URBAN SDG KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM

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Knowledge Platforms for Cities & City-to-City Cooperation

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Aim & Structure of today's session

Aim: Explore….cities greater role in global development
→ importance of city-to-city cooperation increased
→ *online platforms important role in linking cities & other stakeholders*

Structure:
Presentations
- Introduction, Natalja Wehmer, UNESCAP
- **Urban SDG Knowledge Platform**, Felix Kalkowsky, CityNet
- **Toolbox for Localizing the SDGs**, Arief Mulya Ramadhian, UCLG-ASPAC
- **The Cities Clean Air Partnership** – online knowledge-sharing experiences, Katharine, CCA
- **Asia Pacific Adaptation Network** (APAN), Augustine Kwan, IGES
- City perspective, Jarupong Pengglieng, **Bangkok** Metropolitan Authority

Discussion
Survey on knowledge platforms and session

Cities & the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- Cities are central to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
  - Dedicated goal on cities: Goal 11: Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient & sustainable
  - Implementation of all goals depends on local action
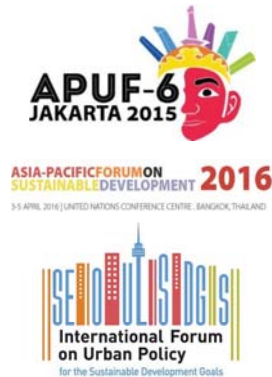 - 65% of targets relevant to cities (UCLG)

Habitat III: Cities take center stage

- Renewing political attention on & commitment to way cities planned & managed
- New Urban Agenda (NUA) complementary to 2030 Agenda, & other global mandates – e.g. Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, & Paris Agreement
- NUA provides tremendous opportunity to advance agenda of cities in the region but also to drive implementation of other landmark global commitments at the local level

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Key role of cities recognized at regional fora

- The key role that cities play in the pursuit of sustainable development was recognized at key regional fora organized by ESCAP, including:
- Oct 2015: Sixth Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (APUF-6) in partnership with Government of Indonesia back-to-back with Habitat III Regional Meeting for Asia-Pacific – adopted the 'APUF-6 Jakarta Call for Action'
- Apr 2016: Third Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)
- Jun 2016: International Forum on Urban Policy for the SDGs hosted by Seoul – adopted the 'Seoul Communiqué'

APUF-6 JAKARTA 2015

ASIA-PACIFICFORUMON SUSTAINABLEDEVELOPMENT 2016
3-5 APRIL 2016 | UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE CENTRE, BANGKOK, THAILAND

International Forum on Urban Policy
for the Sustainable Development Goals

Importance of knowledge sharing

- Cities concentrate development challenges, but they are also best placed to develop solutions
- Collaborative efforts & city-to-city cooperation can go a long way in enabling cities to develop & adopt innovative solutions to shared challenges
- As cities seek to find solutions to persistent & emerging issues of sustainable development, important to highlight & share such initiatives among cities - to facilitate knowledge sharing & cooperation
- Cities' best practices can be basis for crafting national policies to address specific issues: imperative to learn from such best practices & to up-scale & replicate them

Background research

- **To inform development of the platform, a user needs survey** was conducted to assess the needs of the main target users – local government representatives

- **A benchmark review of other existing platforms** was also undertaken by ESCAP to inform development of this platform and its content

- Many forms of **offline city-to-city knowledge sharing already exist** (UCLG, CityNet, ICLEI, CLGF, among others) & there are many online platforms

- **But**, there is a gap for an online platform that focuses **on sharing the knowledge acquired by local governments** related to planning, financing, implementing, monitoring & evaluating progress against SDG targets

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Existing platforms: explicitly SDG related

Localizing the SDGs http://www.localizingthesdgs.org/

- Recently launched by UNDP, UN Habitat & UCLG
- Provides guidance & resources for localizing SDGs
- Arief introduce it in today's panel

Existing platforms: explicitly SDG related

Partnerships for the SDGs https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships/

- SDSN Knowledge Platform
- Good SDG resources
- Users can upload any initiative related to SDGs

Existing platforms: explicitly SDG related

World Urban Campaign http://www.worldurbancampaign.org/

- UN Habitat + 136 partners
- Advocacy & partnership platform to raise awareness about positive change in cities
- Focus on New Urban Agenda

Existing platforms: User-generated content sites

PreventionWeb http://www.preventionweb.net/

- Participatory web platform for DRR community
- Provides news, views, tools for exchange & collaboration
- Includes resources on
  - Sendai Framework
  - Events
  - Publications
  - Op-eds/ articles

Existing platforms: User-generated content sites

ACCCRN https://www.acccrn.net/

- Asian network on urban climate change resilience
- Well-established community online & has some user-generated content such as op-eds, articles, good practices
- Members gain
  - **Knowledge** on inclusive UCCR
  - **Resources** – access to funds, people, networks
  - **Advocacy**

Existing platforms on Sustainable development

Global Platform on Sustainable Cities
https://collaboration.worldbank.org/groups/global-platform-for-sustainable-cities

- Partnership of GEF & World Bank
- Recent
- Information & resources linked to offline knowledge sharing

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Existing platforms on the market: Sustainable development sites

The Cities Clean Air Partnership (CCAP) http://cleanairasia.org/ccap/

- Core of CAAP development of certification scheme
- Online platform supports offline work & partnerships
- Contains tools, resources & case studies - for members only

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Other existing platforms:

Seoul Solutions - https://seoulsolution.kr/en/content/seoul-solution

100 Resilient Cities - http://www.100resilientcities.org/

Global Platform to End Violence Against Women - http://evaw.unwomen.org/en

IISD - SDG Knowledge Sharing - http://sdg.iisd.org/

Green Growth Knowledge Platform http://www.greengrowthknowledge.org/

ADB–PRC Regional Knowledge Sharing Initiative (RKSI) - https://www.adb.org/news/adb-calls-increased-regional-knowledge-sharing

Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (CCAC) - MSW Knowledge Platform - http://www.ccacoalition.org/

Associated events

- Work around the Platform will be linked to other events related to the SDGs, including key regional fora organized by ESCAP such as:
  - The **Asia-Pacific Urban Forum** (APUF)
  - The **Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development** (APFSD) to be held **29 – 31 March 2017** in Bangkok
  - The **International Forum on Urban Policy for the SDGs** hosted by Seoul and organized together with SMG and CityNet
- The Platform will also help partners:
  - **Identify cities that are leading in SDG implementation**
  - **Identifying speakers for events** & facilitating potential side events of forums and events such as APFSD & APUF
  - **Inform future research and publications**
- The platform will also facilitate the regional follow-up & review of progress in implementing SDGs

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Thank you

http://www.unescap.org/our-work/environment-development/urban-development