



**UCLG ASPAC
EXECUTIVE BUREAU MEETING**

3 October 2011, Melbourne

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND APPROVAL
OF SUBSTITUTE OF MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND**

**COMPOSITION
OF UCLG ASPAC PRESIDENCY AND EXECUTIVE BUREAU 2010 - 2012**

President:

Governor Fauzi Bowo - representing Southeast Asia Sub-region

Co-Presidents:

- Mayor Kang Un-tae - representing East & Northeast Asia Sub-region
- Cr. Genia McCaffery - representing Pacific Sub-region
- Spokesperson Krishna Prasad Jaishi - representing South & Southwest Asia Sub-region
- Dr. Jatin V. Modi - representing Associate & International Organisation members
- Mayor Kim Bumil (Immediate Past President)
- Cr. Chen Haosu (Founding President)

Members

East & Northeast Asia Sub-region

1. Park, Joon Yung
President, Governor Association of Korea (GAOK)
2. Guo Jin Long
Mayor, the People's Government of Beijing Municipality
3. Kim, Wan-joo
Governor, Jeollabuk-do Province
4. Yasutomo Suzuki
Mayor, City of Hamamatsu
5. Lung-Bin Hau
Mayor, Taipei City Government

South and Southwest Asia Sub-region

1. Asghar Shah Gillani
President, Local Council Association of the Punjab Pakistan
2. Nimal Chandrasiri De Silva
President, Federation of Sri Lanka LG Association
3. Azmat Ullah Khan
President, Municipal Association of Bangladesh
4. Mahin Limbu
Chief, National Association of Village Development Committees in Nepal (NAVIN)

Southeast Asia Sub-region

1. Say Kosal
President, National League of Commune/Sangkat of Cambodia
2. Nguyen The Thao
Chairman, Association of Cities of Vietnam
3. Prai Pattano
President, Municipal League of Thailand
4. Sujono
President, Association of Indonesian Regencies (APKASI)

Pacific Sub-region

1. Lawrence Yule
President, Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ)
2. *Ministry of Internal & Social Affairs of Kiribati*

Designated Member:

Yoko Kimura – Chairperson of the Board of Director, Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR)

Secretary General:

Dr. Rudolf Hauter

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**REVIEW OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
IN THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA, 24 APRIL 2011:
MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The meeting was opened at 09.00 a.m.

The Executive Bureau meeting of United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific was held on 24 April 2011 in Kerala, India, kindly hosted by the All India Institute of Local Self Government (AILLSG).

The meeting was chaired by Co-President Dr. Jatin V. Modi of AILLSG, on behalf of the President, Dr. Fauzi Bowo, who was unable to attend the meeting.

The Chair welcomed and thanked all participants for coming to the meeting and introduced the Indian dignitaries Mrs. Shraddha Jadhav, Mayor of Mumbai, Adov K. Chandrika, Mayor of Thiruvananthapuram and Mr. Ranjit S, Chavan, Director General of AILLSG.

Mayor Shraddha Jadhav of Mumbai delivered her speech and inaugurated the function of the Meeting.

On this occasion Dr. Jatin V. Modi apologized for not including UCLG ASPAC President's message in the Opening Session of the Conference 22 April due to unforeseen organizational matters.

Mr. Purba Hutapea from Jakarta City Government replacing Gov. Fauzi informed the audience that Governor Fauzi was summoned by the President of the Republic of Indonesia related to matters of national security. Therefore Dr. Fauzi could not leave the country and attend the event in Kerala. Governor Fauzi forwarded his best wishes for the success of the meeting under the leadership of Co-President Dr. Modi.

Dr. Modi also expressed his apology to the delegation of the Municipal Association of Bangladesh for the loss of documents during the Conference and assured to provide necessary assistance.

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ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

The submitted draft agenda was adopted by the Executive Bureau.

EB – 2

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTES OF MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND

Secretary General Rudolf Hauter read out apologies for absence received by the Secretariat from:

- Immediate Past President Kim Bimul, Daegu Metropolitan City
- Co-President Kang-un Tae, City of Gwangju, South Korea
- Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN)
- Local Council Association of the Punjab Pakistan

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REVIEW OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING IN HAMAMATSU, 21 OCTOBER 2010

Secretary General Rudolf Hauter highlighted various points related to the past UCLG ASPAC Congress and Meetings in Hamamatsu, October 2011.

Executive Bureau Meeting:

- New applications for membership approved for: City of Shizuoka (Japan), District Development Committee of Chitwan (Nepal) and Municipal Association of Bangladesh.
- Potential for collaboration with UN-HABITAT on climate change has been followed-up and it is hoped to enter into a formal agreement within immediate time.

General Assembly:

- Appointment of Sub-Regional representatives to the UCLG ASPAC Council carried out

Council Meeting:

- Appointment of Sub-Regional representatives in the UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau
- Approval of amendment of UCLG ASPAC Constitution:
 - o about direct membership and provisional membership (article 13)
 - o inclusion of Co-President (Immediate Past President) (Article 48)
 - o change on the procedures of candidacies for President and Co-Presidents (Article 49)
- Honorary membership was granted to Mr. Jejomar C. Binay, now Vice President of the Philippines, for his service to UCLG ASPAC organization.

The minutes were approved by the Executive Bureau.

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REPORTS BY PRESIDENTS/EXECUTIVE BUREAU MEMBERS REPRESENTING SUB-REGIONS

EB – 4.1 East & Northeast Asia Sub-region

Governor Association of Korea (GAOK) by Maria Kim:

- A meeting was conducted by GAOK in March 2011 designed to provide UCLG Korean members with in-depth information about the UCLG/UCLG ASPAC programmes:
- The K2H Fellowship programme, a professional 6 month programme designed for public officials: This annual fellowship program has had more than 400 public officials from approximately 15 different countries participating since 1999. With the help of UCLG ASPAC Secretariat, GAOK has received two nominees from Olongapo City, Philippines for this year's K2H Program: Mr. Ernelizar P. Batapa and Mr. Jerry May C. Parcon
- GAOK welcomes participants from the UCLG ASPAC member countries for the 2012 K2H

EB – 4.2 South & Southwest Asia Sub-region

All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AILLSG) by Dr. Jatin V. Modi:

Programmes and activities held with the involvement of AILLSG during October 2010 to February 2011 included:

- Municipalika 2011 covering the 9th International Conference on “Good Urban Governance for Safe, Healthy, Green & Smart Cities” and exhibition on “Urban Infrastructure , Municipal Services & Built Environment”, held in January in Bangalore, where AILLSG was one of the co-sponsor.
- Various training programmes/workshops for municipal councilors were conducted in the AILLSG & Regional Centre. On this occasion, the President of AILLSG informed about the activities of UCLG ASPAC, encouraged delegates to become UCLG ASPAC members, and highlighted the benefits of attending the various UCLG-ASPAC hosted conferences.

Further, Dr. Modi informed that the Institute welcomes any interest to participate in the training programmes, and those who are interested can communicate through ASPAC Secretariat.

The Association of District Development Committee of Nepal (ADDCN) represented by Mr. Krishna Prasad Jaishi reported on various activities among other their participation in the CIFAL JEJU Workshop “Enhancing Human Security: Developing Local Government Capacities on Child Trafficking in the Asia-Pacific Region”, conducted during 30 March – 1 April 2011 in the Republic of Korea. It was further reported that NAVIN conducted Workshop and International Conference relating to HIV AIDS on 27 – 28 March in Kathmandu.

Federation of Sri Lanka Local Government Association represented by Mrs. Hemanthi Goonasekhara: As part of the delegation of Commonwealth visiting Maldives, Mrs. Hemanthi reported that Maldives just had their first election 2010 and gave assistance in their roundtable of local government policies. A special remark about UCLG ASPAC was given to them and there were interests to become members of UCLG ASPAC. Further process will be communicated with the Secretariat.

EB – 4.3 Pacific Sub-region

Secretary General Rudolf Hauter highlighted some points from the written report sent by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA):

- The constitutional recognition of local government and Indigenous Australians continues to be a priority of ALGA; within this context ALGA is developing the case for constitutional reform.
- ALGA has been attending various international meetings/functions/conferences among other a symposium with the Japan Local Government Centre and Council for Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR) in Sydney, December 2010 as well as the Commonwealth Local Government Forum Conference and Board Meeting in United Kingdom;
- ALGA has also been making available a booklet on the Federal Government’s Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) in terms of meeting the challenges of the Global Financial Crisis and revitalizing local communities.

ALGA was appreciated for giving a comprehensive report.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE PRESIDENCY AND GENERAL SECRETARIAT FROM OCTOBER 2010 TO MARCH 2011

EB – 5.1 Activities Report

Secretary General Rudolf Hauter reported among other the following:

Upcoming APUF in Bangkok on 20 – 24 June 2011

The Secretary General attended the Asia Pacific Urban Forum preparatory Expert Group Meeting and participated in the further development of the concept note for the Fifth Asia-Pacific Urban Forum “Cities of Opportunity: Partnerships for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future”.

During the APUF event, UCLG ASPAC will organise a side event on 22 June together with UNDP Bangkok addressing the MDG GOLD 3 on Gender Equality and will also participate in the exhibition there.

Sub-Regional Office of UCLG ASPAC in Thailand:

The visit of the Secretary General in Bangkok served also to prepare the establishment of the sub-Regional office of UCLG ASPAC in coordination with Municipal League of Thailand (MLT). The SG conveyed again his deepest gratitude to MLT for granting free office facilities there. It is hoped that we will have further progress in recruiting the required person and take up activities there in a short time.

Furthermore discussions were also held with UNESCO Representatives on their upcoming World Conference 2011 which is likely to be held in Thailand this year. There is a common understanding that UCLG ASPAC will be a co-organising this conference.

EU DELGOSEA Project:

The project aims to systematically transfer best practices and for thematic themes among countries in South East Asia. A number of Meetings with mayors and local government executives as well as workshop to prepare MOUs and work on for replication strategies have been organized.

Cooperation with Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM):

The Secretary General participated at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) supported Knowledge Dissemination Workshop on “Nurturing collaboration among local governments: Innovation in local government associations to engage members through sub-national groupings” in Jakarta on 24 February 2011.

The workshop was also presenting the main findings of a study of LGAs models prepared by FCM for the National League of Communes/Sangkats of Cambodia (NLC/S), through UNDP-Cambodia funding. The study aimed to compare a number of integrated multi-tier and single-tier LGAs as to analyze the advantages and disadvantages of these models, including from the perspective of local governments (members), Central Government and other stakeholders. The Study on Governance and Structure of LGAs & its Executive Summary are available on the UCLG ASPAC website for members.

UCLG ASPAC also had a meeting with FCM and representatives from the Cambodian and Vietnamese Association in Jakarta for a first brainstorming on the new Municipal Partners for Economic Development (MPED) 5-year programme that is going to be launched by this year. FCM is very keen in continuing its partnership with UCLG ASPAC in particular on the regional activities/component of the programme.

CDIA:

The Secretary General attended the Sub-Regional meeting of the CDIA Stakeholders Forum in Jakarta on 9 – 10 March 2011.

EB- 5.2 Report on Capacity Development and Training Programme/Projects/Activities:

- CIFAL Jeju First Workshop “Low-Carbon City: Green Growth for Local Governments”, November 2010 and CIFAL JEJU Workshop “Enhancing Human Security: Developing Local Government Capacities to Combat Child Trafficking in the Asia-Pacific Region”, 30 March – 1 April 2011, Jeju, Rep. of Korea;

- Status Report 2010 – Women’s Representation in Local Government in Asia Pacific, launched and available in hard-copy and on website;
- Sub-Regional Meeting of CDIA Stakeholders Forum, 9-10 March 2011, Jakarta, Indonesia;
- Global City Forum, 15 – 17 March 2011, Abu Dhabi hosted by Abu Dhabi Government;
- International Congress for Political Participation and Women Leadership, 31 March – 1 April 2011, Mexico City

EB - 5.3 Report on Information and Communication:

- Newsletter (bi-annually) produced in cooperation with the Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA);
- E-newsletter is issued bi-monthly through members mailing list;
- Website updated regularly to keep UCLG ASPAC members, partners, and other stakeholders informed about the organization including its ongoing and planned activities;
- Social media Facebook and Twitter with highly accessible and scalable communication techniques.

EB 5.4 Report on External Projects:

Brief summaries on the progress of external funded projects included:

- Project 1 with European Commission- Supporting Decentralization and Local Governance in Developing Countries;
- - Project 2 with European Commission - Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast Asia (DELGOSEA Project);
- USAID supported Project: The Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI)

EB – 5.5 Financial Report & Highlights

The report was presented by Secretary General Rudolf Hauter, among other on the following points:

On Income and Expenditures 2010:

Referred: Chart 1 (report page 2)

It was reported that all programs and projects have achieved surplus or at least has met break even point, except for three cases:

- EU funded ICLEI Project (2009-2010): After completion of the project, the amount that needs to be reimbursed to UCLG ASPAC stands at Euro 42,169.23. At present the project is audited and after completion, it shall be possible to retrieve the outstanding balance.
- UNITAR funded event in Batam, Indonesia (2010) under the coordination of UCLG, Barcelona: There is an outstanding balance of USD 8,943 that still needs to be paid to UCLG ASPAC.
- UN-HABITAT Meeting, Shanghai (2010): UCLG ASPAC has pre-financed an amount of USD 24.628,34 comprising DSA, accommodation and travel cost of participants which still needs to be reimbursed by UN-Habitat.

Intensive communication with all parties has been made to urge them in settling the remaining balance as soon as possible.

A further report was given on the bank accounts that UCLG ASPAC has in US\$, Euro and Indonesian Rupiah. The large number of accounts is necessary because of the various projects conducted by UCLG ASPAC for reasons of accountability and transparency.

Membership contribution:

It was reported that total membership contribution received from 1 January – 31 December 2010 is USD 296.919,37.

Total membership contribution received for 2011 until the end of February 2011 is USD 28,248.00.

UCLG ASPAC's Training Fund:

As of 28 February 2011 the total amount stands at USD 153.543,56. In 2010, UCLG ASPAC received contributions from the following parties:

- Hamamatsu - UCLG ASPAC Congress, October 2010
- FCM - 4th FCM Asia Partner Workshop - Jakarta, March 2010
- UCLG/UNITAR - Regional Workshop on Local Finance – Batam, June 2010
- UCLG - Urban Strategic Planning Workshop, Batam, June 2010

Also presented in the Meeting, UCLG ASPAC's Financial Report and Independent Audit Report for the 2010. The auditor's statement certifies conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in Indonesia.

The financial report is accepted and appreciated by the Executive Bureau.

EB – 5.6 Membership Matters

The Meeting approved the membership application from the Regency of Wakatobi, Indonesia. The application will be further submitted to the UCLG World for the approval at the World Executive Bureau in Rabat, Morocco in June 2011.

The Meeting also noted the withdrawal of membership from the City of Buyeo City and Chungcheongnam-do Province in South Korea.

EB – 5.7 Organisation Structure

Secretary General Hauter reported on some changes in the Secretariat organizational structure based on previous decisions of the Congress in Hamamatsu:

- Amended: Placement of Managers based on sub-regions (not country wise)
- Core staff: Manager of Strategic Services has been recruited in Jakarta Secretariat recently.
- Additional chart related to project staff of the two EU projects:
 - o For DELGOSEA Project: National Coordinator and Administrative Assistants for Indonesia, Vietnam and Cambodia added.
 - o For Project on Supporting Decentralization and Local Governance in Developing Countries: Local Finance & Decentralisation Experts added.

Taipei City raised the question on the seven co-Presidents and their previously designated functions: 1. Membership; 2. Capacity Building; Training & Research; 3. Finance; and 4. Representing Associate and ILGO Members. As they understand, there was no decision in the Hamamatsu Meetings in October 2010 about the assignment of specific functions for each Co-President. The Chairman and Secretary General thanked Taipei for raising this issue. It was further explained that the UCLG ASPAC President has the decision making authority on this matter and will be informed correspondingly.

The Chairman thanked Secretary General for the excellent report.

EB 6 UCLG WORLD ACTIVITIES

EB – 6.1: From Mexico Meetings & Congress, November 2010

The Secretary General highlighted the formation of the new Presidency over the coming two years:

President: Mayor Kadir Topbas of City of Istanbul

Co-Presidents: Antonio Costa of Lisbon, Portugal; Johnny Araya of San Jose de Costa Rica; Wan Qingliang of Guangzhou, China; Muchadeyi Masunda of Harare, Zimbabwe; Ilsur Metsin of Kazan, Russian Federation; and Ted Ellis, Mayor of Bluffton, Indiana, USA, ratified as Treasurer.

Also submitted and decided in the Meetings, ASPAC representatives in the World Council and Executive Bureau 2010 - 2013.

The report was noted by the Executive Bureau.

EB 6.2: World Meetings 2011

It has been decided to have the next ExBu meeting in Rabat, Morocco on 22 – 23 June 2011.

The representative member Jeollanam-do raised the question about the mechanism of nominating and deciding on locations for the World Meetings. The ASPAC Secretariat will communicate with the World Secretariat in Barcelona concerning this matter.

EB 6.3: Achieving the Millennium Development Goals

Presented in the Meeting, Asia Pacific MDG Report 2010/11 “Paths to 2015 – MDGs Priorities in Asia and the Pacific”.

Also reported, Status Report 2010 – Women’s Representation in Local Government in Asia Pacific

EB 6.4: Global Observatory on Decentralisation (GOLD) Programme

GOLD was launched in 2006 and provides information on the state of decentralisation and its evolution, self-government and local governance across the world.

The First Global Report on Decentralization and Local Democracy (GOLD 1) was published by in 2007 during the UCLG World Congress in Jeju.

The second Global Report on Decentralisation and Local Democracy (GOLD 2) was presented during the 3rd UCLG World Congress in Mexico, November 2010.

As agreed in the meeting of UCLG Committee on Decentralisation and Local Self-Government in Mexico, November 2010, the theme of GOLD 3 will focus on basic public services. UCLG ASPAC has been consulted on the establishment of term of reference of the study and subsequent report.

EB 6.5: Climate Change & Sustainable Development

It was reported that in November 2010, the UCLG World Council gave Marcelo Ebrard, Mayor of Mexico City, the mandate to represent UCLG in the COP 16 in Cancun, Mexico and bring forward the involvement and concrete actions of local and regional governments to the Parties.

This involvement is embodied in the Mexico City Pact that has been signed by 152 cities at the World Mayors Summit

on Climate in Mexico City on 21st November 2010, which was held in continuation of the 3rd UCLG World Congress. The World Secretariat Progress Report First Quarter 2011 has been released and presented to UCLG ASPAC members.

The report was noted by the Executive Bureau.

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UCLG ASPAC STATUTORY MEETINGS AND ANNUAL TRAINING FORUM/WORKSHOP AND CONGRESS

EB. 7.1. Report of the 3rd Regional Congress by Mayor Suzuki of Hamamatsu, representing the City of Hamamatsu

Mayor Suzuki expressed his deepest appreciation for everyone's support and cooperation in the 3rd UCLG ASPAC Congress held on 19 – 22 Oct in Hamamatsu, and once again thanked the members of UCLG ASPAC for the encouraging messages and letters of condolences regarding the recent great Japan earthquake.

Reported:

Main theme: "Responding to Globalization" and Plenary Session Topics as follows:

- Multicultural Society
- Climate Change
- Tourism Promotion Through the Use of Local Resources
- Intercity Cooperation in the Economic Sector

The Congress was attended by 651 participants from 136 cities and organizations across 20 countries in the region.

The Chairman and Co-President Jaishi thanked Hamamatsu for the excellent and interesting report.

UCLG ASPAC Ambassador Peter Woods commented that certainly Hamamatsu has done a very good job and it was a good decision for Hamamatsu to be the Congress host. He also emphasized the intention for having further discussion with Hamamatsu and CLAIR Japan on the new membership contribution formula.

The report was noted and appreciated by the Executive Bureau.

E.B. 7.2. ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting and Council Meetings, October 2011

John Smithies, Director of Cultural Development Network on behalf of the City of Melbourne, submitted the proposal to host the UCLG-ASPAC Executive Bureau and Council Meetings in Melbourne, Australia in conjunction with the 5th IFACCA World Summit in Melbourne from 4 – 6 October 2011. IFACCA (International Federation of Arts Councils and Cultural Agencies) is the world body for arts policy at a national and state level of governments and they have endorsed this proposal to invite UCLG to participate in the Summit and to contribute to a focus on local government arts and cultural policy.

The Meeting decided to hold the next Meetings of UCLG ASPAC in Melbourne on 3 October 2011 prior to the 5th IFACCA World Summit.

The Secretariat will be in communication with John Smithies for further arrangements of the Meetings and the participation of UCLG/UCLG ASPAC Members in the Summit.

On the question of Gyeonggi Province representative about future nominations and related timeline, the Chairman clarified that the host for the Meeting for 2012 will be decided in the October Meeting. The decision will also take into consideration the principle of rotation among sub-regional locations.

EB. 7.3. Report on the Preparation of the 4th Regional Congress 2012, Jakarta

Mr. Purba Hutapea representing Jakarta Capital City Government reported on the preparation of the 4th Congress in Jakarta in 2012:

Proposed date: 11 – 14 September 2012 (Tuesday to Friday)

Proposed theme: “Moving towards Resilient Cities”

Proposed Sessions:

- Session 1: Welfare: Developing a Robust Local Economy
- Session 2: Social and Cultural: Instilling the Values of Social Inclusion
- Session 3: Environmental and Ecological: Creating Livable Cities, Promoting Energy Diversification
- Session 4: Disaster Management: Preparedness, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery
- Session 5: Institutional Empowerment and Networking: New Collaborative Efforts

Proposed programme:

11 September: Opening Ceremony; Session 1; Session 2

12 September: Session 3, 4, 5

13 September: Executive Bureau Meeting; General Assembly, Council Meeting

14 September: Tour Programme

Proposed venue: Borobudur Hotel

By June 2011, the budget will be ready and to be further informed and reported to the Secretariat.

The report was noted by the Executive Bureau.

EB – 8 OTHER BUSINESS

Presentation by CLAIR on the Great East Japan Earthquake by Mr. Aurelien Hancou:

It was reported that the following actions have been implemented as response to the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan in March 2011:

- Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme:
 - o Tracking and confirming JET participants’ safety
 - o Emergency fund for evacuated JET participants
 - o Domestic and international relief efforts by JET participants
- Support to foreign residents in disaster-stricken areas:
 - o Emergency grants for Local International Exchange Associations (ongoing)
 - o Information and Counselling in Community Languages: online information in 9 languages (English,

- Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog, Indonesian, Vietnamese and Thai) and phone counselling in 5 languages (English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish)
- Mobilization of local governments around the world (**as of April 19**): China, Republic of Korea, Australia, New Zealand, others (France, USA, UK, Germany)
- For information or inquiries regarding support and relief efforts, feel free to contact CLAIR's overseas offices in Asia Pacific region: Beijing, Seoul, Singapore or Sydney.

Comment from Taipei City:

Mrs. Hsiu-mei Shirley Lin of Taipei City expressed deepest sympathy to Japan and added that Taipei has provided support for Japan with a total amount of 4.4 billion Yen.

CLAIR will take note about the support.

Presentation by Gyeonggi Province:

Presentation of Gyeonggi Province by Kyeong Young on the 2011 Korea International Boat Show 8 – 14 June 2011 at the West Coast of Gyonggi Province. About 230 exhibiting companies will participate with 100 organisations from overseas.

A video about the Show was performed during the Meeting.

Presentation by Jeju Special Self Governing Province

Presentation of Jeju Special Self Governing Province by Jeyon Kim on Jeju Island and the New Seven Wonders.

The world new seven wonders contest has been initiated as to enhance the environmental preservation consciousness worldwide. One billion global citizens are expected to participate in the event by casting a vote either on the Internet or a phone call until 11th of November 2011. Members are expected to vote for Jeju.

A video presentation on Jeju Island and the New Seven Wonders programme was shown during the meeting.

UCLG ASPAC Declaration in Supporting Local Democracy in Pakistan

In favor of democratic local self-government in Pakistan and the Campaign "Save the Local Democracy" of Local Councils Association of the Punjab (LCAP), UCLG ASPAC Declaration in Supporting Local Democracy in Pakistan was agreed upon and signed by (**attached**).

Report on UN Governing Council in Nairobi

Ambassador Peter Woods reported on the UN HABITAT Council in Nairobi.

UCLG was lead by its President Kadir Topbas at the 23rd Session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, held from 11 to 15 April 2011 in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya.

The Regular Meeting of the United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA) took place on 10 April. On this occasion, Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN-HABITAT expressed the need to strengthen the ties between local authorities and UN-Habitat in particular through UCLG.

It was further agreed in the Meeting that UNACLA's membership would be expanded to 35 members with the following regional balance: Africa (6), Arab States (3), Asia and Pacific (7), Europe (6), Latin America and the Caribbean (6), Russia and Central Asia (4), and United States and Canada (3).

Ambassador Peter Woods proposed to immediately nominate seven official UNACLA members and seven alternates representing UCLG ASPAC in the World Urban Forum. The representatives should be elected members either representing Local Governments or Associations. UNACLA members will be responsible for all costs associated with the participation in the meetings. Mr. Woods further explained that President Fauzi Bowo in association with Secretary General will communicate this with the proposed representatives.

Farewell to Mr. Aurelien Hancou

Ambassador Peter Woods announced to the Meeting that Mr. Aurelien Hancou will complete his service at CLAIR Office Tokyo within the coming months. He forwarded his deepest appreciation to Mr. Hancou for all the work he has done for UCLG ASPAC during his term of service.

The meeting was closed at 12.30 and followed by Valedictory Function by All India Institute of Local Self Government.

UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting
Thursday, 24 April 2011, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India

List of Attendance

No	Name	Institution
1	Dr. Jatin V. Modi	All India Institute of Local Self-Government/UCLG ASPAC
2	Ranjit S. Chavan	All India Institute of Local Self-Government
3	A.N. Shetty	All India Institute of Local Self-Government
4	Shraddha Jadhav	Mayor of Mumbai
5	Adov K. Chandrika	Mayor of Thiruvananthapuram
6	Krishna Prasad Jaishi	Association of District Deveopment Committee of Nepal
7	Purba Hutapea	Jakarta Capital City Government
8	Yasutomo Suzuki	City of Hamamatsu
9	Takashi Daito	City of Hamamatsu
10	Cheng Carol	City of Hamamatsu
11	Pei Yu, Wu	Taipei City Government
12	Hsiu-mei Shirley Lin	Taipei City Government
13	Aurelien Hancou	CLAIR Japan
14	Katanoda Takuyo	CLAIR Singapore
15	Md. Shamim Al Razi	Municipal Association of Bangladesh
16	Rina Nasrin	Municipal Association of Bangladesh
17	Fatema Khanam	Municipal Association of Bangladesh
18	Md. Abdul Baten	Municipal Association of Bangladesh
19	AnisurRahman	Municipal Association of Bangladesh
20	Akber Hossain	Municipal Association of Bangladesh
21	Dewan Kamal Ahmed	Municipal Association of Bangladesh
22	Nurzahan Happy	Municipal Association of Bangladesh
23	Reajul Islam Joarder	Municipal Association of Bangladesh
24	Touhidul Islam	Municipal Association of Bangladesh
25	Lee, Eunyong	Jeoolanam-do Province
26	Jeyon Kim	Jeju Special Self Governing Province

27	Young-Mi Maria Kim	Governor Association of Korea (GAOK)
28	Suntisuk Nathalang	Municipal League of Thailand
29	Reviphak Limphodan	Municipal League of Thailand
30	Sarwo Handayani	Jakarta Capital City Government
31	Anita Boje	Jakarta Capital City Government
32	Sonti Pangaribuan	Jakarta Capital City Government
33	Rosmelini Desriati Purba	Jakarta Capital City Government
34	Jeong-Hui Jeon	Gumi City Government
35	Eun-young Lee	Gumi City Government
36	Henrik Fredborg Larsen	UNDP Asia Pacific Regional Centre
37	Jang, Young Jae	Gunsan City
38	Park, Serim	Gunsan City
39	Han, Il Deong	Gunsan City
40	Hemanthi Goonasekera	Federation of Sri Lanka Local Government Association
41	Aruna Pradeep	Federation of Sri Lanka Local Government Association
42	Hugua	City of Wakatobi
43	Young Kyung Yoon	Gyeonggi Provincial Government
44	Won Chul Park	Gyeonggi Provincial Government
45	Eunyoung Lee	Jeollanam-do Province
46	Hoikang Chong	Jeollabuk-do Province
47	Sanghoon An	Gyeongsangbuk-do Province
48	Kim Min Hwa	Gyeongsangbuk-do Province
49	John Smithies	City of Melbourne/Cultural Development Network
50	Dr. Rudolf Hauter	UCLG ASPAC Secretariat
51	Peter Woods, Emeritus Mayor	UCLG ASPAC
52	Desra Hilda Defriana	UCLG ASPAC Secretariat
53	Andang Perbawanti	UCLG ASPAC Secretariat
54	Nachiket Dhruva	All India Institute of Local Self-Government



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**REPORTS BY PRESIDENT/CO-PRESIDENTS/
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East & North East Asia Sub-Region**

**GAOK (Governors Association of Korea)
Activity Report (April to September 2011)**

1. UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting : 22-25 April, Kerala

<Presentations by Korean members>

- Gunsan – Modern Approaches of Sanitation, Water Supply & Environment
- Changwon – Green Initiative for Sustainable Cities

2. 2nd Luncheon Meeting with Foreign Missions in Korea : 2 June, Seoul

<Organizer : GAOK>

- This annual meeting provides delegates from Foreign Missions in Korea with updates regarding collaborative works between GAOK and the foreign embassies and further discuss joint projects to enhance cooperation among local governments of both countries.

Last year's meeting, where Ambassadors and delegates from 17 different foreign missions in Korea were present, started off with an official opening ceremony of the Glocalization office of GAOK. This year, along with a presentation of our works, we had the ambassador of the Australian Embassy in Korea to give a keynote speech in celebration of the 50th year of Korea –Australia diplomatic relations.

3. Appointment of new President of GAOK : 25, August, Seoul

<Organizer : GAOK>

- Park Joon-Yung, Governor of Jeollanamdo Province was elected as new president of GAOK

4. 13th Korea-China-Japan Local Governments Conference : 29 August-2 September, Jeollabuk-do

<Host : GAOK & Jeollabuk-do / Organizer : GAOK, CPAFFC, CLAIR>

- Since its inception in 1999, Korea-China-Japan Local Governments Conference has been held annually in pursuit of strengthening networks and sharing best practices among the local governments of the three participating countries.

The 13th conference was co-hosted by GAOK and Jeollabuk-do this year to share practices and exchange ideas on economical advancement in the local level as well as low carbon green-growth enhancement.

This meeting is hosted in rotational basis among the three countries.

5. UCLG Korean Members Meeting : 16 September, Seoul

<Organizer : GAOK>

■ Second meeting of the year among Korean members to prepare, discuss and share information on the upcoming UCLG meetings.

6. Completion Ceremony of 『2011 K2H Fellowship Program』 : 28-30 September, Jeju

<Organizer : GAOK>

Period of Program : 13 April ~ 12 October, 2011

■ The K2H Fellowship is a professional 6month training program designed to foster a new generation of public officials and future decision-makers from around the world. This annual fellowship program has had more than 400 public officials from approximately 15 different countries participating since 1999.

This year we have invited 46 participants from 9 different countries.

K2H participants started the program in April and are almost heading to the end.

Before completion of the program, the participants gathered in Jeju Island from Sept. 28-30 for a workshop along with presentations on their experiences in Korea and field trips to various tourist attractions. Participants were also awarded with certificates for completion.

GAOK welcomes participants from the UCLG ASPAC member countries for the 2012 K2H Fellowship Program.



ACTIVITY REPORT

MAJOR EVENTS AT AILSG

April to September 2011

Urbanization is a universal phenomenon. Cities are engines of growth and centers of attraction for a large number of people for various reasons. The migration of people in large numbers from rural to urban areas in search of employment, livelihood as well as better quality of life has resulted in unplanned growth and expansion of habitat. Therefore, cities face immense challenges in terms of providing appropriate infrastructure, basic amenities and clean environment. This is a natural sequel of unplanned and forced development. There is no denying of the fact that urbanization is conducive to the fast economic growth. Therefore, planned urban development is pre-condition for sustained economic growth.

The International Conference was planned to focus on the trends in urbanization and the challenges before the local governments in the context of urban governance. Co-terminus with the Conference state of art technology, equipment and best initiatives at local bodies were cased for effective and quality service delivery and also for replication of the best practices elsewhere. The International conference was organized in collaboration with the UCLG ASPAC, Indonesia.



The three-day deliberations revolved around the following main themes:

1. Trends in Urbanization and its Implications for Urban Planning and Development.
 - a. Challenges of Urbanization.
 - b. Addressing Urban Poverty.
 - c. Public Health Reforms for Sustainable Development
 - d. Administrative Reforms for Local Governance

2. Climate Change and Cities - Risk Reducation Process - Focussing on emerging local challenges – Green and Clean Cities.
 - a. Impact of Climate Change and Adaptation
 - b. Modern Approaches to Sanitation, Water Supply and Environment
 - c. Green Initiatives for Sustainable Cities
 - d. Alternatives for Financing Urban Infrastructure Development
 - e. Millennium Development Goals - Achievement and Progress so far Road Map Ahead.
 - f. Case studies: Good Practices Schemes.

The International Conference and Exhibition were inaugurated by His Excellency, Governor of Maharashtra Mr. K. Sankaranarayanan by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Several dignitaries and delegates from cities across the world, especially Asia Pacific Region participated in the International Conference in Kerala. The said international conference was concluded with the valedictory address by Mr.Oscar Fernandes, Member of Parliament & Former Minister, Govt.of India to the participants who attended the conference from worldwide.

➤ **AIILSG NAGAR RATNA AWARD:**



In keeping with AIILSG 's avowed objectives and long standing relation and effective working linkage with the Local Bodies, AIILSG has decided to award the Three Best Performing Municipal Corporations covered under JNNURM in recognition and appreciation of their innovative efforts to meet the citizenry aspirations in terms of service delivery. Accordingly, AIILSG has instituted "AIILSG NAGAR RATNA AWARD" AIILSG had organized a ceremonial event to confer the award to the selected Municipal Corporation at the gracious hands of Her Excellency Smt.Pratibha Devisingh Patil in the presence of His Excellency Governor of Maharashtra, Hon'ble Minister for Textiles, Minorities, Govt.of Maharashtra & Hon'ble Justice & Chairman of the Selection committee, Dr.Jatin Modi President, AIILSG & the Director General of the AIILSG in July 2011...The Municipal Corporations from Ahmedabad in Gujarat, Mysore in Karnataka & Pune in Maharashtra had won the first three Awards. The ceremonial award function was successfully concluded.

- **Specialised Training Programme On Environment Management Process (EMP) for Cities and Preparation of Environmental Status Report at Daman (Supported by Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India) held in July 2011**



Ecological disasters such as desertification disappearance of species, eutrophication of lakes and soil degradation or jeopardizing the livelihood of millions of people. In many urban areas, the air is highly polluted leading to wide spread respiratory disease. Water may be altogether lacking or so contaminated that it becomes a breeding ground for infectious diseases. Accumulation of waste inadequate treatment and disposal means that many urban areas are infested with rohadants with health and sanitary conditions worsening. Human activities are causing what may be irreversible damage to the environment. Environmental degradation thus has damaged as a major global concern for human survival. The situation is getting alarming day by day. Therefore, Environment Management Process (EMP) for Cities and Preparation of Environmental Status Report (ESR) has greater importance.

With this background, the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES) of All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIIILSG), Mumbai organized a Specialised Training Programme on Environment Management Process (EMP) for Cities and Preparation of Environmental Status Report at Daman (UT) in July 2011

The Specialized Training Programme was attended by 74 participants comprising States of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra.

The objectives of the training programme to the participants. Dr. Mukesh Kanaskar, Additional Director and Sr. Research Officer, RCUES of AIIILSG, Mumbai gave introduction of the subject. He explained the importance of the convergence of two subjects incorporated in the training programme.

Mr. Ranjit Chavan Director – General, AILSG, Mumbai welcomed Mrs. Jyoti Pandya, Hon'ble Mayor of Vadodara, by offering a flower bouquet. He gave special address to the participants. During his address, he focused on need of upgrading the various skills in disaster management, according to the changes taking place in our cities. He felt that training programme organized by the institute is a proactive step to disseminate the latest information and knowledge to the municipal personnel so as to equip and guide them for better management of cities.



Mr. Ranjit Chavan, Director – General, AILSG, Mumbai offering a flower bouquet to Mrs. Jyotiben Pandya, Hon'ble Mayor of Vadodara. Also seen Dr. Mukesh Kanaskar, Additional Director and Sr. Research Officer, RCUES of AILSG, Mumbai



Mr. Ranjit Chavan, Director – General, AILSG, Mumbai addressing the participants.

The Programme was inaugurated by Mrs. Jyotiben Pandya, Hon'ble Mayor of Vadodara by lighting a lamp and inaugural address to the participants. During her speech, she appreciated different themes covering various aspects of disaster management and environmental management process. She further added that life is of various experiences and is made from learning from each other's experiences and advised participants to utilize the opportunity to learn and communicate through their interaction in a cordial atmosphere by sharing the knowledge and experience. According to her, disaster management is a new challenging field which requires more integrated approach by cities. She felt that, we should have continuous capacity building interventions so as to take up the challenges with better skills and knowledge. As regards to City of Vadodara, she suggested to focus on certain environmental management issues.

Thematic presentations included overview of disaster management and its preparation, psychological health in disastrous situations, capacity building for fire officers to combat, environment pollution – monitoring control, environmental issues for cities, pollution aspects & environmental impact assessment and management plan, environmental status report, capacity building and city sanitation plan, psychological health in disastrous situations, service level benchmarking, city sanitation plan,

The expert resource persons viz Mr. Gopal Krishnan, Visiting Faculty, Disaster Management Cell, Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai, Mumbai, Col. VKN Falnikar (Retd)., Professor, M. S. University, Vadodara, Mr. Bharat Thakkar, HSE Consultant, Vadodara, Mr. I. M. Sutar, Dy. Chief Fire Officer (Retd.), Vadodara Mahanagar Seva Sadan, Vadodara, Mr. S. N. Patankar, Sr. Consultant, AILSG, Mumbai, Mr. Dilip Athalye, Sr. Consultant, AILSG, Mumbai and Mrs. Neha Hardikar, Research Associate, RCUES of AILSG, Mumbai shared their views and experiences on the subject.

On last day of the Training Programme, a new subject was integrated in the thematic coverage viz Sex Selection and PCPNDT Act in the training programme. This special session was fully supported by UNFPA, Maharashtra.

The objective is to orient municipal elected representatives and municipal officials to help to create an atmosphere of zero tolerance towards the practice of sex selection leading to social disapproval of the practice by the society. This is a social responsibility to build capacities of elected representatives to address skewed sex ratio at birth. Mrs. Neha Hardikar, Research Associate, RCUES of AILSG, Mumbai addressed this critical issue and explained the gravity of the issue to the participants.

The following major courses / seminars/workshops were organized during the period from April to Sept.2011.

- AILSG has launched the Master In Social Work (MSW) course in collaboration with YCMOU at Pune
- Skill assessment training, education, e-learning and examination system through on line at BENGALURU
- A one day training programme on Awareness Regarding Bombay Provincial Municipal Act 1950at Vadodara
- Training courses on Property Tax Assessment at Pune
- Regional workshop National Policy on Urban Street Vendors and Model Law organized at Shirdi, Maharashtra India.
- National workshop of National Nodal Resource Centres (NNRCs) organized for the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation,

Government of India, organized by Regional Centre for Environmental Studies(RCUES) of AIILSG at Panaji, Goa.

- Specialized Training programme on Good Governance and Area Sabha Public Disclosure Law and Community Participation Law at Nashik, Maharashtra by RCUES OF AIILSG, Mumbai.

- Specialized Training programmes on Service Level Benchmarking for Urban Service Delivery- a preparation of City Sanitation Plans and required measures at Municipal Level.

- Capacity Building programmes of 19 Municipal Corporations in Maharashtra for City Sanitation Plan. Currently AIILSG 's CSP team is in the process of further capacity building of all the 19 corporations in preparing the revised draft based on observations and suggestions to be submitted to Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India.

- Brainstorming workshop on Performance Assessment system and Service Level Benchmarking , organized by AIILSG,RCUES & CEPT-Ahmedabad

UCLG ASPAC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IN INDIA

During the discussions with the UCLG ASPAC's officials it was decided to set up a new Centre of UCLG-ASPAC at New Delhi India in India for promoting membership and to reflect its activities for organizing various regional and international conferences,. Accordingly, a work agreement & collaboration agreement were signed by the officials of the UCLG ASPAC & AIILSG.

We are confident that a fully fledged membership drive in India will be taken by Dr.J.V.Modi, President, and Mr.Ranjit S. Chavan, Director General, All India Institute of Local Self Government.

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South & Southwest Asia Sub-Region**

Report by Co-President Mr. Krishna Prasad Jaishi (ADDCN)

Dear President,
Co-presidents, All Executive Bureau Members and Secretary General
UCLG ASPAC ExBu Meeting, Melbourne

I would like to thank presidency for opportunity to participate in ESCAP, APPUF5 in Bangkok. It was excellence opportunity to launch the study report of Asian cities and share our ideas and experiences in the event in Bangkok.

In Kathmandu 3 LG associations including ADDCN conduct joint peaceful movement to pressure CA for new Constitution within extended time and interim election of local government on present provision of Interim Constitution and Act. This time we made collaboration with former parliamentarians, their Forum named Former Parliamentarian Forum of Nepal. We organize protest rally one day and relay hunger strike for 7 days. It has created moral pressure on political parties as well as Government of Nepal. ADDCN is conducting an assessment of Stock Taking at DDCs and VDCs in Nepal on the demand of children, women and disadvantaged group in 23 districts of Nepal and some other review on minimum condition and performance measures in 14 different districts. NAVIN and MuAN has also conducted different trainings and programs related to create pressure on Constituent Assembly and government of Nepal for new constitution of Nepal.

New government on the leadership of Unified CPN (Maoist), Dr. Baburam Bhattarai has been formed with collaboration with small new parties other than Nepali Congress and CPN UML. They are under pressure of peace treaty and time bound agreement for disarmament and submit the key of Arms at cantonment. We are hoping that New Constitution will be promulgated and applied within three months to come now onwards.

ADDCN, NAVIN and MuAN conducted discussions all over the country in different places on the issues of restructuring of state including restructuring of local governments, their constitutional arrangement in new constitution and different layers and their rights and functions with fund. MuAN has visited Makati municipality in Philippines to study the probabilities of metro city in Kathmandu in new constitution near future and London and Suncheon in urban forum.

There is joint demand of SAARC level forum of local government by Bangladesh, Nepal, Srilanka and Pakistan. It is to be discussed with Dr. Jatin Modi, Chairman of AILSG and co-president of UCLG ASPAC to

organize a meeting during SAARC conference, 2011 in Maldives. We hope, this kinds of forums may create more people to people relation among the member countries and sisterly relation among the local government and their associations. Therefore, I want to appeal for facilitation by our ASPAC leaders on this issue. Nepal might be the place where office of the forum can be established along with the office of our association being office of the SAARC at Kathmandu.

Apology for inability to attend Executive Bureau, Melbourne due to our internal economic problem. I will try my best in future events.

Thanking you and looking forward for deeper collaboration with members and UCLG and UCLG ASPAC.

With Best Regards,

Krishna Prasad Jaishi
Co-president, UCLG ASPAC
ExBu Member, UCLG WORLD
Spokesperson, ADDCN



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**REPORT OF SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE PRESIDENCY
AND GENERAL SECRETARIAT FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER 2011**

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Activities Report

Activities of the Secretary General:

Since April 2011, Secretary General Rudolf Hauter has been invited and participated in the followings events”

1. Mumbai visit – Sub-regional Office of UCLG ASPAC

Under the objectives to establish and operate of UCLG India office as well as to develop quality services for members in the sub-region, Secretary General Rudolf Hauter together with Ambassador Peter Woods visited the All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG) in Mumbai. A collaboration agreement between UCLG ASPAC and AIILSG was further signed related to the above, and Mr. Govindan Kutty, has been appointed as Sub-Regional Manager.

2. High Level Dialogue on the Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development, 19-21 July, Solo, Indonesia

A high level dialogue on the Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development was organized by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Rio+20 Secretariat in support of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). This dialogue was convened for three days in Solo, Indonesia, during 19-21 July, 2011.

The dialogue reviewed the stage and achievements of sustainable development efforts, proposed the strengthening of relevant organizations to effectively deal with sustainable development and proposed the promotion of green economy.

Following the UN invitation, UCLG ASPAC Secretary General attended the event.

Rio+20 Summit

The dates for the Rio+20 Summit have now been confirmed from 4 to 6 of June 2012. Rio+20 is the United Nations Summit where the international sustainable development agenda will be revised. The World Secretariat has been keeping its members informed of the process during the past months and will keep doing so during the coming year.

Key messages put forward by UCLG (as attached).

3. The 12th Executive Bureau Meeting of UCLG, 22 – 24 June 2011, Rabat

The 12th Executive Bureau Meeting of UCLG was conducted on 22 – 24 June 2011 in Rabat, Morocco. It was officially opened by the Mayor of Rabat and attended by over 300 participants, including 200 local and regional leaders from 40 countries from all continents. From UCLG ASPAC, Secretary General Rudolf Hauter, and representatives of members from Korea and China attended the meetings.

Some outcomes:

- Mr. Josep Roig, Secretary General of Metropolis was appointed as the new Secretary General of UCLG replacing Elisabeth Gateau
- The next Council meeting of UCLG will be held in Florence, Italy on 12-13 December 2011
- Jeollanam-do Province, Rep. of Korea will be the host for next World Meetings in 2012
- City of Surakarta and Wakatobi Regency were approved as UCLG new members

During the opening session of the UCLG Executive Bureau, the UCLG President granted distinctions to six personalities, acknowledging their dedication and support to the work of the World Organisation:

- Daby Diagne, Founding Father of UCLG
- Elisabeth Gateau, First Secretary General of UCLG
- Peter Woods, Former Secretary General of ASPAC
- Jeremy Smith, Former Secretary General of CEMR
- Selahattin Yildirim, Former Secretary General of MEWA
- Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN-Habitat

The Founding President of UCLG was also awarded the distinction but was unable to attend the ceremony.

4. UNDP Solomon Islands visited the Secretariat, 18 June 2011

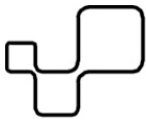
UCLG ASPAC Secretariat received a visit of Mr. Fakri Karim of UNDP Solomon Island on 18 June 2011 to inform their 'Provincial Governance Strengthening Programme' in Solomon Islands focusing on basic capacity for public expenditures management and developing in all nine Provinces to a level of capacity characterized by the ability to plan, programme, produce and execute credible budgets, through appropriate participatory and transparent procedures. Questions on the issues related to the establishment of a LGA in the country were also raised and UCLG ASPAC has provided corresponding information and advice. An interest for Solomon Islands to become member of UCLG was also discussed.

5. Mentoring of Vietnamese and Thai delegation - Exchange visit to Indonesian Local Administrations (DELGOSEA Project), June and July 2011

Municipal delegations from Tra Vinh City (Vietnam) and Chang Rai (Thailand) paid visits to the municipality of Yogyakarta and “Kartamantul” (Joint-Secretariat of Local Administrations) to learn about the implementation of Best Practices related to E-Governance and Waste Management as well as to assess the possibility of transfer certain components in their administrations. The delegations were accompanied by UCLG ASPAC Secretary General who facilitated respective discussions and field visits.

6. Visits to Bangkok, 22 – 23 August 2011

UCLG ASPAC Secretary General visited Bangkok and met with officials of the Municipal Leagues of Thailand for the purpose of establishing the UCLG ASPAC sub-regional office. Furthermore meetings were held with representatives from UN-ESCAP, UNDP Regional Center and UNESCO in an effort to develop further strategic collaboration on key issues of sustainable urban development in Asia Pacific. The possible future agenda for joint collaboration comprises climate finance mechanisms, knowledge and information exchange on best practices in various thematic areas and events on city diplomacy.



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UCLG Briefing

Local and Regional Governments towards RIO+20: The United Nations Conference on sustainable development June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil

Key Messages put forward by UCLG:

Contributing to international governance in sustainable development field

UCLG will strongly advocate for a new institutional framework for sustainable development, one of the two main themes identified for the discussions in the framework of Rio+20 process.

We do believe that building on the Agenda 21 and its successful implementation at local level, the outcome document from Rio+20 Summit should entail a specific chapter devoted to local and regional authorities.

Local and regional governments' voices are to be heard in the debate on international governance. The importance of good governance mechanisms, based on transparency, participation and accountability is to be put before the international community. Greater sustainability is achieved through bottom-up approaches, which help to set priorities and resources allocation. National strategies for sustainable development should take into account the local realities and trends with the active assistance of local governments.

In that sense, looking at how the new governance framework for sustainability should be shaped, UCLG, along with the other networks of local authorities and stakeholders, is convinced of the necessity to go beyond the clusters and sectoral approaches.

Making Culture as fourth pillar of development

Based on a growing understanding that the world is not only facing economic, social, or environmental challenges – the three pillars currently acknowledged as the components of sustainable development – but that creativity, knowledge, diversity, and beauty are the unavoidable bases for dialogue for peace and progress as these values are intrinsically connected to human development and freedoms, UCLG Executive Bureau adopted in November 2010 the policy statement on “culture as fourth pillar of development”.

This new approach addresses the relation between culture and sustainable development through dual means:

1. the development of the cultural sector itself (i.e. heritage, creativity, cultural industries, crafts, cultural tourism);

2. ensuring that culture has its rightful place in all public policies, particularly those related to education, the economy, science, communication, environment, social cohesion and international cooperation.

Tackling climate change

Climate Change has great social impacts that are felt throughout the world. Local governments, particularly in developing countries where Climate Change is making itself most drastically felt, are witnessing first-hand the need to address both climate mitigation and adaptation via pressing development challenges that they cannot afford to ignore.

After years of advocacy of local governments and their networks, it is widely recognized that well-designed and well-governed cities can lead the way in lowering national emissions and that local governments should be recognised as key players in the implementation of climate strategies, including mitigation and adaptation efforts.

In this regard, the Cancun agreements, adopted in December 2010, recognise local governments as governmental stakeholders and open access to international financing mechanisms for cities. We now have to ensure effective involvement of local and subnational governments in national climate action plans and access to financial support

Making cities resilient

The UCLG World Council meeting in Istanbul in November 2008, adopted a political position raising the commitment of local and regional authorities worldwide to prevent and reduce natural disasters and to mobilise in case of humanitarian emergency. UCLG further started a partnership with UNISDR, the UN agency in charge of the international strategy for disaster reduction

Indeed, we are convinced that a preventive action coordinated in advance, regardless of investment costs, would enable to reduce drastically the human and financial costs. And that capacity building and training programmes are needed at the local level in order to support them in integrating urban risk in the local strategies and guarantying safe land and infrastructure to the poor populations. Disasters risks reduction strategies have to be considered at national and local levels as an investment not as a cost.

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Report on Capacity Development and Training Programme/Projects/Activities (April – September 2011)

APRIL

UCLG ASPAC International Conference “People, Places and Opportunities Towards Sustainable Cities – 2030”, 23 April, Kerala, India

A day prior to the 15th UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting held on 23 April in Kerala, India, an International Conference on People, Places and Opportunities Towards Sustainable Cities – 2030 has been successfully organised by All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIIILSG) in collaboration with UCLG ASPAC.

The conference was attended by hundreds delegates from India and foreign countries within Asia Pacific. The conference was to facilitate formulation of vision and mission goals for policy makers, programme managers and public representatives of Local Bodies. It aimed to strengthen the creative potential of the delegates for involving a road map for the future with reference to the Millennium Development Goals.

The following UCLG ASPAC members took part as speaker in the conference, namely Changwon City, Gunsan City, Hamamatsu City, Jakarta Capital City Government and Municipal Association of Bangladesh and Municipal League of Thailand. The conference also had the participation of UNDP Regional Centre as speaker in the session “Good Practice Schemes: Millennium Development Goals”.

The conference further produced UCLG ASPAC Special Statement Regarding the Great East Japan Earthquake, as attached.

JUNE

International Conference on the Coalition of Cities against Discrimination, 20-21 June 2011, Bangkok

The International Conference on the Coalition of Cities against Discrimination was jointly organised by the Municipal League of Thailand and UNESCO Bangkok from 20 to 21 June in Bangkok. The conference theme was “Coalition of Cities against Discrimination for Global Social Inclusions”.

The aim of the conference was to provide a forum for governors, mayors and local governments in Asia

and the Pacific regions and those who are interested in sharing best practices and evaluating experiences with others for developing and strengthening their policies to counter all forms of discrimination. Co-President Mr. Krishna Prasad Jaishi attended and represented UCLG ASPAC in the Conference.

Fifth Asia Pacific Urban Forum (APUF 5), 22 – 24 June 2011, Bangkok

UCLG ASPAC participated in Fifth Asia Pacific Urban Forum (APUF 5) held on 22nd – 24th June in Bangkok. UCLG ASPAC's participation in APUF 5 comprised the following:

1. Mayors' Round Table on "MDGs Challenges and the Way Forward", 22nd June

This session was jointly organised by UCLG ASPAC, Citynet and UN Millennium Campaign. It produced the Bangkok Declaration (attached) for Achieving the MDGs to affirm commitment and to give priority to the MDGs and to ask the national governments to keep their promises and recognize the role of local government as an essential and unique partner in meeting the MDGs.

The following ASPAC LGA members participated as speakers in the session:

- a. Association of Indonesian Regency Government (APKASI)
Representative: Mr. Hugua (Regent Mayor of Wakatobi Regency)
- b. Municipal League of Thailand (MLT)
Representative: Dr. Premrudee Charmpoonod (Mayor of Phitsanulok Municipality)
- c. Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities
Representative: Cr. Sampath Perera (Chairman of Young Councillors National Platform for MDGs)

Co-President Mr. Krishna Prasad Jaishi represented UCLG ASPAC to deliver the opening speech and closing remarks.

2. Launch Event "State of Asian Cities 2010/2011", 23rd June

The State of Asian Cities Report 2010/2011 is the result of a cooperative effort between UN-HABITAT, UN-ESCAP, UNEP and UCLG ASPAC. The report reviews and documents the trends in inclusive and sustainable urban development throughout the Asia-Pacific region. The report is now available on UCLG ASPAC website for download at:

<http://uclg-aspac.org/?q=v&j=3&l=1&id=201102280821497299889536328961>

Co-President Mr. Krishna Prasad Jaishi represented UCLG ASPAC in the launch event to deliver remarks on the report.

3. CDIA's Panel Session, 24th June

As partner of CDIA, UCLG ASPAC took part in the CDIA panel session "Making a business case for

inclusive urban development” held on 24th June. Executive Director of MuAN, Mr. Kalanidhi Devkota, represented UCLG ASPAC as panelist in the session. The session aimed to examine whether there are sufficient incentives to create an enabling environment for more inclusiveness in project formulation.

AUGUST

IUTC Training Course on Solid Waste Management, 24 August – 2 September, Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea

International Urban Training Center (IUTC) was organising their training course on Solid Waste Management held on 24 August – 2 September in Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea.

The training course was organised to provide principles of solid waste management, basic mechanisms of Community Based Campaign on solid waste management, and to share successful case studies of solid waste management through the promotion of Community Based Campaign in Korea, as well as from other cities throughout the world, in order to raise capacity of each participant to strategically plan and implement such Campaign for solid waste management in each city. Among the 3R(Reduction, Reuse, Recycling) approaches to solid waste management, Recycling approach was particularly emphasized in this Training Course.

The following UCLG ASPAC members were successful to get full sponsorship from IUTC for participation in the training course, they were Kamphaengphet Municipality (MLT member), Phitsanulok Municipality, Probolinggo Municipality and Local Councils Association of the Punjab.

3rd Asia Pacific Mayors’ Forum on Environmentally Sustainable Urban Infrastructure, 30-31 August, Suncheon, Republic of Korea

UN-ESCAP has successfully organised the 3rd Asia Pacific Mayors’ Forum on Environmentally Sustainable Urban Infrastructure held on 30-31 August 2011 in Suncheon, Republic of Korea.

The Forum showcased innovative practices and discussed policy options for promoting low carbon green growth and developed competitive and liveable cities in Asia-Pacific. At the Forum, ESCAP launched its new publication, **“Are we building competitive and liveable cities? Guidelines for developing eco-efficient and socially inclusive infrastructure”**, developed jointly with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), and the Urban Design Lab, the Earth Institute at Columbia University in the City of New York. ESCAP also presented the policy options for sustainable infrastructure identified in its **“Low Carbon Green Growth Roadmap for Asia and the Pacific”**.

UN-ESCAP sponsored the participation of following UCLG ASPAC members who are from LDCs: Municipal Association of Bangladesh, Municipal Association of Nepal, Kathmandu Metropolitan City and Local Councils Association of the Punjab.

SEPTEMBER

CIFAL Jeju Workshop "Enhancing Safety and Security: Reducing Vulnerabilities and Building Resilience to Natural Hazards ", 7-9 September 2011, Jeju, Rep. of Korea

CIFAL Jeju/Jeju International Training Centre(JITC) organised their third workshop on “**Enhancing Safety and Security: Reducing Vulnerabilities and Building Resilience to Natural Hazards**” took place in Jeju, Republic of Korea, from 7th to 9th September. The workshop was under the thematic area “*Human Security and Safety*”. Building resilience towards natural hazards, the topic of this workshop, was only one of the wide-ranging issues of human safety and security, but it was a topic that needs to be tackled with in an urgent manner in view of the emerging issues related to climate change. It was notable in this sense that UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) launched the 2010-2011 World Disaster Reduction Campaign, “Making Cities Resilient”.

Cities in the Asia-Pacific region could substantially improve the situation by focusing and sharing experiences on risk identification to reduce vulnerability, regional cooperation towards building resilience, promoting public awareness and developing proper manuals for disaster relief.

CIFAL Jeju financed the participation of UCLG ASPAC members from LDCs, they were Surabaya City Government, Kathmandu Metropolitan City and Local Councils Association of the Punjab.

IUTC Training Course on Urban Transport, 21–27 September, Gangwon Province, Rep.of Korea

International Urban Training Center (IUTC) conducted their training course on Sustainable Urban Mobility held on 21 – 27 September in Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea.

The overall goal of the course was to build the capacity of participants in planning for sustainable urban mobility. Throughout the course, each participant was expected to gain a better understanding of the role of transport in urban development, as well as of the main pillars contributing to more sustainable mobility patterns. Each participant had the opportunity to present challenges centering on mobility issues in his/her respective city and to discuss potential ways forward to overcome the challenges or else improve the urban transport situation.

IUTC expected the participation of UCLG ASPAC members from particular countries (Cambodia, Indonesia and Thailand) to share their experience and gain knowledge from the training course.

Preparations for Planned Events

Redefining Points of Collaboration between UCLG ASPAC & CDIA

Building upon the networks and strengths that each organization has in the region, UCLG ASPAC and CDIA agreed to redefine points of collaboration that seeks to not only build city-level capacity in selected countries, but also to facilitate mobilization of in-country resource agencies and persons who can spread and sustain knowledge and mechanisms to support local urban development initiatives.

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Workshop for Young Political Leaders of Asia on “Local Development Planning”, 5-9 October, Yogyakarta

UCLG ASPAC was asked by KAS Singapore Office to organise study visits (6-7 October) to selected institutions in Yogyakarta (Yogyakarta City Government, Kartamantul and Satu Nama). It aims to offer the workshop participants (Young Political Leaders from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, India, Myanmar, Philippines, Pakistan and Singapore) to learn about Local Development Planning from practical experiences of local governments and organisations.

Mayor of Yogyakarta City Mr. Herry Zudianto extended an invitation to all participants to attend the ceremony of Yogyakarta 255th Anniversary on Friday Morning, 7th October, at City Hall.

IUTC Training Courses, October - November 2011

International Urban Training Center (IUTC) will conduct their several training courses during the period of October to November. UCLG ASPAC members are welcome to apply for sponsorship for participation in the following training courses:

7 – 15 October	: Urban Climate Change Adaptation
26 October – 2 November	: Energy and Climate Change Mitigation
19 – 25 November	: Eco-Efficient and Sustainable Urban Infrastructure
5 – 10 December	: Sustainable Urban Management – for Urban Revitalization

ADB Urban Forum, 15-17 November, Manila

UCLG ASPAC received an invitation from ADB to participate in the above Forum. As one of ADB partners, UCLG ASPAC to nominate relevant delegates to attend the Forum. ADB will look into a possibility for financing the participation of UCLG ASPAC delegates who will be able to contribute to the Forum.

Sixth MIPIM Asia (Real Estate Conference & Exhibition), 15-17 November 2011, Hong Kong

UCLG ASPAC was invited to be one of partners of MIPIM Asia 2011 “Urbanisation and Sustainable Cities”. As official partner of the event, UCLG ASPAC was entitled to conduct a session during the event. The organiser will be in position to provide partial sponsorship for selected speakers and delegates of UCLG ASPAC.

UCLG ASPAC Session “Liveable cities: Eco-friendly infrastructure and housing for building a sustainable future” will take place on 16th November at 11.15 – 12.00 AM. The following UCLG ASPAC members will take part as speaker in the session, they are Incheon Free Economic Zone (IFEZ), Guangzhou City and Taichung City.

Asia Water Summit and Watertech & Wastetech Indonesia 2011, 17-19 November 2011, Jakarta

In conjunction with Watertech & Wastetech Indonesia 2011, the inaugural Asia Water Summit will take place from 17th to 18th November in Jakarta. The theme of the Summit is *Towards Sustainable Water Solutions* with a high focus on Indonesia’s Water Industry.

UCLG ASPAC has been invited by IIR Exhibitions to assist in the finalisation of the summit programme and to identify local speakers and possible exhibitors.

UCLG ASPAC President Dr. Fauzi Bowo will deliver a keynote speech in the Summit.

3rd Philippine Global Cities Convention and Exposition, 17-19 November, Manila

The League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) is organizing the 3rd Philippine Global Cities Convention and Exposition on November 17-19, 2011 at the Resorts World Manila, Pasay City with the theme, **“Bridging Cities, Transforming Lives”**.

The 3rd Philippine Global Cities Convention brings together city officials, national government agencies, international development institutions, civil society organizations, and other key governance stakeholders across the globe. Through highly interactive plenary discussions and breakout sessions, the Convention seeks to discuss urban issues and concerns, share innovative solutions, and synergize strategies to pursue inclusive development.

UCLG ASPAC President and Secretary General were invited by LCP to participate as speaker in the above convention. LCP was also extending their invitation to all LGA members of UCLG ASPAC to attend the convention.

UCLG ASPAC to be Official Partner of Smart Cities Conference, 27-28 March 2012

UCLG ASPAC was invited by GDS International as official partner of Smart Cities Conference 2011 “POWER, WATER, TRANSPORT, WASTE: INTELLIGENT INFRASTRUCTURES FOR THE INFORMATION AGE” which will be held in Kuala Lumpur on 27-28 March 2012. GDS International is main organizer of the Smart Cities 2011 and is one of innovative events and media companies worldwide and a globally renowned producer of business-to-business summits, conferences, digital inline information, and advisory group gatherings.

As official partner of the Conference, UCLG ASPAC is eligible to place its representative(s) in the Standing/Advisory Committee of Smart Cities Conference 2012. The Standing/Advisory Committee of Smart Cities 2012 consists participatory speakers. The only task or responsibility aside from speaking at the event would be to provide programme support if called upon within UCLG ASPAC's specific area of expertise, in order to help GDS International shape the programme where needed. There is no formal obligation, just to be cooperative with GDS International's team if they were to reach out to UCLG ASPAC for some advice. GDS International will be in position to cover the participation costs of UCLG ASPAC representatives who are member of Standing/Advisory Committee of Smart Cities 2011.

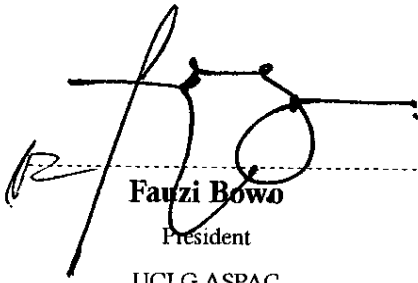
UCLG ASPAC Special Statement Regarding the Great East Japan Earthquake

April 23rd, 2011

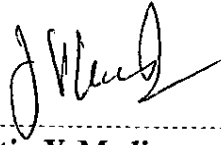
In response to the unprecedented earthquake and tsunami disaster which struck Japan on March 11th, in order to further strengthen intercity cooperation as declared in the "Hamamatsu Declaration" adopted at the 2010 UCLG ASPAC Congress 2010, we proclaim the following:

1. In order to actualize as much human and material support action as possible for all people and communities affected by the recent unprecedented disaster, we will take prompt action in concluding a reciprocal disaster reduction agreement between UCLG member cities. Further, in the event of another natural disaster occurring in this area, to quickly mobilize support based on a spirit of mutual aid, we will construct systems through which all member cities can share best practices, lessons learned and technologies relating to disaster reduction.
2. Recognizing the important role of local governing bodies with regard to disaster reduction, considering the "Hyogo Framework for Action 2010-2015" adopted at the World Conference on Disaster Reduction in Kobe City, 2005, and the "Local Action for Disaster Reduction Declaration" adopted at the UCLG World Executive Bureau Meeting in Quito City, Ecuador 2008, and while continuing to strengthen cooperation among various related actors and international organizations such as the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN ISDR), central governments of various nations, NGOs and community organizations etc., UCLG ASPAC, all delegates and All India Institute of Local Self-Government members will promote unified international action aimed at disaster reduction.

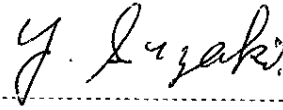
To conclude, together with expressing our sincere condolences and sympathy to, and solidarity with, the victims, people and communities affected by this Great East Japan Earthquake, we call on all spheres of government – national, regional and local, UN and Bi-lateral Agencies – to work in partnership to advance the legitimate expectations of citizens in the UCLG ASPAC region whom we all represent.



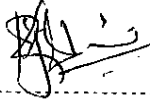
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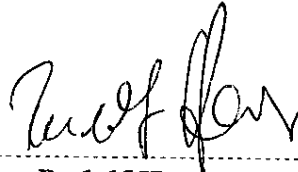
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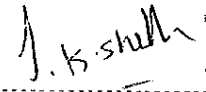
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Mayor
Hamamatsu City, Japan



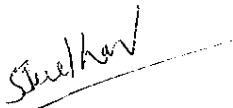
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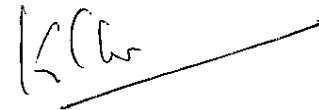
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UCLG ASPAC



Jyotiben Pandya
Session Chairperson
Mayor, Vadodara City, India



Shraddha Jadhav
Mayor
Mumbai City, India



Adv. K Chandrika
Mayor
Thiruvananthapuram City, India

Declaration:

22 June 2011

**Bangkok Declaration for Achieving the Millennium Development Goals
at the 5th Asia-Pacific Urban Forum**

The Mayors' Round Table on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
Challenges and the Way Forward
Bangkok, Thailand

We, the mayors and official representatives of participating cities, municipal associations, capacity building institutions, NGOs, CBOs, civil society stakeholders and national and international organisations have gathered in Bangkok from 22-24 June 2011 and acknowledge that:

- whereas some cities and local governments in the Asia-Pacific region have made striking progress toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals, other cities are likely to be "off track".
- with less than five years remaining, the current negative trends must be overcome at an accelerated pace in order to reach the achievement of the MDGs by 2015.

Therefore, we commit from this date to:

Give priority to the Millennium Development Goals: end poverty and hunger, ensure universal primary education, promote gender equality, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health including health of elderly, combat HIV/AIDS, ensure environmental sustainability which accommodates the development of disaster reduction, and develop a global partnership for development.

Emphasise the important role of cities and local governments and their associations in the promotion of the MDGs;

Prioritise the need to enhance citizens participation including monitoring in order to achieve the MDGs by 2015;

Highlight the fact that the achievement of the MDGs requires a commitment from the society as a whole and practical means to work together with the full support of local governments.

Therefore, we ask our national governments to:

Keep the promises made in the Millennium Declaration, and take advantage of this historic opportunity to delegate poverty into our history and create a more peaceful and progressive world;




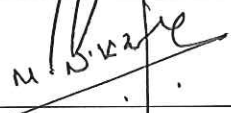


Ensure that the Millennium Development Goals are met in our countries;

Formally recognise the role of local government as an essential and unique partner in implementing the Millennium Development Goals;










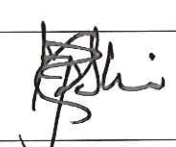


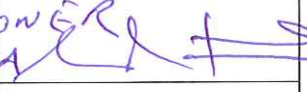


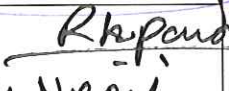


Empower and strengthen local level capacity, so that local governments are able to fulfil their mandate, and effectively deliver MDG-related services to their communities.

List of participating cities, local governments and associations at the Mayors' Round Table on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Challenges and the Way Forward

No.	Representative	Institution/Organisation	Signature
1.	MAYOR LINDA P. GONZALEZ	LIGAO CITY, PHIL	
2.	Hugua	Wakatobi Regency Mayor	
3.	Counc. Carmelo Sta. Isabel	Municipality of Rodriguez Rizal, Philippines	
4.	Megha Nath Kafle	Pokhara Sub-metropolitan City Nepal	
5.	R.M.A.K. RATHNAYAKE	SRI LANKA INSTITUTE OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE	
6.	KULWANT SINGH	UN-HABITAT	
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14.	Premruadee chompoonod	Pithsamlake city	Premruadee Chompoonod
15.	H. BANDYK Soetrisno	PROBOLINGGO	[Signature]
16.	Noer Oemarijati	Surabaya City	[Signature]
17.	HGMANTHI GOONASEKERA	FEDERATION OF SRI LANKAN LOCAL GOVS	[Signature]
18.	Huy Vong Rasmey Darn	The National League of Communes and Sangkats	Rasmey Darn
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31.	DEL R. DE GUZMAN	MAYOR - MAKINA CITY PHILIPPINES	
32.	ERIC C. CODILLA	Mayor - ORMOC CITY Philippines	
33.	SAMPATH PERERA	Chairman - Sri Lanka Young Councilors	
34.	AISA TOBIN	JAKARTA INDIA	
35.	JIRAPAT SUKHANITE	CITY CLERK	
36.	RAHMAT SUKANDAR	Rep. Mayor of Sukabumi	
37.	RAFAEL C. OMEGA, JR	Ormoc City Philippines	
38.	Demos Theun Tugomon	ORMOC CITY PHILIPPINES	
39.	FILOMENO P. MAGBASANG	ORMOC CITY PHILIPPINES	
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47.	Witnessed by: Krishna Prasad Jaisi	Co-President - CCLG ASPAL	

48.	OMAR KAMIL	SPECIAL COMMISSIONER COLOMBO - SRI LANKA	
49.	Dilip Kumar Chapagain	Executive Officer Bharatpur Muni, NEPAL	
50.	Shoukat Hossain Hiron	Mayor - B.C.C BANGLADESH	
51.	Rajendra Kumar Paudel	Mayor, Lalitpur sub-metropolitan city, Nepal	
52.	Suryanto Ibrahim	Head of Planning Board Rep. of Mayor Balikpapan Indonesia	
53.	Nila Ardhyarini	Researcher of URDI, Indonesia	
54.	Mirza Pimple		
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Report on External Projects

Project 1 with European Commission: Supporting Decentralization and Local Governance in Developing Countries

Under the main coordination of UCLG World, UCLG ASPAC undertakes a joint project together with two other regional sections (Africa and Latin America). The project is funded by the European Commission and UNITAR. The duration of the project will be 30 months beginning from June 2010. The overall objective of the project is to support decentralization and local democracy processes in developing countries, in order to strengthen local development and good governance and more specifically to have strengthened local governments with the capacity to analyze, to define priority agendas (1st domain) and to dialogue with States and regional institutions in support of decentralization and the role of local governments (LG) (2nd domain). The target groups will be 7 national governments (Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam) and LGAs within these countries, but also regional institutions such as ASEAN.

A Regional Report on Decentralization in 7 ASEAN Countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia) has been finalized in June 2011. The report came out with some key findings on decentralization's road map in Southeast Asia and policy recommendations (regional agenda) which were presented to, revised and discussed with LGAs and national governments in the next stage. The process of discussion, revision and adoption is intended to give the regional agenda the political credibility necessary for its use as a lobbying tool towards governments and partners.

Based on the regional agenda a high level conference shall be organized. In November 2011, Indonesia will be the host of the 19th ASEAN Summit taking place in Bali. Therefore it is suggested that the high level regional conference shall be jointly organized in conjunction with this strategic event. Being the most strategic institution for regional integration policies in Southeast Asia, ASEAN shall be involved in the regional dialogue to strengthen the regional decentralization agenda.

During the second Steering Committee meeting May 30-31, 2011 in Barcelona it was decided that the development of Indicators on the decentralization processes and local democracy shall be sped up. Indicators have been drafted and will be tested in three countries first, after revision they will be applied in three other countries.

Furthermore, the redesigning the UCLG's Global Observatory on Local Democracy and Decentralization (GOLD) web portal was approved in the meeting. This portal was launched by UCLG in 2006 as part of its objective to become a main source of information on local self-government, local authorities, governance, local democracy and the exchange of know-how. GOLD provides information on the state of decentralization and its evolution, self-government and local governance across the world.

Project 2 with European Commission: Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast Asia (DELGOSEA)

April/ May 2011

After successfully organizing the first National Workshop, DELGOSEA Indonesia proceeded to capacitating local stakeholders in the pilot cities. On April 12-15 representatives from DELGOSEA Indonesia visited Kupang City. The visit was followed by visits to Tarakan City on April 18-20; Pangkalpinang on April 27-29 2011 and Wakatobi on May 4-6.

Designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of local stakeholders in replicating the BP Models, the capacity building workshops were conducted together with local coaches from the local government associations, namely; ADEKSI, APEKSI, and ADKASI. The local coaches and experts designed the training curricula depending on the needs of the pilot cities. Experts were also deployed depending on the requirements of pilot cities. In Pangkalpinang, experts from the Marine and Fishery Ministry assisted the local coaches in conducting the capacity-building workshop. On the other hand, experts from National Solid Waste Management Office composed the teams that facilitated the capacity-building workshops in the cities of Kupang and Tarakan, and in Wakatobi Regency.

DELGOSEA Indonesia took the opportunity of the workshops to finalize the transfer concepts of the pilot cities. After completing the four capacity-building workshops, the DELGOSEA Indonesia identified more interventions for the pilot cities. For one, pilot cities needed trainings on program planning and implementation. It has also been identified that there is a need of facilitating the application and implementation of the issues learned during the trainings.

Getting Ready for the Midterm Conference

June 2011

It is a big responsibility for the DELGOSEA Indonesia team – after the inception workshop in Manila in March 2010 and the training of trainers in Pattaya last November, Indonesia is happy to host the third transnational conference of the project. The DELGOSEA Midterm Conference will take place from 26 - 27 September in Batam, Indonesia, followed by a two-day training workshop on monitoring and evaluation. Participants will come from the DELGOSEA best practice and pilot cities, and will include representatives of civil society, media and academia as well as the governmental sector. Apart from the participants from Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, the conference will also be joined by representatives of the European Union and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Germany.

Concentrating on Exchange Visits

July 2011

June and July was a busy time for the four Indonesian pilot cities who were all visiting their best practice example cities across the region. On top of that, keeping the DELGOSEA Indonesia team on their toes, the study tours of three Thai and one Cambodian city had to be organized as well. Delegations from Chiang Rai, Pakkret, Songkla as well as Sangkat Choam Chao in Cambodia came to see Yogyakarta, Kartamantul and Solo. They all enjoyed their visits and felt that the experiences they made would be very useful for finalizing the transfer concepts of their own towns.

Of the Indonesian delegations, Wakatobi started the ball rolling by travelling to Muangklang, Thailand, from 21 – 25 June, looking at the nitty-gritty details of waste management and exploring how best to transfer the host city's concept to their own town. The delegates from Wakatobi, many of them experts

in waste management, were fascinated by the insights they gained throughout their stay in Muangklang. The delegation felt inspired by the way the communication flow with the population was structured and by how local people were being involved in the day-to-day activities of caring for their town. Many more questions remained, however, and some expertise from Muangklang to help with the technical issues, would be much appreciated.

From 4 – 8 July, officials from the city of Pangkalpinang, the local coaches and staff from the local government association, went to Tubigon on Bohol, Philippines, to take a look at the mariculture best practice example. The delegation was shown in detail how the project had been planned and implemented – fish cages had put an end to illegal fishing and a newly planted mangrove forest led to an increase in the export of aquarium fishes and other marine products such as shells.

Finally, representatives of Kupang and Tarakan joined forces for a tour of Marikina, Philippines. They were keen to find out more about the city's innovative Eco-Savers project. Through cooperation with local schools to help collect recyclable waste, the city is dealing with the problem of household waste and encourages environmental awareness in the younger generation. A meeting with pupils of participating elementary schools who impressed the participants with their detailed knowledge of the recycling process, proved one of the highlights of the visit.

UN-HABITAT's Country Profiles of Local Governments in Asia Pacific

Please refer to Agenda document EB 6.3 for details of the above.

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Report on Information and Communication

The communication and information aspect of UCLG ASPAC is maintained and developed through several key media including website, social media, regional events participation, and printed materials. Following are updates on the Communication and Information activities from April until September 2011.

1. Website Content Development

1.1. Content updates

The Secretariat continues to update all sections of the website, including News, Calendar of Events and Library sections. The contents are updated daily using various sources including UN organizations, regional development agencies, related printed materials from around the globe and UCL ASPAC members. The Secretariat has also made the newest UN HABITAT and UNESCAP The State of Asian Cities 2010/2011 available for download via our website.

1.2. New features

In an effort to maximize the use and function of www.uclg-aspac.org, The Secretariat has added several features, including data back-up and maintenance features which allow data to be saved at the server as soon as it was uploaded to the website. This way, The Secretariat has all the data saved securely should there be any technical problems. The Secretariat has also created temporary sub-menus for any ongoing projects or events such as the IFFACA and ExBu meeting in Melbourne, so that members can access various important data and documents pertaining the event.

2. Regional events participation

2.1. The 5th Asia-Pacific Urban Forum 2011 Bangkok, Thailand

UCLG ASPAC participated at the 5th Asia Pacific Urban Forum (APUF 5) held on 22nd – 24th June in Bangkok, through various events.

- **Mayors' Round Table on "MDGs Challenges and the Way Forward", 22nd June**
This session was organized by UCLG ASPAC with Citynet and UN Millennium Campaign. The meeting produced the Bangkok Declaration for Achieving the MDGs to affirm commitment and to give priority to the MDGs and to ask the national governments to keep their promises and recognize the role of local government as an essential and unique partner in meeting the MDGs.
- **Launch of "State of Asian Cities 2010/2011" Report, 23rd June**
The State of Asian Cities Report 2010/2011 is a cooperation between UN-HABITAT, UN-ESCAP, UNEP and UCLG ASPAC. The report reviews and documents the trends in inclusive and sustainable urban development throughout the Asia-Pacific region. The report is now available on UCLG ASPAC website for download.
- **CDIA's Panel Session**
As a partner of CDIA, UCLG ASPAC took part in the CDIA panel session "Making a Business Case for Inclusive Urban Development" held on 24th June. Executive Director MuAN Kalanidhi Devkota, represented UCLG ASPAC as panelist in the session. The session aimed to examine whether there are sufficient incentives to create an enabling environment for more inclusiveness in project formulation.
- **UCLG ASPAC Booth at APUF5 Exhibition area**

Located at the first floor of the United Nations Conference Centre (venue of APUF 5), UCLG ASPAC's booth opened for visitors from 22nd to 24th June. About 150 people visited ASPAC's booth which provides visitors with various information on UCLG-ASPAC and its partners and members including printed materials in the form of program reports, brochures and newsletters. The booth also showcased panels of best practice stories from EU-funded DELGOSEA program.

3. Printed communication materials

For the past six months, UCLG ASPAC has produced numerous communication materials to help promote its members and programs, as well as to strengthen cooperation with other strategic partners.

3.1. The UCLG ASPAC Local Government Newsletter Volume July-December 2011

The six-monthly newsletter was distributed to members and is made available in our website. It consists of articles written by members, strategic partners as well as the organization's staff.

3.2. UCLG-ASPAC bi-monthly electronic newsletter

From April to September 2011, we have produced two bi-monthly electronic newsletters which were sent to our members via emails.

3.3. Panels for the APUF5 Exhibition

In order to attract more visitors to the UCLG ASPAC, as well as to promote programs by our strategic partners, the communication and information team developed 5 plastic panels sized 90cmx2.2m each, which told briefly lesson learned from cities involved in the EU-funded Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast-Asia (DELGOSEA) project. Mini- lesson learned stories created for the exhibition were

- Humane Approach Toward Livable City, Solo City, Indonesia
- Eco-savers Program, Marikina City, Philippines
- People-Private-Public Partnership to Improve Local Infrastructure, Toul Sangke Sangkat, Cambodia
- Community Participation in Upgrading the Old Collective Housing Areas, Vinh City, Vietnam
- Cooperation between Local Governments to Address Shared Needs, Kartamantul, Indonesia

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FINANCIAL REPORT AND HIGHLIGHTS

UCLG ASPAC

FROM 1 JANUARY 2011 – 22 AUGUST 2011

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A. BUDGET REALISATION ON 22 AUGUST 2011

This document presents the 2011 budget realisation and a brief explanation on actual expenditures occurred from 01 January 2011 to 22 August 2011 against each budget line.

The table below shows the budget realisation in USD as of 22 August 2011 (UCLG Secretariat)

Table 1: Budget realisation at 22 August 2011

Description	Budget 2011 (USD)	Actual 2011 (USD)	Balance of budget 2011 (USD)	% Budget realized
<i>INCOME</i>				
Membership fee (including join members Metropolis)		285.789		
(-) world portion deduction		140.992		
Total Income	200.000	144.797	55.203	72%
<i>EXPENDITURES</i>				
Program Activity	52.572	31.900	20.672	61%
Remuneration & staff development	105.333	56.908	48.425	54%
Equipment	1.032	50	982	5%
Communication	8.873	4.848	4.025	55%
Utilities	2.589	2.535	54	98%
Reporting/Document	263	6	257	2%
Professional Fee	2.632	4.323	(1.691)	164%
Local transportation	328	387	(59)	118%
Bank fee	1.895	1.258	638	66%
Contingency cost	1.053	500	553	48%
Total Expenditure	176,570	102.715	73.855	58%
<i>RESULT</i>	23.430	42.082		

INCOME

Total membership contribution received during 1 January 2011 - 22 August 2011 amounts to USD 285.789. This figure includes USD 36.879,68 joint member fee from Metropolis and USD 3.214 received from one member for the 2010 membership contribution. In June 2011 UCLG ASPAC has paid the world portion with the total amount of USD 140.992. More details on the 2011 membership contribution and the world portion payment will be presented in Section D.

EXPENDITURES

58% percent of the proposed budget 2011 has been spent as per 22 August 2011. All expenses except for professional fee and local transportation show high conformity with the budget. The higher expenses for professional fee (64% over budget) occurred due to the necessity of procurement of Accounting System Software and one year service contract for IT Support consultant. The higher spending for local transportation (18% over budget) relates to the increasing activities of the Regional Secretariat.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT 1 JANUARY 2011 - 22 August 2011

Cash and bank balance position as per 22 August 2011 are as follows:

Cash and cash equivalent	Amount
Cash on hand:	
▪ Cash on hand (Rupiah)	IDR 845.000,00
▪ Cash on hand (US dollar)	USD 30,00
Cash in bank:	
Standard Chartered Bank, Jakarta	
▪ Acc. No.30606649929	USD 234.570,37
▪ Acc. No. 30606649910	USD 48.561,65
▪ Acc. No. 30607074164	USD 41.600,26
▪ Acc. No. 30606649902	IDR 67.900.741,97
▪ Acc. No. 30607123262	EUR 29.820,71
▪ Acc. No. 30607485288	EUR 52.504,98
▪ Acc. No. 30608013169	EUR 6.918,68
▪ Acc. No. 30607485253	IDR 70.404.336,28
▪ Time Deposit USD 100.000,00 (3 months period)	
Mandiri Bank, Jakarta	
▪ Acc. No. 1200006515337	IDR 46.462.264,93.

Occurred expenditures from 1 January 2011 - 22 August 2011 consist of general cost of UCLG ASPAC and on-going projects as well as limited co-funding related to the USAID /CTI Grant. In 2011 UCLG ASPAC also received several reimbursements from 2010 (table 2, section C5).

The chart and table below reveals the breakdown of income and general cost of UCLG ASPAC and projects cost from 1 January 2011 until 22 August 2011 (in USD):

- Actual expenditures of UCLG Secretariat vs membership contribution received as per 22 August 2011.
 - Actual expenditures of DELGOSEA Project vs income received as per 22 August 2011.
 - Actual expenditures of Decentralization Project vs income received as per 22 August 2011.
 - Income received from UN-Habitat supported event in Shanghai, 2010
 - Income received from PI CTI Grant as per 22 August 2011
 - Actual expenditures of Collaborate agreement on Country Profile vs income received as per 22 August 2011
 - Income received from Hamamatsu Congress and UNITAR workshop in 2010 (other revenues)
- *Chart 1: Income vs Expenditure (USD) on 22 August 2011*

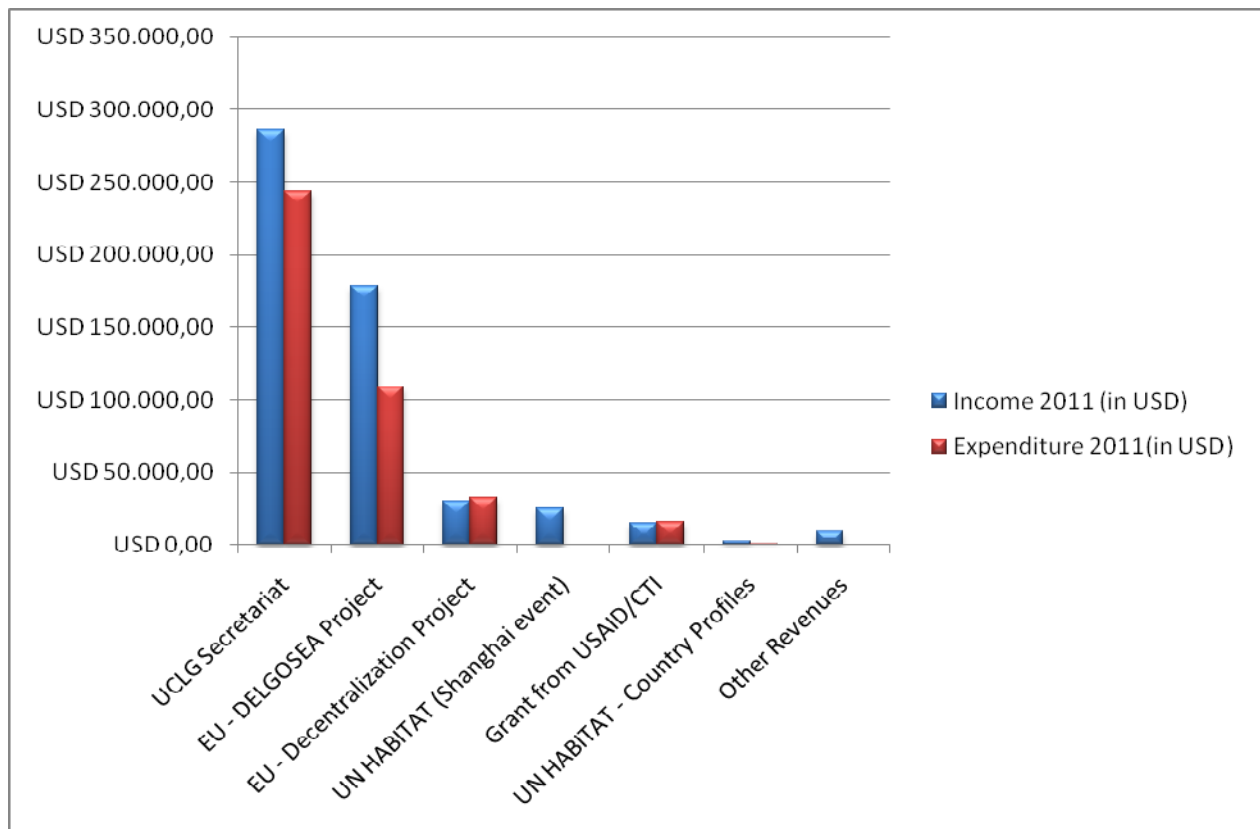


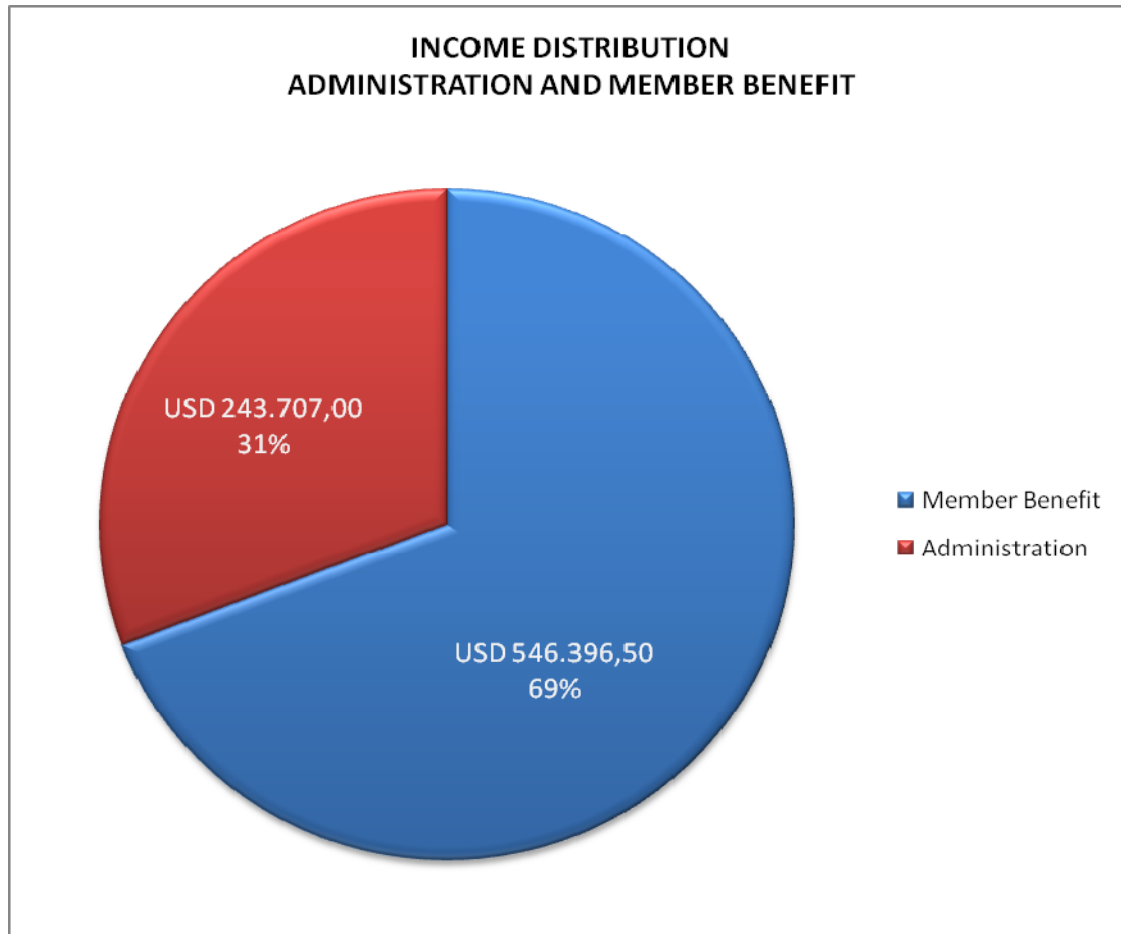
Table 2: Income vs Expenditure (USD) at 22 August 2011

Description	Income (USD)	Expenditure (USD)
UCLG Secretariat	USD 285.789	USD 243,707
EU - DELGOSEA Project	USD 178.673,79	USD 108.867,55
EU - Decentralization Project	USD 30.212,07	USD 32.293,27
UN HABITAT (Shanghai Event)	USD 24.978,26	USD 0,00
Grant from PI-CTI	USD 14.788,95	USD 16.135,54
UN HABITAT - Country Profiles	USD 2.816	USD 500,00
Other Revenues	USD 9.138,43	USD 0,00
TOTAL	USD 546.396,50	USD 401.503,36

- The income from UN HABITAT was the reimbursement for actual expenses of USD 25.003,26 for the pre-financed meeting in Shanghai, October 2010 covering DSA, accommodation and travel cost of participants. The total contract value is USD 30.000 and the remaining balance shall be allocated to the reimbursement of any related actual expenses that will occur in the future.
- Further details about the on going project income and expenditure will be presented in section C.

Related to the data above, the pie chart below shows the income distribution between Administration and Member Benefit from January 2011 - 22 August 2011.

Chart 2 : INCOME DISTRIBUTION FOR ADMINISTRATION & MEMBER BENEFIT
1 JANUARY 2011 - 22 August 2011 (in USD)



C. PROJECT ACTIVITIES 1 JANUARY 2011 - 22 AUGUST 2011

1. EU supported project "Supporting decentralization and local governance in developing countries" .

The first installment for this project was transferred to UCLG ASPAC on September 24, 2010 with a total amount of EUR 14.630,00 . In February 2011 UCLG ASPAC has sent the second payment request to Barcelona with a total amount of EUR 14.017. The payment received on 23 May 2011 amounts to EUR 13.997. UCLG ASPAC was also reimbursed from Barcelona for pre-financing the consultant payment totaling EUR 7.430. The status of income and expenditure of this project during the period January 2011 - 22 August 2011 is as follows:

INSTALLMENT	
2 nd installment, May 2011	EUR 13.997
3 rd installment, June 2011	EUR 7.430
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TOTAL INSTALLMENT	EUR 21.427
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EXPENDITURES	
Personnel Cost Jan - August 2011	EUR 21.500
Equipment	EUR 458,33
Travel cost	EUR 944,70
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	EUR 22.903,03
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2. EU supported DELGOSEA Project.

The "Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast-Asia" (DELGOSEA) was launched in March 2010 and is co-funded by the European Commission and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) of Germany through the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation.

Co-funded by the European Commission and the German Ministry for Development Cooperation with partners in Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam. The total budget for involved countries in South East Asia for 30 months is EUR 1,84 million (March 2010 - August 2012). The total installment received by UCLG ASPAC during the year of 2010 was EUR 72.037,30.

For the year 2011, total installments and expenditures occurred from January 2011 until 22 August 2011 is presented below:

INSTALLMENT in 2011	
1 nd installment, Jan 2011	EUR 4.050
2 nd installment, Feb 2011	EUR 6.000
3 rd installment, April 2011	EUR 44.669
4 th installment, July 2011	EUR 30.000
5 th installment, August 2011	EUR 42.000
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TOTAL INSTALLMENT	EUR 126.719
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EXPENDITURES	

Program Cost Jan - Aug 2011	EUR 58.574,77
Personnel cost Jan - Aug 2011	EUR 15.200
Non Program Cost Jan - Aug 2011	EUR 3.436,26
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	EUR 77.211,03

3. Grant from USAID/PI-CTI.

On March 21, 2011 a grant agreement has been signed between PI-CTI Bangkok and UCLG ASPAC with a value of USD 16,499 consisting of USD 15.000 as contribution of PI-CTI Bangkok and USD 1.499 as self-funding of UCLG ASPAC. Funding provided under this grant has been allocated to support the CTI Coastal Mayors Round Table conducted in Wakatobi, INDONESIA in May 2011.

Based on UCLG ASPAC's payment request of USD 14.788,95 that was submitted to PI-CTI Bangkok on the 21st of June 2011, the corresponding amount was received on 8th of August 2011. The detailed expenditures are as follows:

Table 3 : Expenditures from USAID/PI-CTI Grant

Description	PI-CTI Contribution	UCLG ASPAC contribution
Personnel and Salaries	USD 14.650	USD 999
Travel and Transport		USD 347,59
Equipment and Communication	USD 138,95	
TOTAL	USD 14.788,95	USD 1.346,59

4. Elaboration and revision of country profiles

On March 2011 an agreement between UCLG, UN-Habitat and UCLG ASPAC was signed for producing three new country profiles and updating four existing country profiles. The total value of the contract is EUR 4,727 equivalent to USD 6,440.

On 8 July 2011 an amendment to this agreement was signed as UCLG ASPAC has been asked for to compose a total number of five new country profiles and revise seven existing country profiles. The increased value of the contract is EUR 7.294 equivalent to USD 9.937

The first installment scheduled in the contract (USD 2.836) was received in May 2011 amounting to USD 2.816. The final installment of USD 7.101 will be paid after the completion of all country profiles which is scheduled before 30 October 2011.

5. Other revenues

Other revenues received consist of income from the Hamamatsu Congress in October 2010 and from UCLG HQ Barcelona related to the UNITAR funded Batam workshop in June 2010.

D. MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS AND SITUATION ON 22 AUGUST 2011

The accumulative amount of contributions due in 2011 amounts to USD 329.392. Corresponding invoices have been sent to all members at the beginning of 2011. Until 22 August 2011, 75.6% of the total fees have already been collected. The 2011 membership contribution received from 1 January 2011 to 22 August 2011 stands at USD 248.910,14 (excluding Metropolis joint membership) from the total 2011 membership fee of USD 329.392. This amount includes USD 3.214 received from one member as 2010 contribution, while USD 344,86 have been identified as differences which arise from bank charges.

The UCLG ASPAC portion of Metropolis joint membership up to 22 August 2011 is USD 36.879,67. Thus, the total membership fee that has been received for the period of 1 January 2011 to 22 August 2011 is USD 285.789,81

A reminder has been sent to members with outstanding invoice status on 15 June 2011. A second reminder is scheduled to be sent out in the first week of October 2011 at the latest.

PAYMENT OF WORLD PORTION AND INCOME FROM METROPOLIS JOINT MEMBERS

In June 2011 UCLG ASPAC paid to the World EUR 99.994,53 being the world portion of membership fee received by ASPAC from November 2010 until June 2011. EUR 26.155,80 were directly deducted from UCLG ASPAC's Metropolis portion while the remaining amount of EUR 73.838,63 was transferred from UCLG ASPAC's USD bank account to HQ Barcelona.

E. TRAINING FUND

UCLG ASPAC's Training Fund account at Standard Chartered Bank, Jakarta shows the following details:

Table 4 : Training Fund as per 22 August 2011

Training fund UCLG ASPAC as per 22 August 2011	Amount (USD)
- Trust fund Australia	107.955,00
- Contribution from Goa Training Forum - October 2003	1.229,00

- Contribution from PACOM - 1999	5.065,00
- Contribution from Daegu Congress - April 2005	7.477,00
- Contribution from Makati Training Forum - October 2005	387,00
- Contribution from Vadodara Seminar - October 2006	706,00
- Contribution from Batam Training Forum - April 2007	2.634,00
- Contribution from VNG ORF Programme - March 2006	3.267,00
- Contribution from UNITAR Workshop - October 2007	2.475,00
- Contribution from UNESCAP Workshop - December 2007	3.665,00
- Contribution from Pattaya Congress - July 2008	7.995,00
- Contribution from Hamamatsu Congress - October 2010	2.178,56
- Contribution from 4th FCM Asia Partner Workshop - Jakarta, March 2010	2.138,00
- Contribution from Regional Workshop on Local Finance - Batam June 2010	5.952,00
- Contribution from Urban Strategic Planning Workshop - Singapore June 2010	420,00
- Contribution from Kerala Congress - March 2011	917,41
Total Training Fund as end of 22 August 2011	154.460,97

In 2011 AILSG allocated USD 917,41 to the UCLG ASPAC training fund related to the ExBeau meeting that was organized in Kerala.

F. LATEST UP DATE ON FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

1. UCLG ASPAC is expecting income from ICLEI amounting to USD 15.000 which is an interim payment from the implementation of the local governments backing for the development and implementation of a global local and comprehensive post-2012 climate change agreement that was terminated at the end of August 2010. The fund had been transferred to the UCLG ASPAC account but will likely be received by the end of August 2011. The remaining balance to be further transferred to UCLG ASPAC is still discussed while waiting for the final result of the on-going audit.
2. UCLG ASPAC plans to relocate the USD Time Deposit in Standard Chartered Bank to CIMB NIAGA which offers a higher interest rate (2% per year for 12 months period of time deposit). It is expected that the relocation will be done at the end of September 2011 (upon termination of roll over period).
3. UCLG ASPAC urgently recommends that members ensure the notification of payment details on the transfer slip (member's name and country/city) when

transferring contributions. For some transactions of membership contribution, it is difficult to track the source. It is also expected that members will transfer the full membership payment in the future (excluding Bank Charges).

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Proposed Budget 2012

Proposed Budget 2012 (in USD)

	Description	UCLG ASPAC (USD)	Projects (USD)	Budget proposed for 2012 (USD)
1	INCOMES			
	1.1 Membership fees	210.000		210.000
	1.2 Congress	7.500		7.500
	1.3 Projects		131.005	131.005
	TOTAL INCOME	217.500	131.005	348.505
2	EXPENDITURES			
	2.1 Program Activity	53.176		53.176
	2.2 Remuneration and staffs development	110.237		110.237
	2.3 Development of regional structure program	27.400		27.400
	2.4 Equipment	1.209		1.209
	2.6 Communication	5.365		5.365
	2.7 Utilities and Reporting	3.812		3.812
	2.8 Professional Fee and Internship	11.140		11.140
	2.9 Local Transportation	706		706
	2.10 Bank charges	2.118		2,118
	2.11 Contingency cost	2.339		2.339
	2.12 Project expenses		131.005	131.005
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	217.500	131.005	348.505
	BALANCE	0	0	0

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Membership Matter

Membership application:

Since April 2011, the Secretariat has received application for membership from the following:

Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening (MPIDG)
P.O. Box G35
Honiara
Solomon Islands

Executive Bureau is asked to also approve the above application. The application will be further submitted to UCLG World Executive Bureau Meeting in December 2011 in Florence, Italy.

Membership approval:

Two new members from Indonesia have been approved by the World Executive Bureau Meeting held in Rabat, Morocco 24 June 2011:

- City of Surakarta
- City Regent of Wakatobi

The withdrawal from two Korean members: Chungcheongnam-do Province and Buyeo City has been noted by the UCLG headquarters.



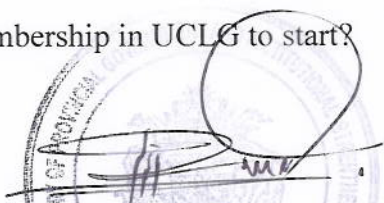
United Cities and Local Governments - Asian and Pacific Regional Section

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Associate Membership

(Organizations/ Institutions/ Government Ministries and Agencies/ Individual Persons/
Private Enterprises, Foundations)

1. Name: In English: Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening
In your own language: __MPGIS
2. Address: (for correspondence) P.O.Box G35, Honiara, Solomon Islands _____
3. Country: The Solomon Islands
4. Telephone: +677 287 09
Facsimile: +677 287 08
E-mail address: ps@mpgis.gov.sb
Web-site: _____
5. Name of President/Chairman: Hon. Walter Folotalu
6. Name of Director/Secretary General: Mr. Lennis Rukale
7. Officer to be in charge with UCLG: Mrs Nancy Legua
Position: Under-Secretary
8. When do you wish your membership in UCLG to start?
 1 January 2011...
 1 July 200...



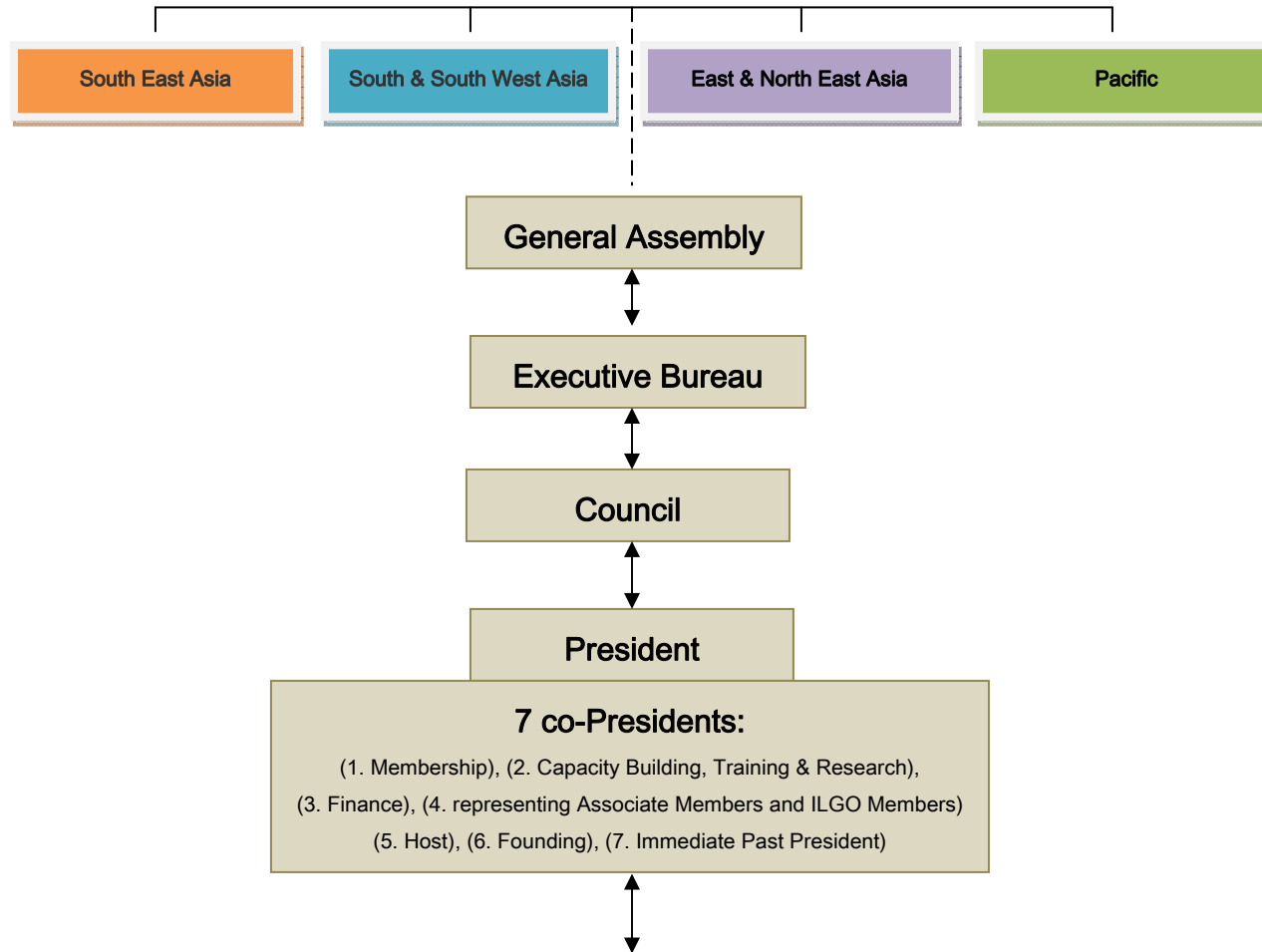
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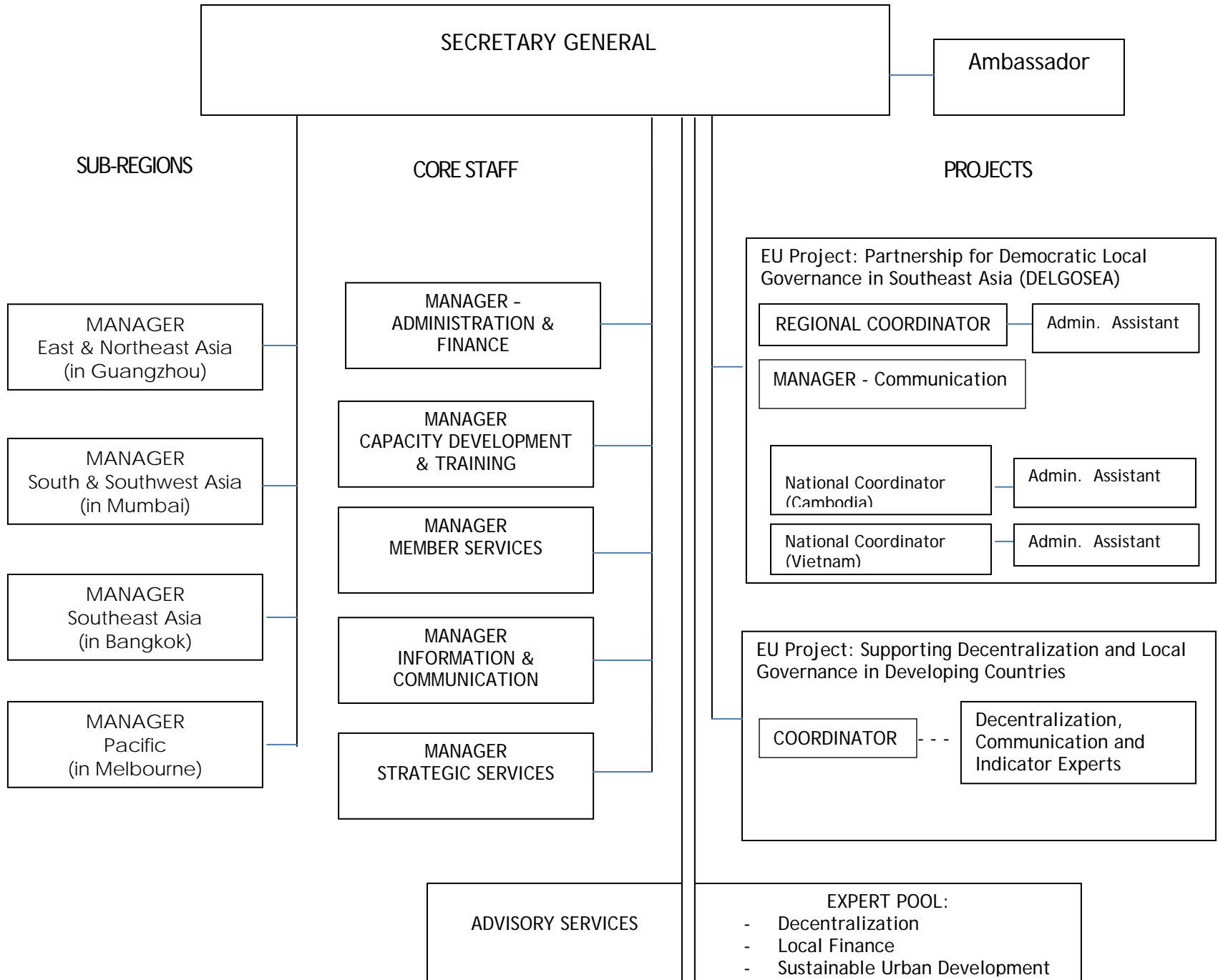
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Organisational Structure



G E N E R A L S E C R E T A R I A T

UCLG ASPAC Secretariat





Executive Bureau Meeting
3 October 2011, Melbourne

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UCLG WORLD'S ACTIVITIES, LINKS WITH UCLG ASPAC

EB 6.1

From UCLG World Meetings in Rabat, June 2011

The 12th Executive Bureau Meeting of UCLG was conducted on 22 – 24 June 2011 in Rabat, Morocco. It was officially opened by the Mayor of Rabat and attended by over 300 participants, including 200 local and regional leaders from 40 countries from all continents. From UCLG ASPAC, Secretary General Rudolf Hauter, and representatives of members from Korea and China attended the meetings.

Some outcomes:

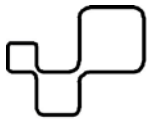
- Mr. Josep Roig, Secretary General of Metropolis was appointed as the new Secretary General of UCLG replacing Elisabeth Gateau
- The next Council meeting of UCLG will be held in Florence, Italy on 12-13 December 2011
- Jeollanam-do Province, Rep. of Korea will be the host for next World Meetings in 2012
- City of Surakarta and Wakatobi Regency were approved as UCLG new members

During the opening session of the UCLG Executive Bureau, the UCLG President granted distinctions to six personalities, acknowledging their dedication and support to the work of the World Organisation:

- Daby Diagne, Founding Father of UCLG
- Elisabeth Gateau, First Secretary General of UCLG
- Peter Woods, Former Secretary General of ASPAC
- Jeremy Smith, Former Secretary General of CEMR
- Selahattin Yildirim, Former Secretary General of MEWA
- Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN-Habitat

The Founding President of UCLG was also awarded the distinction but was unable to attend the ceremony.

Further report of the UCLG Executive Bureau Meeting, as enclosed.



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF UCLG EXECUTIVE BUREAU 23 JUNE 2011, RABAT, MOROCCO

1. The 12th UCLG Executive Bureau took place in the City of Rabat (Morocco). It gathered more than **230 representatives of local and regional governments from 40 countries**, as well as representatives of associations of local authorities, national governments and international and financial institutions.
2. The meeting of the Executive Bureau which was opened by the Minister of Interior of Rabat, Mr. Taieb Cherkaoui, was chaired by Kadir Topbas, Mayor of Istanbul (Turkey) and President of UCLG, Antonio Costa, Mayor of Lisbon (Portugal) and Co-President of UCLG and Fathallah Oualalou, Mayor of Rabat (Morocco).
3. The 12th Executive Bureau of UCLG is the first one after the renewal of the UCLG Governing Bodies in Mexico. Its agenda was mainly marked by the appointment of **Josep Roig** as Secretary General of UCLG and the discussions on the redefinition of UCLG priorities and strategic plan for the coming 6 years.
4. A whole day was dedicated to the **Strategic Exercise** of UCLG and allowed the members of the Executive Bureau to share their views on the future of the World Organization.
5. A **debate on innovation** took place on Thursday 23 June and included interventions from Wan Qingliang, Mayor of Guangzhou (China) and Co-President of UCLG, Annemarie Jorritsma, Mayor of Almere and President of VNG (Netherlands), as well as special guests from the World Bank, Mr. **Junaid Ahmad Kamal**, Sector Manager, World Bank Africa Urban & Water Unit, and Cities Alliance.
6. The main decisions approved by the Governing Bodies of UCLG can be summed up as follows:

Strategic and policy decisions

7. The **call for solidarity from UCLG leaders** and the condemnation of the situation of civil populations, victims of destruction and oppression from their governments, particularly in some countries of the Mediterranean and the Middle East.
8. UCLG leaders committed to explore possibilities to support local governments in Ivory Coast and Nigeria.
9. The acknowledgement of the key advocacy role of UCLG before the United Nations and other international institutions and the need to develop a step by step plan that will lead UCLG to achieve Observer status before the United Nations General Assembly.
10. The decision to devote the Third Global Report on Decentralization and Local Democracy to the theme of *Governance of Local Public Services*.
11. The need to ensure that UCLG attends the needs of all of its members from the North and the South and that special attention is paid both to sustainability through the Rio+20 process and the development agenda through the Aid Effectiveness Discussions in Busan.
12. The commitment to promoting and supporting decentralization processes around the world.

13. The reaffirmation of decentralized cooperation, cooperation among peers as a key tool for development and the importance of UCLG advocating for this tool to be further acknowledged at international level and for promoting quality and innovation in this field.
14. The development of Local Government Wisdom, a UCLG global knowledge platform that will allow the World Organization to build on existing tools, such as the Portal of the Global Observatory on Decentralization and the UCLG Municipal library, into the reference for intelligence on local governments. The proposal is to develop the polling and survey capacity of UCLG to political local and regional leaders.

Statutory Issues

15. The appointment of **Josep Roig**, Secretary General of Metropolis, as new Secretary General of UCLG.
16. Signature of the contract for the Organization of the IV UCLG World Congress - World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders in 2013 in Rabat.
17. The creation of a **Standing Committee on Gender Equality**, with the active participation of the Women Committee of UCLGA, the Latin American network of Associations of Women and the European women members of CEMR and adherent to the Charter on Gender Equality. The Standing Committee on Gender Equality signifies an important step moving beyond the thematic approach of the topic and dealing with it from a truly political perspective.
18. The development of **terms of reference for the Committee on Statutory Affairs** which will reflect the broad political mandate of this Committee and the decision to revise the composition of its membership.
19. The creation of a **Committee on Urban Health** chaired by the City of Istanbul. The new Committee aims at developing relations and strong partnerships between cities members in order to strengthen awareness and to create a healthier urban environment. It will further address the role of cities in global health, addressing pandemics and helping implement the international health agenda.
20. The creation of a working group on the involvement of Regional Authorities in UCLG, which will aim at stimulating the participation of these types of members in the Organization and exploring collaborations with existing networks of regional authorities.
21. The acknowledgement of the offer by the **City of Yeosu, South Korea**, as host of the spring UCLG Executive Bureau in 2012. The Secretariat is now mandated to explore possibilities.

UCLG Distinctions

22. The decision to grant UCLG Distinctions to six key personalities in the recent history of UCLG: Daby Diagne, Founder of UCLG and Special Advisor to UCLGA; Elisabeth Gateau, First Secretary General of UCLG; Jeremy Smith, Former Secretary General of CEMR; Selahattin Yildirim, Former Secretary General of MEWA; Peter Woods, Former Secretary General of ASPAC; Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN Habitat and Founder President of UCLG.
23. Acknowledgement of the important success of the Mexico Congress and expressions of gratitude to the City of Mexico and its Mayor Marcelo Ebrard for the special efforts and full support.
24. Gratitude to the Moroccan Government and the City of Rabat, in particular Mayor Fathallah Oualalou for the exceptional hospitality and arrangements.

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Achieving the Millennium Development Goals

GOLD III “the Governance of Local Public Services”

The topic agreed for GOLD III is “**the governance of local public services**” and in particular the role that local governments play in the provision of these services. Improving the provision of these services is a principal part of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

GOLD III will be published in 2014, on the eve of the date fixed by the international community to meet the MDGs, and will allow for the demonstration of the role played by local governments in this domain.

Status Report 2011 – Women’s Representation in Local Government in Asia Pacific

The first ever status report on Women’s Representation in Local Government in the Asia Pacific has been published in 2010 with having one objective:

“To deepen the understanding of progress made towards the Millennium Development Goal 3, Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women, by introducing a sub-national measure of women’s political representation”

The 2010 status report was a product of the partnership of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM, part of UN Women), United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) and the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF).

It has been planned that the Status Report will be updated every year until 2015 to support the national, regional and global status assessment and dialogue on the achievement of MDG3. For this year 2011, UCLG ASPAC confirmed its availability to support the updating the 2010 status report by providing the revised data for particular countries such as Australia, Japan, New Zealand and Republic of Korea.

The following UCLG ASPAC members from said countries have rendered their availability to provide the revised data for the 2011 status report, they are: Australian Local Government Association, Local Government New Zealand, Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR) and Korea Research Institute for Local Administration (KRILA).

Bangkok Declaration for Achieving the Millennium Development Goals at the 5th Asia Pacific Urban Forum

A joint session “*Mayors’ Round Table on “MDGs Challenges and the Way Forward”*”, which was held in Bangkok on 22 June at the Fifth Asia Pacific Urban Forum, produced a Bangkok Declaration for Achieving the MDGs to affirm commitment and to give priority to the MDGs and to ask the national governments to keep their promises and recognize the role of local government as an essential and unique partner in meeting the MDGs. The session was jointly organised by UCLG ASPAC, Citynet and UN Millennium Campaign.

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Global Observatory on Decentralisation (GOLD) Programme

The GOLD report strongly contributes to attaining the strategic objectives of UCLG World Organization: becoming a reference point for information on decentralization. It is also one of the principal lobby tools at the international level.

Launching of GOLD II in Africa

UCLG Headquarters was launching the Second Global Report on Decentralisation and Local Democracy (GOLD 2) in Africa in conjunction with its ExBu Meeting in Rabat past June. The report, entitled 'Local Government Funding: the Challenges of the 21st Century', demonstrates the significant imbalances between local and national governments regarding funding and the distribution of resources. It also shows the growing role of local governments in all regions of the world in confronting local urban development.

The following is the link to the Executive Summary of GOLD II: http://www.cities-localgovernments.org/gold/gold_report_2.asp

Third GOLD Report

During World ExBu Meeting in Rabat past June, the ExBu members agreed to devote the Third Global Report on Local Democracy and Decentralization (GOLD III) to the "**Governance of Local Public Services**". To define the theme and the modalities for undertaking GOLD III, the World Secretariat has consulted the UCLG Sections and Committees, as well as partners having manifested an interest in making contributions. These consultations culminated in a meeting on the 1st of June 2011 in Barcelona. UCLG ASPAC was represented by Regional Coordinator of EU Project for ASPAC region.

GOLD III will be built on the basis of a work developed by the World Organization, in the framework of UN Habitat's development of "The guidelines on access to basic services for all" approved in 2010. These Guidelines are a reference for States; they favor deconcentration and decentralization and so contribute to the clarification of the roles and responsibilities of the various actors implicated in the production and organization of basic services.

The third GOLD report will have as its objective to analyze the governance of basic services, treating the topic through the following themes:

- The responsibilities of local authorities in the provision of services in the various countries;
- The participation of local authorities in the organization of these services (different management models, collaboration with the private sector), in the negotiations of levels of service provision and their financing;
- The definition of methods of solidarity, social dialogue and citizen participation to contribute to ensuring a universal access to these services and at a cost affordable to all;

- The current and future challenges and appropriate solutions (for example: climate change, sustainable energy, explosive urban growth in developing countries, disaster risk prevention, etc.)

As a lever for political action, GOLD III will provide recommendations to strengthen the role of local authorities and their collaboration with other actors, so as to improve the quality and access to basic services.

Elaboration and Revision of Country Profiles of Local Governments in Asia Pacific

Following the implementation of the agreement in 2007-2008 between UCLG and UN-Habitat, UCLG has signed a new cooperation agreement concerning the elaborations and revision of country profiles describing the state of Local Governments and decentralization. These profiles are published via the Global Observatory on Local Democracy (GOLD) of UCLG.

In terms of Asia Pacific countries, UCLG requested the support of UCLG ASPAC to: a). elaborate five (5) new country profiles and b). the revision and update of seven (7) existing country profiles elaborated in 2007. The following is List of countries to be elaborated and revised/updated:

New Country Profiles

1. Bangladesh
2. Cambodia
3. Kiribati
4. Nepal
5. Sri Lanka

Revised/Updated Country Profiles

1. China
2. Indonesia
3. Malaysia
4. New Zealand
5. Pakistan
6. Philippines
7. Vietnam

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Climate Change & Sustainable Development

Local and Regional Governments towards RIO+20:

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, 4-6 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

UCLG work toward Rio+20

An increasing number of meetings are taking place throughout 2011-2012, contributing to the formal preparation process of the Conference in Rio next year. UCLG World Secretariat has identified the key meetings to influence the negotiation process towards Rio+20 (see Agenda below).

During the last global meeting that took place in Solo, Indonesia, on 19-21 July, the High-Level Dialogue on the Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development, where UCLG was represented by the UCLG-ASPAC Secretary General, the following policy discussions took place:

On the structure of international sustainability work:

- The need to transform the United Nations Environmental Programme UNEP into an Organization -UNEO. This would entail the creation of a global multilateral environmental organization, transforming UNEP into a UN Specialized Agency, following the International Labour Organisation (ILO) model. The latter option, which would entail the adoption of a legally binding treaty, would allow to improve environmental governance and make progress towards global sustainable development (supported by the European Union and France in particular).
- The need to create a Sustainable Development Council (SDC) instead of the Commission on sustainable development (CSD)
- The need to provide a structure that will allow for proper coordinated action among all pillars of sustainable development, giving a stronger role to the ECOSOC.
- The need to involve more all Major Groups, including the local authorities.

On the content:

- The need to develop "Sustainable Development Goals" (SDGs) following the example of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This idea creates some tensions among different UN agencies and development partners.
- The need to develop a Green Economy Roadmap.

To all the members: please inform UCLG if you plan to attend international meetings related to Rio+20 Summit and don't hesitate to share with UCLG the messages you would like UCLG to take into consideration.

For more extensive information on the process, UCLG members can write at:
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Agenda of Key meetings to influence the negotiation process towards Rio+20

1. Meetings in the framework of the UNFCCC

Third intersession, Panama City, 1-7 October

COP 17, Durban, 28 Nov- 9 Dec

2. Global meetings directly related to the Rio+ 20 Conference (UNCSD)

The second intersessional meeting

N-Y, December 15-16 (previously November 14-16)

3rd Intersessional Meeting of UNCSD,

New York, USA, 26 - 27 Mar 2012

3rd Preparatory Committee Meeting UN Conference on Sustainable Development

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 28 - 30 May 2012

UN Conference Rio+20

Rio de Janeiro, 4- 6 June 2012.

3. Regional preparatory meetings organized by the UN for Rio+20

Latin America:

Latin American and Caribbean Region - Santiago, Chile, from 7-9 September 2011.

Asia-Pacific:

Asia Pacific Region - Seoul, Republic of South Korea, from 19-20 October 2011.

Africa:

African region, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 10 to 14 October 2011.

Arab region:

Arabic region, Cairo, Egypt, from 16-17 October 2011.

Europe:

European (ECE) Region, Geneva, Switzerland, from 1-2 December 2011.

4. Local governments preparatory meetings

An African regional meeting organized by Durban municipality and SALGA is foreseen to take place in late September in South Africa (Tbc).

Manaus municipality, the CNM Brasil and FLACMA are jointly organizing the first Latin American and Caribbean forum on environment and sustainability on 15-17 September in Manaus

A European meeting is organized by Région Rhône-Alpes in collaboration with NRG4SD, the climate group, ICLEI Europe and CEMR and will take place in October, 21-22 in Lyon, France

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UNACLA Nomination

UNACLA is a high level group of selected Mayors and representatives of umbrella organizations of local authorities specially chosen by UN-HABITAT's Executive Director on the basis of their local, national and international achievements in the context of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda. The agency manages and nurtures contacts with Local Governments and their international associations throughout the world.

The role of UNACLA is to advise the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, from the local authorities' perspective, on all issues concerning the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Millennium Development Goals.

UNACLA Regular Meeting was conducted on 10 April 2011 in Nairobi and one of the decisions on the increase of the membership of UNACLA from twenty (20) to thirty-five (35) members, shared geographically and regionally, in which Asia and Pacific would have 7 (seven) seats in UNACLA membership.

For that purpose, UCLG ASPAC has submitted to UN-HABITAT and UCLG World, its nomination for the seats in UNACLA membership (seven for members and seven for alternates).

The Executive Director of UN-HABITAT, Dr Joan Clos, and the UCLG President, Mayor Kadir Topbas, are to review the list and agree on the final representatives to invite, after which invitation letters will be sent from Dr. Clos to the selected names.



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OTHER BUSINESS

Decentralization Policy and Local Governance system in the Solomon Islands

Presentation at the
UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau Meeting
3 October 2011, Melbourne, Australia

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- ▶ Ministry Expectations regarding UCLG ASPAC membership

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CONTEXT

▶ **Brief history**

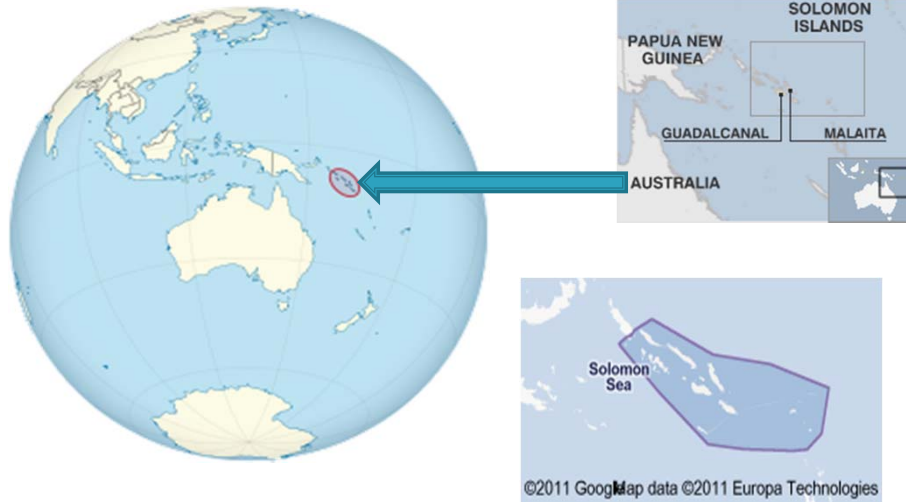
- **November 1567:** first contact with Europe through Don Alvaro de Mendana y Nyera , a Spanish explorer coming from the then Spanish Colony of Peru (Latin America)
- **1767:** European exploration with Captain Philip Carteret arriving in Malaita, the most populated Island of the archipelago.
- **1899:** Colonialism. Great Britain established the British Solomon Islands Protectorate (BSIP) with Charles Morris as the First Resident Commissioner.
- 1950s Self-rule slowly introduced culminating in **independence on 7 July 1978.**

CONTEXT cont...

▶ **Geographical Location**

- Solomon Islands is an archipelago in the South Pacific Ocean, east of Papua New Guinea and Northeast of Australia.
- The topography of the islands varies by island but the majority of the islands are rugged mountains, some of which are volcanic in origin and today have rainforests.
- Other islands within the Solomon Islands are low-lying coral atolls and raised coral reefs

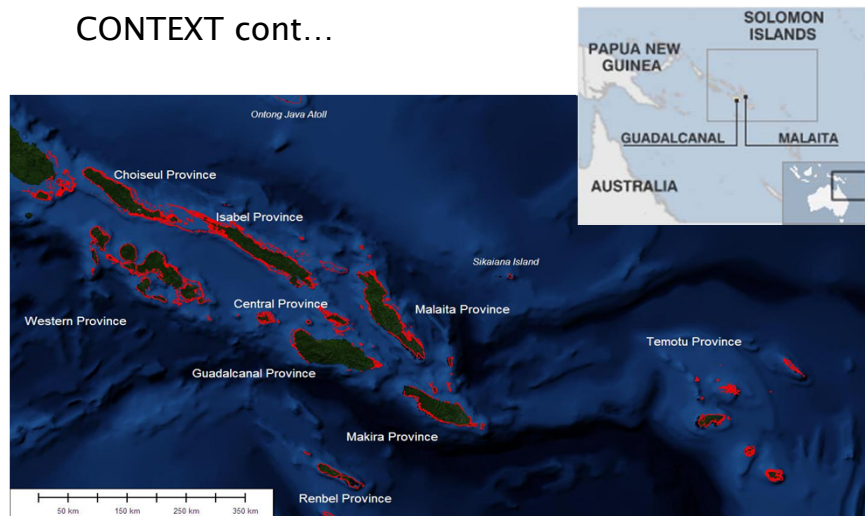
Solomon Islands in the world Map



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KEY SOCIOECONOMIC INDICATORS

- **Population:** 515,870 (Census, 2009) -Melanesian (94%), Polynesian (4%), Micronesian (1.5%), Europeans and other Asia and Pacific population.
 - ✓ **Men:** 264,455 (51,26%)
 - ✓ **Women:** 251,415 (48,73%)
- **Area:** 27,556 sq km (10,639 sq miles)
- **Life expectancy:** 67 years (men), 69 years (women)
- **Capital:** Honiara in the Guadalcanal Province
- **Main languages:** English (official), Pidgin and Melanesian dialects

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GOVERNMENT STRUTURE

▶ Central Government

- The SOI is a Unitary and Constitutional Monarchy with the Queen of the Solomon Islands, at Present Queen Elizabeth II as the Head of State.
- The Parliamentary system provides for a Prime Minister appointed by the National Parliament as Head of the National Government.
- Elected in August 2010, Mr. Danny Philip is the current Prime Minister of the SOI
- The PM appoints other Ministers to form the Cabinet.
- Each Minister is assisted by a Permanent Secretary, who is the administrative head of each Ministry.

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GOVERNMENT STRUTURE cont...

▶ **Decentralization and Local Governance**

- ▶ The SOI has two tiers of government and they are:
 - ▶ National Government (LGs) and the Provincial Governments.
 - ▶ The establishment of Provincial Governments is provided for in the Solomon Islands Constitution and was implemented by the Provincial Government Act of 1981, which has since been replaced by the Provincial Government Act, Law 7/1997 (the Act).
- ▶ The Act established elected Provincial Assemblies, with powers to issue subordinate legislation called ordinances, within the national constitutional and legal framework.
- ▶ Each Province has a Provincial Executive which is accountable to the Assembly

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Government Structure

- ▶ The Executive is composed of a Premier who is elected by an absolute majority of Provincial Assembly members. The Premier, once elected, appoints a deputy premier, and ministers with portfolio responsibilities.
- ▶ The administrative arm of the Provincial Governments is headed by a provincial secretary, who is answerable to the assembly through its executive in the same way permanent secretaries in the national administration are accountable to their ministers.
- ▶ Provincial staff are composed of staff posted by the MPGIS, staff employed by National line Ministries and working in the provinces, and staff directly employed by the provinces. All staff are supervised by the provincial secretaries, and accountable to the provincial executives and premiers.

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GOVERNMENT STRUTURE cont...

▶ The legal basis for Provincial Governments (PGs)

- The over 900 islands of the country are distributed between nine provinces as indicated below:

Province	Head City	Province	Head City
Central	Tulagi	Malaita	Auki
Choiseul	Taro	Rennel & Bellona	Tingoa
Guadalcanal	Honiara	Temotu	Lata
Isabel	Buala	Western	Gizo
Makira Ulawa	Kira Kira		

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Capacity Development challenges

- **Legislative development:** while PGs are able to issue ordinances to implement development policies in the province, very few ordinances are passed by Provincial Assemblies
- **Service delivery:** PGs efforts to deliver services in line with the PG Act are hampered by insufficient sectoral decentralization and most functional areas are retained by line ministries. This leaves the provincial governments with marginal roles to play.
- **Representation:** The geographical nature of the country with population spread over many islands makes it difficult for provincial governments and the administration to consult and work in villages and communities.
- **Limited budgetary resources:** There is not yet a proper revenue sharing scheme between the national and sub-national governments.

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Capacity Development challenges Cont...

- There is a monthly transfer to provinces called the fixed service grants.
- This transfer is meant to pay for recurrent expenditure needs of the provincial governments but in most cases, they are not adequate.
- There is hardly any resources allocated to provincial governments to pay for the capital investment projects.
- Provincial Governments are currently caught in a vicious circle of low capacity, limited or no mandatory responsibilities and limited or no resources.

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Capacity Development challenges Cont...

- Central ministries are reluctant to delegate, let alone devolve, responsibilities for service delivery and development management, citing the lack of provincial capacity.
- And, in the absence of such delegation of functions, there is little justification for transfers of financial resources, or fiscal powers, from the centre to the provinces.
- As a result, the size of the fiscal transfers to provincial governments has declined from 4.4 % to 2.5 % of the national budget since 1996

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Ongoing Capacity Development Initiatives

▶ The Provincial Governance Strengthening Programme

The PGSP is a SOI programme supported by international partners with the following four strategic objectives

- **To clarify and expand the responsibilities of PGs :** This component is to assist the ministry of provincial government and Institutional Strengthening to seek clarification on the devolved functions of the provincial governments and possibly further expansion of responsibilities particularly where the provinces have the capacity to deliver.
- **To align PGs resources with their functions:** this will provide PGs with budget support through capital development grants while supporting their effort to increase their locally generated resources.
- **To develop PGs capacity in promoting and managing local development :** This includes capacity building in Public Expenditure Management initially, capacity building of elected officials to enable them to formulate policies and strategies and pass ordinances and for the provincial administration to be able to implement policies and strategies formulated by the executive.
- **To establish a robust M&E system** both in MPGIS and in PGs.

Establishment of Premiers Council

- The Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening has institutionalized the annual Provincial Premiers Conference as a way of bringing the Premiers together not only to share ideas but also to present to the national government and line ministries the development challenges that the nine provinces and Honiara City Council are facing.
- The provincial premiers and the Lord Mayor of Honiara City Council issued communiqués in the annual Provincial Premiers' Conference for the formation of a Premiers Council to serve as a body that will advocate and try to influence national policies on behalf of the provincial governments.
- It is also hoped to improve communications and experience sharing amongst the nine Premiers who all seem to have unique problems but at same time have a lot of commonalities.

Establishment of Premiers Council

This Council is also mandated to represent the interest of provincial governments at international level and also forge global partnerships with the global world so as to learn the best international practices and experiences.

The Cabinet paper for the recognition of the council by law has been submitted to the National Cabinet.

The Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening has developed a framework on how to ensure a successful premiers conference and at the same time articulated the roles of the Provincial Premier Council.

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Rationale behind adhering to UCLG ASPAC

▶ **SOI to catch up with the trend of the Globalization of Decentralization and LG Issues:**

- The UCLG and its ASPAC Section represent the most representative worldwide umbrella for LGs, LG Associations and Stage Agencies in charge of LGs.
- The main concerns of Solomon Islands like in parts of the world seems to be high on the agenda of ASPAC and this is mainly issues relating to climate change, HIV/Aids, Food security, Disaster risk management etc. in addition to local development challenges.
- No country or LG can afford to address these issues in isolation
- UCLG ASPAC offers opportunities for networking and exchange of experience among it wide range of members trough South-South Cooperation
- UCLG ASPAC also offers opportunities in support to forster the establishment of an appropriate form of LGs Association in the SOI

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SOI Government Expect MPGIS Membership Application to be Approved by your Instances

▶ **SOI and MPGIS share the values and Visions of UCLG ASPAC, *Especially its commitment to***

- The principles of democratic decentralisation
- Subsidiarity in the spirit of inter-connecting spheres of government;
- Citizen-centred, participative local governance,
- High ethical standards of public service, efficiency, effectiveness and transparency;
- Partnership with the international community and other spheres of government, civil society and other key actors.

SOI Government Expect MPGIS Membership Application to be Approved ...cont.

▶ **MPGIS has submitted its application for Associate Membership on the basis that:**

- MPGIS is the Ministry in charge of promoting and supporting Provincial Governments in the SOI
- UCLG ASPAC Constitution provides for Associate Membership to Government Ministries and Agencies
- MPGIS is committed to comply with UCLG ASPAC Constitution and other regulations,
- MPGIS is also committed to support the establishment of an appropriate form of LG Association in the SOI.

▶ **MPGIS is expecting from UCLG ASPAC a favorable consideration of its application to welcome SOI PGs in the international network of Decentralization and LGs**

