

APPENDIX 3

SUMMARIES OF ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMMES

Plenary Session 3: Tools Promoting ESC (1) - Financing and capacity development

In this session, key multilateral and bilateral agencies involved in financing and capacity development activities in the region to promote ESC were shared their ongoing and planned activities. Speakers and their talking points are summarised as the following.

1. Mr. Michael Lindfield, Lead Professional (Urban Development) of **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, also on behalf of the **Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA)** drew the participants' attention to the core question: i.e. 'what should this meeting recommend to a regional forum like the EAS?', and suggested that the HLS should aim for actions at the system level. To actually make a systemic difference in the promotion of sustainable cities, concrete steps need to be taken to promote real investments in environmental infrastructure and energy efficiency. There are at least three key areas of action if such systemic change is to be achieved. They are:
 - Capacity development and networking to build knowledge, planning and implementation capacity and to reinforce political will;
 - Investment preparation to define and structure high priority projects and programs; and
 - Financing mechanisms for these projects, both sourced from, and going to, both public and private sectors.

Mr. Lindfield also announced that ADB is supporting practical initiatives in all three of these areas through CDIA and the Urban Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund, from which its experience provides important lessons for scaling up institutions for systemic change. ADB also welcomes partners in further developing these initiatives.

2. Mr. Hiroaki Suzuki, Lead Urban Specialist, Finance, Economic and Urban Department of the **World Bank** introduced its newly adopted sustainable urban development initiative called “Eco2 Cities (Ecological Cities as Economic Cities) Initiative”, to mainstream ESC concept. Eco2 is focused on making sure cities of the developing countries lock-in the benefits of both ecological and economic sustainability in synergy. Eco2 is based on the experiences of the Bank's past urban sector operations as well as the lessons learned from the global best practice cities. Eco2 adopts the following approaches:

- City-based and working in close coordination with higher governments, involving key stakeholders, particularly businesses and citizens.
- Cross sector and integrated approach to optimize the city system as whole. Eco2
- Promoting social equity and enhance resilience to natural risks.

Investments of Eco2 cities will be selected in full consideration of their full life-time costs as well as intangible value of natural, human and social assets. Eco2 investments could be funded by World Bank Group's various financial instruments. Eco2 concept is summarized in the Eco2 Book (downloadable at www.worldbank.org/eco2). The World Bank is currently developing the first batch of the pilot operations in Viet Nam, Indonesia and Philippines.

3. Mr. Lorenzo Santucci, Environmental Affairs Officer of the **United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)** presented its programmes and activities in support of inclusive and sustainable urban development in the region. These included those on Eco-Efficient and Sustainable Urban Infrastructure, the Asia-Pacific Mayors' Forum on Environmentally Sustainable Infrastructure, Pro-poor Decentralized Solid Waste Management, as well as the decade-long Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment, which had helped cities around the region tackle pressing environmental challenges by identifying good practices and subsequently scaling-up and replicating them across the region. The results and lessons learned of these and other activities would be

presented at the 6th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (MCED 6), to take place from 27 September to 2 October 2010 in Astana, Kazakhstan. Inclusive and sustainable urban development in the region would be among the key issues on the agenda.

4. Mr. Naoki Mori, Deputy Director General, Global Environment Department of **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)** explained that JICA has supported several ESC-related projects in Asia, including urban waste management with 3R, urban water environment including water supply & sewage and flood control, and energy saving and efficiency. JICA's cooperation activities are based on a comprehensive approach which covers from the stage of planning, capacity development to financing infrastructure utilizing technical assistance, grant and ODA loans. JICA has introduced some programs to support 'inter-city cooperation' activities including on ESC, which would encourage cities in developing countries to learn among themselves and to replicate good practices to other cities. JICA also emphasized the key concepts of "costs and benefits", "scale-up", and "co-benefits", citing several of 3R projects as examples.
5. Mr. Michikazu KOJIMA, a Senior Research Fellow of Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO) and the Project Coordinator of 3R Policy Working Group, **Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)**, explained the findings from the ERIA 3R Policy Working Group. It was argued that it is possible to extract some lessons from analyzing practices in the region. Although a good practice may not be replicated in other country or city, it is worth studying practices to understand way of thinking and points to be considered in the implementation of 3R (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) programmes. Potential future collaboration opportunities between ERIA and other entities on ESC were also suggested.
6. Mr. Kazunobu Onogawa of the **United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)** introduced the institute's activities, namely environmentally sustainable transport (EST) and waste management and 3R wherein UNCRD provides governments with support for developing national

strategies. In line with this, UNCRD has been organizing a series of Regional Forums annually since 2005 together with 22 countries to exchange views and information on EST and 3R and to solicit future directions by adopting a series of statements and declarations which include Aichi Statement, Seoul Statement and Kyoto Declaration on EST, and Tokyo Statement for 3R.

While the activities of UNCRD mainly focused on supporting central governments, new efforts have been instigated to extend national-level activities to include local governments such as the Kyoto Declaration on EST, and UNCRD plans to organize a special event in Seoul on 16 March 2010 to invite new cities to join the Declaration. UNCRD is also collaborating with World Health Organization (WHO) on transport and healthy management of the cities and is organizing Healthy Urban Transport meeting in Manila on 7 April 2010 with the participation of cities from Asia. Another event is on Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD) where UNCRD, in collaboration with the Ministry of the Environment, Japan and Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), is organizing an international workshop on waste management on 18 and 19 March 2010 in Tokyo with the participation of cities around the globe.