



# 7<sup>th</sup> High Level Seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities

*Redesigning toward the 2030 Agenda*

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## A2. Public Green Spaces for Tourists as well as Citizens

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- **Chiang Kian Municipality, Thailand:** Mr. Danai Jaitanong, Deputy Mayor
- **Kohkha Municipality, Thailand:** Ms. Penpuk Rattanafumku, Mayor
- **Krabi Municipality, Thailand:** Mr. Chanarong Leelaburanapong, Deputy Mayor
- **Luang Prabang, Lao PDR:** Mr. Phoumy Ophetsane, Vice Governor
- **Da Nang, Viet Nam:** Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Ha, Vice Head of General Affairs Division
- **Siem Reap, Cambodia:** Mr. Oeun Pov, Vice Governor
- **Singapore:** Ms. Wendy Yap, Deputy Director, International Relations, National Biodiversity Centre
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# Recommendations

## Key elements:

- Good participatory governance and co-creation through government with people
- Innovation, vision, local solutions,
- Strong leadership is essential, but diverse approaches are needed
- Need to engage people with nature, and that can happen through a livelihood approach on some towns and cities and by making green spaces used for different kinds of leisure (skateboarding, animals, exercising etc.) in other cities and towns.
- Use natural ecosystems as argument/reason for green space expansion, but making sure it also supports local economy (aquaculture, eco-tourism etc.). So it is about finding win-win arguments to go against the mainstream 'brown economy' plans for concrete and malls
- Build capacity of stakeholders so they can engage to help ensure that a sound environment with sufficient green spaces can persist.
- Financing is a challenge → It could be a good idea then to do a PES estimate of the financial value of the ecosystem service to get funded to maintain it
- Set clear criteria of what is needed to improve or get to the objective (breakdown into targets in other areas such as water, waste, tree planning, etc.)
- For indicators there is a need to balance science with practicality, i.e. it should be practical and not too complicated.
- Ownership by the people is really a key to having a wonderful landscape and lifestyle