



The First Session of the 2023 UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau "Inter-Municipal Cooperation for Resilient and Sustainable Cities"

11-13 April 2023 at Marriott Hotel in Kathmandu

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INTRODUCTION

Given the growing interest and intention in cooperation and collaboration following the lifting of physical mobility restrictions within ASPAC countries, UCLG ASPAC intensively conducts decentralised cooperation and international cooperation amongst cities and local governments and their associations, and within the wider international communities in the region. Furthermore, UCLG ASPAC promotes economic, social, cultural, vocational, and environmental development in enhancing the services to the citizens based on good governance principles which ensure sustainable development.

A range of activities, programmes, and initiatives toward resilient and sustainable cities and local governments are being carried out and implemented by UCLG ASPAC with active engagement and involvement of cities, local governments, and their associations within Asia and the region, and reciprocal cooperation and collaboration with strategic partners and stakeholders, such as:

- **Localising the SDGs** – Localising SDGs is translating the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development into local actions and impacts that contribute to the global achievement of the SDGs. The 2030 Agenda emphasises the need for an inclusive and localised approach to the SDGs. It addresses the need to integrate all level of governments and stakeholders in the elaboration of strategies, the use of transformative means of implementation and sound methods for monitoring, and reporting.

In terms of monitoring and reporting, local and regional governments are increasingly engaging in the subnational reviews of SDG implementation, also called **Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs)**. VLR enables a city to present a holistic and coherent portrait of its economic, environmental, and social progress, thereby offering a powerful storytelling tool that connects its local strategy to a global agenda. While the VLRs hold no official status, the process of undertaking these subnational reviews provides multiple benefits to the entities engaging in them, and to SDG implementation at large. These VLRs can also help



reinforce vertical coherence, complement and contribute to the national **Voluntary National Reviews** (VNRs) of SDG implementation.

- **Municipalities Network Advocacy on Sanitation in South Asia (MuNASS)** - According to the 2019 Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report, ESCAP notes that based on the current rate of progress, Asia and the Pacific will likely miss all 17 SDGs by 2030. The region is particularly regressing on the SDG 6 (*Clean Water and Sanitation*) targets, with overall progress on water and sanitation below 2000 levels. Progress on the SDG 6 exhibits significant subregional differences. South and South-West Asia lag behind the regional average, while the Pacific is leading. East and North-East Asia also report significant progress in clean water and sanitation.

With the support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), in 2017 UCLG ASPAC initiated enhancing the capacity of Local Government Association in Bangladesh and Nepal for rolling out Institutional and Regulatory Framework (IRF) for Faecal Sludge Management (FSM) under a programme called Municipalities Network Advocacy on Sanitation in South Asia (MuNASS). Under the second phase of the MuNASS programme, UCLG ASPAC plans to leverage its convening power with mayors in the Asia-Pacific region, to expand City Wide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS), and test innovations on collecting municipal level data to report on the SDG 6.2 '*Safely Managed Sanitation*'. Furthermore, the programme involves the Local Government Associations in 6 member countries of UCLG ASPAC namely Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Indonesia.

- **City Enabling Environment** – City Enabling Environment Assessment is an attempt at understanding which “enablers” and “actors” underpin the transformation of the 21st-century cities and thereby attenuate, drive or simply shape the human, social and environmental challenges playing out in cities today. The ‘enablers’ that the assessment examines are ‘core enablers’- policies, law, institutions, systems of governance, fiscal autonomy, and levels of public engagement that hamper or unleash the potential that urbanisation has for sustainable development. It is an assessment of the “de jure” national legislation and policies that **allows local governments to benchmark themselves against the minimum standards required for cities and local authorities to contribute significantly to effectively managing urbanisation.**

The assessment investigated the institutional environments of the selected countries in an attempt to understand and evaluate how conducive the environment is for the well-



functioning of cities and local governments in addressing these sustainable urban challenges. In addition, the ratings presented were used to analyse countries in the region to identify which countries are currently better positioned to efficiently manage urbanisation and use demographic change to catalyse faster and equitable national growth. The assessment could enable countries to determine areas for institutional reforms, drawing lessons from the better-rated countries, to shape an environment for inclusive and sustainable urban development and inclusive gender-responsive governance.

- **Gender Responsive and Participatory Budgeting** – At the recent UCLG Congress and the 2022 UCLG ASPAC Council in Daejeon, South Korea, UCLG ASPAC and the Federation Canadian Municipalities (FCM) entered into a partnership to build the gender equality and inclusion capacity within the municipal sector by providing technical assistance, advice, and training, sharing of best practices, and strengthening the effectiveness and impact of the UCLG ASPAC Standing Committee of Women in Local Governments. This partnership will contribute to the Partners for Municipal Innovation-Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WIL) Project's ultimate outcome: enhanced enjoyment of rights for women and girls, in particular those from marginalised groups in ASPAC-selected countries namely Cambodia and Sri Lanka.

Making use of its strategic regional gathering platform, UCLG ASPAC, with the support of the Government of Nepal, Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN), Kathmandu Metropolitan City, Lalitpur Metropolitan City, and Dhulikhel Municipality, is organising the First Session of the 2023 UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting which is bringing together UCLG ASPAC members in the region, experts, partners, and relevant stakeholders, to take part in the side event, plenary session, and parallel sessions that focus on "Inter-Municipal Cooperation for Resilient and Sustainable Cities."

OBJECTIVES

The First Session of the 2023 UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau aims to provide a regional sharing of information, knowledge, and initiative, and to showcase the exemplary practices on the progress of the implementation of local governance in pursuing the achievement of SDGs 2030 in the Asia-Pacific region.

Specifically, the event aims to (1) share experiences from ASPAC city leaders on the progress of SDGs implementation through the development of VLRs; (2) deliver updated information on city-



wide inclusive sanitation; and (3) provide opportunities for inter-municipal/LGA cooperation and partnership among cities and local governments and their associations.

TARGET AUDIENCE

It is expected that the event will be attended by UCLG ASPAC Presidency, Executive Bureau Members, local leaders and officials of cities and local governments, local government associations, line/relevant ministries, academic institutions, and other relevant stakeholders (UCLG ASPAC project partners and experts).

DATE AND PLATFORM

The event will be conducted offline/in person with the following details:

Date: 11-13 April 2023

Time: 09.00 – 17.00 (GMT+05:45/Kathmandu time)

Venue: Kathmandu Marriott Hotel

Mode: Offline/In-person

Language: English

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Time	Activities	
Monday, 10 April 2023		
09.00 – 20.00	Arrival of Participants	
Tuesday, 11 April 2023		
09.00 – 16.00	An Orientation Workshop on Gender Responsive and Participatory Budgeting (Koshi Hall) <i>(See the agenda in Annex 1)</i>	MuNASS Technical Session (Bagmati Ballroom) <i>(See the agenda in Annex 2)</i>
10.00 – 16.00		
Wednesday, 12 April 2023		
09.00 – 10.15	Parallel Committee Meetings:	
	Standing Committee of South and Southwest Asia & Circular on Economy Committee (Koshi Hall)	21 st Century of Maritime Cooperation Committee (Karnali Hall)
10.30 – 11.45	Parallel Committee Meetings:	
	Standing Committee Women in Local Governments (Koshi Hall)	UCLG ASPAC Tourism Committee (Karnali Hall)
12.00 – 13.00	Financial Management Committee Meeting (Bagmati Ballroom)	



13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.30	Opening of First Session of 2023 UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau: “Inter-Municipal Cooperation for Resilient and Sustainable Cities” (Bagmati Ballroom)
14.00 – 14.05	Welcome Remarks by Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC
14.05 – 14.10	Welcome Remarks by Mayor Bhim Prasad Dhungana of Neelakantha Municipality, President, Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN)
14.10 – 14.25	Keynote Speech from Chief Guest by Right Honorable Pushpa Kamal Dahal, Prime Minister of Nepal
14.25 – 14.30	Vote of Thanks By Mayor Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha of Dhulikhel, President, UCLG ASPAC
14.30 – 15.00	Photo Session & Coffee Break
15.00 – 17.15	<p>Plenary Session: Knowledge Sharing on Inter-Municipal Cooperation on Resilient and Sustainable Cities (Bagmati Ballroom)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Ravi Ranjan Guru, Deputy Director General of All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG)</p> <p>Session 1: Localising the SDGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LOCALISE SDGs in Indonesia by Ms. Meidy Novieta Silangen, Head of Regional Planning, Research, and Development Agency of Gorontalo City Presentation on VLRs by Ms. Pei-Hsuan Hsu, Senior Researcher, Secretariat of New Taipei City Government LEAD Programme in Balochistan and Sindh Provinces by Mr. Anwar Hussain, Chief Executive Officer of the Association for Development of Local Governance (ADLG) City/Local Government Sharing by Mr. Lei Weiju, Deputy Director-General of Foreign Affairs Office of Guangzhou Municipal Government <p>Session 2: City Enabling Environment (CEE) for Resilient and Sustainable Cities</p> <p>Presentation of City Enabling Environment (CEE) Rating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Enabling Environment Ratings in Africa by Dr. Francois Paul Yatta, Director of Operations and Technical Assistance of UCLG Africa City Enabling Environment Ratings in Asia Pacific and CEE Rating in Asia Pacific for 2023 by Mr. Mizan Bisri, PhD., Assistant Professor at Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, Kobe University Commentator from Central Government Representative – Mr. Sushil Gyawali, Former Member of National Planning Commission



	(NPC) of Nepal	
	<i>Session 3: City-Wide Inclusive Sanitation for Sustainable Development</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation on City Wide Inclusive Sanitation for Sustainable Development by Dr. Roshan Raj Shrestha, Deputy Director, Global Growth and Opportunities, Water Sanitation and Health Division, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation• City/Local Government Sharing by Mayor Noraini Roslan of Klang Municipal Council.• City/Local Government Sharing by Mr. Lin Changsheng, Deputy Director of Fuzhou Municipal Commission of Urban Management.	
17.15 – 17.30	Announcement of Awards on Sanitation and Adoption of Kathmandu Recommendation 2023	
19.00 – 21.00	Welcome Dinner & Culture Performance <i>(to be confirmed)</i>	
Thursday, 13 April 2023		
09.00 – 13.00	UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting (Bagmati Ballroom) <i>(the agenda and business papers are sent to Executive Bureau Members only)</i>	City Enabling Environment (CEE) Rating Session (Koshi Hall) <i>(see the Annex 3)</i>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 18.00	Site Visit to Dhulikhel	
18.00	Back to Kathmandu and Free Programme	

Please note that the detailed information on the side events (Orientation Workshop on Gender Responsive and Participatory Budgeting, MuNASS Technical Session, and City Enabling Environment (CEE) Rating Session) can be found in Annexes below.

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ANNEX 1.

Side Event : **Orientation Workshop on Gender Responsive and Participatory Budgeting**
Date : Tuesday, 11 April 2023
Time : 09.00 – 16.00 (Nepal Time)
Venue : Kathmandu Marriot Hotel

Background

Although women make half of the world's population, representation of women in governance and decision making remains low despite years of dedicated efforts to increase those at global, regional, national, and local levels. Studies have shown that increased women representation in government generally contributes to a stronger focus on women's issues and equality, which are prerequisites for inclusive governance and meaningful democracy.

At the local and grassroots levels, increased participation of women in decision-making and resource allocation processes through mechanisms such as participatory budgeting can lead to more inclusive and responsive public service deliveries. However, due to gender disparities, women often lack access to the important services of waste management, water access, and social services. local governments have the potential to ensure access for women by engaging women in local government and prioritising the needs of women, and involving them in the decision-making processes, such as in planning and budgeting for effective public services delivery. Through women-driven systems and development, local governments can provide inclusive access to social, economic, and infrastructure services, irrespective of citizens' age, sex, and location in society.

Both the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda call for improved policies and practices for the inclusion of and participation by women in political, economic, and public life. These global agendas represent an unprecedented opportunity to harness the mutually reinforcing goals of women's empowerment and sustainable urban development. There are opportunities for improvement at the local level as more often, compared to the national level, women's representation is slightly improved, mostly due to its proximity to 'home', in addition to the local level seen as an extension of the community. There is a need for awareness and education to inform the public on the processes of local planning and development, as well as build the capacity of local governments for inclusive decision-making.



UCLG ASPAC holds as top priority to improve women's participation and representation in political positions, especially in the local governments. In order to empower women to actively participate in their local government and to represent their local communities, UCLG ASPAC Standing Committee Women in Local Governments (SCWILG) is driving a movement of women empowering and gender equality in the local governments of the Asia-Pacific region through increased awareness of women's equal participation in local governments as well as by introducing best practices and tools to incorporate inclusiveness in policies and schemes. The Committee also advocates for the integration of gender perspectives into different themes of local development, such as local economic development, public space and safety, disaster risk reduction, and education, to name a few, not just to eradicate gender inequality, but also to create a strong foundation for women to fully develop their potentials as a leader.

Orientation Workshop on GRPB

At the recent UCLG Congress and the 2022 UCLG ASPAC Council in Daejeon, South Korea, UCLG ASPAC and the Federation Canadian Municipalities (FCM) entered into a partnership to build the gender equality and inclusion capacity within the municipal sector by providing technical assistance, advice, and training, sharing of best practices, and strengthening the effectiveness and impact of the UCLG ASPAC Standing Committee of Women in Local Governments. This partnership will contribute to the Partners for Municipal Innovation-Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WIL) Project's ultimate outcome: enhanced enjoyment of rights for women and girls, in particular those from marginalised groups in ASPAC.

On the occasion of the First Session of the 2023 UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau with the theme of "Inter-Municipal Cooperation for Resilient and Sustainable Cities," UCLG ASPAC will organise a one-day orientation workshop on GRPB on 11 March 2023, in Kathmandu Nepal. The focus of the workshop is to increase knowledge of cities and local governments on the approaches of Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Responsive and Participatory Budgeting (GRPB) for more effective, equitable, and inclusive budgeting in the context of good governance, gender equality, and social justice.

Objectives

Increasing knowledge of cities, local government, and local government associations on Gender Mainstreaming and GRPB to ensure inclusive public services delivery at local level.



Tentative Agenda

11 April 2023

Time	Itinerary	Speaker/ Resource Person
09:00-09:10	Greetings and Welcoming Remarks	Dr. Bernadia Tjandradewi Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC
09:10-09:20	Address by Key Note Speaker	Ms. Sunita Dangol Deputy Mayor of Kathmandu, Nepal (tbc)
09:20-10:00	Introduction to Gender Equality and Gender Mainstreaming in Planning and Budgeting	Ms. Haziqah Nasirah Head Gender Inclusiveness, PWDC
10:00-10:30	Gender Mainstreaming in Local Authorities	Ms. Noraini Roslan, Mayor, Klang
10:30-10:40	Coffee Break	
10:40-11:00	The Institutionalisation of Gender Responsive and Participatory Budgeting (GRPB) at the Local Government Level & Implementation	Ms. Haziqah Nasirah Head Gender Inclusiveness, PWDC
11:00-11:30	Experience from Nepal	Local resource person (tbc)
11:30-12:00	Gender Responsive Planning & Budgeting: RAFELA Experience Sharing	Mr. François Paul Yatta Director of Programs of UCLG Africa
12:00- 12:30	Gender Responsive and Participatory Budgeting: MuAN Experience Sharing	Mr. Rabi Wenju, MuAN, Nepal
12:30-13:00	Gender Responsive and Participatory Budgeting: FCM Experience Sharing (online)	FCM (tbc)
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00-15:15	Working Group 1: Local Governments' Needs on Gender Mainstreaming	Working Group 2: Local Governments' Needs on GRPB
15:15-15:45	Presentation of the Working Groups 1 and 2	
15:45-16:00	Closing Remarks	Dr. Bernadia Tjandradewi Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC



ANNEX 2.

Side Event : **MuNASS Technical Session**

Date : Tuesday, 11 April 2023

Time : 10.00 – 16.00 (Nepal Time)

Venue : Kathmandu Marriot Hotel

Background

The urbanisation process in the Asia-Pacific region is proceeding at unprecedented speed and scale. Rapid urbanisation linked to economic growth brings new opportunities and challenges for sustainable and inclusive development. The pace of urban growth has caught many governments and communities in the region unprepared. Some results of increased urbanisation include the spread of informal settlements onto unsafe, hazard-prone or unsuitable land and the physical expansion of cities. The conversion of quality agricultural land into urban settlements, the growth of mega-cities, the large proportion of people who live in informal settlements, poor quality housing, and large increases in property values in some areas are poorly managed.

Over 40 percent of the Asian-Pacific population which lives in cities contributes 80 percent of the region's gross domestic product (GDP). Urbanisation enhances productivity, increases gross domestic product per head, and has turned into a major source of economic strength. However, economic growth has not benefited all urban dwellers in the region equally.

What is CWIS

Asia's cities are growing rapidly. By 2030, more than 55% of the population will live in urban areas. With higher population densities and urban expansion, managing the vast amounts of human waste is becoming ever more challenging. Lack of proper sanitation systems can significantly impact the city and national economies, affecting public health, productivity, competitiveness, real estate values, and the overall quality of life.

Most investment has been for centralised wastewater treatment and sewerage. Still, such conventional sewer networks often do not serve newer or informal settlements. For developing or mid-income countries - extending such sewer systems to low-income and informal settlements can be challenging and costly. Poverty targeting is still weak. Poor people and most people living in informal settlements use on-site sanitation services. They are often

poorly built and managed, and have separate and weaker supporting institutions. In the most impoverished areas, there continues to be no sanitation infrastructure at all.

There has been limited involvement of the small-scale private sector, the primary service provider in low-income and non-sewered areas. The City-Wide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) is an evolving concept to meet the sanitation challenges in the world's growing urban areas more effectively focusing on SDG 6.2. It builds on current sanitation technologies and practices to achieve more comprehensive, effective, and sustainable sanitation services. The outcome of a CWIS approach is that everyone in an urban area has access to and benefits from adequate and sustainable sanitation services. And all human waste is managed safely along the whole sanitation service chain. CWIS comprises four elements—capable institutions, safety and reliability, equity and inclusion, and sustainability—with associated actions to achieve the desired outcome.

MuNASS Regional Sharing on CWIS

UCLG ASPAC is working with the local governments and their associations across Asia and the Pacific to map the conditions, so that the programme can accommodate the needs and concern of local governments at the national level. And the UCLG ASPAC knowledge platform planned can be used as the platform for advocacy and reduction of gap between national policy and local implementation. Hence, UCLG ASPAC has planned to organise a regional sharing event on CWIS along with the Executive Bureau Meeting in Nepal with the presence of leaders from South and South East Asia, and Asia-Pacific region.

Objectives

The objective of the Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) technical session is to generate commitment through sharing experiences from city leaders regarding an essential update to address CWIS principles in city sanitation planning to Asia-Pacific cities and local governments.

Tentative Agenda

Time (NST)	Sessions	Speakers / Facilitator
Tuesday, 11 April 2023		
OPENING SESSION		
Session Moderator: MuAN		



9:00 Onwards	Registrations Open/Networking	
09:30-10:00	VDO Display on Screen	MuNASS (MuAN /MAB / ENPHO), ITN BUET, NFFSM
10:00-10:05	Welcome Address	MuAN Board Member
10:05-10:10	Address by Special Guest	Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC)
10:10-10:15	Inauguration by applying fecal sludge fertilizer to flowerpot	Chief Guest
10:15-10:35	Keynote Address	Dr. Roshan Raj Shrestha, Deputy Director – Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
10:35-10:40	Address by Special Guest	Mr. Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha, President of United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) , and Mayor of Dhulikhel Municipality (Nepal)
10:40-10:45	Address by Chief Guest	Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources (Nepal)
10:45-10:50	Vote of Thanks	Mr. Bhim Prasad Dhungana, President of Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN) and Mayor of Neelkantha Municipality (Nepal)
10:50-11:00	Photographs with Chief Guest / Sanitation Break	
Session 1: Strengthening CWIS Governance towards Sustainable Cities		
Session Moderator: ENPHO		
11:00-11:10	CWIS framework and Principles	Ms. Isha Basyal Tiwari, Global Water and Sanitation Center (GWSC), AIT, Thailand
11:10-11:20	Sharing Experiences: Citizen engagement in CWIS Planning Process	Mr. Krishna Khand, Mayor of Waling Municipality (Nepal)
11:20-11:30	Sharing Experiences: Social Inclusion Business Model	Mayor, (India) (tbc)
11:30-11:40	Sharing Experiences: Containment Improvement & IMIS Implementation	Mr. Hari Gobinda Shrestha, Mayor of Mahalaxmi Municipality (Nepal)
11:40-11:50	Sharing Experiences: GESI in Sanitation	Ms. Uma Chowdhury, Mayor, Natore Municipality (Bangladesh)
11:50-12:10	Sanitation Innovations and Technologies	Prof. V. Srinivas Chary,



		Director, Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI)
12:10-12:50	Q&A, Sharing experiences	All participants
12:50-13:00	Summary and Way Forward	Moderator
13:00-14:00	Group Photographs/Health Break	
Session 2: Roll of Associations for Institutionalizing CWIS		
Session Moderator: ITN BUET (TBC)		
14:00-14:10	Experience Sharing: Bangladesh	Mr. Dewan Kamal Ahmed, President of Municipal Association of Bangladesh (MAB) and Mayor of Nilphamari Municipality (Bangladesh)
14:10-14:20	Experience Sharing: Cambodia	Mr. Say Kosal, President of National League of Local Council (NLC) (Cambodia)
14:20-14:30	Experience Sharing: Indonesia	Mr. Bima Arya Sugiarto, President of Association of Indonesian Municipalities (APEKSI) and Mayor of Mahara Pradeshiya Sabha (Indonesia)
14:30-14:40	Experience Sharing: Nepal	Mr. Bhim Prasad Dhungana, President of Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN) and Mayor of Neelakantha Municipality (Nepal)
14:40-14:50	Experience Sharing: Sri Lanka	Ms. Sudeema Chandani, President of Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities (FSLGA) (Sri Lanka)
14:50-15:00	Experience Sharing: Vietnam	Ms. Vo Thi Hong Anh, President of Association of Cities of Vietnam (ACVN)
15:00-15:30	Q&A	All participants
15:30-15:40	Summary of the session	Moderator
15:40-16:00	Way Forward	
Moderator	Mr. Shamim Ahsan Chowdhury, MuNASS	
	1. Commitment from City leaders for Regional CWIS Implementation	Moderator



	<p>(All participants will write their commitment on CWIS on a given souvenir paper and sign)</p> <p>2. Identify key issues for Drafting Kathmandu Declaration 2023 (To be declared during UCLG ASPAC ExBu Plenary Session on 12 April 2022)</p>	
16:00 -16:10	Vote of thanks	Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC)
Wednesday, 12 April 2023		
12 April 9:00-13:00	Site visit to Dhulikhel Municipality FSTP for MuNASS Delegates and return to Kathmandu to attend Executive Bureau Opening/ Plenary Sessions	MuNASS Team, Facilitated by Buddha Bajracharya
12 April 14:00-15:00	Opening of UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Sessions with Nepal Prime Minister as Chief Guest	UCLG ASPAC Secretariat
12 April 15:00-17:30	<p>Plenary Session: Knowledge Sharing on Inter-Municipal Cooperation on Resilient and Sustainable Cities</p> <p>Moderator: Ravi Ranjan Guru, Deputy Director General of All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIIILSG)</p> <p>Session 3: City Wide Inclusive Sanitation for Sustainable Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on City Wide Inclusive Sanitation for Sustainable Development by Dr. Roshan Raj Shrestha, Deputy Director, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation • City/Local Government Sharing by Mayor Noraini Roslan of Klang Municipal Council, Malaysia • City/Local Government Sharing by Mr. Du Weiguang, Deputy Director of the Foreign Affairs Office of Fuzhou Municipal People's Government, China 	UCLG ASPAC Secretariat, MuNASS, Localising SDG and CEE Teams
17.15 – 17.30	Announcement of Awards and Adoption of Kathmandu Declaration 2023	

ANNEX 3.

Side Event : **City Enabling Environment (CEE) Rating Session**

Date : Tuesday, 13 April 2023

Time : 09.00 – 13.00 (Nepal Time)

Venue : Kathmandu Marriot Hotel

Background

Climate change is the most significant threat to life on Earth and a global phenomenon that hugely impacts urban life. Climate change is mainly driven by Greenhouse Gases (GHG) and rising global temperatures, which cause rising sea levels, increase the number of extreme weather events such as floods, droughts, and storms, and increase the spread of tropical diseases. In addition, global warming is making cities warmer, while urbanisation intensifies this process by generating urban heat islands and the imposition of aerosol radiation. The consequences of climate change, the urban heat island effect, and air pollution are expected to increase the risk of poor human health in cities globally by the mid-twenty-first century.

Addressing the problem of climate change requires collaboration from all parties. Not only does the national government handle the problem of climate change, but the local government also has a crucial role to play. Many efforts can be made in urban governance, such as open green spaces, green buildings, and managing environmentally friendly public transportation. A comprehensive and measurable effort is needed to achieve an urban environment resilient to climate change.

The Asia-Pacific region is home to 60 percent of the world's population – some 4.3 billion people – and includes the world's most populous countries, China and India. There are severe challenges facing the urban environment, governance, financing, and planning systems. Climate change problems are the most existential. More specifically, air pollution can be enumerated. Ambient air pollution kills about 3 million people annually and affects all regions of the world, although Western Pacific and South East Asia are the most affected ones. Cities across the Asia Pacific must adopt and implement sustainable urban development policies and actions to mitigate and adapt to the impact of climate change.

UCLG ASPAC has been conducting a range of activities, programmes, and initiatives toward resilient and sustainable cities and local governments within the region, including the City



Enabling Environment (CEE) Assessment. The CEE Assessment attempts to understand which “enablers” and “actors” underpin the transformation of 21st-century cities and thereby attenuate, drive, or simply shape the human, social and environmental challenges playing out in cities today. The ‘enablers’ that the assessment examines are ‘core enablers’- policies, law, institutions, systems of governance, fiscal autonomy, and levels of public engagement that hamper or unleash the potential that urbanisation has for the sustainable development. It is an assessment of the “de jure” national legislation and policies that allow local governments to benchmark themselves against the minimum standards required for cities and local authorities to contribute significantly to effectively managing urbanisation.

Objectives

The City Enabling Environment Session aims to:

- Share experiences from UCLG ASPAC and UCLG AFRICA CEE Rating Result.
- Deliver updated information regarding the newest CEE Rating in Asia and the Pacific for 2023 and the newest CEE Rating Indicator number 11 on Environment and Climate Governance.
- Communicate and coordinate with cities and local government associations regarding the data collecting process for CEE Rating 2023 in Asia and the Pacific.

Tentative Agenda

TIME		ACTIVITY	
Wednesday, 12 April 2023			
Session 3: City Enabling Environment (CEE) for Resilient and Sustainable Cities			
16:45	-	17:00	City Enabling Environment Ratings in Africa
			<i>Speaker</i> Dr. François Paul Yatta, Director of Operations and Technical Assistance of UCLG Africa
17:00	-	17:20	City Enabling Environment (CEE) Ratings in Asia Pacific and CEE Rating on Criteria 11 (Climate Change) in 2023
			<i>Speaker</i> Mizan Bustanul Fuady Bisri, PhD., Assistant Professor Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies Kobe University
Thursday, 13 April 2023			



City Enabling Environment (CEE) Rating Session			
09:00	-	10:20	Country Assessment Process (CCE Rating General and CEE Rating Indicator 11)
			<i>Facilitator</i> Mizan Bustanul Fuady Bisri, PhD., CEE Rating Assessment Consultant
10:20	-	11:40	Role and responsibility of LGAs in CEE Rating Assessment (Regional Group Discussion)
			<i>Facilitator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helmi Abidin Regional Project Manager of Urban Act • Mizan Bustanul Fuady Bisri, PhD., CEE Rating Assessment Consultant CEE Rating Assessment Consultant
11:40	-	13:00	Group Presentation of Country Assessment Process each Region
			1. South-Southwest Asia (India and Sri Lanka) 2. Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand) 3. East Asia (China, Korea)
			<i>Facilitator</i> Urban Act Project Team and CEE Rating Assessment Consultant