



# **ACVN towards Environmentally Sustainable Cities**

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# Introduction of ACVN

- ACVN has been set up in 1992 and formally recognized as an NGO by Vietnamese Government in 2000.
- Currently, 110 members, including the five biggest cities of Vietnam and 105 cities & towns from Type IV to Type I.
- Key partner in the communication with local governments and the implementation of government policies on local self-administration and public participation
- Member of international bodies: Citynet, UCLG ASPAC, DELGOSEA network in Southeast Asia etc



## **ACVN projects related to Environmentally Sustainable Cities**

- Capturing and sharing best practices on “*Waste Management to Vietnamese cities*”
- Survey on ‘*Local governments and decentralization*’
- Implementing the project “*Strengthening Local Governance for Economic Growth in Vietnamese cities*” – LOGOVIC (2013 – 2015)
- Implementing the program Municipal Partners for Economic Development (MPED) in: *Local Economic Development Strategic Planning for 4 cities and Land Administration for Local Economic Development by IT for 4 cities*
- Implementing Project “*Support city-wide upgrading process in 20 small and medium cities in Vietnam*” (From 17 March 2014)



## Results from Projects

- Increased capacity of ACVN to promote local governance and conduct policy dialogue at national level and to improve services for its members
- Increased capacity of municipal staff and household businesses to contribute to local development in the three pilot cities
- Best practices from pilot cities are endorsed for replication at national level. The ACVN will lead the exchange of best practices, draw conclusions and develop national policy recommendations to contribute to the improvement of the legislative framework related to household businesses



## ACVN Activities

- Collecting proposals and recommendations to submit to the Government, Ministries and sectors regarding the urgent issues and challenges facing cities/towns during the construction, management, development
- Contributing to the process of drafting important laws related to the benefits of cities/towns: Law of Urban Planning; Revised Law of Land; Model of Local Governments
- Providing, exchanging and sharing information through publications, ACVN website and international organizations, seminars, conferences, other public media



## ACVN Activities

- Organizing training and capacity building programs for cities/towns' officials and civil servants
- Facilitating relationship with international organizations which help ACVN and cities/towns to develop
- Participating in scientific research, workshops, seminars organized by the Central Government: To voice for the interests of cities/towns



## ACVN Activities

- Developing Policy Papers on The role of Local Governments in Local Economic Development; The economic impact of MPED's Land Use; Administration System for Vietnamese cities
- Recommendations to the Central Government on Household businesses in cities/towns; Land Use Administration in cities/towns



## Challenges for ACVN

- Limited budget
- Short time to implement ESC related projects
- Low awareness of local government leaders of ESC
- Limited participation in city planning at local level





# ACVN opinion to promote city-to-city cooperation

- Building region network
- Connecting with cities through ACVN website
- Organizing study-tour to ESC
- Motivating private sector to be involved in SEC initiatives
- Introducing best ESC practices to local governments in Vietnam

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