

# **Activities of ICLEI for Resilient Cities**

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### Connecting leaders

Leadership of mayors & governors, advocacy to increase political status of local governments at UN negotiations on conventions for sustainability



#### Accelerating actions

Pilot projects/programs and global coordination



#### Gateway to solutions

Tools for local governments, networking events, training workshops, international conferences,,,





# "Resilient city" as one of our 8 key areas for transformation of cities



- Sustainable City
- Resource-efficient City
- Bio-diverse City
- Low-carbon City
- Resilient City
- Smart Urban Infrastructure
- Green Urban Economy
- Happy & Healthy Community

ICLEI strategic plan 2012~2018 adopted at ICLEI World Congress 2012

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# Our approach for "Resilient City"



Projects with LGs, tools & services, networks and advocacy to change city

- to be low risk to natural and man-made disasters
- to reduce its vulnerability by building on its capacity to respond to
  - climate change challenges,
  - disasters, and
  - any foreseen events and economic shocks



# Our rationale for taking action



- LGs cannot wait until concrete scientific evidence
- LGs should take action to protect local assets and life of inhabitants
- Public service (water, energy, housing, waste management, health & social service, green area...) will be highly affected
- Adaptation is local issue ⇔ mitigation is for global issue
- Benefit of early action and prevention against any human and natural disasters

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# Major program/projects for Resilient city

- Commitment of mayors
- Global Forum
- Reporting framework
- Regional projects in Asia



#### **Commitment of mayors: Durban Adaptation Charter**



- Launched at UNFCC COP17 in Durban, South Africa in 2011
- 114 signatories from 27 countries
- Commitment of Local Governments to local climate action in their jurisdiction that will assist their communities to respond to and cope with climate change risks thereby reducing vulnerability.
- To ensure
- 1. Key information of all local government development planning
- 2. Ensuring that adaptation strategies are aligned with mitigation strategies
- 3. Promoting the use of adaptation that recognizes the needs of vulnerable communities and ensuring sustainable local economic development
- 4. Prioritizing the role of functioning ecosystems as core municipal green infrastructure
- 5. Seeking innovative funding mechanisms.

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### **Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation**

- On "urban" and "local governments" issues
- Annual congress prior to UNFCCC Bonn meeting in June since 2011
- Multi-partner: 500 participants from around 50 countries
   local governments, international and NGOs, researchers, private sector
- to share challenges, solutions and experiences
- to showcase new research, innovative tools and methodologies and successful programs
- Opportunity to develop new initiatives, report and share the project progress and outputs
- Mayors commitment



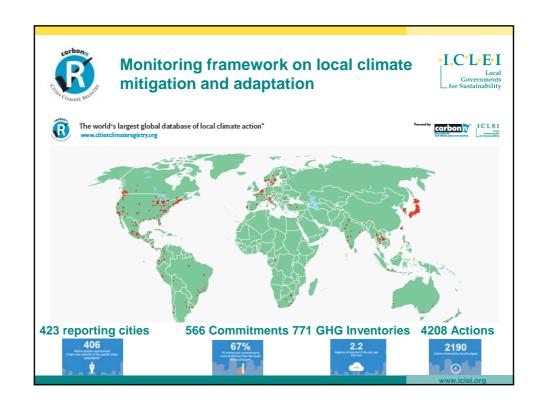
# Composition and topics

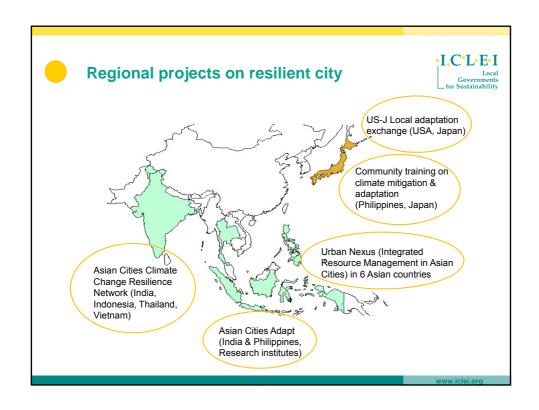


- 3 plenary & 29 theme sessions
- 2 Reality Check Workshops focusing on a specific city
- 23 poster presentation & 10 exhibitors
- 4 sub-theme forum: Mayors Adaptation Forum, Resilient Urban Food Systems, Resilient Building and Construction, Researchers Forum
- · Launch event of a platform, publication and network

#### **Topics**

- Funding, public-private, risk-assessment & planning,,,
- Eco-system based adaptation, food,,,
- Inter-sectoral approach (urban nexus), horizontal coordination(national-regional-local)





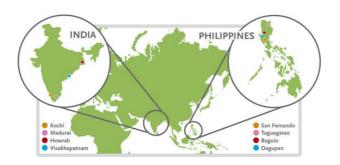




# **Asian Cities Adapt Project**



- Project period: 2010~2013
- Objectives: Development and testing of methodology for local process for climate change adaptation
- Bringing together policy and science
- Carried out by two scientific institutions (Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi), ICLEI and cities in India and Philippines



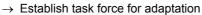


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## Step by step approach





- → Localize climate change impacts
- → Increase the awareness, knowledge, and capacity of pilot cities
- → Develop future scenarios and decision-making aids

#### Focus areas

- Urban Landslides
- Urban Heat Island Effects
- Urban Flooding
- Sea-level Rise



# Out-put of our activities for resilient city agenda



- MAYORS: Strengthen commitment of local leaders at various relevant events: 114 signatories to Durban Adaptation Charter
- FORUM: Regular opportunity to share/disseminate latest findings, meet supporters/project partners to develop new initiatives such as Urban Food, Resilient Cities Asia 2015 (Feb.2015 in Bangkok)
- RECORDS: 788 actions for adaptation out of 3,870 reported to cCCR by 423 LGs from 44 countries
- PROJECTS: Capacity building of local governments and their stakeholders on urban resilience: localized concept, methodology, policy, measures
- Tools for LGs as out-put of pilot projects to disseminate: guidebooks for action planning, case studies,,,

