

# **An Emerging 'ASEAN ESC Community'?: Some Thoughts & Observations**

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## Introduction

**ASEAN VISION 2020**

**ASEAN COMMUNITY 2015**

**ASEAN ESC COMMUNITY 2030?**

“A **clean and green ASEAN** with fully established mechanisms for **sustainable development** to ensure the protection of the region’s environment, the sustainability of its natural resources, and the **high quality of life of its peoples.**”



## An idea for discussion

# Is there an emerging **‘ASEAN ESC Community’?**

Yes, over 10 years, building on past and existing achievements and projects. It has great potential.

## Looking forward, how can we grow this **‘ASEAN ESC Community’?**

AWGESC could help by developing a  
**‘Draft Action Plan for ASEAN ESC Community’**



An idea for discussion

# Who makes up the emerging **‘ASEAN ESC Community’?**





## About the AWGESC

### **ASEAN Working Group on ESC (2003 – present)**

Most ASEAN cities still lack **guiding frameworks, capacity and resources** to meet the challenges of sustainable urban development.

In 2003 ASEAN Environment Ministers established the **AWGESC** to help address these challenges through regional cooperation.

Furthermore, **EAS Environment Ministers** have also prioritised regional collaboration on ESC since 2008.



## Current Initiatives - AWGESC

Area of Work	Project	Partners
<b>Measuring and Recognising Good Effort/ Performance on ESC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASEAN Initiative on ESC (AIESC)</li> <li>• ASEAN ESC Indicators</li> <li>• ASEAN ESC Awards (2008 – present)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hans Siedel Foundation</li> </ul>
<b>Strengthening National ESC Frameworks and Local Capacity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ASEAN ESC Model Cities Programme</b> (2010 – present)</li> <li>• Clean Air for Smaller Cities (2008 – present)</li> <li>• JICA-LPPE (2010 – present)</li> <li>• CityLinks Pilot Partnership between U.S. Cities and ASEAN member states (2012 – present)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IGES, GIZ, JICA, USAID/ICMA etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Networking, Partnerships and Community Building</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The annual <b>High Level Seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (HLS ESC)</b> (2010 – present)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IGES</li> <li>• EAS participating countries</li> </ul>



## Cities under AWGESC Initiatives (2003 – present)

### BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Bandar Seri Begawan, National Housing Scheme  
Rimba, Temburong District

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### CAMBODIA

Battambang, Phnom Penh, Pursat,  
Siem Reap

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### INDONESIA

Balikpapan, Banjarmasin, Jakarta, Lamongan,  
Makassar, Malang, Pekanbaru, Padang, Palembang,  
Surabaya, Surakarta, Tangerang

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### LAO PDR

Luang Prabang, Paksane, Vientiane,  
Xamneua, Xayabouri

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### MALAYSIA

North Kuching, Kuantan, Melaka, Putrajaya

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### MYANMAR

Yangon, Mandalay, Pyin Oo Lwin,  
Taunggyi

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### THAILAND

Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Krabi,  
Mae Hong Son, Muangklang, Nakhon Ratchasima,  
Nakhon Sawan, Panusnikom, Phitsanulok, Phichit,  
Phuket, Renunakon, Roi-Et, Nongteng

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### PHILIPPINES

Cagayan de Oro, Davao, Iloilo,  
Legazpi, Palo, Leyte, Puerto Princesa,  
Quezon City, Santiago City,  
San Carlos City (Negros Occidental)

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### SINGAPORE

Singapore, North West District, South West CDC

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### VIET NAM

Bac Ninh, Can Tho, Cao Lanh,  
Da Lat, Da Nang, Hanoi, Halong, Hue,  
Ho Chi Minh

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**68 CITIES**

**70 million citizens**  
**~10% of ASEAN pop.**



## Who makes up the 'ASEAN ESC Community?'



**ASEAN ESC  
Model Cities  
Year 1  
(2011/12)**



**ASEAN ESC  
Model Cities  
Year 2  
(2014/15)**





# Model Cities (Year 1 and Year 2)

~ 31 cities

Country	Model Cities Year 1	Model Cities Year 2
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">14</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">15,000 persons</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">22 (+17)</div>
<b>Cambodia</b>	Phnom Penh, Siem Reap	<u>Phnom Penh</u> , Pursat
<b>Indonesia</b>	Palembang, Surabaya	Balikpapan, Lamongan, Malang, Tangerang
<b>Lao PDR</b>	Xamneua	Luang Prabang, <u>Xamneua</u>
<b>Malaysia</b>	North Kuching	TBC
<b>Myanmar</b>	Yangon	<u>Yangon</u> , Mandalay, Pyin Oo Lwin
<b>Philippines</b>	Palo, Leyte; Puerto Princesa	Legaspi; San Carlos, Negros Occidental; Santiago
<b>Thailand</b>	Mae Hong Son, Muangklang, Phitsanulok	Chiang Rai, Nongteng, Panusnikon, Pichit, Renunakon
<b>Viet Nam</b>	Cao Lanh, Da Nang	Dalat, <u>Da Nang</u>





## HLS ESC Seminar Series

# High Level Seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (HLS ESC) (2010 – present)

1<sup>st</sup> HLS ESC (2010) Jakarta



2<sup>nd</sup> HLS ESC (2011) Kitakyushu



3<sup>rd</sup> HLS ESC (2012) Siem Reap



4<sup>th</sup> HLS ESC (2013) Hanoi



Key National Ministries  
supporting ESC in each EAS  
country

5<sup>th</sup> HLS ESC (2014) Surabaya



20 – 30 Cities

20 – 30 Supporting Organisations  
(Academe, NGOs, private sector etc.)



## An idea for discussion

How can we grow the  
**‘ASEAN ESC Community’?**





## A proposal?

### A proposed ‘**Draft Action Plan for an ASEAN ESC Community 2030?**’

- **Time- and goal-based approach** to guide and accelerate the realisation of green, clean, liveable and low-carbon and resilient cities in ASEAN.
  - Also a **fund-raising and donor coordination tool** clarify the priorities of AWGESC for future projects and activities.
- Should be **pragmatic and oriented at scaling up on existing achievements** at the regional, national and local level.
- The **initial broad feedback received at 6HLS will be very helpful for detailed discussion at the upcoming Annual Meeting of the AWGESC** (May/June 2015 in Viet Nam (TBC))



## Practical actions to grow the 'ASEAN ESC Community'

**ASEAN ESC Model Cities Programme** will be an important platform to help realise proposed goals under the Draft Action Plan.

In Year 3 and beyond, the programme aims to:

- Further **strengthen the national frameworks**, especially in **CLMV countries**.
- **Elaborate the concept of 'Model Cities'** by:
  - Extending the seed funding modality to key ESC sectors such as **'Model schools'**, **'Model residential communities'** etc.
  - Develop **commonly-applicable voluntary indicators for Model Cities** targeting public buildings, private buildings, schools and communities



## Practical actions to grow the 'ASEAN ESC Community'

- **Increase city-to-city exchanges** by facilitating study visits based on compiled recommendable good practices in Year 1 and 2
- **Increase and strengthen partnerships between supporting organisations and cities** created in Years 1 and 2
- **Enhance website to disseminate regional ESC data of on ASEAN ESC activities**, including an 'Online Sourcebook of ASEAN ESC Cities' in both English and vernacular languages.



## Conclusion



**Continued support** by EAS participating countries, donors and other supporting organisations will be important to help sustain the ASEAN ESC Model Cities Programme and other initiatives of **AWGESC**, as a **core driver of regional ESC cooperation**, to **'leapfrog'** towards clean, green, sustainable, low-carbon and resilient **ASEAN ESC Community!**

Thank you for your attention