventive measures.
- ✓ Mohalla Nukkad meeting and Natak. (Folk Media)



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Title - Top city initiatives awarded in 7th Smart Cities India Expo

Background –

The 7th Smart Cities India Expo recently concluded at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. It was held during 23-25 March, 2022. The three-day event saw convergence of multiple stakeholders in urban development and governance. Key themes for this year's expo were Smart Cities, Smart Transport, Smart Buildings, Smart Water, Smart Energy, Cleantech, and Urban infrastructure. The award ceremony was held on last day of the event, to recognize the efforts of city leaders in betterment of urban infrastructure using technology and innovation. The awards were given in the categories of Smart Cities India Awards and Fintech India Innovation Awards.



Result –

The recipients for some of the Smart Cities Awards 2022 were:

- Best Startup Initiatives – Bhopal Smart City Development Corporation Limited for B-Nest (Bhopal Incubation Center)
- City Innovation - Ujjain Smart City Limited for Digital Center
- Digital City - Kolkata Smart City Limited for Digital Services in New Town Kolkata
- Safe City - Dehradun Smart City Limited for DICCC (Dehradun Integrated Command Control Centre)
- City of the Year - Ujjain Smart City Limited for MRIDA (Mahakaal Rudrasagar Integrated Development Approach)

Title - AILSG launches Urban75 Initiative

Background –

All India Institute of Local Self Government in association with Foundation EMDA South Asia, has started a series of dialogues to celebrate 75 Years of India's urban transformation, where the focus will be on several pressing urban issues, to present feasible solutions to cities. The inaugural session of the series was organised on October 21, 2021 at the India International Centre. Additionally, AILSG is working on a Coffee Table Book "Urban 75" to commemorate the completion of 75 years of Independence, and it is expected to be released in August 2022.



The inaugural event of Urban75 witnessed participation of an array of experts and people holding key positions in urban sector. Key points of discussion in the event included major learning in India's urban journey through its 75 years of independence; case studies for efficient municipal governance; future roadmap of urban development and governance, etc.

Result –

1. Cities create plans for their development and act on them, thereby forgetting to adapt to the changing environment, demands, technology, and innovations.
2. Cities were called engines of economy, when instead there are two engines – inclusivity and Sustainability.
3. More Cities are needed in terms of the investment in human capital.
4. It is essential to develop a different business approach starting from scratch.
5. India's work to achieve SDGs needs to go hand in hand with developing liveable and inclusive urban spaces.

- Indian cities need to be visionary and hence act in ways that can help them avoid running out of their resources in the future. Increasing air pollution, water inadequacy, waste management, etc., are some of the prominent challenges that need to be addressed effectively as soon as possible by urban planners and decision makers.



Title –AIIILSG Support in Creating Energy Security and Sustainable Livelihoods in Villages through utilization of Stubble

Background –

Stubble burning in northern India has long been a major cause of air pollution. Stubble burning has created a massive public health crisis - its fumes pollute swathes of northern India and endanger the health of hundreds of millions of people.

To address the above issue, AIIILSG in collaboration with HDFC PARIVARTAN designed a project for the farmers offering a significant opportunity to contribute towards suggesting and implementing alternatives to stubble burning which is a major cause of air pollution in North India.

This project intends to be a practical study targeting 1000 farmers across 80 villages of the Fazilka Block of the Fazilka district of Punjab. The project objectives were:

1. To advance the principles and practices of local governance.
2. To strengthen and improve institutions of local governance through capacity building by organizing training courses, workshops, and other programs.
3. To foster debate at local, national, and international levels by organizing seminars and conferences on issues of relevance for dissemination of ideas, better understanding, and policy advocacy.
4. To undertake specific projects including joint ones with global multilateral organizations in the areas of poverty alleviation and inclusion in urban, rural, and tribal spheres and with the nomadic tribals.
5. To undertake research work and projects to assist states and organizations and provide specific outputs sought by them.
6. To undertake scientific knowledge management by publishing journals, bulletins, bibliographies and other literature and reference materials on different aspects of local governance.



Result –

Project Outcome

1. A self-sustainable Bio-mass pallet project strengthened by Urban Local Bodies with designated places for proper disposal facilitation
2. A visibly cleaner area with hygienic environment
3. Lower incidences of air-pollution based issues
4. Awareness among people on maintaining proper agri-residue
5. Inculcating a sense of ownership among the local people especially the urban local bodies
6. Employment generation for persons in their respective areas, responsible for Agri-residue, segregation, storage and processing.

Milestone Achieved

- a. Community Mobilization/ Identification of farmers for creation of FPO (Farmer's Producer Organization). Individual Farmers and groups of farmers were sensitized towards harmful impacts of Stubble Burning and suggested alternatives. Farmers were incentivised with the benefits of becoming a part of FPOs.
- b. Conducting Baseline Study in the identified region.
- c. Creations of FPOs.
- d. Capacity building trainings on Stubble management, FPO creation and management, Finance, soil management, training Board of Directors of the FPO and their managers. Farmers were introduced with the project details, project scope, and farmer's benefits.
- e. Land Identified for Pellet Plant
- f. Site Identified for Biomass Storage space



Title - Engaging dialogue on pressing urban issues

Background –

The COVID-19 induced pandemic was brutal. It was a lesson for the world economies to be best prepared for the worst. Most importantly, the pandemic highlighted how knowledge is power and for the betterment of the community, knowledge sharing is key for human existence to thrive. With this thought in mind, Urban Update undertook the initiative of organising a series of webinars for experts to share their learnings, experiences and promote dialogue amongst the key stakeholders. AILSG & Urban Update collaborated with various organisations and organized more than 20 webinars. These webinars indulged in conversations with experts, bureaucrats, representatives of urban local bodies, and social welfare activists that have been actively involved in improving the functionalities of the urban landscape.

Result –

The Engaging dialogues were on Following

- a. **E- Dialogues** - Under this series, the institute collaborated with UNHabitat, United Nations Centre for Regional Development, Gwalior Smart City and Bilaspur Smart City etc. In the e-dialogues of 2021, the following topics were discussed – Digitalization in Waste Management; Addressing Urban Issues with Innovation; Empowering Women by Building Skills and Entrepreneurship Development; accelerating Urban Action for a Carbon-free World.
- b. **Series of Localisation of SDGs-** AILSG in collaboration with many international organisations, organised a series of five webinars namely ‘Localisation of SDGs’. These



webinars ranged on discussions of urban planners worldwide pushing for urban local bodies to focus on equitable and sustainable urban expansion that does not harm the environment. They suggested that the countries globally undertake measures and policies to inch closer to achieving the SDGs, and how urban development at large cannot be successful without factoring in inclusivity.

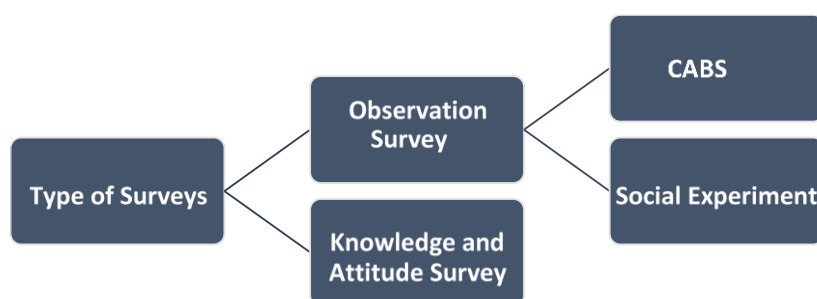
c. **NIDM** - Further, workshops aided by NIDM, in association with AILSG, Foundation EMDA Southasia and Urban Update, organised two editions of training workshops on “Building Municipalities and Citizen Awareness for Resilient India”. These workshops-based webinars, circled around how Disaster Risk Mitigation is a growing challenge in the present times with frequent incidents all over the country and has become a serious issue in this year of health pandemic. The conclusion of the workshop based on the discussions and presentations that took place during the different sessions was that only legislative solutions to the problems are not enough as everyone has to bear the responsibility to make the space around them, viable for living.

d. **Webinars on Circular Economy** - Urban Update in collaboration with 3R Waste Foundation organised two webinars on this topic. First in the series was a webinar “3R and Circular Economy for Restoring Ecosystem and Achieving Clean Water, Land and Air” & second on “Circular Economic Utilisation of Plastic Waste in India and the Asian Region”.

Title – AILSG Conducted Covid 19 Survey across 22 cities in India

Background –

AILSG was awarded from NIUA, in collaboration with UNICEF, 'Covid 19 Appropriate Behavioral Surveillance, Knowledge and Attitude survey in 22 Locations' survey across India. This study focuses on three tools to assess the knowledge and attitude towards the COVID-19 outbreak as well as practice of COVID appropriate behavior. The type of survey we have conducted is as follows:



Result –

AILSG has conducted approx. 15,000 surveys completed across 22 cities in 2 months through KOBOCOLLECT AAP. These surveys provide knowledge in terms of:

1. The first tool is a COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour Survey (CABS- Observation Survey and Social Experiment) based on two tools i.e. observation and conducting social experiment in a sub-set of observed samples (individuals) who are not following CAB.
 - a. **CABs Observation Survey**- It is observation of COVID-19 appropriate behaviour of people in public places based on a protocols of COVID 19 i.e whether people are wearing masks or not.
 - b. **Social Experiment (SE) Survey** - The social experiment includes canvassing of a few questions to a sub-set of observations (individuals) who are not following COVID19 appropriate behaviour (CAB) in the public places to understand the reasons for their complacency.
2. **Knowledge and Attitude Survey (KAS-Household Survey)** is the third tool which is a structured questionnaire. This will be canvassed among households. KAS will try to assess the knowledge and attitude of a household towards the spread of COVID-19 and its response measures include treatment-seeking behaviour, maintenance of personal hygiene and attitude towards vaccination.

ANNEX 4.1.2 Activity Reports from East and Northeast Sub-region

Zhengzhou Municipal People’s Government

I. Activity Related to Sustainable Development Goals and Global Agenda (New Urban Agenda, Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change, and others)*

Activities organized by UCLG and UCLG ASPAC

The 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress, co-hosted by CPAFFC and Zhengzhou Municipal People’s Government, was successfully held from 7-9 September, 2021 with hybrid format. It set up its main venues in Zhengzhou and Kathmandu. Participants gathered in the cloud to discuss the theme of “From Steady Recovery to Sustainable Prosperity in Post COVID Asia and Pacific”, expressed their views, reached a consensus surrounding the theme and launched the UCLG ASPAC Manifesto 2021-2025. Moreover, they put forward new concept, new views and new solutions in improving urban governance capacity and promoting rapid economic recovery in Post COVID era, and defined direction and goals of the Asia-Pacific region in the next five years. This Congress has achieved fruitful results, condensed the efforts and sweat of the preparatory team. It was the crystallisation of the collective wisdom of the participants, a symbol of “unity, fraternity and cooperation” in the Asia-Pacific region. It was also an experience reference for its future development. The Congress includes the opening and closing ceremony, statutory meetings, committee meetings, side events, photo contest and unveiled Congress monument.

II. General activity organized and participated by Members

Organized activities

The 2021 World Sensor Summit was successfully held in Zhengzhou International Conference & Exhibition Center from 1-3 November, 2021 with the theme of “Perceiving the World and Creating a Smart Future”, including three parts: sensor summit, sensor industry scientific and technological achievement exhibition and sensor innovation competition. Among them, the Summit covers a keynote session and ten special sessions, and invited over 60 academicians, experts and industry representatives to give keynote speeches on the development of intelligent sensors from different angles. The exhibition area covers an area of nearly 10,000 square meters, with 170 enterprises from 10 countries around the world, including Siemens, Panasonic, Johnson, Honeywell, Qualcomm and China Unicom, displaying new products and technologies. The final selection of “China (International) Sensor Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition” was also held during the Summit.

Participation in activities

The Euro-Asia Economic Forum (EAEF) “2021 Picturing the Future--Local Governance and Sustainable Development”, hosted by CPAFFC, UCLG, UCLG ASPAC and Xi’an Municipal People’s Government, was held virtually on 20 October, 2021, announcing the establishment of UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee. Pan Xinhong, director of Foreign Affairs Office of Zhengzhou



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Municipal People's Government, Li Fang, director of Zhengzhou Municipal Bureau of Culture, Broadcasting and Tourism, were invited to attend the establishing ceremony of UCLG ASPAC Tourism on behalf of Zhengzhou city, and made keynote address as the only speaking city of Chinese founding member.

ACTIVITY REPORT

Guangzhou Municipal People's Government

I. Activity Related to Sustainable Development Goals and Global Agenda (New Urban Agenda, Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change, and others)*

Activities organized by UCLG and UCLG ASPAC

1. Guangzhou Participates the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress

Titled "From Steady Recovery to Sustained Prosperity in Post COVID Asia Pacific", the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress was organized by UCLG ASPAC and co-hosted by Zhengzhou Municipal People's Government and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries(CPAFFC) with the support of UCLG ASPAC strategic partners in the region. The event was held from 7 to 9 September 2021.

Ms. Zhang Yajie, Vice Chair of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Guangzhou Committee representing Women in Local Government, participated and delivered a speech on the meeting of Standing Committee on Women in Local Governments (SCWILG). She also was a speaker at the event of "Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Center (KLRTC) 38: "Building Back Better: Evolving Urban Management for Resilient and Healthy Cities" held in conjunction with the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress (7-9 September). The knowledge and experience that Madam Zhang shared in her speeches could inspire local governments as they prepared to drive sustained prosperity and well-being in Post Covid-19 as well as to ensure sustainable development through city and local government led actions and cooperation.

2. Guangzhou Speaks at the U20 Event to Road to G20 Event

In the framework of Road to G20 Event, UCLG ASPAC and the Ministry of Home Affairs of Indonesia(MOHA) in collaboration organized an international event contributing to the U20 that was held on February 24 2022 in Bandung, West Java Province of Indonesia, with the selected theme on "Fostering Collaboration between Cities to Accelerate Solution towards Climate Change, the Pandemic, and Economic Recovery".

Nicholas You, Executive Director of Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation and council member of Guangzhou People's Association For Friendship With Foreign Countries(GZPAFFC), joined the meeting and shared Five Lessons from Guangzhou's COVID-19 Response.

3. Guangzhou Attends 2022 UCLG Annual Retreat

The 2022 UCLG Retreat builds on the concepts of care introduced in last year's Retreat, and aims to be a global experience that brings UCLG network together physically in Barcelona, and virtually all over the world. The Retreat will follow the tracks that pave the way towards the global conversations that will take place in Daejeon, offering a space for co-creation and gathering critical visions from our membership and partners.

Guangzhou, a member of UCLG Council and Executive Bureau, attended the Retreat from February 21 to 25.

Activities organized by other International Organizations

1. Mayor of Guangzhou Accepts Interview by Metropolis

USE, Metropolis' inspiring knowledge sharing platform showcasing innovative promising approaches to sustainable urban development and connecting a global community of city makers, launched a new interview series **USE: Positions**, in which senior pioneering city makers from Metropolis global community share their personal perspectives on current urban challenges and trends.

As part of the series of interviews with mayors of leading global cities and regions, Metropolis spoke with Mr. Wen Guohui, Mayor of Guangzhou and President of the World Metropolis Association. In the interview, Mayor Wen shared his city's approach on how to keep the pandemic in check in Guangzhou, a Chinese megacity with more than 18 million residents and a vibrant global hub for trade. Yet the city has experienced fewer cases overall than many global cities see in a day. These interviews were published in partnership with *Cities Today*.

2. Guangzhou Delivers Speech at the World Metropolitan Day

The World Metropolitan Day(WMD), jointly organized by Metropolis and UN-Habitat, included a series of virtual debates and activities during the first week of October to promote the idea creation and exchange of solutions to create more caring and resilient metropolitan spaces. The theme of this year's edition was Resilience for All: creating caring metropolises beyond COVID-19.

To support the campaign, Mr. Wen Guohui, President of Metropolis and Mayor of Guangzhou, attended the closing ceremony and delivered a short video speech on Oct 7, speaking about territorial challenges on a metropolitan scale and sharing how Guangzhou was moving towards a more caring and resilient society in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Guangzhou Takes Part in the Metropolis City Managers Workshop

This Metropolis City Managers Workshop provided platform for members to exchange knowledge and experiences about the opportunities and challenges of 5G. Guangzhou, one of the most advanced members of Metropolis in terms of 5G implementation, took part in the workshop on October 20.

Dr. Pan Guixin, 5G expert and Deputy General Manager of Network Capability Innovation Center of China Unicom Guangdong Branch, shared his experience on 5G implementation and the experience of Guangzhou's The Three-Year Action Plan for 5G.

4. Guangzhou Shares Experiences in the Smart City Expo World Congress

The event took place online on Wednesday, 17 November, as part of the Digital Program of the Smart City Expo World Congress 2021. This session provided a showcase of the most advanced 5G pilots that local governments are running in partnership with technology companies.

Upon invitation, Mr. Hua Zhong, Senior VP of Engineering from WeRide , shared experience of 5G application in smart driving. WeRide is a Guangzhou-based smart mobility company with leading L4 AD technologies.

II. General activity organized and participated by Members

Organized activities

1. Guangzhou hosts 2021 Global Mayors' Forum Serial Events

The 2021 Global Mayors' Forum, the 13th World Congress of the World Association of Metropolis and the 5th Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation ("2021 Global Mayors' Forum Serial Events") was organized from November 8 to 13, 2021, by Municipal People's Government in collaboration with the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), UCLG and the World Metropolis Association. Originally scheduled for year 2020, the events were postponed to year 2021 due to the pandemic. The Forum builds on the basis of the Guangzhou Award, with an aim to establish a proactive, city-based and world-oriented multilateral exchange and cooperation platform for local governments. Some 800 guests from 126 cities in 80 countries and 9 international organizations, and Consuls General or Representatives from 26 consulates in Guangzhou attended the conference online or offline to discuss topics such as public health, science and technology and new infrastructure, poverty reduction, climate change, improving urban resilience and carrying out urban renewal.

Mr. Wen Guohui, Mayor of Guangzhou and President of the World Metropolis Association, Emilia Saiz, Secretary General of the UCLG, Octavi De La Varga, Secretary General of Metropolis, Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha, President of UCLG ASPAC and Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC attended the serial events and delivered speeches.

2. Guangzhou Releases Guangzhou Award Reports on Urban Innovation

On August 24, the Guangzhou Award Reports on Global Urban Innovation and Local Implementation of SDGs Seminar wrapped up successfully. The three reports, prepared and released by Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation (GIUI), includes *the Urban Innovation Trends: A Global Report*, *the 5th Guangzhou Award Report on Local Implementation of SDGs*, and *the Urban Innovation Assessment Methodology Interim Report*. These reports embody the fruit of the Guangzhou Award's efforts to share valuable experience in urban innovation and governance on a global scale. *Urban Innovation Trends: A Global Report* is a systematic review of more than

1000 initiatives from the past five award cycles, and *the Urban Innovation Assessment Methodology Interim Report* gives a new definition of urban innovation.

Experts from around the world and media representatives attended the meeting. Gao Yuyue, Deputy Secretary-General of Guangzhou Municipal Government, kicked off the session with an opening remark. Emilia Saiz, Secretary-General of UCLG, and Octavi de la Varga, Secretary-General of Metropolis, attended the release event virtually and made speeches.

ACTIVITY REPORT
Busan Metropolitan City

I. Activity Related to Sustainable Development Goals and Global Agenda (New Urban Agenda, Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change, and others)*

Activities organized by UCLG and UCLG ASPAC

Background

Busan Metropolitan City entered its *UN Weeks in Busan* initiative for the **3rd UCLG Peace Prize**, which aims to celebrate successful initiatives undertaken by local governments for conflict prevention, peace building and post-war rehabilitation.

- Result

The City of Busan wishes to promote the *UN Weeks in Busan* initiative to UCLG members. The initiative commemorates the noble sacrifices of fallen UN veterans who dedicated themselves to safeguarding world peace and freedom.

- Follow up

As part of the *UN Weeks in Busan* initiative, the City of Busan annually hosts the *UN Day* event, a commemorative ceremony for the fallen UN veterans interred at the *UNMCK* (United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Korea), the only UN-certified cemetery in the world. The ceremony represents the history of Busan, which rose from the ashes of the Korean War and achieved peace and prosperity through dedicated rehabilitation efforts.



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II. General activity organized and participated by Members

Organized activities

- Background

Busan citizens have long aspired to host the World Expo in their city. This dream finally began to materialize when the bid for the World Expo 2030 Busan was confirmed as a national project in May 2019 and the Bid Planning Office for World Expo 2030 Busan was founded in November 2019. Then in July 2021, the Bid Committee for World Expo 2030 Busan was launched to conduct promotional activities for the bid.

- Result

The World Expo 2030 will put particular emphasis on displaying new future technologies, such as artificial intelligence, 6G, and smart airports and ports, to show Korea's status as a leading "smart country" to the world. It will be an occasion to achieve new heights in our economy, society, and culture at large.

Follow up

The choice of host city for the World Expo 2030 is due to be made in 2023. We will diligently prepare a bid plan, while doing our best to mobilize all our national capacity to make sure we can successfully become the host city.



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ACTIVITY REPORT

Daejeon Metropolitan City

Signing Agreement with the UCLG

- The Signing Agreement was proceeded as an essential procedure to determine the details necessary for the preparation of the 2022 Daejeon UCLG Congress through consultation with the UCLG Secretariat.
- The Daejeon-UCLG online agreement was signed in advance on July 15, 2021, and the Mayor of Daejeon visited World Secretariat in Barcelona on October 28 to promote the UCLG Congress and officially signed a face-to-face agreement with the UCLG World Secretariat.

Signing Agreement with the UCLG ASPAC

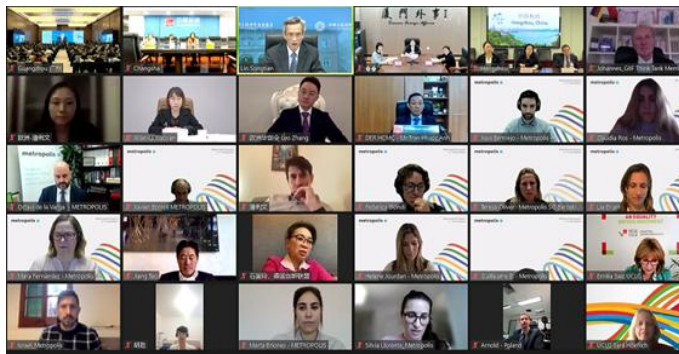
- At the 2021 ASPAC Council, Daejeon was designated to host the 2022 UCLG ASPAC Council (including Executive Bureau Meeting).
- As an agreement to set the details for the preparation of the UCLG ASPAC Council in 2022, the agreement was carried out on December 15 at the request of Secretary General Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, who visited Daejeon to attend the D-300 Resolution Ceremony for the success of the Congress.

UCLG Technical Visit to Daejeon

- Secretary General Emilia Size and the UCLG delegation visited Daejeon from April 3-7, and had technical meetings regarding preparations and logistics for the Congress. Inspections for the Congress venues were carried out, including DCC1, DCC2, and the hotels.
- At the meeting with the Mayor of Daejeon, Secretary General Emilia Size promised to actively support the successful hosting of the 2022 Daejeon UCLG Congress and to encourage participations of the UCLG members.
- The UCLG delegation conducted a DMZ Peace Tour with the Mayor of Daejeon in order to renew awareness of 'Peace on the Korean Peninsula', and to consider the DMZ Peace Tour as an official schedule for the Congress, which has relevance with the Peace Agenda.

Activity Report of The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)

I. UCLG Meetings: Sharing perspectives on local governance



The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) and Zhengzhou City, Xi'an City and Guangzhou City jointly held the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress, the EURO-ASIA Economic Forum Side Event "Picturing the Future: Local Governance and Sustainable Development" conference and the series events of Global Mayors' Forum. Representatives of local government members of UCLG focused on "From Steady Recovery to Sustained Prosperity in Post COVID Asia and the Pacific", "Picturing the Future: Local Governance and Sustainable Development", and "In Joint Pursuit of Better Governance for the Cities" and other topics to discuss and share with each other their perspectives on urban governance and global development. These meetings called on cities and local governments around the world to build consensus and jointly tackle global challenges such as epidemics, climate change, and food security, so as to build a fair, inclusive and caring society, promote green transformation and sustainable development of cities, and together

build a community with a shared future for the city.

II. Conferences on global issues like climate change and sustainable development: Working together to tackle global governance challenges

1. 2021 Imperial Springs International Forum



On December 5, the 2021 Imperial Springs International Forum opened in Guangzhou, Guangdong province. It was co-hosted by CPAFFC, the Australia China Friendship and Exchange Association, the People’s Government of Guangdong Province and the World Leadership Alliance Club de Madrid. President Xi Jinping delivered a speech at the opening ceremony via video in Beijing. Vice-President Wang Qishan attended the ceremony and gave a speech. Forum participants discussed the theme of the forum — “Multilateralism 2.0: Global Cooperation in the Post-Pandemic Era” — and six sub-themes, focusing on “What’s wrong with the world, and what we can do about it”. They offered suggestions on global cooperation in the post-epidemic era and expressed hope of building consensus to that end. participants agreed that the slow economic recovery, social inequality and climate change pose serious challenges to the world. The international community needs to work together to respond to the challenges and put the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development back on track.

2. Virtual Dialogue between Premier Li Keqiang and Business Leaders of the Global CEO Council



On December 15, 2021, Premier Li Keqiang attended the dialogue with business leaders of the Global CEO Council at Ziguang Pavilion of Zhongnanhai leadership compound via video link.. State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi, Chairman of NDRC, Vice-chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) He Lifeng, CPAFFC President Lin Songtian, and CPAFFC Vice President Li Xikui attended the above event. Responsible persons of nearly 30 Fortune Global 500 companies, including Schneider Electric, Dow, ABB, Panasonic, Cargill, Rio Tinto, Starbucks and Volkswagen, spoke on the topics of innovation-driven development, green and low-carbon transition, and multinational companies' new development opportunities in China. The success in holding the dialogue shows the firm confidence of multinational companies in China's future development, and sends a rational voice to the world to jointly address global challenges and promote the world's innovative, low-carbon, green and sustainable development.

3. China-South Asia International Cultural Forum - Video Conference on Health Silk Road



The tenth China-South Asia International Cultural Forum-Video Conference on Health Silk Road was co-held by CPAFFC and Yunnan Province on Nov 3, 2021. CPAFFC President Lin Songtian delivered speech at the opening ceremony, Vice President Li Xikui presided at the meeting and made a summary of the meeting. About 30 medical and health officials, experts, scholars, business representatives and friendly people from China, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka had in-depth exchanges and discussions on the theme of “Building a Global Community of Health for All through Solidarity and Cooperation”. The close ties and kinship shared by China and South Asia shown in coming to each other’s assistance and fighting the pandemic hand in hand vividly showcased the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind. Participants all expected that China and South Asia will continue to deepen exchanges and cooperation in education, tourism, medicine and other fields after the epidemic, build a high-quality health silk road, and make new and greater contributions to build a global community of health for all.

4. Sino-Swiss Sustainability Forum on Urban Water Management



On July 13, 2021, the 2nd Sino-Swiss Sustainability Forum on Urban Water Management, co-hosted by the CPAFFC and the Swiss-Chinese Association, was successfully held online. CPAFFC Vice President Jiang Jiang attended and delivered speeches. Chinese Ambassador to Switzerland Wang Shiting and Swiss Ambassador to China Luo Zhiyi sent video speeches. The participants fully shared experiences on urban water management. exchange and sharing. China and Switzerland have

cooperated in the field of water for nearly two decades. The two sides are willing to continue exchanges on the sustainable management of global water resources, tap the potential of cooperation, and contribute wisdom to the realization of the water resources goals in the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

5. Dialogue between China Special Envoy for Climate Change and C40 Mayors



On Sept 10, 2021, the CPAFFC and C40, a network of large cities committed to addressing climate change, hosted a virtual meeting between China's special envoy on climate change and the cities' mayors. The dialogue focused on accelerating climate action through international collaboration and building a resilient, inclusive and zero-emission future for all cities. President Lin Songtian of the CPAFFC delivered a speech at the meeting. Climate change threatens the existence and development of all people, has become a real global challenge and has to be tackled with global cooperation and effective responses. Cities are most at risk of damage from global climate change and are the major executors of global climate policies. The United Nations Climate Change Conference will soon be held in Glasgow, Scotland, which is the right time to hold the current dialogue meeting to provide mayors from around the world advice on building zero-emission cities. The meeting had created a great opportunity for mutual learning and dialogue, encouraging cities around the world to work hand-in-hand in tackling the climate crisis and building a clean and beautiful world with a shared future.

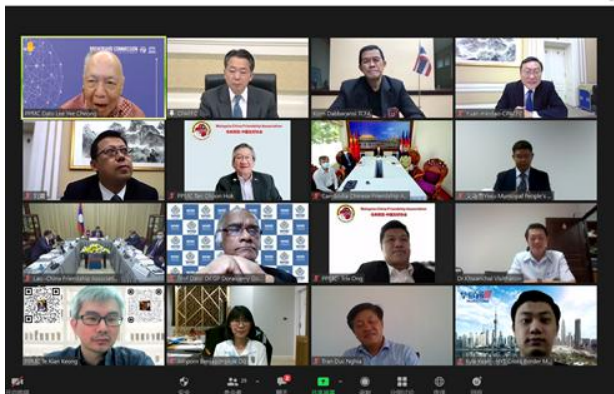
III. Conferences between the Local and Regional Governments of China and Foreign Countries: Win-Win Cooperation for Common Development

1. Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games— Forum on Cooperation among Friendship Cities for Common Development



On January 14, 2022, together with Beijing City and Hebei Province, CPAFFC hosted the Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games— Forum on Cooperation among Friendship Cities for Common Development, both online and offline. State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi delivered a video speech. CPAFFC President Lin Songtian attended and addressed the forum. More than 200 representatives from friendship cities of Beijing and Hebei in 22 countries in four continents of Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America gathered virtually to congratulate and cheer for the Beijing 2022 Olympics and Paralympics Winter Games (Beijing 2022), and provide suggestions for promoting the cooperation of friendship cities. They carried forward the Olympic spirit with practical actions, demonstrated the international consensus of unity, friendship and win-win cooperation. All these fully reflect the high recognition and firm support of the international community for China and the Beijing 2022, and the dearest wish to deepen friendly exchanges between friendship cities and to achieve common development.

2. Special Leaders' Meeting of China-ASEAN People-to-People Friendship Organization



On July 30, 2021, CPAFFC and the China-ASEAN Association held the Special Leaders' meeting of China-ASEAN People-to-People Friendship Organization via video link in Beijing. Leaders of people-to-people friendship organization from China and 10 ASEAN countries had candid, in-depth exchanges under the theme of “working in solidarity to fight against the pandemic, promote economic recovery and safeguard regional and global peace, stability and development”. They reached broad consensus and agreed to issue a joint declaration on working in solidarity and opposing politicization of the COVID-19 pandemic. The year of 2021 marks the 30th anniversary of China-ASEAN Dialogue Relations. The past three decades witnessed fruitful achievements of the exchanges and cooperation. China and ASEAN are willing to take this opportunity to continue working together to deepen traditional friendship, innovate exchanges and cooperation, and promote the continuous improvement of ASEAN-China relations, so as to better benefit both sides and their peoples.

3. The 2nd Northeast Asia Cooperation Roundtable



On September 22, 2021, CPAFFC, the People's Government of Jilin Province and the Association of Northeast Asia Regional Governments jointly held the 2nd Northeast Asia Cooperation Roundtable in Changchun, Jilin Province. The meeting conducted in-depth exchanges in the fields of trade and economic investment, connectivity, marine economy, cultural tourism, energy and environmental protection to boost the prosperity and development of Northeast Asia. Participants conducted in-depth discussions on jointly strengthening cooperation and exchanges between local governments in Northeast Asia, mutual learning, economic and trade exchanges, and promoting regional peace, stability, prosperity and development. The roundtable has also issued an initiative, calling on local governments in the region to connect their market resources and jointly build a Northeast Asia maritime economic cooperation community. The successful holding of the meeting promotes the local governments of the six Northeast Asian countries to work together to remove disturbances, enhance mutual trust, jointly respond to the epidemic, deepen mutually beneficial cooperation in various fields, strengthen people-to-people and cultural exchanges, deepen people-to-people connectivity, and jointly push regional cooperation in Northeast Asia to a new stage.

4. The 7th China-South Asia Friendship Organization's Forum



On December 22, 2021, together with the Organization for South Asian Regional Friendship and Cooperation with China (OSARFCC), CPAFFC held the 7th China-South Asia Friendship Organization's Forum virtually. CPAFFC President Lin Songtian, President of OSARFCC Anoop Bhatarrai, Chinese Ambassador to Nepal Hou Yanqi, and Pakistani ambassador to China Moin ul

Haque attended and remarked at the event. Participants had candid, friendly and in-depth exchanges under the theme of “Win-Win Cooperation for Common Development”, and reached broad consensus to promote the people-to-people connectivity between China and South Asian countries, jointly build the Belt and Road Initiative, promote win-win cooperation and common development, and build a community with a shared future for mankind. They also agreed to issue a joint declaration. The participants spoke highly of the friendly relations and constructive cooperation between China and South Asia, and expressed their willingness to give full play to their respective resources and advantages to carry out friendly exchanges and mutually beneficial cooperation in various fields such as poverty alleviation, youth, vocational education and culture, and actively cement the foundation of public support and create good social environment for win-win cooperation and common development, so as to make new and greater contributions to deepen understanding between the people of China and South Asia

5. The 22th Exchange Conference of Friendship Cities among China, Japan and Republic of Korea



On November 4th to 5th, 2021, the 22th Exchange Conference of Friendship Cities among China, Japan and Republic of Korea was successfully held in Seoul, South Korea. The Conference was co-hosted by CPAFFC, Governors Association of Korea (GAOK) and the Council of Local

Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR). Representatives from local government of three countries delivered speeches on the theme of “Efforts of the Local Governments in Leading the Post-Covid Era”. Based on respective local development characteristics and plans, they freely exchanged views and contributed wisdom on deepening the mutually beneficial cooperation between the three countries. The conference achieved the expected results. With the joint efforts of CPAFFC, GAOK and CLAIR, the Conference has become an important mechanism and platform for local governments of the three countries to exchange and learn from each other and discuss cooperation and development.

6. Forum on Lancang-Mekong Local Government Cooperation



On December 17th, 2021, Forum on Lancang-Mekong Local Government Cooperation was successfully held in Beihai, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region , online and offline simultaneously. It was co-hosted by the CPAFFC and the People’s Government of the Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, with the theme of “Enhancing Sub-National Exchanges, Deepening Lancang-Mekong Cooperation”. Representatives of Chinese local governments briefed the forum about their achievements in economic and social development and exchanges and cooperation with the five Mekong countries, especially those between friendship cities. They agreed to fully leverage their respective advantages and promote synergy with Mekong countries at the local level to build the New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor, Belt and Road routes and the LMC. They hoped to deepen friendly exchanges and mutually beneficial cooperation in various fields, work together to build cross-border industrial and supply chains, jointly expand exchanges and cooperation in culture, enhance common development, promote the building of a closer community of shared interests and

shared future among Lancang-Mekong countries.

7. 2021 China-CEEC Mayors Forum



Co-hosted by the CPAFFC and the Ningbo Municipal People's Government, the 2021 China-CEEC Mayors Forum was held in Ningbo, China on June 9, 2021. All participants at the meeting conducted in-depth exchanges and agreed to strengthen the cooperation between the local governments of CEEC countries in the fields of fighting the epidemic, public health, economy and trade, people-to-people exchanges and youth exchanges for the well-being of the peoples of all countries.

8. Forum on China-Africa Local Government Cooperation



On November 16th, 2021, CPAFFC and the Chinese-African People's Friendship Association

together hosted the 4th Forum on China-Africa Local Government Cooperation. Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, Marcos, Prime Minister of the Republic of the Congo, and Nguirent, Prime Minister of the Republic of Rwanda attended the forum via video link and delivered speeches. The Forum themed "Building a China-Africa Community with a Shared Future - Local Governments of China and Africa Work Together for Common Development". Under this theme, participants discussed in depth, shared experiences and looked to the future together on five topics: friendship city relations, poverty alleviation and development, health, innovation and development, and urban governance. Participants pooled wisdom for and reached broad consensus on promoting China-Africa local cooperation and building a closer China-Africa community with a shared future.

Activity Report

Fuzhou Municipal People's Government & 21st-Century Maritime Cooperation Committee

(from July 2021 to mid-March 2022)

1. Actively participating in activities organized by UCLG, Metropolis and UCLG ASPAC

From 7 to 9 September 2021, representatives from Fuzhou participated in the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress, including the statutory meetings, other committee meetings as well as side events. The representative from Fuzhou reported the work progress and future plan of 21st-Century Maritime Cooperation Committee at the Executive Bureau meeting.

On 20 October 2021, representatives from Fuzhou took part in the event themed “Picturing the Future - Local Governance and Sustainable Development”, which was co-organized by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), the City of Xi'an, UCLG and UCLG ASPAC. As a founding member of UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee, Fuzhou, with other participants, witnessed its establishment in the event.

From 8 to 13 November 2021, representatives from Fuzhou participated in the 13th Metropolis World Congress and Global Mayors' Forum 2021 Series of Events. Fuzhou attended the annual meeting of Metropolis Board of Directors for the first time as its member. A child from Fuzhou was awarded as the only winner of the group aged from 5 to 8 years old in the “Metropolis Through Children's Eyes” drawing contest.

From 16 to 17 November 2021, as a member of UCLG Executive Board and World Council, Fuzhou attended 2021 UCLG Executive Bureau and World Council Meetings respectively.

2. Organizing activities to promote exchanges and cooperation

From 25 to 27 August 2021, the Online Workshop on Marine Litter Management, co-organized by 21st-Century Maritime Cooperation Committee and Metropolis, attracted over 60 participants and experts from 30 cities and organizations of 15 countries, such as Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Nepal, Kenya, Sri Lanka, etc. The workshop included a panel discussion and six lectures delivered respectively by six experts from United Nations Environment Programme, Fuzhou Municipal Bureau of Ecology and Environment, Xiamen University, Kiribati Local Government Association (KiLGA), Minjiang University and Surabaya City Government, Indonesia. By discussing key measures and policies on marine litter management, as well as sharing experience in legislation and regulation, the workshop was warmly welcomed by participants.

On 8 September 2021, the 7th 21st-Century Maritime Cooperation Committee Meeting, under the theme of “Digitalisation Contributing to Recovery and Prosperity of Cities”, took place via Zoom in Fuzhou. The



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meeting was attended by more than 60 participants from over 30 member cities and organizations of UCLG ASPAC and the Committee of over 10 countries, such as Indonesia, New Zealand, Poland, Myanmar, etc. The secretariat of the Committee briefly introduced new members and advisers of the Committee. The representatives from Fuzhou shared the development of “Digital Fuzhou”, the role of information systems in epidemic prevention and control and the application of digital technologies to resource planning and management. Other participants also actively exchanged views on the theme at the meeting.

ACTIVITY REPORT

Governors Association of Korea

(July 2021 – March 2022)

I. Activity Related to Sustainable Development Goals and Global Agenda (New Urban Agenda, Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change, and others)*

Activities organized by UCLG and UCLG ASPAC
<p>Attendance to ASPAC Congress (7-9 September, 2021) & WORLD Exbu & Council (16-18 September, 2021) / Online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background GAOK attended the ASPAC Congress and WORLD Exbu & Council Meeting held via online platform along with <u>20 Korean local governments</u> for the ASPAC Congress and <u>9 members local governments</u> for the WORLD meeting. Result During the ASPAC Congress; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Gyeonggi Province officially launched the HDP Nexus Committee and Daejeon Metropolitan City shared their practice on ‘New Normal Digitalization’ during the plenary session. - Namyangju City and NAMK were approved as new member of ASPAC(approved by WORLD during Exbu meeting on May, 2021) - Gangwon Province introduced the training programs provided by the International Urban Training Center (IUTC) designed for senior decision makers and policy makers from Asian cities. - Jeju Special Self-Governing Province also shared their 3D Virtual Booth which introduced Jeju, its Carbon-Free 2030 and peace projects in an alternative way. <p>During the WORLD Exbu & Council meeting, Daejeon Metropolitan City shared information on preparation of the upcoming 2022 WORLD Congress.</p>
<p>COVID-19 Donation to Indonesian Sister Cities : August~October,2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background Upon request for support from UCLG ASPAC on the enhancing COVID-19 cases in Indonesia, GAOK disseminated the information to the Korean local governments and supported the donation process along with the help of UCLG ASPAC. Result 4 Korean local governments responded to the COVID-19 support and donated surgical & N95 masks to their counterpart sister cities in Indonesia (few other members had already donated individually in year 2020); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jeollanam-do Province to West Java Province & Central Sulawesi Province - Chungcheongbuk-do Province to Central Java Province - Gangbuk District to West Java Province

- Nonsan City to Malang City

II. General activity organized and participated by Members

Organized activities
<p>Korean-Franco Local Policy Initiative Seminar : 20 October, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Background</p> <p>The Korea-France Local Government Cooperation Meeting has been taking place since 2016 under the organization of GAOK and Cités Unies France (CUF). Under the guidance of both organization, there is a group of local governments established on each country that are called 'Groupe Pays Corée'(French Group) and 'FranceWa'(Korean Group). In order to continue the cooperation in between the two groups during the times of the pandemic, GAOK and CUF have launched an annual 'Local Policy Initiative Seminar'.</p> <p>Result</p> <p>The first seminar took place in May 2021 under the theme of "Tourism in the times of COVID-19". The second seminar also took place online in October, 2021 with the theme of "Local governments for eco-friendly transformation "and It gathered around 140 local government participants from Korea and France. Local Governments of both countries had the opportunity to share and learn each other's initiatives. Local governments seeking for a counterpart to collaborate also had opportunities to share their interests.</p> <p>Follow up</p> <p>The next Korean-Franco Policy Initiative Seminar will take place in person during the Daejeon WORLD Congress where CUF will be attending with a delegation of Mayors and officials from France.</p>
<p>22nd Korea – China-Japan Local Governments Conference : 4-5 November, 2021</p>

- **Background**

『Korea-China-Japan Local Governments Conference』 is a trilateral meeting that is held annually since its inception in 1999.

GAOK(Korea), CPAFFC(China), CLAIR(Japan) are the co-organizers of the meeting.

- **Result**

The ‘22nd Korea-China-Japan Local Government Conference’ was hosted by GAOK in 4 November, 2021. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the trilateral meeting was held in hybrid format for the first time since its establishment.

The conference was attended by approximately 1,400 participants via online and offline. Upon request from foreign counterparts, this year we have also provided English interpretation and allowed guests from other countries (organizations, embassies etc.) to attend as observers.

The conference focused on the theme of “Efforts of local governments in Korea, China and Japan to lead the post-COVID era” followed by local government individual meetings organized the next day for discussing cooperation matters.

- **Follow up**

The 23rd Trilateral Conference will be held in Jiangxi Province, China, this year.



ACTIVITY REPORT
Hamamatsu City

I. Activity Related to Sustainable Development Goals and Global Agenda (New Urban Agenda, Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change, and others)*

Activities organized by UCLG and UCLG ASPAC

- Activity

Mayor of Hamamatsu's Activities Presentation for the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress (Zhengzhou)

- Background

The Mayor of Hamamatsu gave a presentation in the "Propelling the New Normal" plenary session, discussing what worked during the COVID-19 Pandemic and the best practices to bring forward in digitalising Hamamatsu. Following this, we took part in the panel discussions.

- Result

We shared the projects that Hamamatsu have undertaken towards "the new normal", and took the opportunity to learn about the meaningful projects and actions taken on by other local governments. We also exchanged opinions with others in the panel discussions.

II. General activity organized and participated by Members

Organized activities

- Activity

Hamamatsu's Active Global Workforce Certification Project

- Background

We wanted to recognize the initiative and active efforts made by enterprises to involve foreign resident workers in the labour market here in Hamamatsu. We planned that in publicising these businesses and their efforts, the security, permanence, empowerment as well as the working environment of foreign resident workers would also increase.

- Result

In October 2021, we took applications from enterprises that wished to be involved, and judged the businesses on various aspects including: working conditions, work and social insurances, human resource management, training and development, employee benefits etc. In the end 20 enterprises were awarded a certificate. In addition to receiving the certificate, those 20 businesses receive preferential treatment for procuring aid from the city.

- Follow up

Amongst the 20 enterprises which were given certifications, we assigned advisors to those businesses that wished for it, and we are aiding them in areas like foreign residents' employment and intercultural exchange by giving advice and support. Similarly this fiscal year, we are planning to recruit and certify more enterprises, to add to the pre-existing list.

ACTIVITY REPORT

Hangzhou Municipal People's Government

I. General activity organized and participated by Members

Organized activities

1. 2021年9月5日，杭州举办了第四届杭州国际日，国际日以“城”为主题，采用云上和线下相结合的方式举行。开幕式上，“中国-中东欧国家智慧城市中心”揭牌、友好交流城市签约、“钱江友谊使者”颁奖等活动和系列宣传片展示了杭州努力推进国际交流合作和城市国际化方面的实践成果。系列组合延伸活动一直持续到10月下旬。亚奥理事会发来贺信，17国驻华大使为开幕活动录制视频，副省长朱从玖出席开幕活动，市委副书记、市长刘忻致辞。

Hangzhou Municipal Government hosted the 4th Hangzhou International Day in a hybrid form integrating online and in-person attendance on September 5th, 2021. In the opening ceremony, “China-CEEC Smart City Center” was officially unveiled, Memorandum of Cooperation between Hangzhou and its partnership cities were signed, “Qianjiang Friendship Ambassadors” awards ceremony was held and a series of activities with regards to city internationalization have been held to comprehensively display the practices and achievements of Hangzhou in worldwide communication and cooperation. A series of extended activities lasted until late October. Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) sent a congratulatory letter, ambassadors to China from 17 countries made videos to express their best wishes for Hangzhou. Zhu Congjiu, Vice governor of Zhejiang Province, attended the opening ceremony, and Liu Xin, Mayor of Hangzhou, remarked on the

event.

2. 2021年9月8日下午，“一带一路”地方合作委员会（BRLC）以视频会议形式举办2021年度专题会议暨第二届理事会会议。世界城地组织亚太区主席、尼泊尔杜利凯尔市市长、尼泊尔城市协会主席拜安居，中国人民对外友好协会副会长姜江、城地组织亚太区秘书长博纳蒂娅，BRLC联合主席、芬兰奥卢市前政治市长贵迪·奥凯宁，BRLC联合主席、意中协会主席玛莉亚·莫莱尼以及会员和合作企业参会并发言。会上，6位新会员（尼泊尔丹库塔市、意大利卡利亚里市、丝绸之路法律合作网、阿根廷中国交流理事会，拉丁美洲和加勒比地区中国商业联合会和中国都江堰市）正式加入BRLC，会员单位增至83家。

当天晚上，“一带一路”地方合作委员会与阿根廷中国交流理事会、拉丁美洲和加勒比地区中国商业联合会举行视频“对话会”。中国驻阿根廷大使邹肖力，世界城地组织亚太区秘书长博纳蒂娅出席并致辞。

The 2021 UCLG ASPAC Committee on the Belt and Road Local Cooperation (BRLC) Meeting and the 2nd BRLC Council Meeting were scheduled to open on the afternoon of September 8th.

Present at the event were Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha, President of UCLG ASPAC, Mayor of Dhulikhel Municipality, Nepal, and President of Municipal Association of Nepal, Jiang Jiang, Vice President of The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, Dr. Bernadia, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC, Kyösti Oikarinen, Co-President of BRLC and former Political Mayor of City of Oulu, Finland, Maria Moreni, Co-President of BRLC and President of Italy-China Link Association, as well as BRLC members and partner enterprises. Six

new members joined BRLC at the meeting, including Dhankuta Municipality of Nepal, Cagliari Municipality of Italy, Silk Road Legal Cooperation Network, Argentine Chinese Council, LAC China Business Federation and Dujiangyan Municipality, China. In total, the number of BRLC members had grown up to 83.

On the evening, a workshop meeting with the Argentine Chinese Council and the LAC China Business Federation was arranged accordingly. Zou Xiaoli, Chinese Ambassador to Argentina, and Dr. Bernadia, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC, were invited to share their thoughts by Secretariat of UCLG ASPAC Committee on Belt and Road Local Cooperation (BRLC).

3. 2021年11月23日，举办了第八届“杭州国际友城市长论坛”，论坛聚焦世界城市发展中面临的共同问题，以“国际化与城市发展”为主题探寻解决方案，下设3个分论坛：“疫情形势下的城市经济复苏”、“体育赛事和城市国际化”、“城市优势资源推介与对接”。杭州市市长、“一带一路”地方合作委员会联合主席刘忻致辞，世界城地组织亚太区秘书长博纳蒂娅线上祝贺，亚奥理事会总干事、国际泳联主席侯赛因发来贺信，来自杭州21个友城和友好交流城市的市长和市长代表们相聚云端，共谋合作，共话发展。

The 8th Hangzhou Int'l Sister City Mayors Conference kicked off on November 23, 2021. Mayors and deputies of mayors from 21 international sister cities compared notes on future cooperation and development centering the theme of *Internationalization and Urban Development*, with topics on *Recovery of Urban Economy against COVID-19, Sports Events & Urban Internationalization and Promotion of City's Competitive Industry*. Liu Xin, Mayor of Hangzhou and Co-President of BRLC, remarked on the forum, Dr. Bernadia, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC, sent her congratulations virtually, and Mr. Husain Al Musallam, Director General of Olympic Council of Asia and President of International Swimming Federation, sent a congratulatory letter.

5. 2021年9月28日上午，“一带一路”地方合作委员会与杭州市青年企业家协会、新加坡中国协会等联合主办以“数智新时代、合作创未来”为主题的“第一届中国新加坡青年企业家（杭州）论坛”。论坛以线上线下相结合的方式进行。嘉宾围绕新一轮科技革命和产业变革带来的全球数字经济发展新方向、新趋势和新思路，分享了中新青年企业家面临的新机遇与新挑战，探讨了产业数字化、智能化对全球经济发展和企业转型的影响。

Co-hosted by BRLC, Hangzhou Young Entrepreneurs' Association and Singapore China Association, a forum on *Creating a New Future with Digital Intelligence*, was held on the morning of September 28, 2021. Focusing on new trends and directions of the global digital economy development brought by technological and industrial transformation, speakers shared the opportunities and challenges that young entrepreneurs might confront with, and discussed the impact of digitalization and intelligence on global economic development and business transformation.

Participation in activities

1. 2021年8月6日，与杭州青少年活动中心合作，邀请杭州青少年参加由世界大都市协会主办的“少年儿童眼中的大都市”全球绘画比赛，15位5-14岁的青少年提交应征作品。获奖作品将于2021年11月8-13日举行的世界大都市协会第13届世界大会上展示。

Metropolis hosted an international painting competition themed on “Metropolis through Children’s Eyes” on August 6, 2021, inviting teenagers in Hangzhou to participate. 15 teenagers aged from 5 to 14 have submitted their work. The winning entries was exhibited at the 13th

Metropolis World Congress from November 8 to November 13, 2021.

2. 2021年7月13日，王宏副市长参加第二届中瑞地方可持续发展论坛（线上会议），并作“擦亮‘湿地水城’幸福底色 打造美丽中国‘杭州样本’”主题发言。

Wang Hong, Deputy Mayor of Hangzhou, attended the 2nd Sino-Swiss Sustainability Forum virtually and remarked on the plan of “Water City with Wetland & Beautiful Hangzhou” on July 13, 2021.

ACTIVITY REPORT OF UCLG ASPAC MEMBERS
Taipei City Government

I. Activity Related to Sustainable Development Goals and Global Agenda (New Urban Agenda, Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change, and others)*

<p>Activities organized by UCLG and UCLG ASPAC</p>
<p>2021 High-Level Political Forum, UN-HLPF- The Fourth Local and Regional Governments Forum, July 9-16, 2021</p>
<p>Background The Local and Regional Governments Forum (LRGF), a Special Event of the United Nations (UN) High-level Political Forum (HLPF), was first held in New York City in 2018. The United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) among other international organizations have actively worked with the UN to co-host activities such as LRGF to understand and help local and regional governments worldwide take actions toward meeting local sustainable development goals. With the assistance of both UCLG and UCLG ASPAC, Taipei City has been involved since the beginning of these forums.</p> <p>Result The 4th LRGF was held on July 9–16 in the form of video conference. Mr. Gordon Yang, Executive Director of Taipei International Affairs Advisory Council of Taipei City Government, was invited to attend some of the meetings to show Taipei’s commitments to the UN’s sustainable development goals.</p>
<p>2021 the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress and Executive Bureau and Council Meetings – virtually, September 7-9, 2021</p>
<p>Background On behalf of Mayor Wen-Je Ko, Executive Director Gordon Yang attended the 2021 the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress and Executive Bureau and Council Meeting which was held on September 7-9, 2021, virtually as well as physically in both Indonesia and Zhengzhou.</p> <p>Result Executive Director Yang reported that Mayor Ko has sent a letter to Mayor Ho Hung of Zhengzhou to express Taipei City’s concerns and condolences for the catastrophe caused by severe flood, and stressed that it is essential for local governments to work together to fight against climate change. Besides, Taipei City has published its White Paper on its Digital Transformation in the Post-Pandemic Era and would share the link of the document to the member cities of UCLG ASPAC.</p> <div data-bbox="462 1667 1084 1898"> </div>

2021 UCLG World Executive Bureau and Council Meetings – virtually, November 16-17, 2021

Background

Taipei City Government has been a member of the UCLG World Council since 2004, and was elected as one of the members of UCLG Executive Bureau in November 2019. By participating in the UCLG activities, Taipei City can increase exchanges and enhance cooperation with the other member cities around the world.

Result

On behalf of Mayor Wen-Je Ko, Executive Director Gordon Yang attended the 2021 UCLG World Executive Bureau and Council Meetings which was held through in-person and online on November 16-18, 2021. In addition to listening to the reports on businesses, finance, and new membership, Taipei City would give best wishes to Daejeon, Korea in preparing for the next UCLG World Congress in coming months.

Activities organized by other International Organizations

Global Mayors Challenge by Bloomberg Philanthropies, July - October, 2021

Background

In the beginning of 2021, the Bloomberg Philanthropies has launched its first-ever Global Mayors Challenge to identify and accelerate the most ambitious ideas developed by cities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Taipei City was invited to join the competition for the first time.

Result

Taipei City was selected as one of 50 Champion Cities due to our proposal to use innovative technology to improve senior citizens' health during the pandemic. These 50 urban innovations rose to the top of a competitive pool of more than 630 applications from 99 countries. As one of the finalists of the Global Mayors Challenge, Taipei City was advancing to the four-month Champion Phase of the competition. From June through October, Taipei, along with the other 50 champion cities, has refined our ideas with technical assistance from Bloomberg Philanthropies and its network of leading innovation experts.

Follow up

In January, 2022 Bloomberg Philanthropies announced the final fifteen cities winning the grand prize to implement and scale up their innovative ideas.

How these activities related to UCLG ASPAC?

Taipei City would like to thank the UCLG ASPAC for passing on the invitation from Bloomberg Philanthropies to give us the precious opportunity working with other cities around the globe to become stronger together amid the pandemic.

2021 APCS & Mayors Forum Special Edition, September 8-10, 2021

Background

The Asia Pacific Cities Summit (APCS) was established in 1996 by former Brisbane Mayor Jim Soorley. Its secretariat is based in Brisbane and hosts a meeting biennially. Brisbane and other international cities take turns hosting the summit. The purpose of the summit is to provide a platform for governmental officials and business leaders of major cities in the Asia-Pacific region to exchange experiences in relation to the problems that each city may face. Taipei City has been actively attending the summits for many years.

Result

The 2021 APCS & Mayors' Forum was held on September 8-12 through in-person and video conferences. Mayor Wen-Je Ko of Taipei attended the online Mayors' Forum on September 8, joined by the Deputy Mayor of Brisbane, Australia; the Mayor of Moreton Bay, Australia; the Mayor of Christchurch, New Zealand; and the Mayor of Denpasar, Indonesia. Mayor Ko shared information on Taipei's innovative pandemic prevention measures and digital transformation policies. Besides, Commissioner Tai-chu Chou of the Department of Civil Servant Development attended the City Leaders' Forum on September 9. Commissioner Hsin-ke Lu of the Department of Information Technology gave a speech "Smart Taipei: Digital Transformation and Governance" at the Intelligent Cities Sub-Forum on September 10.

Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF) 2021 General Assembly, October 4-8, 2021

Background

The Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF) was initiated and established by the City of Seoul in 2013. Through the forum, leaders of local governments, international organizations, and experts will discuss issues and trends related to social economy. The 2021 Forum was held in

Mexico City, with the theme "Local Governments and Social Economy: Co-creation of paths for a green and inclusive economy."

Result

The 2020 GSEF was postponed to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This was the first forum that Taipei City Government attended as a member, and Commissioner Tai-chu Chou attended the forum virtually on October 5. The forum elected Pierre Hurmic—Mayor of Bordeaux, France—to serve as the next chair for the forum. In addition, Mr. Li-li Chang, Senior Specialist of the Department of Urban Development, gave a presentation entitled "The Inclusive Community: Ankang Low-Income Housing and Xinglong Social Housing" on October 4, sharing Taipei City's experiences relating to an inclusive community. Mr. Wei-hsiu Yang, Chief Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, gave a presentation entitled "Recycling and Circulation of Furniture Regeneration" on October 6, sharing the successful recycling experiences of Taipei City.

CityNet “City to City Learning Exchanges on Improving Bicycle Program” virtual meeting, October 8, 2021

Background

CityNet, the largest association of urban stakeholders committed to sustainable development in the Asia Pacific region, was established in 1987. Taipei City has been an active member of CityNet member since 2004.

Result

On October 8, CityNet and the Kuala Lumpur Government co-hosted a video conference and invited Taipei City Government to share our experiences regarding the planning of Taipei’s excellent bicycle programs. In addition to Taipei, Bilbao City Government was also invited to send a speaker to the conference. Mr. Jui-lin Liu, Director of Traffic Engineering Office, gave a presentation on behalf of Taipei City on our experiences of planning bicycle transportation programs in Taipei City

II. General activity organized and participated by Members

Organized activities

2021&2022 Taipei Lantern Festivals, December 2021 –February, 2022

Background

The Taipei Lantern Festival is an opportunity to perpetuate our cultural heritage, incorporate creative arts and technology, and promote tourism within Taipei. The festival, whose brand image is represented by Taipei, has become a major tourism event in the city, inspiring festive Lunar New Year spirit among citizens, who uphold the folk culture of the Lantern Festival. No less momentous than other famous celebrations overseas, the Taipei Lantern Festival brings world-renowned stars and theatre troupes to perform as part of the effort to attract foreign visitors. In addition, the festival has established a “friendship foreign lantern zone” to increase Taipei’s international visibility and further strengthen the friendship and cooperation between Taipei and cities worldwide.

Result

The Taipei Lantern Festival is held in February every year. Due to the pandemic, the 2021 Taipei Lantern Festival was postponed from February to December 17-26, 2021 in the Wanhua District of Taipei City. The event was held in person and virtually and attracted approximately 1.18 million visitors in person and nearly half million views online. The innovative methods of presentation helped citizens appreciate the beauty of Wanhua. The event was the first time to present a dancing lantern as the main lantern; it was named “NEW,” which sounds similar to the word “cow” in Mandarin Chinese and thus represented hope for the new Lunar year of the Cow. Moreover, the 2022 Taipei Lantern Festival was held on schedule on February 11–20, both in person and virtually due to the pandemic. The event attracted more than 1.7 million visitors in person and 3.5 million views online, a total of over 6 million visits or views. The event was held at the well-known tourist

attraction area in Taipei City, the Shilin Night Market. A total of 14 global cities were invited to participate in the 2022 event.

2022 Taipei Smart City Summit & Expo and Go SMART Day, March 22 -25, 2022

Background

Taipei City Government has hosted and organized the Smart City Summit & Expo (SCSE) for eight years consecutively since 2014. The Taipei SCSE has become the largest smart city event in Asia and the second largest one in the world. It has provided all city mayors or decision-makers, domestic or abroad, a platform to exchange information and experiences regarding policies, resources, problems and solutions in terms of smart city. It has also provided all participants with a variety of practical solutions that are showcased at the exhibition and applied in the cities around the world.

Furthermore, Taipei City has launched the Global Organization for Smart Cities (GO SMART) in 2019 to connect all stakeholders of smart cities around the globe and held GO SMART Day event in conjunction with the annual Taipei SCSE.

Result

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the 2022 Taipei SCSE events were held through the Online Merge Offline (OMO) format. A total of 188 city representatives from 76 cities of 34 countries signed up for the events, and the online broadcast had over 1,600 views. Among them, 30 city leaders and delegates from 10 countries attended the SCSE in person through a special Project Bubble, marking a major breakthrough since the pandemic had begun to affect international expositions for the last two years. Taipei City Government has successfully promoted its digital transformation experiences to city leaders worldwide. In addition, the Smart City Leading Women Summit was initiated, and Taipei's Deputy Mayor Vivian Huang joined by Magistrate Li-shan Chang of Yunlin County and Magistrate April Yao of Taitung County discussed how smart city promotion can drive the empowerment of women.

ACTIVITY REPORT

Xi'an Municipal People's Government

I. Activity Related to Sustainable Development Goals and Global Agenda (New Urban Agenda, Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change, and others)*

Activities organized by UCLG and UCLG ASPAC
<p><u>The Local4Action HUB Xi'an</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background <p>Under the framework and guiding principles of UCLG, Xi'an launched the Local4Action HUB on Youth Education and Dialogue, aiming to enable exchanges and interactions among youth from various cultural backgrounds, and to drive the localization and implementation of SDG 4, 5, 8, and 17 with the power of youth amid the crucial Decade of Action. The Global Youth Leadership Training Program is the core activity of the Hub. It is made up of three-day series lectures themed Urban Governance Modernization and Sustainable Urban Development, and a High-Level Youth Dialogue Forum. Five professors at Xi'an Jiaotong University (XJTU) have shared urban governance practices and cases in poverty alleviation, rural vitalization, big data, ecological civilization, etc.</p> Result <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.It has integrated high-quality education resources and global development platform to foster dialogue and cooperation for global youth, and contributed to the localization and implementation of SDGs. Given the outstanding performance of this activity, Xi'an has been invited to join the SDG Local Tales 2022. 2.Highlighted practices of promoting international exchanges and empowering youth development have been shared. The project has emphasized the provision of knowledge for the development of youth and encourage them to widely participate in SDG-related practices. Follow up <p>Local4Action Hub Xi'an, co-hosted by Xi'an Municipal People's Government, Tourism Committee of UCLG ASPAC, and Xi'an Jiaotong University, will innovate a new approach to empower the next generation of tourism leaders. That is to say, Global Youth Training Program of Culture and Tourism Industry will be launched in July 2022, hoping to create a crucial platform to provide youth with the skills and knowledge they need to develop tourism after COVID-19 pandemic impacting the world.</p>

II. General activity organized and participated by Members

Organized activities

1. Xi'an's "7 Keys Workshop"- Pooling Experts' Wisdom to Further Promote the SDGs Localization

- Background

As the fourth pillar of sustainable development, culture has an indelible contribution to social and economic development. The vitality of culture ensures the sustainability of a civilization and a society. On 9th December, 2021, the "7 Keys Workshop" was successfully held in Xi'an. The workshop was co-organized by CPAFFC, Xi'an Municipal People's Government, UCLG, and UCLG ASPAC. "7 Keys Workshop" is to sort out the keys to promote sustainable development through observation, analysis, discussion, and exploration.

The team of 26 experts, consisting of civil servants, cultural specialists, ecologists, foreign experts, students' representatives, urban planning experts, cultural & tourism industry experts, township workers, business leaders and other related partners and stakeholders, gathered in hybrid mode (online and offline). The workshop launched a 7-hour discussion on Xi'an's cultural strategies while promoting the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Among others, The UCLG Culture Coordinator, Mr. Jordi Pascual; UCLG ASPAC Secretary-general Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi; Director of Xi'an Municipal Foreign Affairs Office Mr. Qiang Sheng took part in the "7 Keys Workshop".

- Result

26 experts were divided into four groups to cover different sustainable development goals. They discussed, from different directions, what cultural policies and actions that Xi'an should take to promote the localization of the SDGs further. Their proposals were selected according to specific criteria, and a consensus was finally reached to form the "7 Keys".

- Promote culture to benefit all, and achieve integration, inclusiveness & common prosperity;
- Practice the concept of harmony between human and the earth, and strengthen natural ecological education;
- Increase the supply of high-quality cultural products;
- Strengthen the understanding and education of the intangible cultural heritage and traditional culture;
- Create a livable and pleasant urban ecological space;
- Continue the logic line of local history and culture, inherit and carry forward the traditional culture, and build the international metropolis where the inhabitants support & help each other;
- Strengthen the construction of cultural governance system.

- Follow up
The follow-up of Xi'an's "7 Keys Workshop" will be accessible in the website of UCLG Culture Committee. Xi'an is committed to empower culture play its crucial role in city governance.

2. The Founding of UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee

- Background

Tourism is one of the world's most important economic sectors. It boosts economies and enables cities to thrive. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented an unprecedented challenge to the socio-economy, public health, businesses including the tourism sectors. Efforts should be made to ensure that tourism regains its position as a provider of decent jobs, stable incomes and the protection of our cultural and natural heritage.

The Tourism Committee is initiated by the Xi'an Municipal People's Government within the framework of UCLG ASPAC. Its members are member cities and local governments of UCLG ASPAC, tourism cities along the Silk Road, and sister cities of Xi'an.

The principle of the Committee is to promote harmonious development, exchanges and mutual learning of tourism, promote exchanges and cooperation between members and tourism cities along the Silk Road, and promote the coordinated development, mutual benefit and win-win situation and solutions of cultural tourism among cities.

- Result

Up to now, **37 cities** around the globe have joined the UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee. The Committee has launched 3 large-scale activities:

- Side event of the 8th UCLG ASPAC Congress with the theme of "Post-Pandemic Tourism Recovery – Insight and Strategy";
- Establishment of Tourism Committee of UCLG ASPAC under the theme of picturing the Future: Local Governance and Sustainable Development;
- Culture & Tourism Development Workshop with the theme of "Tourism Contributing to the Harmonious Development, Exchange and Mutual Learning among Cities and Regions"

- Follow up

During the 2022 UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee, the 1st congress of UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee will be launched. According to its annual plan, there are all together a dozen of activities all year long. The UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee is open to local governments of UCLG ASPAC, tourism cities along the Silk Road, and sister cities of Xi'an.

ANNEX 4.2.4 Activity Report of Culture Committee

Jeju Special Self-Governing Province

1. 3rd UCLG Global Young Creatives Residency (GYCR)
 - Date: August 2-6, 2021
 - Venue: Gapado island, Biyangdo island, Gyorae-ri, Gasi-ri
 - Host/Organizer: Jeju Special Self-Governing Province,
Jeju Foundation for Arts & Culture (JFAC)
 - Participant: 24 (Jeju: 12 / Overseas: 12)
 - Overseas participants from Brazil, Singapore, US, Vietnam, China, Uzbekistan, Nigeria, and Switzerland
 - Theme: “Islands in Flow”
 - Brief description: UCLG GYCR is an international art project that allows young artists from home and abroad to gather in Jeju island and engage with one another by sharing inspiration and participating in joint creative projects. Following online pre-lectures provided by renowned mentors on social and environmental issues facing our society amid the pandemic as well as Jeju-related themes, participants joined the 5-day 2021 GYCR held in isolated format that enabled them to focus solely on their creative artworks. These artworks were shared through presentations at the end of the program.
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2. CJK Youth Cultural Arts Camp
 - Date: August 28 – November 3, 2021
 - Venue: Online via Skype, Zoom / Teumeong, JFAC
 - Organizer/s: Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, Ningbo City, Nara City
 - Participant: 40 high school and undergraduate students from Jeju, Ningbo, and Nara
 - Brief description: Held for the 6th time in 2021, the CJK Youth Cultural Arts Camp was co-hosted by Jeju provincial government, Nara municipal government, and Ningbo municipal people’s government. Teenagers from the three cities joined online to participate in team workshops on the themes of music and calligraphy, and shared artworks as well as their experience in international exchange.
3. Korea-China Joint Exhibition on <Women of the Sea>
 - Date: December 10-23, 2021 (Offline) /
December 27, 2021 – June 26, 2022 (Online)
 - Venue: Monttag, Seogwipo / Online exhibition platform
 - Participating artists and artworks: (Jeju) 25 artworks from 9 artists / (Quanzhou) 15 artworks from 15 artists

- Host/Organizer: Jeju Special Self-Governing Province / JFAC
 - Brief description: Under a common theme of “Hanyeo, Seawomen divers,” Jeju and Quanzhou held a joint art exhibition. Videos and artworks were exhibited offline and 40 artworks from Korea and China were displayed online in the format of an online exhibition book.
4. Korea-China Joint Exhibition by Artists with Disabilities
- Date: December 1-31, 2021
 - Venue: Gamjeo gallery and online
 - Participant: 11 visually impaired artists from Jeju and Shanxi province
 - Brief description: Joint exhibition of paintings by Korean and Chinese artists with disabilities
5. Korea-Japan Dance Exchange between Jeju-Cheongju-Nigata Teens
- Date: August – December 2021
 - Venue: Jeju & Online
 - Participant: High school students (Jeju 4, Cheongju 14, Nigata 12)
 - Brief description: Cultural exchange through K-POP and J-POP dance by Korean and Japanese teenagers
6. Jeju-Aomori Orchestral Ensemble by Young Artists
- Date: August – December 2021
 - Venue: Jeju Art Center and online
 - Participant: Undergraduate and graduate students majoring orchestral music (Jeju 5, Japan 5)
 - Brief description: On/Offline performance and video screening by Korean and Japanese musicians studying orchestral music

2022 Work Plan

1. 4th UCLG Global Young Creatives Residency (GYCR)
- Date: July – August 2022
 - Brief description: A program to engage young artists from home and abroad with international cultural arts experts and conduct joint research, study, or artworks
 - Objective:
 - Following up with the themes of society, environment, and human rights in 2021, themes for 2022 will be related to climate change and the ocean ecosystem. Participants will be given opportunities to experience the ocean life of Jeju as inspiration for their creative works.

- To expand offline activities and interaction between participants in line with post-COVID situations
 - To engage young artists from home and abroad in joint art projects to enhance their global and self-developing capacity
2. Strengthening international cultural network
 - Date: February – December 2022
 - Key events: 2022 International Ecological Art Exchange, Cultural Committee at UCLG World Congress
 - Objective:
 - Joint cultural arts exchange between ecological artists of Jeju and UCLG ASPAC member cities
 - Joint creativity project to realize sustainability, carbon neutrality, and zero-waste
 3. Strengthening global network
 - Date: 1 day during September 14-16, 2022 (80 min)
 - Venue: ICC Jeju
 - Objective: As the world heads toward “codestruction” and away from “peace and coexistence,” the culture session at the 17th Jeju Forum will provide an opportunity to discuss the role of cultural arts in the international community
 - Key participant: Cultural artists from home and abroad
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 4. International exchange between youths in cultural arts
 - Date: May – December 2022
 - Objective:
 - To enhance understanding of cultural diversity through cultural exchange between Korean, Chinese, and Japanese teenagers
 - To enhance global minds and capacity of the future generation
 - Programs: CJK Youth Cultural Arts Camp (continued project), CJK joint art exhibition between teenagers and young artists, Korea-Japan dance exchange between teenagers, Jeju-Nigata cultural exchange between teenagers, etc.
 5. International promotion of Jeju culture
 - Date: May – December 2022
 - Objective: Participation of Jeju-made films in film festivals of partnering cities
 - Program: Hainan Short Film Festival for university students, Ningbo Short Film Festival, Yubari International Fantastic Film Festival, Tokyo International Festival
 6. International exchange between professional artists



THE 2022 FIRST SESSION OF EXECUTIVE BUREAU

Hybrid | 10 June 2022
14:30 – 17:00 (GMT +8)

- Date: May – December 2022.
- Objective: To increase opportunities for Jeju-based artists to perform on international stage and enhance their capacity
- Program: Korea-China joint exhibition by artists with disabilities, Korea-China world art heritage, CJK exchange of poetry and painting

BAGUIO CITY
ACTIVITY REPORT OF UCLG ASPAC MEMBERS
CULTURE RELATED PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

I. Activity Related to Sustainable Development Goals and Global Agenda (New Urban Agenda, Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change, and others)*

<p>Activities organized by UCLG and UCLG ASPAC</p> <p>UCLG CULTURE PUBLICATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• BACKGROUND</p> <p>The UCLG ASPAC Culture Committee developed the publication “Cultural Policies and Actions of Local Governments in Response to COVID-19: An Asia-Pacific Perspective” from the last quarter of 2020 to the first quarter of 2021. This publication collected several initiatives that highlights how local governments ensured that culture remains within the public life of the people alongside measures to curb the pandemic.</p> <p>As the world shifts towards recovery in what has been referred to as the ‘next normal 1’, the UCLG ASPAC Culture Committee is initiating dialogue among urban actors in order to further contribute to the realisation of commitments towards culture as an indispensable element of sustainable cities.</p> <p>• RESULT</p> <p>In June 2021, Baguio City was one of the six (6) cities featured in the UCLG-AsPac Culture Publication with the theme: “Culture Policies and Actions of Local Governments in Asia-Pacific in Response to COVID-19”. The publication highlighted the 3rd Baguio Creative City Festival, one major program implemented by the City to achieve the objectives of the UCCN. The UCLG-AsPac Culture Publication analyzed the cultural policies and actions of local governments in the region and facilitated knowledge exchange that supported recovery efforts from the pandemic. It served as an opportunity for Baguio to showcase the 3rd Baguio Creative City Festival as one of the City’s culture-related best practices and innovations.</p> <p>• FOLLOW UP</p> <p>The City of Baguio was invited to take part in the global launch of the UCLG-ASPAC Culture Publication through a webinar titled “Show Must Go On: Culture and Cities in the Next Normal”. During the said activity we were given a chance to further Showcase the Baguio Creative City Festival as one of our initiatives to protect cultural life during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
<p>Activities organized by other International Organizations</p> <p>PILOT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNESCO CULTURE 2030 INDICATORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• BACKGROUND</p> <p>The Philippines and Baguio City in collaboration UNESCO is currently taking part in the pilot implementation of the UNESCO Culture 2030 Indicators. The UNESCO Culture 2030 Indicators is a framework of thematic indicators whose purpose is to measure and monitor</p>

the progress of culture’s enabling contribution to the national and local implementation of the Goals and Targets of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This framework is foundational both for advocacy of culture in the SDGs as well as for integration into development plans and policies at the national and urban levels. The Philippines and Baguio City is part of the eleven pilot countries and cities for the implementation period 2021-2022

- **RESULT**

The project has commenced phase 2 or the data gathering phase and is now in phase 3 or the data analysis phase. Members of the Philippine National and Local teams have gathered the data needed for the 22 thematic indicators constructed by UNESCO. After the completion of the project, the results of the Culture 2030|Indicators will offer a means of analysing culture’s contribution to the Goals and Targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and enhance the positioning of culture in the international development agenda. The project is expected to be completed by July 2022.

- **FOLLOW UP**

As of the moment both the National and Local teams are on the data analysis phase. In this phase the data collected for all thematic indicators are being interpreted and analyzed to have a cleared understanding of the contribution and impact of culture in the City.

- **HOW ARE THESE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO UCLG ASPAC**

The UCLG-ASPAC culture committee was established in 2015 with the goal to promote culture as the fourth pillar of sustainable development in the Asia and Pacific region. It aims to influence policy formulation, facilitate knowledge sharing of cultural policies and exemplary practices, and establish an active culture network in the region.

The information gathered from the UNESCO Culture 2030 project can be used to formulate policies and implement programs to promote culture not only in the City but also in the Asia-Pacific Region.

II. General activity organized and participated by Members

Organized activities
CULTURAL MAPPING OF THE CITY’S TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE CULTURAL PROPERTIES AND RESOURCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BACKGROUND <p>The City in partnership with the Philippine National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) is currently conducting a cultural mapping of the City’s tangible and intangible assets, cultural properties and resources. The cultural mapping project aims to identify, record, preserve and conserve the cultural heritage resources of the city. The method of cultural mapping identifies the existing heritage resources and describe their significance to the community’s history, social, economic, and spiritual lives. Significance is the core value of a heritage resource to</p>

justify its conservation. In addition, this program also aims to (1) foster the City's Culture for its preservation and promotion; (2) define the City's Identity; and (3) sustain local Culture and the Arts to determine how it can contribute in advancing local economic, social and political development.

In line with this, the City started to coordinate with the NCCA on February 2021 for the implementation of the Cultural Mapping Project. Since then, workshops, seminars and trainings were conducted to capacitate the LGU personnel in implementing the project.

- **RESULT**

The City just finished the Data Gathering stage where the identified tangible and intangible cultural assets have been visited and profiled by the assigned mappers.

To date, the following have been documented and profiled:

- 115 Tangible Immovable
- 77 Tangible Movable
- 122 Intangible Cultural Heritage
- 60 Significant Natural Resources
- 29 Significant Cultural Institutions
- Significant Personalities

- **FOLLOW UP**

The next phase of the project is the data validation and reporting of draft profile followed by the finalization of the City's cultural profile.

According to the NCCA Cultural Mapping toolkit, the cultural mapping process ends with the production of the local cultural profile. However, it is important to stress that the results of the cultural mapping should be analysed in order to draw information that would be useful in the formulation of programs, projects, activities, and policies for culture and arts, hence analysis is included in the diagram of cultural mapping phases.

ACTIVITY REPORT OF UCLG ASPAC MEMBERS

MAKATI CITY

I. Activity Related to Sustainable Development Goals and Global Agenda (New Urban Agenda, Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change, and others)*

Activities organized by UCLG and UCLG ASPAC
<p><u>5th INTERNATIONAL AWARD UCLG-MEXICO CITY-CULTURE 21</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background: This is a biennial award organized by the UCLG Culture Committee and CDMX to recognize outstanding cultural programs of local governments around the world. Makati participated in its first edition in 2014 with the Makati Poblacion Heritage Conservation Project as our entry. It was cited as one of the best practices and featured in the UCLG website that time. This year, Makati will submit its application to the award, featuring the Makati Cultural Development Plan 2021-2026. It is a milestone accomplishment of the city for culture during the pandemic.• Result: Application to the award to be submitted before the deadline 22 April 2022
<p><u>ASEAN CITY LEADERS DIALOGUE: “FINDING BREAKTHROUGH AND STEPPING UP CLIMATE COMMITMENTS POST-COP26</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background: In the Mayor’s Dialogue session held last January 17, 2022, city leaders within the Southeast Asia region shared their good practices in facing climate challenges. Mayor Binay as Makati Mayor, Executive member of UCLG ASPAC and GCoM Board Member for Southeast Asia opened the session by delivering the Welcome Message and setting the tone of the session. Her message is: “It is now a decade of deliveries, and not just promises.”• Result: The ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue concluded with the signing ceremony of GCoM Pilot Cities from four countries (Indonesia, Viet Nam, Thailand, Malaysia), officially marking the beginning of the GCoM SEA implementation programme. Positive hopes were expressed by pilot cities from 4 countries signaling the enthusiasm to achieve shared goal in respective region.
<p><u>STAKEHOLDER BRIEFING ON THE ASIA-PACIFIC FOURTH REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF MIPAA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background: The briefing will provide an opportunity for relevant stakeholders¹ to receive an update on the progress to date of the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review

and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (Asia-Pacific MIPAA Review and Appraisal), scheduled for 29 June to 1 July 2022.

In particular, the briefing aims at providing:

- an overview of the Asia-Pacific MIPAA Review and Appraisal process
 - Mandate, objectives and plans for the Asia-Pacific MIPAA Review and Appraisal
 - Voluntary national reviews by member States
- an overview of the roadmap for relevant stakeholder engagement for the Asia-Pacific Regional Review, including identifying entry points for this engagement

- **Result:**

Attended and provided the highlights of the event to Makati City's Office of the Senior Citizens and the Makati Social Welfare Department so they include some of the items discussed in their Annual Investment Program for 2023.

9TH ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- **Background:**

Through UCLG ASPAC Secretariat, Makati submitted some inputs for the inclusion in the Statement of Local Governments and was provided a slot in the forum. The Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) is an annual and inclusive intergovernmental forum and a platform for supporting countries in the regional implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Forum provides an Asia-Pacific perspective on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda by identifying regional trends and consolidating and sharing best practices and lessons learned.

- **Result:**

Attended the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in particular the side sessions on: Gender Equality and Partnerships for the Goals; the session on the "Means to Reach the Climate and SDGs Ambition: Financing Options, Research, and Technologies to Advancing Local Governments in Turning Commitments into Reality".

UCLG ASPAC TOURISM COMMITTEE

- **Background:**

UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee was established on October 2021 and led by Xi'an Municipal Government. The new committee is established to be a platform for the exchanges of experience, the spread of wisdom, and the facilitation of cooperation. Establishing the Committee, Xi'an hopes to strengthen urban resilience and restore and promote the recovery of the tourism industry together with all other member cities.

Makati City was invited to become a member of this committee and through the Assessment of the International Relations Department of the City, Makati submitted its Letter of Intent to become a member on April 6, 2022.

- Result:
Makati City was acknowledged as one of the new members of the UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee on April 6, 2022 via email from Xi'an Municipal Government

Activities organized by other International Organizations

MAKATI AS ICLEI'S GLOBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (GexCom) MEMBER AND REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (RexCom) CHAIR

- Background:
Makati was elected to the following positions in ICLEI:
 - GexCom as Innovative Financing Portfolio Holder (2021-2024)
 - Regional Executive Committee Chair for Southeast Asia (2021-2024)

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability is an international non-governmental organization that promotes sustainable development. ICLEI provides technical consulting to local governments to meet sustainability objectives with a powerful movement of 12 megacities, 100 super-cities and urban regions, 450 large cities as well as 450 small and medium-sized cities and towns in 86 countries.

- Result:
Under leadership of Mayor Binay, and with her commitment and representation efforts – supported by the ICLEI World Secretariat Team and the Director of the Carbonn Climate Center - multiple efforts were made through different platforms, events and channels to engage with partners, collect and share key messages on climate finance, featuring the Transformative Actions Program (TAP), financing tools and opportunities available for local and regional governments to access finance, technical assistance and/or capacity building.

Makati was the first City to commit to Cities Race to Resilience of High-Level Climate Champions that aims to rally leadership and support from businesses, cities, regions and investors for a healthy, resilient, zero carbon transition that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs, and unlocks inclusive, sustainable growth.

- How these activities related to UCLG ASPAC?
UCLG ASPAC and ICLEI cooperated in implementing the “Local Government Climate Road map” initiative.

MAKATI AS GCOM BOARD MEMBER FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA

- Background:
Makati City Mayor Abby Binay has been appointed to the Board of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) for the period 2021-2022 and through this new role she was able to:
 - represented the region in WWF's One Planet City Challenge (OPCC);
 - Attend high-level discussions such as the GCOM Board Global and Regional meetings; and

- contributed to the GCoM and World Resources Institute's (WRI) study on climate adaptation indicators to better understand what cities and local governments need most to craft useful plans and execute impactful actions.

- Result:

As a representative of GCOM for SEA, Makati continues its commitment to support other cities and local governments on climate action.

- How these activities related to UCLG ASPAC?

UCLG ASPAC is the Secretariat of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) for the Southeast Asia (SEA) region.

MAKATI AS CITIES CLIMATE FINANCE LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE (CCFLA) CITY AMBASSADOR FOR ASIA

- Background:

Mayor Binay was appointed as City Ambassador of the Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance for 2021-2022.

City Ambassadors are experienced city leaders who act as advisors to the Alliance and ensure that its activities and outputs are practical for cities' ground-level financial realities.

- Result:

In the capacity of the CCFLA City Ambassador role Mayor Binay was speaker at the Asia Pacific Climate Week, and offered to share their experience with PPPs, the format of which will be explored in 2022

- How these activities related to UCLG ASPAC?

Cities Alliance and UCLG ASPAC together with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) support local governments in the Asia-Pacific region in achieving sustainable urban development through the *City and Local Government Enabling Environment (CEE)*. The CEE support 30 countries in the region to identify and address gaps in policy, legal and institutional frameworks that are impacting the efficiency of local governments.

SDG LOCALIZATION FOR PHILIPPINE CITIES: AN SDG SELF-ASSESSMENT MONITORING USING CITYNET SDG NAVIGATOR PLATFORM

- Background:

Submitted an application for a Cluster Grant as Host City of the CityNet National Cluster on March 2, 2022.

The project will facilitate the exchange and benchmarking of best practices on the localization of SDGs and the building of general consensus on key actions and principals that need to be undertaken to accelerate SDG in the Philippines. Further, it aims for city delegates to:

1. conduct self-assessment in their current performance of their implementation of a specific SDG (Urban Environment) using the SDG Navigator for Cities and share their results

2. learn best practices on SDG localization and benchmark with other cities from the Asia Pacific;
3. develop action plans that will help accelerate localization of SDG efforts;
4. receive a printed/published SDG Self-Assessment Report

- Result:

The application was granted on April 4, 2022. Formal documentations to follow

- How these activities related to UCLG ASPAC?

- This will jump start the Voluntary Review Assessment for Cities which is part of UCLG ASPAC's priority initiatives on SDG.
- Some of the target beneficiaries of the workshop are members of UCLG ASPAC

MAKATI AS MEMBER OF THE CLIMATE INSURANCE LINKED RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE WORKING GROUP (CILRIF TWG)

- Background:

Makati was selected as one of the pilot cities to join the Special Technical Working Group for CILRIF, which is an initiative of the UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF).

CILRIF seeks to develop a long-term insurance solution linked with financing for climate resilient infrastructure. Such a solution would enable cities to access affordable long-term climate insurance with pre-arranged premiums - contingent upon the cities' commitment to invest in climate resiliency (funded via issuance of a separate financial product).

- Result:

Makati City as part of the CILRIF TWG have a regular consultation meetings and discussion to come up with a long-term risk insurance package that can be replicated by other local government around the world.

- How these activities related to UCLG ASPAC?

UCLG ASPAC represent a region that is more vulnerable to climate change risks than other regions of the world, because of its dependence on the natural resources and agriculture sectors, densely populated coastal areas, weak institutions, and poverty among a considerable proportion of the population. Hence the region's enormous need for climate risk insurance in cities and a need for billions of dollars of investment in urban infrastructure adaptation. CILRIF have the potential to help UCLG ASPAC Secretariat to make its members to have its city-level climate resilience, climate-resilient infrastructure and etc.

II. General activity organized and participated by Members

Organized activities
<p><u>MAKATI CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-2026</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background: This is the first-ever comprehensive plan for cultural development in Makati, formulated in 2021 with our partners and stakeholders. It covers cultural heritage, the arts, creative economy, cultural education, and cultural governance.• Result: Approved by the Makati Local Culture and Arts Council in October 2021 and adopted by the Makati City Council in January 2022
Participation in activities
<p><u>TRAINING ON PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TOWARDS DRR: FOR MANAGERS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF HERITAGE STRUCTURES AND SITES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background: This was a 114-hour blended learning training held from 21 October to 19 November 2021, attended by 6 City Government of Makati personnel from the Department of Engineering and Public Works (DEPW), Office of the Building Official (OBO), and the Museum and Cultural Affairs Office (MCAO). It was organized by Escuela Taller de Filipinas Foundation, Inc., a leading institution in heritage conservation management and education in the Philippines. Participants learned about the fundamentals in preventive maintenance for disaster-resilient heritage structures.• Result Makati participants identified the more than 400-year-old Sts. Peter and Paul Church and the 85-year-old Museo ng Makati (Old Presidencia) as their case studies for the program. Through research and field work, they used their learnings to identify physical signs and factors that contribute to the deterioration of the structures and increase their vulnerabilities to risk and gave recommendations on the formulation of the maintenance work program for the case studies• Follow up An assessment of heritage structures has been proposed in the 2023 Annual Investment Program under the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF) for an in-depth analysis of their current conditions. A re-echoing of this training and a revision to make it more intensive and site-specific is also included in this proposal. Members of the Heritage Conservation and Restoration Task Force and owners and managers of heritage sites and structures will be trained. The target output of these is the <i>Development of Risk Assessment and Management Strategies for Heritage Structures of the City Of Makati.</i>

III. Makati City's Propose Work Plan for 2022 (International)

1. Continue its commitment and actively participate in various activities of its international partners such as: UCLG ASPAC, CITYNET, WEGO, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, CCFLA, GCOM, UN and etc.
2. Fulfill its duties and roles as:
 - UCLG ASPAC Executive Committee Member
 - CityNet - First Vice President and Disaster Cluster Co-Lead
 - WeGO Executive Committee Member
 - Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance City Ambassador for Asia
 - ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability's
 - Global Executive Committee as Innovative Financing Portfolio Holder (2021-2024)
 - Regional Executive Committee Chair for Southeast Asia (2021-2024)
 - Climate Insurance Linked Resilient Infrastructure Finance Working Group Member
3. Actively participate and support the initiatives of the following:
 - UCLG ASPAC South East Asia Committee
 - UCLG ASPAC Culture Committee
 - UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee (new)
4. Be more involved in high-level regional and global discussions, campaigns, initiatives such as the following:
 - SDG - Voluntary Local Review and sign the VLR Declaration for Cities
 - Cities Race to Resilience Campaign
 - One Planet City Challenge (OPCC)
 - Calling for more local governments to Declare - Climate Emergency

ANNEX 4.3.1 List of Activities of UCLG ASPAC Secretary General (July 2021 – April 2022)

No.	Activity	Organiser	Date	Attendance/ Participation
2021				
1	Zero Draft Consultation Meeting: Continuing Commitment for Disaster Risk Reduction Action Plan 2021-2024	UCLG ASPAC	13-14 July	Online
2	UCLG ASPAC-Indonesian Parliamentary MoU Signing: Support to Localise SDGS	UCLG ASPAC – Indonesian Parliamentary	13 August	Offline
3	Xi'an Global Youth Leadership Training Programme 2021: Empowering Youth and Consolidating Consensus	Xi'an Municipal People's Government, Xi'an Jiaotong University, UCLG, and UCLG ASPAC	10-12 August	Online
4	UCLG ASPAC HDP NEXUS Committee Meeting: Commitment for Local Governments to Create Peace	UCLG ASPAC, Gyeonggi Provincial Government, Gyeonggi International Peace Centre & Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC)	25 August	Online
5	Climate Action Plan Training: Developing Climate-Proof Policies for Climate-Resilient Cities	UCLG ASPAC - CRIC	25 August	Online
6	Online Workshop on Marine Litter Management	21 st -Century Maritime Cooperation Committee and Metropolis	25-27 August	Online
7	Seoul Forum on Citizen Participation: Encouraging Citizen Ownership for SDGS Localisation	Seoul Metropolitan Government	27-28 August	Online
8	Malaysian Urban Forum (MUF) 2021 – City Leaders Roundtable: A Call to Action in Inclusive Growth and Resilient Recovery	Malaysian Urban Forum (MUF)	6 September	Online

9	UCLG ASPAC CONGRESS 2021: Safeguarding Local Governments' Efforts from Steady Recovery to Sustained Prosperity	UCLG ASPAC, Zhengzhou Municipal People's Government, CPAFFC	7-9 September	Offline
10	Collaboration on the 2021 Online Training Programme on Resilient City	UCLG ASPAC, in collaboration with UCLG, Metropolis, and Seoul Human Resource Development Centre (SHRDC)	9,16,23 September	Online
10	Linking Culture and Gender Equality at The UCLG Culture Summit	Metropolitan Municipality of Izmir	10 September	Online
12	Guest Speaker at The Indonesian SDGs Academy	SDGs Indonesia Academy	20 September	Online
13	THE 3 RD Blended Learning Course: Inclusive Recovery and Resilience for Local Governments in Asia and The Pacific	UCLG ASPAC, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law on Human Rights Cities (RWI) and the city of Gwangju	9 October	Online
14	World Rechallenge Forum: Partaking the Efforts Towards Recovery by Embracing Failures	Ministry of Interior and Safety (MoIS), Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises and Start-up (MSS)	13 October	Online
15	Guest Lecture Lampung University	Lampung University (UNILA)	13 October	Online
16	UCLG ASPAC In EU Climate Diplomacy Week: "Local Authorities as Climate Champions"	EU Jakarta Office	14 October	Online
17	Establishment Of UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee: Ensuring Incorporation of Culture into City's Sustainable Development Goals	Xi'an Municipal People's Government	20 October	Online
18	Gender And Sustainable Urban Development in The Post Pandemic	UNESCO chair in Gender in Science, Technology, and Innovation of the Polytechnic University of	21 October	Online

		Madrid and AGGI UN-Habitat (Gender Advisory Group of the Executive Director of UN-Habitat)		
19	Consolidating Works in the 2nd Coordination Call of Gcom Southeast Asia and Partners	UCLG ASPAC/GCoM SEA Secretariat	26 October	Online
20	Climate Transparency Report 2021 Launch and Discussion: Raising Climate Ambition to Achieve Climate Justice and Green Economic Growth in Post Pandemic	Climate Transparency and Institute for Essential Services Reforms (IESR)	28 October	Online
21	The 2 nd Regional Partners Forum: Encouraging Progress for SDGs Attainment in Asia and The Pacific	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat), & Penang Platform for Sustainable Urbanisation (PPSU)	28-29 October	Online
22	GCOM Southeast Asia Programme in Vietnam Kick Off: Closer to Low Carbon Emission and Climate Resilience	UCLG ASPAC, as the Secretariat of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy Southeast Asia (GCoM SEA)	12 November	Online
23	Empowering Cities to Implement Integrated Solutions: Experiences and Intersectional Strategies	Clean Air Asia, Stockholm Environment Institute, Sweden Sverige, Asian Institute of Technology.	15 November	Online
24	Asia-Pacific Voices at The UCLG World Council Meeting 2021	UCLG World	16-18 November	Offline
25	Human Right Festival 2021	UCLG ASPAC and Semarang City	16-19 November	Online
26	Xi'an's "7 Keys Workshop": Pooling Experts' Wisdom to Further Promote the SDGs Localisation	Xi'an Municipal People's Government, CPAFFC, UCLG, and UCLG ASPAC	9 December	Online

27	Anniversary of the World Human Rights Day: Seminar Human Rights Cities in Indonesia	Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI)	12 December	Offline
28	A Resolution Ceremony For 2022 Daejeon UCLG World Congress and UCLG ASPAC Council Meeting	UCLG World and UCLG ASPAC	13-15 December	Offline
29	Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy Welcomes Third Batch of Fellows	ASIA-PACIFIC MAYORS ACADEMY	14 December	Online
30	Accelerating Local Humanitarian Development Peace in Asia Pacific Region Through Official Development Assistance and Learning	Gyeonggi-do Province	17 December	Offline
2022				
1	Mayors Academy Module 2: Local Action as Catalyst for Covid-19 Recovery	Asia-Pacific Mayor Academy	11 January	Online
2	UNESCO World Conference on Cultural Policies – Mondiacult 2022	UNESCO and The Ministry of Culture and Education Indonesia	12 January	Online
3	ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue: Finding Breakthrough and Stepping Up Climate Commitments Post-Cop26	UCLG ASPAC	17 January	Online
4	UCLG ASPAC – Ministry of Home Affairs of Indonesia: Evaluation and Coordination for Better Support to Our Members	UCLG ASPAC and the Ministry of Home Affairs	17 January	Online
5	Redesigning The Next Phase of Better Tourism: Dialogue to Co-Crete APEC Policy Recommendations APEC Symposium	APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation)	25-26 January	Online
6	2021-22 International Mayors Forum	UNDESA, UNOSD and UNCDR	25-26 January	Online

7	UCLG Retreat: Preparation for Daejeon World Congress and Workplan 2022, 21-25 February 2022	UCLG World	21-25 February	Online
8	URBAN 20: Fostering Collaboration Between Cities to Accelerate Solution Towards Climate Change, The Pandemic, And Economic Recovery at The International Seminar Road to G20	UCLG ASPAC and MoHA (Ministry of Home Affair)	24 February	Offline
9	GCOM National Training in Indonesia: Reaching Out Cities to Join Hands in Mitigating Climate Risks	UCLG ASPAC	7-8 March	Online
10	Municipalities Network Advocacy for Sanitation in South Asia (MUNASS) – Phase II: Launched in Nepal	UCLG ASPAC with MuAN as the implementing partner and Environment and Public Health Organisation (ENPHO) as the technical partner in Nepal	13 March	Online
11	UCLG ASPAC-BRLC Secretariat Signed the Agreement of Cooperation	UCLG ASPAC and City of Hangzhou	18 March	Online
12	Tourism Committee Workshop: For the Harmonious Development, Exchange, And Mutual Learning Among Cities and Regions	Xi'an Municipal People's Government	23 March	Online



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Item 6

ANNEX 6.1.1 Membership Interest



FY : 2078/79
Ref No : 539

Harion Municipality
Office of the Municipal Executive

Harion, Sarlahi
Province No 2 , Nepal
2073



October 27, 2021

Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi
Secretary General
UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS SECTION OF ASIA-PACIFIC
City Hall of Jakarta, Indonesia

Re: Request for Membership of UCLG

Dear Ms. Bernadia,

Greetings from Harion Municipality, Nepal

I am pleased to refer to the above subject and have the honor to inform you that Harion Municipality is requesting you for membership of UCLG with the dully filled application by Harion Municipality in response to the information provided by you.

Attached herewith please find the application for membership for your information and necessary action.

I am also pleased to note that we are eager to work together with your esteemed organization to support to achieve the objectives of UCLG as well as to work together on matters related to different aspects of strengthening of local governments for mutual benefits.

I thank you and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours'

Ganesh Prasad Prasai
Mayor
Harion Municipality



Membership Application Form

CITIES AND INDIVIDUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

NAME OF THE CITY/LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

Postal address: Harion Municipality Office, Harion Sarlahi

City-Postcode: 45804

Country: Nepal

Telephone (with country dialling code) +977 46 530499

Fax (with country dialling code): +977 46 530499

Email address: harionmunicipality@gmail.com

Website: <https://harionmun.gov.np>

Name of the Mayor/President: **Mayor Ganesh Prasad Prasai**

Name of Chief Executive/Director: Kharu Dev Chudal

Name of International Relations contact: Dipendra Kumar Upreti

Correspondence to be sent to: (Name and function and postal address): Harion Municipality Office,
Harion Sarlahi

Dipendra Kumar Upreti

Telephone (with country dialling code): +977 9849619764

Fax (with country dialling code): +977 46 530499

Email address: ito.harionmun@gmail.com

Number of people represented by the city/local government: 42783

(Date of the census for this information): 2011

Desired date for membership to begin: Immediately

Applies to join the World Organisation of United Cities and Local Governments and approves its Constitution and Objectives.

Done in (place): Harion Sarlahi

On (date) : 27 October 2021


Official stamp and signature

Please note:

A formal decision to become a member of United Cities and Local Governments must be taken by the authority with the legal capacity to act on behalf of the organisation.

1. Once completed, please return this form to the Secretariat of UCLG ASPAC at the address below:



Membership Application Form

CITIES AND INDIVIDUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

NAME OF THE CITY/LOCAL GOVERNMENT : **The Local Government of Kabupaten Ogan Komering Ilir Regency**

Postal address : Yusuf Singadekane Muara Baru Street Nomor 01
Kayuagung - South Sumatera

City-Postcode : 30616

Country : Indonesia

Telephone (with country dialling code) :

Fax (with country dialling code) : (0712) 321701

Email address : bagiankerjasamasetdaoki@gmail.com

Website : www.kaboki.go.id

Name of the Mayor/President :
Name of Chief Executive/Director : **Mr. H. Iskandar, SE**
(Regent of Local Government of Ogan Komering Ilir Regency)

Name of International Relations contact : **Mr. Denny A. Ariefson, S.STP, M.Si**
(The Head of Cooperation Section of Local Government of Ogan Komering Ilir Regency)

Correspondence to be sent to : Secretariat of The Cooperation Coordination Team for
The Local Government of Ogan Komering Ilir Regency

Postal Address : Yusuf Singadekane Muara Baru Street Nomor 01
Kayuagung - South Sumatera

Telephone (with country dialling code) : 0821-8008-9393

Fax (with country dialling code) : (0712) 321701

Email address : bagiankerjasamasetdaoki@gmail.com

by the city/local government : jumlah Penduduk 769.348 people
(Date of the census for this information) : 01st September 2020
Desired date for membership to begin : 2022

Applies to join the World Organisation of United Cities and Local Governments and approves its Constitution and Objectives.

Done in (place) : Kayuagung, South Sumatera
On (date) : November 2021


H. ISKANDAR, SE
Regent of Local Government
of Ogan Komering Ilir Regency

Please note:

1. A formal decision to become a member of United Cities and Local Governments must be taken by the authority with the legal capacity to act on behalf of the organisation.
2. Once completed, please return this form to the Secretariat of UCLG ASPAC at the address below:

Jakarta's City Hall Complex, Building H, 21st Floor
Jl. Medan Merdeka Selatan No. 8-9, Jakarta Pusat 10110 - Indonesia
Tel: +62 21 389 01801 - Fax: +62 21 389 01802
Website: www.uclg-aspac.org ; Email: secretariat@uclg-aspac.org



गोदावरी नगरपालिका
Godawari Municipality
नगरकार्यपालिकाको कार्यालय
बज्रवाराही, ललितपुर
बागमति प्रदेश, नेपाल
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च. न. : २६८५

Date: 06 March 2022

Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi
Secretary General
UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS SECTION OF ASIA-PACIFIC
City Hall of Jakarta, Indonesia

Re: Application for Membership of UCLG

Dear Ms. Bernadia,

We are pleased to refer to the above subject and have the honor to send dully filled application for membership of UCLG.

We are also pleased to note that we are eager to work together with UCLG for mutual benefits.

We thank you and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours'


Gajendra Maharjan
Mayor



Membership Application Form

CITIES AND INDIVIDUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

NAME OF THE CITY/LOCAL GOVERNMENT: GODAWARI MUNICIPALITY OFFICE

Postal address: Godawari Municipality Office, Godawari, Lalitpur

City-Postcode: 44709

Country: Nepal

Telephone (with country dialling code) +977 977 015572592

Fax (with country dialling code): +

Email address: godawari.nagarpalika@gmail.com / skanthaghimire@gmail.com

Website: http://www.godawarimun.gov.np/en

Name of the Mayor/President: **Mayor Mr. Gajendra Maharjan**

Name of Chief Executive/Director: **Mr. Pravin Koirala**

Name of International Relations contact : **Sri Kanth Ghimire**

Correspondence to be sent to: (Name and function and postal address): **Sri Kanth Ghimire**, Godawari Municipality Office, Godawari, Lalitpur

Telephone (with country dialling code): 977 9841 375 365

Fax (with country dialling code): +977

Email address: godawari.nagarpalika@gmail.com / skanthaghimire@gmail.com

Number of people represented by the city/local government: 116,000

(Date of the census for this information): 2011

Desired date for membership to begin: immediately

Applies to join the World Organisation of United Cities and Local Governments and approves its Constitution and Objectives.

Done in (place): Kathmandu

On (date): 06 March 2022



[Signature]
Official stamp and signature
MAYOR

Please note:

A formal decision to become a member of United Cities and Local Governments must be taken by the authority with the legal capacity to act on behalf of the organisation.

1. Once completed, please return this form to the Secretariat of UCLG ASPAC at the address below:



Tarakeshwor Municipality

Office of the Municipal Executive
Dharmasthali, Kathmandu
Bagmati Province, Nepal



Ref: 7591

04 March 2022

Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi
Secretary General
UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS SECTION OF ASIA-PACIFIC
City Hall of Jakarta, Indonesia

Re: Application for Membership of UCLG

Dear Ms. Bernadia,

Greetings from **Tarakeshwor Municipality**, Kathmandu, Nepal

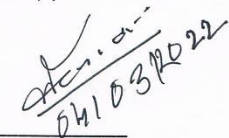
We are pleased to refer to the above subject and have the honor to inform you that **Tarakeshwor Municipality**, one of the municipalities in Kathmandu Valley of Nepal, is interested to be the member of UCLG.

Attached herewith please find the application for membership for your information and necessary action.

We are also pleased to note that we are eager to work together with your esteemed organization to support to achieve the objectives of UCLG as well as to work together on matters related to different aspects of strengthening of local governments for mutual benefits.

We thank you and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours'


Shiv Prasad Lamsal
Chief Administrative Officer
Tarakeshwor Municipality Dharmasthali Kathmandu Nepal



Membership Application Form

CITIES AND INDIVIDUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

NAME OF THE CITY/LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Tarakeshwor Municipality

Postal address: Tarakeshwar Municipality Office, Dharmasthali, Kathmandu

City-Postcode: 44610

Country: Nepal

Telephone (with country dialling code) +977 01 5168111 / 01 5168057

Fax (with country dialling code): +977

Email address: tarakeshwormun2071@gmail.com / info@tarakeshwormun.gov.np

Website: http://tarakeshwormunkathmandu.gov.np/en

Name of the Mayor/President: Mayor Rameshwar Bohara

Name of Chief Executive/Director: Shiv Prasad Lamsal

Name of International Relations contact : Er. Milan Aryal

Correspondence to be sent to: (Name and function and postal address): Milan Aryal

Tarakeshwar Municipality Office, Dharmasthali, Kathmandu

Telephone (with country dialling code): 977 9849619764

Fax (with country dialling code): +977 46 530499

Email address:

milan660622@gmail.com

Number of people represented by the city/local government: 41376

(Date of the census for this information): 2011

Desired date for membership to begin: immediately

Applies to join the World Organisation of United Cities and Local Governments and approves its Constitution and Objectives.

Done in (place): Kathmandu

On (date): 04 March 2022

Official stamp and signature

Please note:

A formal decision to become a member of United Cities and Local Governments must be taken by the authority with the legal capacity to act on behalf of the organisation.

1. Once completed, please return this form to the Secretariat of UCLG ASPAC at the address below:



Dhunibeshi Municipality
Office of the Municipal Executive
Khanikhola, Dhading
Bagmati, Province, Nepal

F.Y.:2078/79
Ref.No.: 2197



Date: March 13, 2022

Ms. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi
Secretary General
UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS SECTION OF ASIA-PACIFIC
City Hall of Jakarta, Indonesia

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We thank you and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours'


Bal Krishna Acharya
Mayor



Membership Application Form

CITIES AND INDIVIDUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

NAME OF THE CITY/LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Dhunibeshi Municipality Office ,Dhading

Postal address: Dhunibeshi Municipality, Office of Municipal Executive

City-Postcode: 45110

Country: Nepal

Telephone (with country dialling code) +977 010401197 / 010401186

Fax (with country dialling code): +

Email address: dhunibeshimun@gmail.com ,info@dhunibeshimun.gov.np

Website: <https://dhunibeshimun.gov.np/en>

Name of the Mayor/President: **Mayor Mr. Bal Krishna Acharya**

Name of Chief Executive/Director: **Mr. Hari Datta Kandel**

Name of International Relations contact : **Mr. Saurab Kumar Karki**

Correspondence to be sent to: (Name and function and postal address): Saurab Kumar Karki, Dhunibeshi Municipality, Office of Municipal Executive, Khanikhola, Dhading

Telephone (with country dialling code): 977 9843273998

Fax (with country dialling code): +977

Email address: dhunibeshimun@gmail.com / ito1.dhunibeshi@gmail.com

Number of people represented by the city/local government: 31029

(Date of the census for this information): 2011

Desired date for membership to begin: immediately

Applies to join the World Organisation of United Cities and Local Governments and approves its Constitution and Objectives.

Done in (place): Khanikhola,Dhading

On (date): 13 March 2022


Balkrishna Acharya
Mayor

Official stamp and signature





Membership Form

CITIES AND INDIVIDUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

NAME OF THE CITY/ LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Association of Districts of Daejeon Metropolitan City

Postal address: 147,Donggucheon-ro, Dong-gu, Daejeon, republic of korea

City-Postcode: 34691

Country: Republic of Korea

Telephone (with country dialling code): +82-042-251-4056

Fax (with country dialling code): +82-042-224-6151

Email address: juram@korea.kr

Website: http://www.donggu.go.kr

Name of the Mayor / President: Hwang In+ho

Name of Chief Executive/Director: Kim eung-sook

Name of International Relations contact: Lee Jin Young

Correspondence to be sent to (Name and function and postal address): Donggucheon planning and Public Relations Office.

147,Donggucheon-ro, Dong-gu, Daejeon, republic of korea

Telephone (with country dialling code): +82-042-251-4056

Fax (with country dialling code):+82-042-224-6151

Email address: juram@korea.kr

Number of people represented by the city/ local government: 1,450,862 Inhabitants

(Dong-gu City: 221,3020 / Jung-go City: 229,283 /Seo-gu City: 472,935 / Yuseong-gu City: 351,887 / Daeduk-gu City: 175,457)

(Date of the census for this information): 2022. 2. 28.

Desired date for membership to begin: July, 2022.

Applies to join the World Organisation of United Cities and Local Governments and approves its Constitution and Objectives.

Done in (place): Daejeon

On (date): July, 2022.

Official stamp and signature

Please note:

1. A formal decision to become a member of United Cities and Local Governments must be taken by the authority with the legal capacity to act on behalf of the Local Authority.
2. Once completed, please return this form to the World Secretariat of United Cities and Local Government at the address below:

Carrer Avinyó, 15
08002 Barcelona, España
Tel: +34 93 342 87 50 - Fax: +34 93 342 87 60
Website: www.uclg.org
Email: info@uclg.org

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Membership Application Form

CITIES AND INDIVIDUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

NAME OF THE CITY/LOCAL GOVERNMENT: GIMHAE

Postal address: #2401 Gimhae-daero, Gimhae-si, Gyeongsangnam-do, Korea

City-Postcode: 50924

Country: South Korea

Telephone (with country dialling code) +82-55-330-2684

Fax (with country dialling code): +82-55-722-4475

Email address: junenice@korea.kr

Website: www.gimhae.go.kr

Name of the Mayor/President: Heo, Seong-gon

Name of Chief Executive/Director: Han, Hyeun-hee

Name of International Relations contact: Son, Eun-kyung

Correspondence to be sent to: (Name and function and postal address):

Son, Eun-kyung, Autonomous Administration Division, Gimhae city hall, #2401 Gimhae-daero, Gimhae-si, Gyeongsangnam-do, Korea Zip)50924

Telephone (with country dialling code): +82-55-330-2684 / +82-10-2521-6188

Fax (with country dialling code): +82-55-722-4475

Email address: junenice@korea.kr

Number of people represented by the city/local government: 536,662 (it's decreasing year by year)

(Date of the census for this information): March 31, 2022

Desired date for membership to begin: as soon as possible, before the 2022 Daejeon UCLG World Congress

Applies to join the World Organisation of United Cities and Local Governments and approves its Constitution and Objectives.

Done in (place): Gimhae city, Korea


On (date): April 25, 2022

Official stamp and signature

Please note:

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ANNEX 6.1.2 Membership Fees Reduction and Waiver

**අනුරාධපුර මහා නගර සභාව**
அனுராதபுரம் மா நகர சபை
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ANURADHAPURA
මෙහෙත්තල සේනානායක මාවත, අනුරාධපුර
"අනිලාභවත් පුරව්වයක තෘප්තිවත් පුජාවක්"

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Dr.Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi,
Secretary General,
UCLG ASPAC

UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ASIA PACIFIC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
(ANURADHAPURA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL)

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic situation, our company is facing a financial crisis these days and our country is also facing a foreign currency crisis so we are unable to pay the membership fee at this moment . I kindly request that this membership fee be paid as soon as the financial situation improves and that the membership not be terminated until then.

THANK YOU!

W.M.Ruwan Wijesinghe,
Municipal Commissioner,
Municipal Council,
Anuradhapura,
Sri Lanka

W.M. Ruwan Wijesinghe
Commissioner
Municipal Council
Anuradhapura.



जिल्ला समन्वय समिति महासंघ नेपाल
Association of District Coordination Committees of Nepal
(ADCCN) 2075

Ref. No.: 60-078-79

Date:
April 20, 2022

The Secretary General
UCLG-ASPAC
United Cities of Local Government's Secretariat
Jakarta, Indonesia

Respected Madam, Dr Barnandia, Greetings from Nepal,

Association of District Coordination Committee Nepal (ADCCN) would like to extend her sincere gratitude's for your kind consideration and support to our solidarity, partnership and knowledge sharing opportunities among network members, committees and world congress and secretariat.

As you are aware, previous ADDCN and present federalism model governance and ADCCN is significantly different on its institutional mandate. There are many misunderstanding and san interest of donor to support DCC structure and Government system also considering as witness for their decision implementation. Indeed, ADCCN is well contributory for the effective response of COVID-19 mobilizing its members of 77 District coordination Committees to coordinate local Municipalities and Government health system and support to their outreach to the community and person in needs of creative and livelihood during lockdown and after.

ADCCN is trying its utmost efforts to work with our international network like UCLG-ASPAC and support LGs for the better execution of federalism and strengthen their service delivery capacity to their citizen. ADCCN in coordination with National Planning Commission supporting for implementation of their decision on SDG localization, making cities resilience and Climate change and keeping it busy.

Indeed, the leadership of our member DCC are not adequately supported by the federal government in term of deportation of civil officials and releasing the budget timely and those government officials are authorized for the financial transaction and handing account of the DCC are not enough cooperative to the elected leadership so that membership and support with and from Association is still in vain. ADCCN is receiving the only one and important resource the membership fee which it could make available for daily office operation and contribution for its networking.

Having said that, ADCCN board meeting yesterday discussed in length about her membership with UCLG-ASPAC, what are the strength and weakness to have membership with such network etc. finally board agree that we should be active member of ASPAC, we have to take opportunities of knowledge sharing, observation of LGs function, its governance and management among other member countries and their government. It should pay the membership fee which is due since 2020. Also, coming local level election and the welcoming new leadership has to be mile stone for us to upkeep our international networking and uses of learning opportunities. Hence, board authorized secretariat to made formal request for possibilities that could weaver our dues and make sure ADCCN can pay for this year 2022 onward.

I am as executive secretary general hereby conveying the board decision for your kind perusal. I am processing for sending membership fee of this Year within this week as the board agreed. I am sure your kind response and decision gives ADCCN to upkeep its role better in future. I am very sorry, if anything unwanted scenario it could create.

Best regards,



Krishna Chandra Neupane
Executive Secretary general
ADCCN





BUPATI OGAN KOMERING ILIR

Kayuagung, 30 November 2021

Nomor : 1176 /IV/2021
Sifat : Penting
Lampiran : 1 (satu) berkas
Hal : Keanggotaan UCLG ASPAC

Kepada
Yth. Sekretaris Jenderal United Cities
and Local Governments Asia-
Pacific (UCLG ASPAC)
di-
Jakarta

Dalam rangka memajukan pembangunan daerah dan meningkatkan pelayanan publik melalui kerja sama daerah yang sesuai dengan misi dan visi UCLG ASPAC untuk memajukan pemerintah daerah yang mandiri, demokratis dan efektif dengan membina persatuan dan kerja sama antar anggota guna memajukan daerah yang mandiri, demokratis dan efektif.

Bersama ini kami sampaikan permohonan untuk menjadi anggota United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific (UCLG ASPAC), dengan biaya kontribusi keanggotaan sebesar Rp. 30.000.000,- (tiga puluh juta rupiah)/tahun yang disesuaikan dengan kemampuan anggaran dan pendapatan belanja daerah (APBD) Kabupaten Ogan Komering Ilir, (formulir terlampir).

Demikian yang dapat kami sampaikan, atas perhatian dan dukungannya diucapkan terima kasih.





City of Gimhae
2401 Gimhaedae-ro, Gimhae-si,
Gyeongsangnam-do,
Republic of Korea
Office : +82 55 330 2684

April 25, 2022

Dear Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi,
Honorable Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC

This is Heo Seong-gon, mayor of Gimhae City and it is a great pleasure to apply for UCLG ASPAC membership on behalf of Gimhae citizens.

Gimhae City, the Royal Capital of Gaya, is a historical city with cultural heritage and wants to play a meaningful role in the world stage. Therefore, it is inevitable to join UCLG, the only local government organization recognized by the United Nations. I hope Gimhae will be an individual member and have a contributable role in UCLG ASPAC.

To become a member city of UCLG ASPAC, may I have a proposal that you kindly offer special 50% discount in Gimhae city's annual membership fee? According to the 2022 Daejeon UCLG World Congresses organizing committee, a newly applying member city in Korea could get 50% reduction of annual membership fee to commemorate the 2022 Daejeon World Congress.

There are a couple of reasons to ask the 50% reduction. Firstly, Gimhae is a member city of 'Governors association of Korea', which is a member of UGLG. We annually pay USD 10,000 as membership fee to the association. And we are also part of Gyeongsangnam-do and they pay annual fee as well. Gimhae can participate in UCLG activities as their affiliated city, however, we want to join UCLG actions more actively as an individual member city. Therefore, please understand that we will pay overlapping annual fees when we join UCLG ASPAC.

Secondly, our current population of 536,662 is decreasing and there's a possibility that we have less than 500,000 population in the near future. However, there is a big difference between more and less 500,000 inhabitants as EUR 12,000 and EUR 7,000 in our GDP Group A. Furthermore, there is no difference between 500,000 to 10,000,000, and more than 10,000,000 inhabitants. EUR 12,000 is USD 17,760 and it is a huge burden on the Gimhae's budget.

Please accept my apology to ask such a discount, but kindly understand the above reasons, Gimhae's tight budget status and yet eagerness to become a member of UCLG ASPAC. I do hope that you accept our proposal of reduction of annual membership fee, which will be EUR 6,000 and USD 8,880.

I look forward to a positive decision at the UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau and I wish you good health and all the best.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Heo Seong-gon
Mayor of Gimhae City, Republic of Korea



ANNEX 6.4 UCLG ASPAC Advocacy Plan 2021-2025

UCLG ASPAC ADVOCACY PLAN 2021-2025

Background

The United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) is the largest regional section of the UCLG, a worldwide association and the only local government organisation recognised by the United Nations. Established in Taipei on 14 April 2004, UCLG ASPAC is a non-profit international organisation currently based in Jakarta, Indonesia.

UCLG ASPAC's mission is to be the united voice and regional/world advocate of democratic local self-government, promoting its values, objectives, and interests, through cooperation between local governments, and within the wider international community in the region. In pursuance of the objectives outlined in the UCLG ASPAC Constitution, one of the tasks identified is to engage actively in lobbying and advocacy work to promote the role and status of local government in the international arena and to influence international policy making.

During the 1st UCLG ASPAC Retreat held in Guangzhou, China last 7-8 December 2018, members identified policy advocacy on the roles of local governments (LGs) and local government associations (LGAs), their work and needed support, as one of the key benefits from the membership that they have considered important. Furthermore, one of the member expectations is to strengthen their abilities to conduct policy advocacy¹. At the 2nd UCLG ASPAC Retreat held in Kathmandu, Nepal last 14 December 2019, the lack of coordination between national and local governments emerged as a continuous challenge for LGAs and the proposed solution was to improve coordination and advocacy².

Cities and local governments are at the centre of many global challenges including rapid urbanisation and climate change. Furthermore, over 65% of the sustainable development goals cannot be achieved without local actors³. The role of local governments remains crucial and highly relevant in creating the future aspired through the Agenda 2030, New Urban Agenda, Paris Agreement, Sendai Framework on Disaster Risks Reduction and other global agreements.

The need and expectations of the members, as well as the current status of local governments, call for a framework that will guide the advocacy work of UCLG ASPAC. This framework will be reflected in the advocacy plan implemented for a period of 5 years, from 2021 to 2025, and aligned with the Manifesto 2021-2025.

¹ Looking Back Moving Forward: UCLG ASPAC 2013-2018 and Beyond

² Setting Priorities on Localising the Global Agendas for UCLG ASPAC Manifesto 2020-2025

³ Sustainable Development Goals and Habitat III: Opportunities for a Successful New Urban Agenda

Objectives

- Raise awareness and recognition of the important role and status of local governance in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Contribute to national, regional, and global policy making and reforms through collective political commitments and evidence-based policy recommendations.

Target Audience

Internal audience refers to **UCLG ASPAC members** which include LGs, LGAs, international organisations, associate members, and honorary members as identified in the UCLG ASPAC Constitution.

Primary external audience possesses decision-making authority:

UN agencies can provide the space for local governments to be represented at the regional and international arena. They can also influence the decisions of national governments.

National governments can provide the enabling environment that will better allow local governments to fulfil their role and create an impact on the ground.

Secondary external audience has access to and can influence the primary audience:

Donors and funding agencies can support the work of local governments through research, capacity building and development, and access to finance. They can also facilitate local government/local government association participation at international forums.

Regional networks of local governments, such as but not limited to the Asia-Pacific Local Government Coordinating Body (APLG), Penang Platform for Sustainable Urbanization (PPSU), and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy – Southeast Asia (GCoM-SEA), can support the organisation and coordinated work of local governments.

Civil society organisations (CSOs) and **non-governmental organisations (NGOs)**, such as but not limited to the academe, think tanks, and research agencies, can support evidence-based policy making of local governments through research and capacity development.

The **general public**, as a primary stakeholder of local governments, should also be informed of local government work and actively consulted on how they can be involved. They can also attest to the impact of local government work.

Key Messages

Three key messages will be communicated to the target audience of UCLG ASPAC's advocacy. First is the **role of local governments** being the closest to the people and implementers of programmes and activities on the ground. Second is the **need of local governments** which varies in the different national and sub-regional contexts. Third and last is the **impact of local government work** at the local, national, and regional levels.

Key messages will be developed through a consultative process detailed in Annex A.

These key messages are best delivered by local leaders. UCLG ASPAC will determine **Champion Mayors** through an inclusive process outlined in Annex B.

Digital Communications

To establish online visibility about UCLG ASPAC's advocacy work, digital communications will be utilised. In previous years, outputs including articles and statements at global/regional platforms have been posted on the UCLG ASPAC website. A dedicated website and social media account for the Asia-Pacific Local Governments (APLG) Coordinating Body can be set up, subject to budget availability for developing and maintaining the website, hiring a digital communications staff who will be in charge of content management and development for the website and social media, and procuring the services of third-party website and social media analytics tools. Social media platforms to be used will be determined in consultation with APLG members.

Website content will include the following:

About Us describes the background and objectives of the APLG.

Our Work identifies the general areas of work of the APLG.

Events show a calendar of the global/regional fora/conferences/meetings that APLG and its members are organising/co-organising/participating in and relevant events/observances.

News includes brief articles/snippets that redirect to news articles from the websites of APLG members.

Publications serve as a database of relevant knowledge products produced by APLG members.

Contact Us provides the contact information of the APLG secretariat.

Annex A – Consultation Mechanism

A participatory approach involving the internal audience and secondary external audience will serve as the foundation of the consultation mechanism for UCLG ASPAC's advocacy. This approach is facilitated through the UCLG ASPAC Policy Team.

Identify Issue/Agenda

Beginning with the internal audience, and its members, UCLG ASPAC will tap into its existing Committees to identify priority issues and agenda of its policy work and preferred platforms to reach the primary external audience. This will be done through an annual survey and may be complemented by a focus group discussion as needed.

UCLG ASPAC Committees are also expected to develop and implement programmes and projects in line with these priority issues and agendas.

Collect/Analyse Data

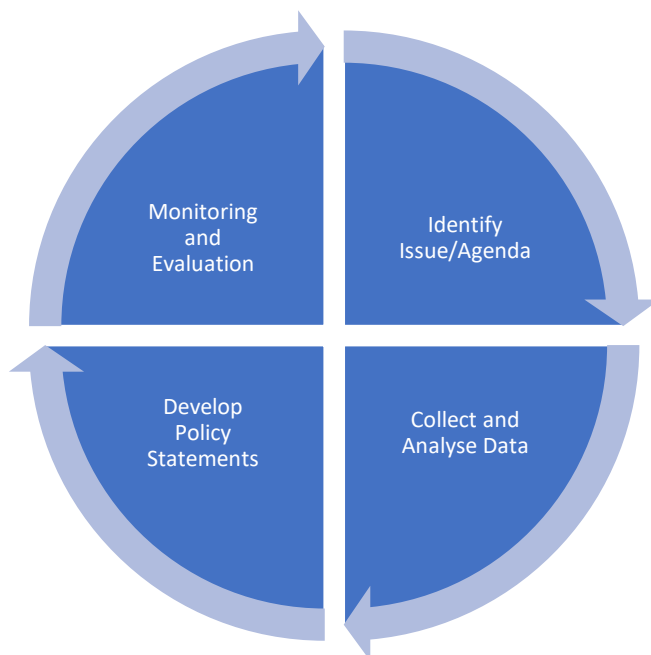
Evidence-based policy is guided by data and research. UCLG ASPAC will work with its secondary external audience to generate knowledge products based on the collected and analysed data.

Develop Policy Statements

Knowledge products will serve as the primary source of key messages in policy statements. UCLG ASPAC will also solicit the views and input of its internal and secondary external audience in developing policy statements that are delivered at regional and international fora.

Monitoring and Evaluation

UCLG ASPAC will monitor and evaluate the impact of policy interventions and report it to its Governing Body.



Annex B – Representation by Champion Mayors

Champion Mayors, members of UCLG ASPAC, will serve as representatives. They are expected to serve as speakers and spokespersons and contribute to the development and delivery of policy statements. The Champion Mayors' leadership and political will, exemplified through the local government's programmes/projects/activities and awards/recognitions received will also be considered in their nomination/appointment.



THE 2022 FIRST SESSION OF EXECUTIVE BUREAU


Hybrid | 10 June 2022
14:30 – 17:00 (GMT +8)

Considering the average term of office of Mayors at 3-5 years⁴, it is recommended that the Champion Mayors have at least 1 year remaining in their current terms. Given the need for public speaking skills, English language proficiency is preferred but not required. Champion Mayors can be self-nominated or nominated by regional networks. Priority is given to UCLG ASPAC members. Champion Mayors will be identified annually and can serve as Champion Mayors for 2 consecutive years.

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⁴ Decentralization and local democracy in the world: First Global Report by United Cities and Local Governments (GOLD I)

ANNEX 6.6. Letter from Mayor Her Tae-jeong of Daejeon Metropolitan City to Korean City Federation



Daejeon Metropolitan City
Office of the Mayor

**“세계지방정부연합 대전 총회에
조선도시연맹 관계자를 집중히 초청합니다.”**

조선도시연맹 관계자 여러분, 안녕하십니까. 대한민국 대전광역시장 허태정입니다.

지난 2018년 우리 시에서 개최된 코리아오픈 탁구대회에서 남과 북이 한 팀이 되어 참 훌륭한 경기와 감동이 아직도 생생합니다. 그날의 기억이 회미해지기 전에 여러분과 함께 감격의 순간을 재현할 수 있기를 간절히 바랍니다.

잘 아시는 바와 같이, 제7회 세계지방정부연합(UCLG) 총회가 2022년 천고마미의 계절 가을(10월 또는 11월)에 5일 동안 대전에서 개최됩니다. 140여 개 나라에서 3,000여 명의 도시대표단이 참석하여 각국 지방정부 간 협력방안을 논의하는 축제의 장입니다.

코로나19 이후 세계지방정부연합 시상 최대 규모로 개최되는 이번 총회는 세계 지방 정부 간 교류 협력을 재개하는 출발점이라 생각합니다.

이 뜻깊은 행사에 저는 국제사회의 책임 있는 일원으로서 조선도시연맹과 함께 한반도 평화의 메시지를 전 세계에 전달하고 싶습니다. 세계지방정부연합의 중요한 의제 중 하나인 세계 평화 증진에도 남과 북이 기여할 수 있을 것입니다.


이번 총회가 남과 북이 화합과 우애를 나누는 귀한 자리가 될 수 있도록 여러분께서 참석하여 자리를 빛내 주시길 집중히 요청합니다.

지난 2019년 5월 중국 이후 세계지방정부연합 이사회 회의에서 우리 시 대표단에게 보여준 호의와 관심에도 깊이 감사드립니다. 대전 총회가 한반도의 평화로운 미래를 여는 자리가 되길 기대하며, 조선도시연맹의 건승과 발전을 기원합니다.

감사합니다.

2021년 10월

대한민국 대전광역시장 **허태정**



Daejeon Metropolitan City
Office of the Mayor

**"Invitation to the officials of Korean Cities Federation
to attend UCLG Congress Daejeon"**

October 2021

Dear officials of Korean Cities Federation,

This is Her Tae-Jeong, Mayor of Daejeon Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea.

I can still recall the passion North and South Korea had shown as a team in the 2018 Korea Open Table Tennis. I sincerely hope that we can experience the overwhelming moment once again.

As you may know, the 7th UCLG Congress will be held in Daejeon potentially from October to November for 5 days. It is a festive event participating in more than 3,000 delegates from 140 countries to discuss cooperation among local governments.

I believe this will be the new starting point for networking and cooperation among local governments around the world, which is the biggest UCLG Congress in history since the outbreak of COVID-19.

At this historic event, as a responsible member of the international community, I would like to convey the peace message on the Korean Peninsula to the world with the Korean Cities Federation. Both the South and North Korea will be able to contribute to the promotion of world peace, which is one of the important agendas of UCLG.

I cordially invite you to attend this Congress and hope that this will be a good opportunity for harmonization and fraternity for the South and North Korea.

I would like to express my deep appreciation for the kindness and interest shown to our city delegation at the Asia-Pacific meeting of UCLG in May 2019, in Yiwu, China.

I hope the Congress will open a way for peace on Korean Peninsula and wish all the best for the Korean Cities Federation.

Thank you.

Her Tae-Jeong **허태정**
Mayor of Daejeon Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea

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Guidelines for the Electoral Framework of the UCLG 2022 Electoral Process

The World Council in Barcelona approved the framework of elections upon recommendation of the Committee on Statutory Affairs.

This document aims at providing an overview of key rules and main procedures to be deployed for a smooth electoral process. The calendar, the Electoral Procedures Rules and Constitution of UCLG, as well as the UCLG Conduct of Elections, are the reference documents to be followed.

I. Calendar

1. The electoral process was launched in March with the call for candidatures of the Presidency, the launch of the Section's nominations processes and a general information note including the Conduct of election were shared with the membership.
2. **The final deadline for presentation of candidatures is 1 August 2022, and the deadline for nominations of members to the governing bodies is set at the beginning of September.**
3. **The deadline for payments of membership fees is 31 July 2022.**
4. There will be several meetings of the Committee on Statutory Affairs devoted to examining proposals:
 - 10 May: virtual meeting
 - June: hybrid meeting in the framework of the Executive Bureau
 - Week of 18 July: in-person meeting in Barcelona
 - 15 September: virtual meeting
5. A full calendar can be found in **Annex 1**.

II. Highlights of the Framework of the Elections

6. The UCLG *Constitution and Electoral Procedure Rules* (**Annex 2 and 3**) as respectively amended in Chicago in 2010 and in Montevideo in 2019 are the reference documents for the organization of elections, together with recommendations of the Committee on Statutory Affairs and the *UCLG Conduct of Elections* (**Annex 4**).
7. The redistribution of seats agreed in view of the 2013 elections will also be applicable in the 2022 elections, with the amendments agreed in Montevideo in relation to a shift of seats from the North American Section to the MEWA Section. (See table 1).
8. According to rule 1 of the *UCLG Electoral Procedure Rules*, elections to the World Council and Executive Bureau shall be carried in each defined world region and Metropolitan Section.
9. Where a Section exists within a defined world region, it shall have responsibility for co-ordinating the electoral process and for liaison with the Committee on Statutory Affairs. If there is more than one regional section for such region, they shall have the duty of co-operating to ensure that the electoral process is properly carried out (Rule 6).
10. Within each region, the electoral process shall be conducted so as to ensure that there is an equitable geographical balance in the overall representation from the region, including in relation to each type of local government member. Members from different countries in a region may put forward proposals for common representation.

Table 1 - Distribution of seats applicable for the 2022 Electoral Process

Sections	World Council	Executive Bureau
Africa	45	15
Asia-Pacific	66	22+1
Europe	63+8+2	21+2
Eurasia	36	12
Middle East & West Asia	33+2	11+1
Latin America	39	13
North America	36-10-2	12-3-1
Metropolitan	21+1VP	7+1VP
Forum of Regions / UCLG Regions	1VP	1 VP
Host of the World Secretariat: Barcelona	1	1
Total	342	116

11. Two seats of the North American Section have been allocated to MEWA in order to better address the representation of Lebanon which has now both direct membership appointed through the UCLG Lebanon office and membership through UCLG-MEWA. The use of the additional seats is to be agreed within the Section.

III. Allocation of Seats by Section and Type of Member

12. According to Article 7 of the Constitution, membership of UCLG is open to two types of local government members:
- a. Cities and individual local governments;
 - b. National Local Government Associations.
13. Under this Rule and the UCLG Constitution, “*individual cities and local governments*” is to be understood as: cities, towns, councils, provinces, regional authorities and other units of government that adhere directly to the World Organization.
14. According to Rule 5 of the Procedures each type of local government member shall be entitled to at least 30% of the seats on the World Council and Executive Bureau, even if (according to the calculation of population represented under Rule 4) its actual percentage is less.
15. In accordance with Rule 3 and 10, the Committee on Statutory Affairs will receive proposals from the regions and examine them to:
- a. Ensure proper coordination between the two types of members;
 - b. Guarantee that they are based on a high degree of consensus;
 - c. Reflect the requisite principles (including equitable geographical balance);
 - d. Balance the two types of local government members.
16. Where the total number of seats ascribed to one type of local government member across each defined world region totals less than of the 30% minimum required under Rule 5.1 above, the Committee on Statutory Affairs shall recommend to the General Assembly the means of achieving the required balance. Such recommendations may include allocating unfilled places from other world regions to the under-represented type in order to reach the 30% threshold.
17. The following Table 2 details the proposed minimum-maximum number of seats of any type of local government member represented in each Section.

Table 2 - Minimum 30% maximum 70% representation for a specific type of membership (associations- individual) by Section

Sections	World Council			Executive Bureau		
	Associations	Individual	Total	Associations	Individual	Total
Africa	14-31	14-31	45	5-10	5-10	15
Asia-Pacific	20-46	20-46	66	7-16	7-16	23
Europe	22-51	22-51	73	7-16	7-16	23
Eurasia	11-28	11-28	36	4-8	4-8	12
Middle East & West Asia	11-24	11-24	35	4-8	4-8	12
Latin America	12-27	12-27	39	4-9	4-9	13
North America	7-17	7-17	24	2-6	2-6	8
Regional totals	95-223	95-223	318	32-74	32-74	106
Metropolitan		22	22		8	8
Host of the WS		1	1		1	1
Forum of Regions			1			1
Global totals	95-223	102-239	342	32-74	35-80	116

Gender Equality

18. Gender equality remains an important goal for the organization and nominations by sections should take this aim into account. According to Rule 5, no gender should represent less than 30% since 2019. For the 2022 process, it is expected that female representation reaches at least 30%.

19. The following Table 3 details the proposed minimum number of seats by gender represented in Regional Sections.

Table 3 - Minimum 30% representation by gender (women-men) by Section

Sections	World Council			Executive Bureau		
	Women	Men	Total	Women	Men	Total
Africa	14	14	45	5	5	15
Asia-Pacific	20	20	66	7	7	23
Europe	22	22	73	7	7	23
Eurasia	11	11	36	4	4	12
Middle East & West Asia	11	11	35	4	4	12
Latin America	12	12	39	4	4	13
North America	7	7	24	2	2	8
Regional totals	97	97	318	33	33	106
Metropolitan	7	7	22	2	2	8
Host of the WS			1			1
Forum of Regions			1			1
Global totals	104	104	342	35	35	116

20. The Committee on Statutory Affairs has expressed the importance of complying with the quota agreed and will revise nominations accordingly.

21. **The rule should be applied also to the Presidency and Vice-Presidencies.**

22. In cases where no candidatures are presented by women to the UCLG Presidency and in cases where the desired percentage of women is not achieved in the Presidency as a whole; it is proposed that the Chair of the Standing Committee on Gender Equality be appointed as member of the UCLG Presidency.

Representation of Regional Governments

23. Art. 62 of the Constitution establishes that each Section will appoint a UCLG Vice-President.
24. The UCLG Assembly in Rabat adopted amendments to the Constitution that allowed for the creation of a specific Section for Regional Governments as per art. 24 b. This Section will be represented by a Vice-President.
25. Following the practice established in Rabat and until the firm establishment of a full fleshed Section, there will be no addition of specific seats for Regional Government. A Vice President will be however appointed in addition to the existing seats.

IV. Eligibility and Voting Rights

26. According to art. 36 only members up to date with membership fees will have the right to vote. This rule shall be strictly verified and applied.
27. Equally, only members up to date with the payment of membership fees will be eligible.
28. **Deadline for payments of membership fees is set for 31 July 2022.**
29. The eligibility reference list, indicating the members that according to the records of the World Secretariat are able to be nominated, will be presented at each meeting of the Committee on Statutory Affairs and closely monitored with the Sections.
30. The eligibility reference lists and eligibility monitoring forms are included in the **Excel document prepared by the World Secretariat** and shared with each corresponding Section.
31. Additional eligibility criteria are set out in arts. 43, 44, 53, 54 of the Constitution. Representatives in the World Council (art. 43) and Executive Bureau (art. 53) must hold a political mandate from a local government. A definition of political mandate has been included in the Electoral Procedures Rules under rule 5.6.
32. Each member of the World Council (art. 44) and Executive Bureau (art. 54) may have one duly appointed standing substitute. The latter may only attend meetings as voting member in the absence of the full member. The substitute should hold a political mandate.
33. The Committee on Statutory Affairs advises that a general commitment should prevail within the organization to fostering the participation of members at the highest political level.

V. Role of the Committee on Statutory Affairs in the Oversight of Elections

34. The Committee on Statutory Affairs is charged with resolving any disputes on the distribution of seats and representation by Section as well as membership population figures and number of seats for each type of local government member for each world region.
35. It is also up to the Committee on Statutory Affairs to clarify the boundaries of each defined world region, and to ensure that each voting member is ascribed to the appropriate world region.
36. Where there is more than one regional section with members in a defined world region, to ensure that there is proper co-ordination, and that the electoral process for that world region fairly treats the membership as a whole.

37. In view of the existing political situation in Ukraine and the impossibility to achieve an agreement between the Eurasian and the European Section, there will be no nominations to the governing bodies from this country. The Ukrainian membership, however, will be actively approached to participate.
38. The Committee is further charged with ensuring that the worldwide balance between the different types of local government members is achieved.
39. The balance between the different types of members does not necessarily need to be achieved within each country, but in the region as a whole.
40. All elections shall be fairly conducted, in accordance with good practice. Inter alia, a fair opportunity must be given for candidates to be nominated, and reasonable written notice of any election shall be given to all members entitled to vote.

VI. Presentation of Nominations

41. The UCLG Sections are requested to present nominations by addressing a letter to the UCLG Secretary General.
42. Nominations should be presented in a list by country or sub-region, according to the geographic division agreed by the World Organization and included in **Annex 5**.
43. The nominations should be accompanied by a form, included in the **Excel shared by the World Secretariat with the Sections**, duly filled in with the full direct contact details of the nominee and a letter by the nominee agreeing to be appointed to the relevant World Body.
44. Finally, include a report from the Section explaining the process utilised, including meetings that have taken place and the challenges faced to comply with the rules, if any.

ELECTORAL CALENDAR FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE GOVERNING BODIES OF UCLG



MARCH 2022

- The **call for candidatures for the Presidency will be launched by the World Secretariat**, in accordance with the rules recommended by the Committee on Statutory Affairs.
- **The Sections** will inform of the electoral process in writing.



APRIL 2022

- 22 April: meeting of the Standing Committee on Gender Equality
- The **call for candidatures for the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Gender Equality will be launched by the World Secretariat** (to be discussed with the Chair of the Standing Committee).



MAY 2022

- 10 May: **Online meeting of the Committee on Statutory Affairs.**



JUNE 2022 (EXECUTIVE BUREAU)

- **The Committee on Statutory Affairs** will receive reports on the nominations for the Governing Bodies.
- The **call for candidatures for the 8th UCLG World Congress will be launched by the World Secretariat.**



JULY 2022

- **An extraordinary in-person meeting of the Committee on Statutory Affairs** will be organized to consider the nominations presented in terms of balanced representation.
- 31 July: Deadline for the payment of **membership fees.**



AUGUST 2022

- 1 August: **Deadline for the presentation of candidatures for Presidency, Treasury and Presidency of the Standing Committee.**



SEPTEMBER 2022

- 5 September: **Deadline for the nominations to the Governing Bodies.**
- **Deadline for presentation of candidatures for the 8th UCLG World Congress.**
- 15 September: **An extraordinary online meeting of the Committee on Statutory Affairs** will take place to further consider the final nominations.

- **The Committee on Statutory Affairs** will consider if the final candidatures for the Presidency meet the agreed criteria.



OCTOBER 2022: WORLD CONGRESS, 10-14

- **The Committee on Statutory Affairs** will propose a process of appointment and election through reports to the Assembly and Council.
- **The General Assembly** will appoint the representatives of the World Council.
- **The World Council** will appoint the representatives of the Executive Bureau.
- **The World Council** will elect the Presidency and Treasurer.
- **The World Council** will take note of the candidatures received for the 8th UCLG World Congress and will select the pre-candidatures for a decision to be made by the 2023 World Council, according to the recommendations of the Committee on Statutory Affairs.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD ORGANISATION OF UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

**Adopted by Constitutive General Assembly, 5 May 2004, Paris, France
Amended by Extraordinary General Assembly, 26 April 2010, Chicago, USA
Amended by General Assembly, 3 October 2013, Rabat, Morocco**

PREAMBLE

We, representatives of local governments the world over, serving the populations of rural and urban communities; small, medium and large towns, metropolises and regions; gathered in Paris, France on 5 May 2004 to create a new unified world organisation of local governments.

Recalling:

- the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and particularly the principle recognised in Article 21, that the will of the people is the basis of the authority of government;
- the considerable work achieved by the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA) since 1913 and the World Federation of United Towns and Cities (UTO) since 1957 in developing municipal international relations and strengthening local government worldwide;
- the United Towns Charter adopted by UTO in 1957;
- the IULA Worldwide Declaration of Local Self-Government, adopted by IULA in 1985 and amended in 1993, and ratified by the UTO in 1994;
- the Final Declaration of the World Assembly of Cities and Local Authorities adopted in Istanbul in 1996;
- the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, Agenda 21 and the Political Declaration of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, and the Millennium Declaration and Millennium Development Goals;

Considering:

- that the world is being reshaped by changing economic, technological, demographic, environmental and social forces;
- that the traditional role of the State is profoundly affected by the above trends and that States cannot centrally manage and control the complex integrated cities and towns of today and tomorrow;
- that population growth and the continuing process of urbanisation makes the task of local governments, both rural and urban, more complex but all the more essential;
- that in this changing world, the essential value of democracy, grounding government's legitimacy in the people, remains stronger than ever;
- that local government is one of the main foundations of any democratic society, being the level of government closest to the people;

Recognising:

- the vital role of local government as a force for sustainable development, good governance, sustainable urbanisation and promotion of the rights of the citizen;
- the vital role of local government as a force for promoting Human Rights -civil and political, social and economic - as recognised, codified and endorsed by the United Nations;
- local government's responsibility to take an active role in responding to the challenges facing humanity; to fight strongly against poverty, ignorance, intolerance, discrimination, exclusion, insecurity, environmental degradation and cultural levelling;
- the vital role of local government as a force for peace and solidarity between peoples;
- the diversity of democratic ways and means by which local communities can achieve these objectives;
- that local democracy is not just a formal value but must be continuously updated and revised, ensuring genuine equality and participation open to all, men and women;

Emphasising:

- that strengthening local government in any country strengthens the entire nation and the world community by ensuring more effective and democratic public policies;
- that Municipal International Cooperation and decentralised cooperation, partnership, twinning, international local government diplomacy, sister city links, and mutual assistance through capacity-building programmes and international municipal solidarity initiatives, are a vital contribution to the construction of a peaceful and sustainably developed world;
- that the more united local governments are, at national, regional and world level, the stronger they are in voicing the will of the communities they serve;

Committed to:

- local democracy and autonomy, i.e. to the principles of democratic decentralisation and subsidiarity in the spirit of inter-connecting spheres of government;
- citizen-centred, participative local governance within the principles of decentralisation and subsidiarity;
- high ethical standards of public service, efficiency, effectiveness and transparency;
- partnership with the international community and other spheres of government, civil society and other key actors;

Ordain and establish the Constitution of the World Organisation of United Cities and Local Governments as follows:

NAME, HEADQUARTERS AND LEGAL STATUS

Article 1

By the present constitution, a non-profit association, with full legal and operational capacities, governed by Spanish law is formed. Its name shall be the **World Organisation of United Cities and Local Governments**, (from here onwards referred to as 'the World Organisation').

Its legal seat shall be based at **15 Carrer Avinyó in Barcelona, Spain**.

The World Organisation shall be a non-profit international organisation with no affiliation to any political party or religion.

The association will be established for an indefinite period and its coverage will be worldwide.

OBJECTIVES

Article 2 Mission

The mission of the World Organisation is:

To be the united voice and world advocate of democratic local self-government, promoting its values, objectives and interests, through cooperation between local governments, and within the wider international community.

Article 3 Objectives

To achieve this mission, the World Organisation shall pursue the following objectives:

- a. To promote strong and effective democratic local self-government throughout the world;
- b. To promote unity and cooperation amongst members;
- c. To ensure the effective political representation of local government to the international community, in particular the United Nations and its agencies;
- d. To be the worldwide source of key information and intelligence regarding local government;
- e. To be the worldwide source of learning, exchange and capacity-building, supporting the establishment and strengthening of free and autonomous local governments and their national associations;
- f. To promote economic, social, cultural, vocational and environmental development and service to the population based on the principles of good governance, sustainability and social inclusion;
- g. To promote race and gender equality, and to combat all forms of discrimination that are illegal with regard to international law, and/or illegitimate in relation to the values and policies of the organisation;
- h. To be a strong democratic organisation, reflecting in its composition and functioning the diversity of the local spheres of governance;
- i. To promote decentralised cooperation and international cooperation between local governments and their associations;
- j. To promote twinning and partnerships as a means for mutual learning and friendship between peoples;
- k. To develop policies, programmes and initiatives within the framework of the World Organisation's mission, values and objectives, this implies seeking appropriate means to implement them, within the internal rules of the organisation.

Article 4 Tasks

In pursuance of these objectives, the World Organisation shall undertake such tasks and enterprises as may be determined appropriate and desirable in order to achieve its missions and objectives, including in particular:

- a. Engaging actively in lobbying and advocacy work to promote the role and status of local government in the international arena and to influence international policy making;
- b. Developing and promoting policies and positions on issues of key interest and importance to local government before the international community;
- c. Collaborating actively with the United Nations and its agencies, and other relevant international organisations;
- d. Developing initiatives and action programmes based on the principles of local self-government and international cooperation, particularly through decentralised cooperation/development projects between local governments and associations of local governments, seeking funding and the creation of financial tools to support these projects;
- e. Building an international platform of exchanges and partnerships, in order to strengthen the capacities of local governments and their associations;
- f. Supporting a strong network of local government members and developing services and global products to meet their needs and demands;
- g. Becoming a major world source of information on local self-government, local authorities, international solidarity and the exchange of know-how;
- h. Disseminating information amongst its members, through publications, seminars and new information technologies, on the situation and the evolution of local government all over the world;
- i. Organising congresses, other events and activities, and increasing the number of members, in order to reinforce the World Organisation's political influence and its financial autonomy.

Article 5 Adherence to the principles of international law and United Nations decisions

In pursuing its mission, objectives and tasks, and in dealing with issues of membership and other decisions under this constitution, the World Organisation shall act in accordance with, and be guided by, the principles of international law and relevant decisions of the United Nations on recognition of states and other related matters.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 6 Categories of membership

The World Organisation consists of the following categories of members:

- a. Local government members;
- b. Regional sections;
- c. International organisation members;
- d. Associate members;
- e. Honorary members.

Article 7 Local government members

Local government membership of the World Organisation shall be open to:

- a. Individual cities and local governments;
- b. National associations of local government.

Article 8 Regional sections

Regional sections of the World Organisation, recognised in accordance with the provisions of this constitution, are members as of right.

Article 9 International organisation members

International organisation membership of the World Organisation shall be open to international local government organisations which represent specific categories of local governments, and/or whose purposes relate to specific sectoral or thematic issues.

Article 10 Associate members

Associate membership of the World Organisation shall be open to organizations which, though not themselves local government organizations, are strongly concerned with or involved in local government matters.

Article 11 Honorary members

Honorary membership may be granted to individuals or institutions who have rendered distinguished service to the association or to the cause of democratic local government. Nominations for Honorary membership shall be made by the Executive Bureau and approved by the World Council.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Article 12

Members may participate in the various activities and programmes of the organisation and have equal access to information, data and documentation on local government matters and the activities and decisions of the organisation.

Article 13

Members undertake to support, promote and adhere to the World Organisation's mission, values and objectives.

Article 14 Membership fees

Local government members, international organisation members and associate members shall pay an annual membership fee. The World Council, upon proposal of the Executive Bureau, shall decide on the amount of the respective membership fees. The membership fees for local government members shall take the following into consideration:

- a. the number of inhabitants represented by the member;
- b. the state of the country's economic development.

The formula for membership fees shall be included in the General Rules of Procedure.

Article 15

Membership fees shall be paid in accordance with the General Rules of Procedure. Membership shall become effective upon receipt of the new member's first payment.

Article 16

Any member may resign at any time by giving a minimum of six months written notice to the Secretariat as specified in the General Rules of Procedure, provided that such a member shall remain liable to pay any outstanding membership dues, including any appropriate pro rata share.

ADMISSION

Article 17

Applications for local government, international organisation and associate membership shall be decided by the Executive Bureau, whose task is to ensure that applicants meet the relevant requirement for membership. All applicants for membership must undertake to support, promote and adhere to the World Organisation's mission, values and objectives.

Article 18

An applicant complying with the relevant requirements for membership has a right to apply for membership in the World Organisation, directly at world level. For the sake of good coordination however, the relevant regional section shall be consulted on applications coming from their geographical area. Simultaneous membership shall be encouraged within the World Organisation and its regional sections.

Article 19 Special Membership Committee

A Special Membership Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Bureau to consider and advise on special issues that may arise in relation to membership questions.

EXCLUSION

Article 20

A member is liable to exclusion or suspension:

- a. if it breaches the obligations and principles set out in this Constitution;
- b. if, without the consent of the Executive Bureau, membership fees are more than one year in arrears;
- c. if it no longer fulfils other conditions of membership set out in this Constitution.

Article 21

The decision to exclude or suspend a member shall rest, on the recommendation of the Executive Bureau, with the World Council, which shall decide by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by World Council members in attendance.

Article 22

A member whose exclusion is proposed shall be given at least two months written notice of the relevant World Council meeting. The member shall be invited to make his written observations known before the World Council and shall be entitled to attend and speak at the meeting of the World Council dealing with the question.

Article 23

The same procedure shall apply to a member whose suspension is proposed. The suspension shall apply for the period until the next World Council where the decision will be taken whether to lift the sanction or, on the contrary, exclude the member.

METROPOLITAN SECTION AND SECTION OF REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS

Article 24 a

The World Organisation shall have a Metropolitan Section, whose membership shall be open to large metropolitan governments, as defined in the Rules of Procedure. The Metropolitan Section shall promote the specific policies of, and deal with matters of concern to, its members and promote the membership of metropolitan cities in the World Organisation.

Article 24 b

The World Organisation shall have a Section dedicated to regional governments, known as Forum of Regions, whose membership shall be open to regional authorities, as defined in the Rules of Procedure. The Forum of Regions shall promote the specific policies of, and deal with matters of concern to, its members and promote the membership of regional governments in the World Organisation

REGIONAL SECTIONS

Article 25

Regional sections shall establish their own constitution and governing bodies and are established as independent legal entities. They set their own policies and administer their own affairs, provided these are not contrary to this Constitution.

Article 26

Regional sections are part of the World Organisation's operating structure. They do not preclude direct membership in the World Organisation, but provide the World Organisation with institutional support within their agreed geographical area in pursuing its mission and objectives.

Article 27

Regional sections co-ordinate and facilitate membership in their geographical area. With their members, they provide support to the policies and activities decided by the governing bodies of the World Organisation. They perform a policy, programming and administrative role within the World Organisation, and a co-ordinating role in relation to the electoral process, within the framework of this Constitution.

Article 28

The formal establishment of a regional section shall be approved by the World Council, taking into account the existing situation and after full consultation with local government members affected by the establishment of the section.

Article 29

There shall be a written agreement between the World Organisation and each regional section, in which the division of tasks and mutual responsibilities shall be defined and agreed. The conclusion of such an agreement shall be a precondition for the establishment of a regional section. These agreements shall take into account the diversity and specific needs of each regional section, in relation to its context and the characteristics of its membership and area

Article 30

With the exception of particular conditions (if any) set out in such agreements, the World Organisation is not liable for debts and liabilities of the regional sections, nor shall regional sections have liability for debts and liabilities of the World Organisation.

Article 31

The World Organisation shall coordinate, at world level, the multilateral activities of its members for which it has received a mandate.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Article 32

The governance of the World Organisation is executed by:

- a. the General Assembly;
- b. the World Council;
- c. the Executive Bureau;
- d. the Presidency, composed of President and Co-presidents;
- e. the Treasurer;
- f. the Secretary General.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 33 Role

The General Assembly is the supreme organ of the World Organisation. It has responsibility for the overall policy, direction and oversight of the organisation. In particular, the General Assembly shall:

- a. give guidance on the general policy direction of the organisation;
- b. receive the report of activities and financial report submitted by the World Council;
- c. appoint members of the World Council from among the local government members, after considering a report from the Committee on Statutory Affairs in relation to the validity of elections for this purpose to be duly held within each world region, as set out in the Electoral Procedure Rules;
- d. deal with all matters placed on its agenda by the World Council;
- e. adopt any revisions to the Constitution;
- f. decide on the dissolution and the liquidation of the World Organisation.

Article 34 Composition

The General Assembly shall comprise all members of the World Organisation, through their duly appointed representatives.

Article 35 Sessions

The General Assembly shall be convened by the World Council, normally at the time of the World Congress to which both the World Organisation members and non-members are invited. The World Council may convene extraordinary sessions in between ordinary meetings, in the conditions described in the General Rules of Procedure.

The announcement of ordinary and extraordinary meetings must be sent to members at least one month in advance, indicating the agenda items.

The World Council may invite persons and entities which are not members of the World Organisation to attend the General Assembly as observers.

The session will be chaired by the President of the World Organisation who will direct the discussions and give attendees a chance to speak. The Secretary General will act as the Secretary of the Assembly, noting the resolutions passed in the meeting minutes.

Article 36 Participation and Voting

Each member shall assign a delegate to represent it at the General Assembly and may also assign a substitute. The latter may only participate in the meeting as a voting member if the named delegate is absent. The substitute should hold a political mandate.

All members are entitled to participate in the sessions and to express their opinions and proposals publicly. If there are numerous requests to participate, the Chairman may moderate their length. The Chairman may also grant participating members the right to respond. Local Government members who are up to date in payments of their membership fees, up until the year preceding the meeting, shall have voting rights in the General Assembly. The President of each regional section or his/her mandated representative shall have one vote, and the same applies in relation to international organisation members. Associate members and honorary members shall not have voting rights in the General Assembly of the World Organisation.

Article 37

Each voting member of the General Assembly shall have an equal vote.

Article 38

Except in special cases provided for in the Constitution, decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a simple majority of the votes cast.

THE WORLD COUNCIL

Article 39 Role

The World Council is the principal policy-making body of the World Organisation. It decides the World Organisation's policies and ensures that general policies decided by the General Assembly are implemented.

Article 40

The World Council shall conduct its activities in accordance with this Constitution and the decisions of the General Assembly.

Article 41

The World Council shall in particular:

- a. elect the President, the Co-Presidents and the Treasurer of the World Organisation and ratify nominations for the Vice-Presidents;
- b. appoint members of the Executive Bureau from among its members, after considering a report from Committee on Statutory Affairs in relation to the validity of elections for this purpose to be duly held within each world region, as set out in the Electoral Procedure Rules;
- c. approve the annual budget and accounts submitted by the Executive Bureau;
- d. decide on applications, suspensions and cancellations of membership;
- e. decide on the level of membership fees;
- f. appoint any committee to consider particular problems and issues concerning the World Organisation, or to deal with any matters or issues it deems appropriate, and delegate tasks accordingly. It may delegate this function to the Executive Bureau.

Article 42 Composition

The World Council shall comprise the following members:

- a. the President, the Co-Presidents and the Treasurer;
- b. the Vice-Presidents;
- c. 340 local government members appointed by the General Assembly after elections held in each region on the basis of two colleges representing the two types of local government members, for the term between two ordinary sessions of the General Assembly;
- d. a political representative of the city which hosts the seat of the World Secretariat;
- e. the Secretary General (non-voting and ex officio);
- f. designated representatives of international local government organisations and associate members (both non-voting);

The Mayors or Deputy Mayors and Presidents or Vice-Presidents of regional authorities (or those holding equivalent office) and the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of associations, representing members of UCLG, may participate in the World Council (non-voting).

The members of the World Council fulfil their function without remuneration.

Article 43

Representatives in the World Council must hold a political mandate from a local government.

Article 44 Substitutes

Each member of the World Council may have one duly appointed standing substitute. The latter may only attend meetings as voting member in the absence of the full member. The substitute should hold a political mandate.

Article 45 Sessions

The World Council shall meet at least once a year, as convened by the President or at the request of at least one third of its members.

The announcement of ordinary and extraordinary meetings must be sent to members of the World Council at least one month in advance, indicating the agenda items.

The session will be chaired by the President of the World Organisation who will direct the discussions and give attendees a chance to speak. The Secretary General will act as the Secretary of the World Council, noting the resolutions passed in the meeting minutes.

All members of the World Council are entitled to participate in the sessions and to express their opinions and proposals publicly. If there are numerous requests to participate, the Chairman may moderate their length. The Chairman may also grant participating members the right to respond.

Article 46 Voting

Each member of the World Council has one vote.

Article 47

Except in special cases provided for in the Constitution, decisions of the World Council shall be carried by a simple majority of the votes cast. In case of equal voting, the President of the session shall have a casting vote.

THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU

Article 48 Role

The Executive Bureau is responsible for initiating proposals and carrying out the decisions of the World Council and for any other matter delegated to it by the World Council. It is in charge of the World Organisation's administrative and financial management. It prepares the meetings of the World Council and of the General Assembly.

Article 49

The Executive Bureau shall in particular:

- a. approve and submit the annual budget, accounts and reports to the World Council;
- b. appoint the Committee on Statutory Affairs;
- c. appoint the Special Membership Committee;
- d. appoint the Financial Management Committee;
- e. appoint the independent external auditors for the organisation;
- f. be empowered to enter into agreements for the acquisition, alienation and encumbering of property, the creation or transfer of interests in which require public registration and to enter into agreements whereby the Association acts as surety or undertakes to be severally liable as co-debtor, agrees to answer for another party or provides security for any debt of another party.

Article 50

The Executive Bureau shall be entitled to make policy decisions between meetings of the World Council within existing policy guidelines on matters that cannot reasonably await the next meeting of the World Council.

Article 51

The Executive Bureau shall exercise all other powers that are not reserved to the General Assembly and the World Council. The President or the Secretary General, under the terms set out herein, shall act as the legal representative of the World Organisation.

Article 52 Composition

The Executive Bureau shall comprise the following membership:

- a. the President, the Co-Presidents, and the Treasurer;
- b. the Vice-Presidents (non-voting);
- c. 114 members elected by the World Council from among its members following the same proportion between the two types of local government member as in the World Council, for the term between two ordinary sessions of the General Assembly;
- d. a political representative of the city which hosts the seat of the World Secretariat;
- e. the Secretary General (non-voting and ex officio);
- f. designated representatives of international organisation members (non-voting);

The Mayors or Deputy Mayors and Presidents or Vice-Presidents of regional authorities (or those holding equivalent office) and the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of associations, representing members of UCLG, may participate in the Executive Bureau (non-voting).

The Executive Bureau may co-opt up to 3 non-voting members for different purposes, which may include the representative of the host of the next congress of the World Organisation.

The members of the Executive Bureau fulfil their function without remuneration.

Article 53

Representatives in the Executive Bureau must hold a political mandate from a local government.

Article 54 Substitutes

Each member of the Executive Bureau may have one duly appointed standing substitute. The latter may only attend meetings as voting member in the absence of the full member. The substitute should hold a political mandate.

Article 55 Sessions

The Executive Bureau shall meet at least twice a year, as convened by the President or at the request of at least one third of its members.

The announcement of ordinary and extraordinary meetings must be sent to members of the Executive Bureau at least one month in advance, indicating the agenda items.

The session will be chaired by the President of the World Organisation who will direct the discussions and give attendees a chance to speak. The Secretary General will act as the Secretary of the Executive Bureau, noting the resolutions passed in the meeting minutes.

All members of the Executive Bureau are entitled to participate in the sessions and to express their opinions and proposals publicly. If there are numerous requests to participate, the Chairman may moderate their length. The Chairman may also grant participating members the right to respond.

Article 56 Voting

Each voting member of the Executive Bureau has one vote.

Article 57

Except in special cases provided for in the Constitution, decisions of the Executive Bureau shall be taken by a simple majority of the votes cast. In case of equal voting, the President of the session shall have a casting vote.

THE PRESIDENCY

Article 58

The Presidency, comprising the President and up to 5 Co-Presidents is elected by the World Council from among local government members for a renewable term between two ordinary sessions of the General Assembly. At least one of the above office-holders must come from an individual local government member; at least one must come from a national association and at least one must come from a member of the Metropolitan Section.

The President and Co-Presidents act on behalf of the World Organization, not of a specific Section.

In case no gender balance is reached, and at the recommendation of the Committee on Statutory Affairs, the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Gender Equality, appointed as defined in the Rules of Procedure, can become an ex-officio member of the Presidency with full rights.

The Treasurer shall participate in the work and deliberations of the Presidency.

The members of the Presidency fulfill their function without remuneration.

Article 59

Candidacies for the President and Co-Presidents may be presented by:

- a. the Executive Bureau; or
- b. at least 6 Local Government members from different countries and at least two different world regions.

Article 60 President

The President is the principal representative of the World Organisation and chairs the meetings of the General Assembly, the World Council and the Executive Bureau. She/He shall ensure the continuity of the policies of the organisation between meetings of the Executive Bureau.

Article 61 Co-Presidents

The Co-Presidents assist the President in carrying out her/his responsibilities and when necessary assume the role of President.

Article 62 Vice-Presidents

The World Organisation has Vice-Presidents, one being nominated by each of its sections. Vice-Presidents shall also represent the World Organisation when appropriate and so mandated, and carry out other responsibilities as necessary.

The Vice-Presidents fulfil their function without remuneration.

Article 63

Members of the Presidency shall hold a local electoral mandate; they must also be at the head of a) a local government or b) a national association of local governments.

In the case offices described under a) or b) are lost; their function within the Presidency will terminate at the date of the next meeting of the Executive Bureau.

The Executive Bureau shall declare the vacancy and hold the responsibility of organising, if need arise, the process for electing his/ her replacement.

Article 64

The President, the Co-Presidents and the Vice-Presidents have the right to resign.

FINANCES**Article 65**

The World Organisation shall derive its finances from membership fees, income from activities, grants and other sources.

Article 66

The operational and financial year will coincide with the calendar year and will be closed on 31 December each year. The accounts should be closed on 31 December each year.

Article 67 The Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the oversight of the financial strategy, accounting and management of the World Organisation's finances. Every year, she/he shall present to the Executive Bureau:

- a. the accounts of the previous financial year, certified by an independent external auditor appointed by the Executive Bureau which shall be submitted to the World Council for final approval;
- b. the budget for the next financial year;
- c. other significant financial reports.

The Treasurer fulfils his/her functions without remuneration.

Article 68 The Financial Management Committee

The Financial Management Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Bureau, chaired by the Treasurer and composed of representatives of the 6 members paying the highest membership fees and 6 elected representatives of other members, taking into account the geographical diversity and representation of the local government membership.

The members of the Financial Management Committee fulfil their function without financial remuneration.

Article 69

The Financial Management Committee's role is to advise the Treasurer and the Executive Bureau on financial matters. The Committee shall be consulted on the preparation and execution of the budget, and may propose a mechanism for internal audit to the Executive Bureau including the appointment of a maximum of 3 Honorary Auditors.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL**Article 70**

The Secretary General is the chief executive officer of the World Organisation. She/he directs the daily activities of the World Organisation and carries out the decisions of the General Assembly, the World Council and the Executive Bureau. The Secretary General manages the General Secretariat and the activities, programmes and finances of the organisation under the guidance of the Presidency and the responsibility of the Executive Bureau.

Article 71

The Secretary General is appointed by the Executive Bureau and may be dismissed by the Executive Bureau.

Article 72

The Secretary General is responsible for the employment of the General Secretariat's personnel.

Article 73

In his/her daily activities, the Secretary General has a general authorization to represent the World Organisation on behalf of the Executive Bureau.

Article 74

The Secretary General, as the duly authorised representative of the World Organisation, is authorised to work with banks and other credit institutions, to order payments and execute all kinds of contracts as allowed under civil, mercantile and administrative law.

The Secretary General may also represent the World Organisation before public administrations and courts, and have power to appoint legal counsel and court attorneys.

CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS**Article 75**

The Electoral Procedure Rules, annexed to this constitution, shall have effect for regulating the conduct of elections to the World Council and Executive Bureau, and for defining the role of the Committee on Statutory Affairs.

Article 76

The Electoral Procedure Rules may be amended by the World Council, by a majority of not less than two-thirds of those voting, upon a resolution of the Executive Bureau recommending such amendment. All members of the World Organisation shall have at least two month's written notice of the meeting of the World Council at which any proposed amendment to the Electoral Procedure Rules is to be voted on.

LIABILITY

Article 77

The World Organisation is liable as a legal entity only to the extent of its assets; members are not individually liable for such corporate debts and liabilities.

GENERAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

Article 78

The Executive Bureau approves the General Rules of Procedure, which shall deal with details concerning the internal operation and regulation of the World Organisation. They shall be ratified by the World Council.

Article 79

Any point which is not dealt with in these statutes shall be ruled by the law of Spain.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, MERGER, DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION OF THE WORLD ORGANISATION

Article 80

Any proposal for a revision of the Constitution or the merger, dissolution or liquidation of the World Organisation shall emanate from the Executive Bureau or from six or more local government members from different countries.

Article 81

The members of the World Organisation shall be notified in writing of the proposals at least two months before the meeting of the General Assembly at which they shall be considered.

Article 82

No decision on amendments to the Constitution or merger, dissolution or liquidation of the World Organisation shall be adopted unless two-thirds of the Local Government members are represented and it is approved by a two-thirds majority of the valid votes cast.

Article 83

If less than two-thirds of the local government members were represented at the first meeting, the General Assembly shall at the subsequent meeting be entitled to make a binding decision irrespective of the number of the local government members represented.

Article 84

In the event of dissolution, the General Assembly shall make the necessary and adequate arrangements to determine the destination of the goods and rights of the Association. The Assembly will also make arrangements related to the ending, winding down and liquidation of any pending activity of the Association.

The net residues resulting from the liquidation will be given directly to a non-profit public or private entity in the same territory, and active in a similar field, to the Association, or dedicated to charity.

The Association will be dissolved by decision of its members explicitly expressed in a special session of the General Assembly called to this effect. At least two thirds of the local government members need to be in agreement, and express their consent with two-thirds of the valid votes, as established in article 82 of this constitution and according to the causes contained in article 39 of the Civil Code and by Court Order.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Article 85

The initial official languages of the World Organisation shall be English, French and Spanish. The World Council may make subsequent decisions on official and working languages, taking into account the development of membership and resources available.

ELECTORAL PROCEDURE RULES

Adopted by Constitutive General Assembly, 5 May 2004, Paris, France
Amended by Executive Bureau, 6 April 2019, Montevideo, Uruguay

PART I - GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Rule 1

- 1.1 Elections to the World Council and Executive Bureau shall be carried out through elections held in each defined world region.
- 1.2 The local government members in each defined world region shall be entitled to elect the number of their representatives to the World Council as set out in Rule 2.
- 1.3 The representatives for the World Council in each defined world region shall be entitled to elect the number of their representatives to the Executive Bureau as set out in Rule 2.

Rule 2

- 2.1. The defined world regions and the respective number of representatives to the World Council and Executive Bureau respectively are as set out in the following table:

Sections	World Council	Executive Bureau
Africa	45	15
Asia-Pacific	66	22+1
Europe	63+8+2	21+2
Eurasia	36	12
Middle East & West Asia	33+2	11+1
Latin America	39	13
North America	36-10-2	12-3-1
Metropolitan	21+1VP	7+1VP
Forum of Regions/UCLG Regions	1VP	1VP
Host of the World Secretariat: Barcelona	1	1
Total	342	116

- 2.2. The above distribution of seats is based on respective total population size and in the case of Europe on historic active engagement of members from a large number of countries. It is also based on the principles that no world region should have more than one quarter of the overall number of seats nor more than twice the number allocated to any other world region.

Rule 3

- 3.1. Within each defined world region, seats for the World Council and Executive Bureau are divided between representatives of the two types of local government members, namely
 - (a) individual cities and local governments¹
 - (b) national associations of local government,
 taking into account the number of inhabitants represented by each type of local government member in that region.

¹ Under this Rules and the UCLG Constitution "*individual cities and local governments*" is to be understood as: cities, towns, councils, provinces, regional authorities and other units of government that adhere directly to the World Organization.

- 3.2. The division of seats on the World Council and Executive Bureau as a whole shall ensure that the two types of local government member are duly represented.

PART II - DIVISION OF SEATS BETWEEN TYPES OF MEMBER

Rule 4

- 4.1. In order to calculate the division of seats between the two types of local government members², the total population represented by each type of member shall be calculated. This calculation shall be done for the world organisation as a whole and for each world region separately.
- 4.2. Each type of member (refer to note 2), within each world region, is entitled to;
- 10% of the seats wherever it represents up to 10% of the population represented by the whole membership in that world region;
 - 30% of the seats whenever it represents more than 10% but no more than 30% of such population;
 - a share of the seats directly proportional to its share of the population wherever it represents more than 30% of such population.
- 4.3. In making the calculations set out above, the following shall apply:
- The actual population represented by a national local government association, through its own members, is taken into account (as against using the total national population, and excluding any individual member that is not a member of that association)
 - The total population represented by each local government member is calculated, even if this means that the same population is accounted for more than once

The best available statistics and evidence shall be used in relation to these calculations; the decision of the Committee on Statutory Affairs shall be final in this regard. To this end, each member will provide on request information on their current membership including population.

Rule 5

- 5.1. Each type of local government member (as described in note 2) shall be entitled to at least 30% of the seats on the World Council and Executive Bureau even if (according to the calculation of population represented under Rule 4 above) its actual percentage is less.
- 5.2. Where the total number of seats ascribed to one type of local government member across each defined world region totals less than the 30% minimum required under Rule 5.1 above, the Committee on Statutory Affairs shall recommend to the General Assembly the means of achieving the required balance. Such recommendations may include allocating unfilled places from other world regions to the under-represented type in order to reach the 30% threshold.
- 5.3. Sections will make due efforts to promote an equitable gender balance in such representation: no gender should represent less than 10% in the sections nominations in 2010. This percentage should be increased to 20% for 2013; 25% for 2016 and 30% for 2019.
- 5.4. In the event that the Section is not in a position to meet these targets, it shall submit a written report of explanation to the Executive Bureau.
- 5.5. Countries with more than three representatives in the World Council shall submit candidacies ensuring a balanced representation of all spheres of government which are members of UCLG within that country.

² There are two types of local government members under the UCLG Constitution: the cities, local and regional authorities adhering directly as explained under footnote 1 and the national associations of local governments¹⁸

- 5.6. To the effects of UCLG Constitution, the following definition applies to political mandate and representation: A political mandate refers to the mandate fulfilled by ***a political representative: a person holding a public office, being part of a deliberative body in charge of defining and implementing public local or regional policies.***

PART III – WORLD COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS

Rule 6

- 6.1. Where a regional section exists within a defined world region, it shall have responsibility for co-ordinating the electoral process, and for liaison with the Committee on Statutory Affairs. If there is more than one regional section for such region, they shall have the duty of co-operating to ensure that the electoral process is properly carried out.
- 6.2. Within each region, the electoral process shall be conducted so as to ensure that there is an equitable geographical balance in the overall representation from the region, including in relation to each type of local government member. Members from different countries in a region may put forward proposals for common representation.
- 6.3. Where there is a high degree of consensus among the members within a region as to the means by which the electoral process shall be carried out, including any proposed geographical or national distribution of seats within the region, this shall be put to the Committee on Statutory Affairs as soon as possible, and if approved by the Commission, shall be implemented. Any such consensus proposal shall ensure that the lesser represented of the two types of local government member is entitled to not less than its share of the seats in that region, calculated under Rule 4.2.
- 6.4. Where there is no consensus proposal put forward, the process within a region must ensure that each type of local government member is entitled to its relevant number of seats, as calculated under these Rules, as well as ensuring an equitable geographical balance.
- 6.5. Within each region, the members within each type shall elect their representation on the World Council, constituting for that purpose the two colleges referred to in Article 42 of the constitution (composition of World Council).
- 6.6. All elections shall be fairly conducted, in accordance with good practice. Inter alia, a fair opportunity must be given for candidates to be nominated, and reasonable written notice of any election shall be given to all members entitled to vote.
- 6.7. Members within each world region, and those organising elections, shall ensure that candidates for election have the required political mandate. Due regard shall be had to the need to ensure an equitable gender balance in such representation.

PART IV – EXECUTIVE BUREAU ELECTION PROCESS

Rule 7

- 7.1. The members of the Executive Bureau are elected, within each world region, by and from among the members elected for that region to the World Council.
- 7.2. The election of the Executive Bureau members, within each world region, shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable after the World Council elections within that region.
- 7.3. The provisions of Rule 6 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to elections of members of the Executive Bureau. A consensus proposal under Rule 6.2 may deal jointly with elections to the World Council and to the Executive Bureau.

PART V – ELECTION TIMETABLE

Rule 8

- 8.1. The Committee on Statutory Affairs shall, subject to these Rules, set the timetable for the electoral process, and supervise its effective implementation, leading up to the next ordinary General Assembly meeting at which the World Council is formally elected.
- 8.2. The relevant calculations of population and other matters required under these rules shall be completed and communicated to the world regional sections between 6 and 12 months before the relevant meeting of the General Assembly.
- 8.3. The elections within each world region shall take place not earlier than 5 months before the relevant meeting of the General Assembly.

PART VI – COMMITTEE ON STATUTORY AFFAIRS

Rule 9

- 9.1. A Committee on Statutory Affairs shall be established with the composition and responsibilities set out in this and the following Article.
- 9.2. The Committee on Statutory Affairs shall comprise:
 - a. The President (who will act as Chair),
 - b. The Immediate Past President,
 - c. The Co-Presidents,
 - d. The Treasurer,
 - e. Three political representatives of the three members paying the highest membership-fees,
 - f. The political representative of the seat of the World Organization.

Rule 10

The responsibilities of the Committee on Statutory Affairs are as follows:

Overall:

- to ensure that the principles and requirements set out in these Rules for elections are complied with, and to encourage consensual working and good practice within world regions in relation to elections;

Step 1 – providing the framework

- to clarify the boundaries of each defined world region, and to ensure that each voting member is ascribed to the appropriate world region;
- to calculate the membership population figures (including determining any disputes of fact), and the respective percentages, represented by the two types of local government member within each world region and for the whole organisation;
- to calculate the number of seats on the World Council to which each type of local government member within each region is thus entitled;
- to advise each regional section (where they exist) of the relevant calculations;
- where no regional section exists in a defined world region, to ensure via the World Organisation that, in accordance with these Rules, fair elections are held which reflect the appropriate balance of membership and principles, including the requirement of equitable geographical balance;
- where there is more than one regional section with members in a defined world region, to ensure that there is proper co-ordination, and that the electoral process for that world region fairly treats the membership as a whole;

Step 2 - approving the electoral process

- to consider proposals from a regional section, based on a high degree of consensus of members within the defined world region, as to the means by which the relevant electoral process will be carried out, that reflects the requisite principles (including equitable geographical representation) and fairly balances the two types of local government members, and if so satisfied, to approve implementation of such proposals;
- in default of such approved consensus proposals, to determine the basis of election within each world region, to ensure that the principles are met and the correct balances achieved;

Step 3 – ensuring the validity of the electoral process

- to receive the results of elections held in each world region, and to confirm their procedural validity;
- to resolve any significant disputes over the conduct of elections in a world region, if necessary in serious cases by requiring a new election to be held for that world region;

Step 4 – reporting to the General Assembly

- to ensure that the worldwide balance between the two types of local government member is achieved;
- to report to the General Assembly on the validity of the electoral process and in particular the results of the elections in each defined world region, and the overall balance between the two types of local government member, as the basis for the General Assembly's decision on formal appointment of the World Council;
- to report likewise to the first meeting of the new World Council, to provide the basis for the World Council's decision on formal appointment of the Executive Bureau.

Annex 4

Approved by the 2019 Executive Bureau in Montevideo and amended according to the decision of the 2021 World Council¹

UCLG CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

1. The *Conduct of Elections* recalls the main rules to be followed in the electoral process and the procedures of the elections themselves during the Congress.
2. The *UCLG Constitution and Electoral Procedure Rules* are the reference documents for the organization of elections, together with the recommendations of the Committee on Statutory Affairs.
3. Due to the great reach and diversity of its network, UCLG usually seeks broad consensus in the appointment of its representatives. However, its vocation of inclusivity and transparency also envisages the possibility of several candidatures for a single post or event. This document summarises how election are organised.

Electoral process: Who elects who?

4. The World Council is appointed by the General Assembly from a list previously agreed and recommended by the Committee on Statutory Affairs at the advice of the Sections.
5. The Executive Bureau is appointed by the World Council within its members according to the list agreed at the General Assembly.
6. The election of the Presidency takes place at the World Council.

Calls for candidatures

7. The call for candidatures is facilitated by the World Secretariat following the instructions of the Executive Bureau, at the recommendation of the Committee on Statutory Affairs. The calls for candidatures are attached to the Electoral Calendar defined by the Executive Bureau at the proposal of the Committee on Statutory Affairs.

Voting rights

8. **Only members officially appointed to the World Council** and up to date with their membership fees have the right to vote. Should the official member not be able to attend, his/her official substitute, duly appointed to the World Council, will have the right to vote.
9. **There are no proxies** and therefore only members in the actual representation lists, adopted by the General Assembly, are able to vote.

Conduct of elections in situ: Voting ballots

10. The voting ballots are designed and distributed by the World Secretariat.
11. They are distributed to the previously-appointed World Council members at the end

¹ The amendment relates to the appointment of the Electoral Oversight Committee early on the electoral process.

of the General Assembly.

12. One voting ballot will be distributed to each member (principal or substitute) of the World Council upon presentation of their ID and his/her letter of acceptance of nomination.
13. There will be registration tables organized by continent in order to facilitate distribution.
14. Ballots are personal and cannot be transferred to other representatives.
15. There may be ballots of different colours to be used for different decisions or opportunities.

Casting the votes

16. Voting will take place during the relevant item of the Council.
17. Ballot boxes will be placed in the same room where the Council meeting is taking place.

Vote counting

18. The vote counting will take place during the meeting by a *sub-committee* of the Committee on Statutory Affairs (the Electoral Oversight Committee), which will include five representatives of at least three Sections and a member of staff of the World Secretariat (composition subject to agreement of the Committee on Statutory Affairs).
19. Candidates or representatives of candidates subject to election are able to participate as observers only.
20. The number of ballots cast and the registered votes will be announced and checked.
21. The results of the vote will be transmitted to the Chair of the Session and the UCLG Secretary General.
22. The Chair of the Session will announce the results to the World Council at a moment of their choice according to the agenda, and preferably by the end of the meeting.
23. It will be up to the chair to inform of the detail of the results.

Electoral governance and key rules

24. **Rules:** The *UCLG Constitution and Electoral Procedure Rules* as amended in Chicago in 2010 are the reference documents for the organization of elections, together with the recommendations of the Committee on Statutory Affairs.
25. **Key actors of the electoral process:**
 - **The World Secretariat;** as facilitator of the process.
 - **The Committee on Statutory Affairs;** providing the recommendations to conduct the elections.
 - **The UCLG Governing Bodies;** providing political oversight of the recommendations of the Committee on Statutory Affairs.
 - **The political representation of the Sections;** providing oversight in each region and Section.
 - **The Secretariats of Sections;** as facilitators of the implementation of decisions.

- **The Electoral Oversight Committee.**

26. Responsibilities of the Secretariat:

- Providing all relevant documents for decision of the Committee on Statutory Affairs.
- Informing the Secretariats of the Sections of the decisions of the Committee on Statutory Affairs.
- Informing the membership of the Electoral Procedure Rules.
- Publishing the agreed calendar of elections.
- Facilitating the Conduct of Elections.

27. Responsibilities of the Committee on Statutory Affairs:

- As per the Electoral Procedure Rules, the Committee on Statutory Affairs should guarantee that the principles and requirements set out in the framework of elections are complied with.
- The Committee should also encourage consensus and good practice within world regions throughout the process.
- The task of the Committee will be to:
 - Provide the framework for the elections, including the clarification of the boundaries of each defined world region and safeguarding the percentages relating to the different types of member represented as well as coordination among the different members in the respective Section;
 - Revise the candidatures and nominations according to the eligibility criteria;
 - Approve the proposals from regional Sections, based on a high degree of consensus of members within the defined world region;
 - Ensure the validity of the results of elections and resolve any significant disputes over the conduct of elections in a world region; in serious cases by requiring a new election to be held for that world region, if necessary.
- The Committee is further tasked with reporting to the General Assembly and World Council on the electoral process and its results.

28. Responsibilities of the Sections:

- According to the requirements of the Electoral Process, the Sections are invited to provide the following information before the deadline, in order to enable the Committee on Statutory Affairs to prepare its report to the General Assembly.
The following materials are to be submitted according to an agreed calendar:
 - A letter summarizing the arrangements made for the electoral process;
 - The list of nominations for the Section;
 - One contact form duly filled in per nominee;
 - A letter by each nominee agreeing to be part of the UCLG Governing Bodies.
- Sections will need to actively follow up with members to ensure that eligible nominations are put through, by ensuring compliance with the following issues:
 - Allocation of seats by Section and type of member;
 - Gender equality;
 - Eligibility.

- c) Sections should aim to present nominations built on consensus and to include all the members of UCLG in the region under their responsibility in the process.
- d) Where a Section exists within a defined world region, it shall have responsibility for coordinating the electoral process and for liaison with the Committee on Statutory Affairs. If there is more than one regional Section per region, they shall have the duty of co-operating to ensure that the electoral process is properly carried out.

29. Responsibilities of the Electoral Oversight Committee:

As agreed by the 2021 World Council, the Electoral Oversight Committee will be appointed at the beginning of the electoral process, to support the World Secretariat and the Sections. A proposal will be submitted to the Committee on Statutory Affairs. The tasks of the Electoral Oversight Committee include:

- a) Accompanying the electoral process through the works of the Committee on Statutory Affairs.
- b) Supervising the practical arrangements of the placement of the ballot boxes.
- c) Supervising the casting of votes.
- d) Receiving reports on the distribution of ballots.
- e) Counting of votes.
- f) Comparing the casting of votes and the report of the distribution of ballots.
- g) Preparing a report to be presented to the Chair of the World Council containing the electoral results and accounting for any incidents undertaken.

Key electoral rules

- 30. According to Article 7 of the Constitution, UCLG membership is open to two types of local government members:
 - Cities and individual local governments.
 - National local government associations.
- 31. According to Rule 5 of the Procedures, each type of local government member shall be entitled to at least 30% of the seats in the World Council and Executive Bureau, even if its actual percentage is less.

Gender equality

- 32. According to Rule 5, no gender should represent less than 30% since 2019. 30% should be a bare minimum for the 2022 process.
- 33. This rule should also be applied to the Presidency and Vice-Presidencies.

Eligibility

- 34. Only members up to date with the payment of membership fees will be eligible. The deadline for payment of membership fees was set as 30 June. The Secretaries General of the Sections received an eligibility reference with the launch of the Electoral Process, indicating the members that, according to the records of the World Secretariat, are able to be nominated as per up-to-date membership fee payments.
- 35. In virtue of the Constitution, representatives of the Governing Bodies must hold a political mandate from a local government.

36. According to Rule 5.6 of the Electoral Rules of Procedure, under the UCLG Constitution a political mandate is to be understood as: A mandate fulfilled by ***a political representative: a person holding a public office, being part of a deliberative body in charge of defining and implementing public local or regional policies.***

COUNTRIES BY UCLG WORLD REGIONS

List approved by the Electoral Commission of Paris in March 2007

Amended by the World Council in November 2021

Africa	Asia-Pacific	Europe	Eurasia	Middle-East and West Asia	Latin America	North America
Algeria	Australia	Albania	Armenia	Afghanistan	Argentina	Antigua and Barbuda
Angola	Bangladesh	Andorra	Azerbaijan	Bahrain	Belize	Bahamas
Benin	Bhutan	Austria	Belarus	Iran	Bolivia	Barbados
Botswana	Brunei	Belgium	Georgia	Iraq	Brazil	Canada
Burkina Faso	Cambodia	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Kazakhstan	Jordan	Chile	Dominica
Burundi	China	Bulgaria	Kyrgyzstan	Kuwait	Colombia	Grenada
Cameroon	Fiji	Croatia	Mongolia	Lebanon	Costa Rica	Haiti
Cape Verde	India	Cyprus	Russian Federation	Oman	Cuba	Jamaica
Central African Republic	Indonesia	Czech Republic	Tajikistan	Palestinian Authority	Dominican Republic	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Chad	Japan	Denmark	Turkmenistan	Qatar	Ecuador	Saint Lucia
Comoros	Kiribati	Estonia	Ukraine	Saudi Arabia	El Salvador	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Congo	Laos	Finland	Uzbekistan	Syria	Guatemala	Trinidad and Tobago
Dem. Republic of the Congo	Malaysia	France		Turkey	Guyana	United States of America
Djibouti	Maldives	Germany		United Arab Emirates	Honduras	
Egypt	Marshall Islands	Greece		Yemen	Mexico	
Equatorial Guinea	Micronesia	Hungary			Nicaragua	
Eritrea	Myanmar	Iceland			Panama	
Ethiopia	Nauru	Ireland			Paraguay	
Gabon	Nepal	Israel			Peru	
Gambia	New Zealand	Italy			Suriname	
Ghana	North Korea	Latvia			Uruguay	
Guinea	Pakistan	Liechtenstein			Venezuela	

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Guinea-Bissau	Palau	Lithuania				
Ivory Coast	Papua New Guinea	Luxembourg				
Kenya	Philippines	Macedonia				
Lesotho	Samoa	Malta				
Liberia	Singapore	Moldova				
Libya	Solomon Islands	Monaco				
Madagascar	South Korea	Montenegro				
Malawi	Sri Lanka	Netherlands				
Mali	Thailand	Norway				
Mauritania	Timor-Leste	Poland				
Mauritius	Tonga	Portugal				
Morocco	Tuvalu	Romania				
Mozambique	Vanuatu	San Marino				
Namibia	Vietnam	Serbia				
Niger		Slovakia				
Nigeria		Slovenia				
Rwanda		Spain				
Sao Tome and Principe		Sweden				
Senegal		Switzerland				
Seychelles		United Kingdom				
Sierra Leone						
Somalia						
South Africa						
South Sudan						
Sudan						
Swaziland						
Tanzania						
Togo						

In **green**: request from the African section that was agreed during the 2021 World Council.

No.	MEMBER	ACTIVE	CATEGORY	2019	2020	2021	ELIGIBILITY
1	BARISAL CITY CORPORATION	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO
2	MAB - MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF BANGLADESH	Y	LGA	YES	NO	NO	NO
3	NARAYANGANJ CITY CORPORATION	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO
4	NACPC - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CAPITAL AND PROVINCIAL COUNCILS	Y	LGA	YES	YES	YES	YES
5	NLCS - NATIONAL LEAGUE OF ASSOC. OF COMMUNE / SANGKAT COUNCILS	Y	LGA	YES	YES	YES	YES
6	BEIJING	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
7	CHANGCHUN	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
8	CHANGSHA	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
9	CHENGDU	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
10	CHONGQING	Y	IM	YES	YES	NO	NO
11	CPAFFC - CHINESE PEOPLE'S ASSOC. FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES	Y	LGA	YES	YES	YES	YES
12	DALIAN	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
13	FUZHOU	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
14	GUANGZHOU	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
15	GUIYANG MUNICIPAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT	Y	IM	N/A	YES	YES	YES
16	HAIKOU	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
17	HANGZHOU	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
18	HARBIN	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
19	JILIN	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
20	JINAN	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
21	KUNMING	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
22	NANJING	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
23	NANNING	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
24	SHANGHAI	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
25	SHENZHEN	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
26	SI PING	Y	IM	N/A	NO	NO	NO
27	TIANJIN	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO
28	WUHAN	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
29	WUXI	Y	IM	N/A	YES	YES	YES
30	XI'AN	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
31	XIAMEN	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
32	YIWU	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
33	ZHENGZHOU	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
34	KAOSHIUNG	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
35	NEW TAIPEI CITY	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
36	TAICHUNG	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
37	TAIPEI	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
38	AIILSG - ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT	Y	Rsrch/Trng/AcadInst	YES	YES	YES	NO (***)
39	BHOPAL	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO

40	HYDERABAD	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO
41	NEW DELHI	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO
42	ADEKSI - ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL COUNCILS OF INDONESIA	Y	LGA	NO	NO	NO	NO
43	APEKSI - ASSOCIATION OF INDONESIAN MUNICIPALITIES	Y	LGA	NO	NO	NO	NO
44	BANDA ACEH	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO
45	BANDAR LAMPUNG	Y	IM	N/A	N/A	YES	YES
46	BANJARMASIN CITY	Y	IM	N/A	N/A	YES	YES
47	BENGKULU	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO
48	BOGOR CITY	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
49	BONTANG	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
50	EAST KALIMANTAN PROVINCE	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO
51	JAKARTA	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
52	JAYAPURA	Y	IM	N/A	NO	NO	NO
53	JEMBER REGENCY	Y	IM	N/A	NO	NO	NO
54	LUBUKLINGGAU	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO
55	MARITIME LOCAL GOVERNMENT NETWORK (*)	Y	Ministries/State Agencies/Intern	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO (*)
56	MUSI BANYUASIN REGENCY	Y	IM	N/A	N/A	NO	NO
57	PALEMBANG	Y	IM	N/A	N/A	YES	YES
58	PANGKALPINANG CITY	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
59	PROBOLINGGO MUNICIPALITY	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
60	SALATIGA	Y	IM	YES	NO	NO	NO
61	SAWAHLUNTO (*)	Y	IM	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO (*)
62	SEMARANG	Y	IM	N/A	N/A	NO	NO
63	SOUTH TANGERANG	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
64	SURABAYA	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
65	SURAKARTA MUNICIPALITY	Y	IM	YES	N/A	YES	YES
66	WAKATOBI REGENCY	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO
67	YOGYAKARTA CITY GOVERNMENT	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
68	CLAIR - COUNCIL OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	Y	Int. Ass. LG	YES	YES	YES	NO (**)
69	HAMAMATSU CITY	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
70	KILGA - KIRIBATI LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION	Y	LGA	NO	N/A	N/A	NO
71	MINISTRY OF INTERNAL & SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF KIRIBATI	Y	Ministries/GovAg	NO	NO	NO	NO (**)
72	KOREAN CITY FEDERATION	Y	LGA	NO	NO	NO	NO
73	BUSAN	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
74	CHANGWON CITY	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
75	DAEGU	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
76	DAEJEON	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
77	GAOK - GOVERNOR'S ASSOCIATION OF KOREA	Y	LGA	YES	YES	YES	YES
78	GOYANG	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
79	GWANGJU	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
80	GYEONGGI	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES

81	INCHEON	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
82	JEJU SPECIAL SELF-GOVERNING PROVINCE	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
83	KRILA - KOREA RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION	Y	Rsrch/Trng/AcadInst	YES	YES	YES	NO (***)
84	LOGODI - LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL DEVELOPEMENT INSTITUTE	Y	Ministries/GovAg	YES	YES	YES	NO (***)
85	NAMYANGJU CITY	Y	IM	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
86	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MAYORS OF KOREA (NAMK)	Y	LGA	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
87	SEJONG CITY	Y	IM	N/A	N/A	YES	YES
88	SEOUL	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
89	ULSAN	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
90	KUALA LUMPUR	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
91	MALA - MALAYSIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES	Y	LGA	YES	NO	NO	NO
92	ADDU CITY	Y	IM	YES	NO	NO	NO
93	LGA - LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY	Y	LGA	YES	YES	YES	YES
94	MALE CITY	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO
95	ADDCN - ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF NEPAL	Y	LGA	N/A	N/A	NO	NO
96	BIRGUNJ METROPOLITAN CITY	Y	IM	N/A	NO	NO	NO
97	DHANKUTA MUNICIPALITY	Y	IM	N/A	NO	YES	NO
98	KATHMANDU	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
99	KIRTIPUR	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
100	MuAN - MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION OF NEPAL	Y	LGA	YES	YES	YES	YES
101	NARMIN - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RURAL MUNICIPALITY IN NEPAL	Y	LGA	YES	YES	YES	YES
102	TULSIPUR SUB METROPOLITAN CITY	Y	IM	N/A	NO	NO	NO
103	LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND	Y	LGA	YES	YES	YES	YES
104	ADLG - ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE	Y	LGA	N/A	N/A	NO	NO
105	FAISALABAD	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO
106	GUJRANWALA	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO
107	LAHORE	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO
108	LCA KPK - LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA	Y	LGA	NO	NO	NO	NO
109	LCAP - LOCAL COUNCIL ASSOCIATION OF THE PUNJAB	Y	LGA	NO	NO	NO	NO
110	LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION OF THE BALUCHISTAN	Y	LGA	YES	N/A	NO	NO
111	BAGUIO	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
112	CATBALOGAN CITY GOVERNMENT	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
113	IRIGA CITY	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
114	LCP - LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES	Y	LGA	YES	YES	NO	NO
115	LMP - LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES	Y	LGA	NO	NO	NO	NO
116	MAKATI CITY GOVERNMENT	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
117	VIGAN CITY	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES
118	COLOMBO	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO
119	FSLGA - FEDERATION OF SRI LANKAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AUTHORITIES	Y	LGA	YES	NO	NO	NO
120	GALLE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO
121	BANGKOK	Y	IM	YES	YES	YES	YES

122	MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OF THAILAND	Y	LGA	N/A	N/A	YES	YES
123	LAAV - LOCAL AUTHORITY ASSOCIATION OF VANUATU	Y	LGA	NO	NO	NO	NO
124	ACVN - ASSOCIATION OF CITIES OF VIETNAM	Y	LGA	YES	YES	NO	NO
125	HANOI	Y	IM	NO	NO	NO	NO

(*) WAS APPROVED AS UCLG MEMBER IN NOVEMBER 2021, SHOULD PAY FEES 2022 IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE

(*) NOT ELIGIBLE (REASON: ASSOCIATED MEMBER)**

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ANNEX 7. UCLG Statement on the Attack on Ukraine



UCLG STATEMENT ON THE ATTACK ON UKRAINE

Local and regional governments gathered together as United Cities and Local Governments express their shock and condemn the launch of military attacks on cities and regions throughout Ukraine.

As local and regional leaders of the world, we call for all military actions to immediately stop, for troops to be called back and for respect of all international agreements. Above all, we condemn the attack on all innocent lives and livelihoods.

As local and regional governments we are committed to facilitate peace and democracy.

Therefore, as the broadest representation of city and local government diplomacy, we commit to ensuring that local governments, through all available governance mechanisms, will continue to constructively dialogue and work together in solidarity amongst all parties towards a diplomatic solution.

We speak with one united voice when we say that nothing can justify war, the targeting of cities and the loss of innocent civilian lives.

There should always be room for dialogue and we stand with all the peoples affected by the conflict as well as with our members in both countries whose communities will need to endure these military actions. We call on the international community to support the refugees and displaced individuals and commit to welcoming them within our individual capabilities.

As local leaders, we should strive for continued constructive dialogue between our communities as well as safeguarding their wellbeing.