



RIO+20 SUMMIT, WHEN NATIONAL LEADERS FAIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUST SHOW LEADERSHIP

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I am most grateful that the UCLG ASPAC Executive Bureau supported my attendance at the Rio+20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro to review the progress made since 1992 and the meetings intervening. There is no doubt that many will find the final declaration of the World's nations somewhat disappointing with no clear common grounds on institutional reforms and on the issue of millennium development goals and sustainable development. There is some commitment to an economy that takes a far more sustainable approach, but without clear time-tables and goals. A division is still very much apparent between the developed and developing countries and the fundamental principle of equity seems to be a pious hope rather than a dynamic aspiration.

Yet again I came away with negative feelings about the National agendas of the World's politicians, and worse the World's National bureaucrats. There seems a huge hesitancy to provide the degree of leadership which the people desire. Greed, self-interest and conservatism are inhibiting factors in coming to terms with action programmes for the "common but differentiated responsibilities" enunciated in the adopted principles in Rio 1992 which brought equity to the centre of the obligations to save the world.

While we can all recognize how pathetic many National Governments are, it was refreshing to see the enthusiasm of Cities and Local Governments and Civil society represented by the broad and diverse Non-Government Organisations and witness the great things they are doing to enhance the world and bringing about change and improvements to the quality of life of the people. These are natural collaborators and all Local Governments should form close and effective linkages with the NGOs and use this alliance to put pressure on the recalcitrant National Governments if they continue to disregard their responsibilities to the people.

UCLG and UN HABITAT convened The Urban Summit as a side event in Rio. This attracted over 250 Local and Regional Governments representatives to discuss their contributions following an earlier meeting in New York where they had called for concrete actions and measurable commitments and results. They expressed the wish to work towards a green society moving from global governance to multi-level governance and defining strategies to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable development Goals with the Habitat III conference in 2016 an important milestone. Sessions included : How Cities Across the World can Learn From Each Other; Basic Services at the Core of Sustainable Development Goals; Multilevel Governance: The Fair Place of Local and Regional

Authorities; Cohesion Among Territories: Key to Combating Poverty; Enabling Environments: Legal and Financial Frameworks and Green Growth/Urban Design.

UCLG and French Ministry of Foreign Affairs sponsored a further side event entitled Sustainable Cities and Territorial Cohesion: Key Elements of a Sustainable Future. This was to recognize that Local and Regional Governments as the closest level of Government to the people can play a pivotal role in bringing all actors together and linking up all levels of governance: local, subnational, national and international to build new models of governance and a more equitable and sustainable development for all.

UCLG and the Ministry of Culture Brazil conducted a seminar on Culture and Sustainability and extensively explored the relationship between culture and sustainability, using excellent examples of a practical nature.

Although far more may have been achieved if World leaders had displayed a little more initiative and leadership, the issues relating to sustainability are moving and clearly demonstrating that the people are often ahead of their politicians. Fortunately Local Governments are able to demonstrate far more initiatives and need to do so on an on going basis. We have a lot to be proud of. In our cities and local governments and our National Associations are often profiling our successes and better practices and sharing such experiences. We must continue and use practical examples and achievements to lead central politicians and bureaucrats to catch up with the rest of society. Rio provided an important stage for us to show what we are doing and what we are capable of doing in the future.

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MIPIM Asia 2012 is delighted to confirm a co-organised session with UCLG ASPAC titled “Enhancing Public and Private Sector Partnership” on Thursday 8 November 2012, a session which will bring together the public and private sector to exchange ideas on how PPPs can assist in improving project completion times and efficiencies, as well as reducing costs with active government and private sector involvement supported with real life case studies. The session hopes to attract an interactive exchange of dialogue with the participants to brainstorm ideas on creating projects that are attractive to institutional and private equity fund investors that create win-win situations for investors, government and people as end users. The session also provides an opportunity for local government associations (LGAs) to enhance their understanding on PPP issues, and subsequently

UCLG ASPAC is willing to support LGAs as its members in further promoting PPP mechanisms.

In recent years, with the downturn of the global economy, many cities have been faced with challenges of reduction in tax revenue and tightening of funding for city projects needed in infrastructure, urbanization and provision of affordable housing. MIPIM Asia offers a perfect platform for addressing these issues and provides the ability to connect with the private sector to find solutions for this ever increasing funding gap.

MIPIM Asia is a unique real estate event bringing together the world property leaders in Asia Pacific to showcase their projects, make contacts and make deals gathering over 2,000 participants from 40 countries, including 350 investors, end-users and hotel groups and over 200 retailers.

Participate in the Investment Summit and/or the Retail Summit to gain insight into real estate investment trends and retail sector developments thanks to our dedicated programme of conferences and benefit from interactive networking events to build future partnership.

By visiting the Sustainable Property Expo one can see how Asia is raising the bar on green building innovations. The Property Expo will host the Building Innovation Pavilion which is the place to be to meet with developers, architects, investors and occupiers.

New for 2012, MIPIM Asia includes a Retail Village, designed as a dedicated zone for developers, investors and retailer end-users, the Retail Village provides the perfect setting for major international real estate players to connect and organize one-on-one meetings to discuss new leasing opportunities and partnerships in Asia.

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LIVEABLE AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES OF THE FUTURE

The State of Government of Victoria, Australia held a forum on the topic “Liveable and Sustainable Cities of the Future”, in Jakarta, Indonesia on 5 July 2012. The forum was supported by the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN) and provided a platform for the Australian Experts to discuss some of the latest innovations adopted in meeting the needs of rapid urbanisation as well as the need

for sustainable development and health.

The Australian delegates consist of 16 companies that have global recognition in planning, designing, and developing liveable and sustainable cities. The forum was also attended by prominent figures such as the Director of Trade and Engagement ASEAN, The State of

Government of Victoria, Australia, James Myres, the President of Indonesian-Australian Business Council, S.D. Darmono, the Vice President of Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bambang Sujagad S, and Imam S. Eknawi, representing the Indonesian Minister of Public Works who delivered the keynote speech on 'Planning Indonesian Sustainable Cities'.

The forum consisted of two sessions. The first one was about "Building liveable and sustainable cities of the future", and the second one was about "Building healthier hospitals", where the members of the delegation shared their experiences.

The main objective of the industry forum was to provide a platform for local providers to discuss and network with Victoria's leading organisations that deliver world class sustainable urban and health infrastructure. Forum topics covered a broad range including latest innovations adopted in meeting the constantly changing needs of rapid urbanization.

According to Tim Dillon, Victorian Commissioner to South East Asia, rapid urbanization and globalization has made many governments re-examine their urban planning policies and reposition themselves to enhance their competitiveness, whether for tourism, leisure or to attract more investment or people into the city.

Imam Eknawi in the keynote speech spoke on key infrastructure projects and new regulations that have been put in place to drive greener and sustainable cities development. Promoting sustainable urbanisation is among Indonesia's key national development objectives as outlined in the 2010-2014 National Medium Term Development Plan, the second phase of implementation of the 2005-2025 National Long-Term Development Plan.

The forum was mainly targeted for service and solution providers in these sectors: government, general civil infrastructure, project management, civil engineering, quantity surveying and cost controlling, architecture, health infrastructure, hospital design and related technologies and systems, public-private partnerships and water sector engineering and technologies.

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FIABCI 64TH WORLD CONGRESS

The International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI) is the only worldwide real estate association that represents all of the real estate professions with 65 Member States and more than 120 real estate group members, representing more than 1.5 million real estate professionals and more than 3,300 real estate firms in the world.



In 2012, FIABCI-Taiwan has won the competitive bidding to host the 64th World Congress which will be held in the city of Taichung in May 2013. To enhance the city image of Taichung, Taichung Mayor Jason Hu led a delegation consisting of city government officials and members of FIABCI- Taiwan to the FIABCI 63rd World Congress in St. Petersburg, Russia from May 12 to 17 and delivered a keynote speech on "R.E.A.D Taichung" (Real Estate Renaissance in Taichung).

On May 31, 2012, the FIABCI World President, Judy Shenefield came to Taichung, Taiwan to sign the FIABCI 64th World Congress in Taichung license agreement and officially announced Taichung will be hosting the FIABCI 64th World Congress. During the announcement, Mayor Hu addressed that Taichung is moving forward to the path of being an International city, and will soon become the hub of the global real estate operation.

FIABCI 64th World Congress with the theme "Innovation in Sustainable Development" will continue its mission to provide a platform for different professions in the field of real estate to share their experiences, advance industry knowledge, and stimulate conversations. This coming World Congress in Taiwan intends to bring attention to the efforts that Asian stakeholders have spent on innovative technology to achieve green cities.

Since 1992, FIABCI organizes the Prix d'Excellence Awards every year to recognize property projects which best embodies the excellence in all real estate disciplines. The Award illustrates the idea of providing society with the optimal solution to property needs. Over the last few years, Taiwan has won these prestige awards on:

- 2010 Retail Category: CMP - Park Lane
- 2011 Public Infrastructures/Amenities s Category: Fulfillment Amphitheater
- 2012 Public Infrastructures/Amenities Category Winner: The New Taichung City Civic Center
- 2012 Environmental (Rehabilitation/ Conservation) Category Winner: Zhong Du Wetland Park

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**MODERNISING PPP BUSINESS MODELS
AND COMMERCIAL PROPOSITION
TOWARDS A WIN-WIN VENTURE**

With the increasing demand for public services and the rising capital issue to meet this demand, governments globally are turning to Public Private Partnership (PPPs) to fund the infrastructure developments. Despite cases of success, private partners perceive their involvement as carrying increased risk and have become more cautious in entering into PPP arrangements in developing regions where the need for social services is greatest.

Various negative factors contribute to this. For the private sectors, concerns revolving contractual disputes, unclear legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks. Others include the significant lack of expertise within public sector to design, develop, finance and implement such projects, excessive bid costs, increased risks and delays. For the public sector, the lack of capacity to procure PPP projects effectively has resulted in ill-conceived projects, termination of projects and eventual public disillusion.

Marcus Evans, one of the world's largest conference organiser, has announced that the 2nd Annual PPP Exchange conference that is aimed at matching the expectations between public and private sectors in leveraging the know-how and finances for investments in infrastructure and services.

The conference features international keynote presentations from Keith Martin, CEO of Global Capital & Development – Medini, Singapore and Kamran M. Khan, Program Director, Global Infrastructure Finance Centre of Excellence of World Bank – Singapore Urban Hub. Experts from both the public and private sectors will also present their insights at the conference. These speakers include Massuan bin Ahmad, Corporate Advisor of PPP Unit, Malaysia; Ferdinand Tolentino, Deputy Executive Director of Public-Private Partnership Center of the Philippines; Luu Duc Hai, Director General Urban Development Agency of Ministry of Construction, Vietnam; etc.

Participant of this conference will gain industry insights on topics such as innovative funding and concession structure for projects with major capital expenditure; PPP restructuring in developing countries: How countries turn around infrastructure and systems to current development; streamlining project selection strategies and financial considerations in ensuring sustainable development; matching expectations between public and private sector on PPP project feasibility and justification; mastering the key elements to agreement processes in winning tenders and proposals of PPP projects; and driving towards total asset preservation beyond the facility management concept – looking the whole lifecycle costing of the asset.

The esteemed panel of endorsers are the International Project Finance Association, BuildVietInfo (Vietnam Association of Construction Contractors), The International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP), United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) and Construction Research Institute of Malaysia (CREAM).

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DELGOSEA SELECTED BEST PILOT CITY IN INDONESIA



DELGOSEA
Partnership for Democratic Local
Governance in Southeast-Asia

The “Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in South East Asia”/Delgosea project selected the Indonesian winner for “Pilot City Award for

Excellence” on 17 July 2012 in Jakarta. The award is part of the Delgosea project which is implemented in five South East Asian Countries consisting of Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand and the Philippines. From each of these countries one winner will be selected.

The Indonesian winner for the award was selected by four juries representing Delgosea project, UCLG ASPAC, and LGAs based on criteria such as institutional set up and sustainability, people’s participation, and cooperation. The winner from Indonesia and four other countries will be announced in Bangkok during the Delgosea final conference on 7-8 August 2012.

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 Development Cooperation. The project is a network of Local Government Associations (LGAs), local authorities, non-government organizations and academic institutions in the Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand and Cambodia, focusing on transnational exchange of sustainable good governance practices in four main areas: people’s participation in planning and decision-making; institutional governance; urban environment; and fiscal management and investment promotion strategies.

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