# How ESCAP can support EAS EMM ESC work and Recommendations for EAS EMM

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### **CURRENT AND UPCOIMING ESCAP ACTIVITIES ON ESC**

#### Projects

- Pro-poor and sustainable solid waste management in secondary cities and small towns (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam)
- Integrated Resource Management in Asian Cities Urban Nexus (China, Indonesia, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam)
- Alternative building materials (Philippines)

#### Analytical work

- Planning principles for sustainable green cities
- Role of local governments in the Future we Want
- Quick Guide on Climate Change Adaptation
- State of Asia-Pacific Cities Report

#### Regional Policy Dialogues

- Thematic: (i) Urban governance, (ii) Infrastructure, (iii) Review of urbanrelated MDG achievement
- 6<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (2015)
- Regional preparatory meeting for HABITAT III (2015)

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EAS EMM**

- Include governance as a topic for ESC
  - Implementation of many national, as well as global, sustainable development goals lies on the shoulders of local governments – but gaps exist in terms of mandates, financing and capacities
  - Environmental issues transcend administrative boundaries managing the resource footprint of cities across various ecosystems calls for institutional coordination and other forms of collaboration.
- EAS Environment Ministers are encouraged to feed relevant lessons learnt and recommendations on ESC into global processes such as the post-2015 development agenda and the preparations for the 3rd United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (HABITAT III) and to provide full support to their regional preparatory processes