

Special side event to the 5th HLS-ESC

Knowledge Sharing Workshop: Urban Green Growth in Dynamic Asia

09:00-12:15, 27 February 2014

Sheraton Surabaya Hotel and Towers, Singasari Room, Mezzanine level, 2nd floor
Surabaya, Indonesia

Background

Green growth has increasingly become a worldwide policy agenda, and greening cities is an important option for action for green growth. Cities have a unique role to play in advancing green growth at national and global level, as they have greater potential to create synergies between environmental, social and economic objectives. In 2010, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) launched the **OECD Green Cities Programme**, which aims to assess the impact of urban sustainability and green growth policies on urban and national performance through case studies in key OECD and non-OECD cities, across a range of geographic, economic and national regulatory contexts. To date, four city-level studies were carried out in 2011 and 2012: Stockholm (Sweden), Kitakyushu (Japan), Chicago (United States) and Paris/Ile-de-France (France). Building on these publications, the synthesis report *Green Growth in Cities* was published in May 2013.

In December 2012, The OECD launched a project on **Urban Green Growth in Dynamic Asia** under the Green Cities Programme. This project aims to explore ways to foster green growth in fast-growing cities in Asia, based on the knowledge obtained from the previous studies. Developing and emerging Asian cities face many challenges in common with OECD cities in urban green growth but there are also different dimensions with regards to economic growth, access to and provision of public services, especially for the urban poor. In order to foster urban green growth, it will be effective for Asian cities to share results and facilitate a joint learning process among cities, as well as implementation agencies and networks at equal footing, in the form of joint workshops, peer learning, and exchange through regional and global networks. In 2013, the following meetings were carried out with support of the **OECD Knowledge Sharing Alliance**:

- **The knowledge sharing workshop: Urban Green Growth in Dynamic Asia** (in Stockholm, on 24 May 2013) discussed key challenges toward urban green growth among five local and national representatives from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam, as well as representatives from the City of Stockholm and the City of Kitakyushu.
- **Mayors Forum: Urban Green Growth in Dynamic Asia** (in Kitakyushu, Japan, on 20 October 2013), organised in collaboration with United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) and City of Kitakyushu, discussed key policy frameworks and instruments to achieve urban green growth among Asian mayors and high-level representatives from 9 cities.

Throughout these activities, it was confirmed that knowledge sharing is particularly useful to ensure the coherence of different urban green growth initiatives among different actors and to share best practices among cities with similar challenges. It was a common consensus to explore further effective options for knowledge sharing on urban green growth among Asian cities.

Objectives of the Workshop

Building on these meetings, this workshop aims to discuss effective knowledge sharing for advancing the urban green growth agenda in Asia. In the first half, participants will present their experience in two different forms of knowledge sharing – city-to-city (C2C) collaboration and national and international city networks – and discuss strengths and weaknesses of these approaches. In the second half, the OECD Secretariat will present their knowledge sharing activities in 2014, including a new proposal for a Knowledge Sharing Platform. The participants will discuss the opportunities and challenges and possible actions of this initiative.

Preliminary Agenda

9:00 – 9:30	RECEPTION
	Participants will have the opportunity to meet and exchange words before the start of the workshop. Coffee will be served at the back of the meeting room.
9:30 – 9:50	WELCOMING REMARKS & KEY NOTE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcoming remarks and experience of city-to-city collaboration, by Her Excellency Ibu Tri Rismaharini, Mayor of Surabaya
9:50 – 10:00	INTRODUCTION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline of the OECD Project “Urban Green Growth in Dynamic Asia”, by Mr Tadashi Matsumoto, Senior Policy Analyst, OECD Presentation of the OECD Knowledge Sharing Alliance, by Ms Martina Kampmann, Senior Counsellor, Knowledge Sharing Alliance, Office of the Secretary General, OECD
10:00 – 10:40	DISCUSSION THEME 1: <i>City-to-city collaboration for urban green growth in dynamic Asia</i>
	The first discussion will review city-to-city (C2C) collaboration for urban green growth in dynamic Asia (e.g. which examples of city-to-city collaboration exist in Asia? Is city-to-city collaboration possible and sustainable in Asia without external support?). This will notably help to identify what Asian urban leaders have achieved on their own initiative, and also strengths and weaknesses of such an approach to

	<p>knowledge sharing.</p> <p><u>Proceeding:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Experience of C2C collaboration – expected speakers: Hai Phong, Kitakyushu 2. Discussions on challenges and opportunities of C2C collaboration
10:40 – 11:20	<p>DISCUSSION THEME 2: <i>National and international city networks for urban green growth in dynamic Asia</i></p> <p>The second discussion will review national and international city networks (acting as separate entities) for urban green growth in dynamic Asia. The objective is to shed light on the specific activities performed under such frameworks and on the strengths and weaknesses of this form of knowledge sharing.</p> <p><u>Proceeding:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Experience on national city networks – expected speaker: Malaysia, Japan 2. Experience of international network of cities – expected speakers: UCLG, CITYNET and ICLEI 3. Discussion on challenges and opportunities of national and international city networks on urban green growth
11:20 – 12:00	<p>DISCUSSION THEME 3: A proposal on OECD’s Knowledge Sharing Actions</p> <p>The objective of the third discussion is to discuss an OECD proposal for a Knowledge Sharing Platform. Participants are invited to discuss a road map for collaborative activities for the year 2014.</p> <p><u>Proceeding:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation of a proposal for a Knowledge Sharing Platform: <i>Ms Martina Kampmann</i> and <i>Mr Tadashi Matsumoto</i>, OECD 2. Discussion of the proposal
12:00 – 12:15	WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS
12:15	Lunch: Kafe Bromo, Lobby floor

Confirmed Participants

Name	City / Country / Organisation	Title
Ibu Tri Rismaharini	Surabaya	Mayor
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Mr. Dwija	Surabaya	Planning and Development Board
Mr. Le Anh Quan	Hai Phong	Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Investment, People's Committee of Haiphong City
Ms. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Bich	Hai Phong	Deputy Director, Department of Foreign Affairs, People's Committee of Haiphong City
Mr. Reiji Hitsumoto	Kitakyushu	Director, Office for International Environmental Strategies
Mr. Kotaro Kamawata	Japan	Director, International Cooperation Office, Ministry of the Environment
Dr. Chua Rhan See	Malaysia	Principle Assistant Director, Town and Country Planning Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
Ms. Gabriella Kristoffersen	APEKSI	Advisor for Inter-regional Cooperation and Environment
Ms. Michie Kishigami	ICLEI	Director, Japan Office
Ms. Bernadia Tjandradewi	UCLG-ASPAC	Secretary General, Asia-Pacific Region
Ms. Aisa Tobing	Citynet	Deputy Secretary General
Mr. Lorenzo Santucci	UNESCAP	Economics Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
Ms. Janet Salem	UNEP	Programme Officer, Resource Efficiency and Sustainable Consumption and Production, Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (Asia Pacific)
Mr. Seiji Takashima	JICA	Special Advisor, Environmental Management Division 1, Environmental Management Group, Global Environment Department
Ms. Martina Kampmann	OECD	Senior Counsellor, Knowledge Sharing Alliance
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