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Introduction

- 130 members in Asia-Pacific region
 - Cities, Organizations and Corporate
- 30 years old
- Secretariat relocated to Seoul in 2013
- *Mission: To connect urban actors and deliver tangible solutions for cities across the Asia Pacific region.*
- Activities
 - Training city leaders and decision makers
 - Facilitating effective dialogue between cities
 - Sharing policy, technology and technical expertise between key urban stakeholders



Introduction

- **Problem Statement**
 - Many cities develop sustainable solutions to tackle urban challenges
 - Many of these innovative solutions are not widely shared through the Asia Pacific region
 - There is a need for knowledge sharing for cities to implement innovative ideas and best practices for sustainable urban development

Urban SDG Knowledge Platform



**URBAN SDG
KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM**

- Developed by Seoul Metropolitan Government, UN ESCAP and CityNet
- Addresses the knowledge sharing needs of cities in regard to sustainable urban development and supports local action for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda



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Urban SDG Knowledge Platform: Objectives

- The Platform supports local action for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, by:
 - Providing a repository of policies, initiatives and good practices at the city level.
 - Facilitating regional cooperation, linking cities that have specific solutions with cities interested in replicating them.
 - Facilitating regional follow-up and review of implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- Target users and audience
 - The main target users of the Platform are local governments.
 - The Platform will also provide a useful knowledge base for national government officials, in particular those tasked with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, multilateral agencies and donors, as well as civil society organizations active in cities.



Urban SDG Knowledge Platform: Examples

- Resilience Plan for Bangkok, Thailand
 - Developing an action plan to protect the city from flooding by reducing the impacts of shocks and be able to bounce back stronger
 - Holistic planning approach to build capacity and implement innovative technologies in cooperation with the public & private sectors, experts and international organizations
 - Supported by 100 Resilient Cities
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project (Islamabad, Pakistan)
 - BRT takes advantage of the Islamabad's wide road alignments to serve 135,000 people every day
 - Supported by Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA)



Urban SDG Knowledge Platform: Examples

- Women Friendly City Project (Seoul, Republic of Korea)
 - All departments integrate perspectives of women into their planning processes and policy design
 - Improved public restrooms, women-friendly parking lots, walk ways and parks as well as a variety of women's safety initiatives
- Integrated Naga River Revitalization Project (Naga City, Philippines)
 - Revitalizing Naga River, the heart of Naga City's culture and history through flood protection, design of walkways, water pollution control and river transport development
 - Supported by CDIA



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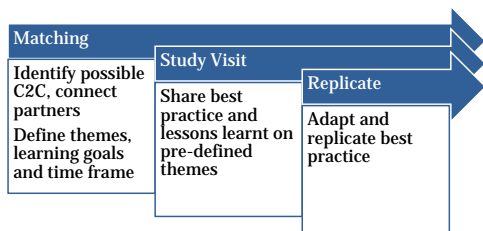
- Content and Functionality Overview
 - The main content of the Urban SDG Knowledge Platform is available through a **searchable database of urban policies and initiatives related to SDGs**.
 - The Platform will focus on **user-generated knowledge sharing**, sourced directly from local government representatives
 - Cities can upload policies and share information about the key parameters of policies, including contribution to SDGs, results, risks involved, resources required, and media.
 - The Platform will also provide an overview of the SDGs, outlining why each goal is important for cities, and link to additional resources.
 - **Policy sharing:** Users will be able to register to the platform and upload their initiatives by completing the policy upload form.
 - **Interaction and Cooperation:** Members of the site will be able to interact with other users through the comments sections, and visitors to the site will be able to share platform content on social media. The Platform aims to enhance city-to-city (C2C) cooperation

Urban SDG Knowledge Platform: Benefits

- **Share:** Promote cities' achievements in sustainable urban development
- **Learn:** Gain access to activities and insights for sustainable urban development from various cities
- **Connect and Replicate:** Connect cities through city-to-city (C2C) cooperation, policy and best practice sharing through peer-to-peer learning

Urban SDG Knowledge Platform: C2C

- **C2C Cooperation: CityNet Services**
 - Match suitable cities and partners for C2C Cooperation
 - Utilize expertise, technical advise and best practice examples from innovative cities and market leaders
 - Deliver technical assistance , study visits, consulting services, face-to-face learning exchange between different cities and organizations



Urban SDG Knowledge Platform: C2C

- **Benefits of C2C Partnerships: Learning from best practice**
 - Solutions through focused exchange of technical knowledge
 - Narrower focus: fosters mutual understanding and reciprocity, benefits all involved parties
 - Demand-driven and cost-effective process
 - Can motivate decision makers: “seeing is believing”
 - Multi-dimensional form of learning that combines political, administrative, technical and managerial dimensions
 - Utilize co-benefits of CityNet’s and its partners’ capacity building programs

Urban SDG Knowledge Platform: Outlook

- SDG Knowledge Platform is planned to be linked with other online platforms
- The platform will grow and feature a variety of innovative initiatives from cities that are localizing the SDGs
- Work with us!



Thank You.



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