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# U.S. Government Support to ASEAN Environmentally Sustainable Cities

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## Draft USAID Sustainable Urban Services Policy

- Mainstream sensitivity to urban development throughout USAID program planning
- Promotes:
  - ♦ Supporting good governance & effective management systems
  - ♦ Sustainable and cost-effective service delivery
  - ♦ Increasing investments in urban service delivery
  - ♦ Helping countries apply pro-poor service delivery models
- Draft policy available for public comment until March 26<sup>th</sup> (<http://www.usaid.gov/results-and-data/planning/policy>)



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## Adaptation: Mekong Building Resilience in Asian Cities to Climate Change (M-BRACE)

**Objective:** Build resilience to the negative impacts of climate change in medium-size, rapidly growing Asian cities

### Activities:

- Develop and apply practical methods for adaptation
- Build the knowledge and capacity of local partners by engaging in program planning and delivery
- Pilot two cities each for Thailand and Vietnam (follow-on to ACCCRN)

**Countries:** Vietnam (Hue, Lao Cai) and Thailand (Phuket, Udon Thani)



**Partners:** Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET); Rockefeller Foundation; Thailand Environment Institute (TEI); Vietnam's National Institute for Science and Technology Policy and Strategy Studies (NISTPASS)



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## Adaptation: Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Project Preparation Facility (ADAPT Asia-Pacific)

**Objective:** To accelerate investments that increase resilience to the negative impacts of climate change

### Activities:

- Facilitate and accelerate access to adaptation funds
- Identify common capacity building needs & support training
- Annual forums to bring together key stakeholders
- Project preparation facility assisting governments in accessing adaptation funds
- Knowledge sharing platform on climate funds, procedures, and eligibility



**Countries:** Bangladesh, **Cambodia**, India, **Indonesia**, **Laos**, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, **Philippines**, Sri Lanka, **Thailand**, Timor-Leste, and **Vietnam** and the Pacific include: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.



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## ASEAN-U.S. CityLinks Pilot Partnership



- City-to-city partnership exchange program to support urban climate change adaptation planning and implementation in selected cities in Southeast Asia.
- Will build on ASEAN ESC-Model Cities Programme by
  - ♦ Sharing best practices
  - ♦ Providing practitioner-to-practitioner assistance on innovative approaches and technologies and good governance tools
  - ♦ Using online knowledge network to connect practitioners, facilitate ASEAN city to city learning, and promote sustained technical exchanges
- Partners: ICMA, ISC, ASEAN, USAID, US Mission to ASEAN



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## Moving forward

- Currently formulating USAID regional approach
- Science and technology for sustainable urban development
  - ♦ Urban Adaptation Futures Conference
  - ♦ Identifying geospatial analysis needs
- Seeking opportunities to expand partnerships