SDGs Summit and Beyond: Leading Practices from Asia-Pacific

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UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

+240,000
Local Governments

9 Sections
7 regional
1 metropolitan
1 forum of regions
+7,000 Local Governments

+3.76 Billion People

+50% World’s Population

• Largest regional section of UCLG
• Incorporates economically fast developing countries such as China, India, and Indonesia
What We Do

Advocacy
Peer learning & exchange of experiences
Research & knowledge management
Programme & project development
Decentralized cooperation
What We Do: Solid Waste Management

• Launched Intermediate Resource Recovery Centre in Jambi and Malang in partnership with UNESCAP
Strengthened and capacitated local government associations in Nepal and Bangladesh under the Municipal Sanitation Policy Advocacy Project with the focus on sanitation financing.
What We Do: Public Space

- Promoted participatory approach in the design process to allow community to take ownership of the public space

Up-scaling of Pedestrian way in Wolter Monginsidi Street Regency of Sidoarjo

Revitalizing of Gedung Wayang Orang Sriwedari in Surakarta

Ketandan Community Hall as a result of participatory process; Also, 4.2 ha public space at Keputih (Surabaya)
What We Do: Disaster Risk Reduction

Conducted initiatives in collaboration with UNISDR:

• Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2016 (India)
• Making Cities Resilient Campaign
• Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2018 (Mongolia)
Need to bolster local action to accelerate the implementation of the global goals

Mobilisation of adequate and well-directed financing

Call on national governments and the international community to recognise LGs as partners in the global effort leave no-one and no place behind, no mayor behind
Towards the Localisation of the SDGs

- Report launched on 15 July 2019 in New York

- Only 49 countries (out of 143, 34%) that reported to the HLPF since 2016 included LRGs in these mechanisms or regularly consulted with them for coordination.

- LRGs’ access to capital markets remains very limited. This restrains the potential of Subnational Green Bonds and Subnational Pooled Financing Mechanisms as catalysts to finance implementation at the local level.
Voluntarily Local Review (VLR)

- An increasing number of LRGs in all continents are now drafting their own VLRs.

- Following the signing of MOU UCLG ASPAC and IGES during the APFSD in Bangkok in March 2019, training programmes on VLR will be developed.

- UCLG is preparing the Guidelines on VLR to be launched in Durban this autumn.
Best Practices

- **Shenzhen (China)** has developed a learning website that integrates numerous educational resources and offers more than 100 free courses on a wide range of topics.

- **Changwon City (Republic of Korea)** promotes the specific participation of fathers at school to help break down prevailing gender stereotypes related to child care.

- In **Solo (Indonesia)**, LG provides up to five different options to help street vendors upgrade their status to that of legitimate merchants and kiosk owners at local markets.

- **Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia)** has developed a nationally recognized Women and Business Incubator Centre (WBC), which provides technical assistance, training, personalized advice, financial consultancy services, and a co-working space endowed with a playroom for children.
In the Philippines, national government launched the ‘Green, Green, Green’ programme, funded under the Local Government Support Fund – Assistance to Cities, to promote the development of public open spaces and to create greener and more sustainable cities all over the country.

In 2016, the UCLG Peace Prize was awarded to the city of Kauswagan (Philippines), for overcoming the fallout from armed internal conflict in its region through more inclusive socio-economic policies.

Seoul’s Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Project (CPTED) targets troubled neighbourhoods, involving communities, schools, the private sector, the police, and district offices.
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Summary & Recommendations

- Accelerate LRGs involvement in VNR. Advocacy of national municipal/cities association needs to be strengthened.
- Support VLRs and effort of LRGs to monitor and report local implementation.
- Push the urgency for collaborative governance and integrated policy making and actions.
Thank you