Accelerating the Implementation of the ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy

Sixth South-East Asia Multi-Stakeholder Forum “Accelerating the Recovery from COVID-19 while Advancing the full Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

7 November 2022
ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy (ASUS)

ASUS consists of **seven priority sub-areas and eight priority actions** identified based on the **analysis of key trends** impacting urbanisation in ASEAN and a **stocktake of existing actions** related to sustainable urbanisation. As part of ASUS, **two accompanying toolkits** are available to assist local governments in ASEAN to practically advance sustainable urbanisation in their cities.
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Objective 1: Enhance connectivity, engagement, and partnership

High-level Roundtable (First day - 1 session)
1. Introduction to the Forum thematic providing participants with an understanding of ASUS and its role for the MPAC 2025
2. Sharing initiatives and progress in implementing regional agendas, and the local progress in achieving the global development agendas

Objective 2: Disseminate knowledge and best practices

Special Sessions (1-2 session/day)
1. Speakers from various backgrounds will address key themes of crucial relevance for AMS and stakeholders
2. Dialogues between specific stakeholder groups to share key experiences and perspectives on their role in urban development

Objective 3: Raise awareness about sustainable urbanisation solutions

ASUS Thematic Dialogues (2-3 sessions/day)
1. Thematic multi-stakeholder dialogues on the ASUS sub-priority areas, looking at challenges, opportunities, and innovative practices
2. ASEAN selected cities will present challenges, opportunities and initiatives aligned to the ASUS sub-priority areas to provide a practical background for the dialogue

Training Sessions (1 session/day)
1. Training Sessions targeting city officials and practitioners to improve expertise and gain knowledge on the relevant ASUS priority actions
2. ASEAN selected cities will present their progress and inputs project proposal aligned with ASUS, sharing challenges and opportunities to receive feedback and recommendations

Registered Participants: +1400

Gender Balance:
- 52% Female
- 46% Male
- 2% Prefer not to share

Representation by Countries:
- ASEAN Member States: 82%
- Others: 18%

Speakers & Experts: +90
# ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Report

## REPORT STRUCTURE

### CONTEXT

| 1 | ASEAN cities at a crossroads |
| 2 | The importance of secondary cities |
| 3 | ASUS and the 2030 Agenda |
| 4 | COVID-19 and the road to recovery |

### ENABLERS

- **Dynamic urban governance**
- **Integrated master planning and development**
- **Partnership and funding**
- **Digital infrastructure and applications**

### THEMATIC AREAS

1. Urban resilience
2. Housing and home
3. Water, waste and sanitation
4. Mobility
5. Inclusive and equitable growth
6. Personal safety and security
7. Education
## Recommendations

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<td>- Cities need to embrace a more <strong>integrated and inclusive approach</strong> to decision-making.</td>
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<td>- Cities need to <strong>work across jurisdictions</strong> to ensure that actions work with neighboring towns, cities, provinces and even countries</td>
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<td>- Recognise <strong>good planning as critical</strong> to the success of urban sustainability within cities.</td>
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<td>- Upscale the potential of <strong>locally informed, holistic</strong> planning interventions and decisions.</td>
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<td>- Enhance city self-sufficiency through <strong>innovative revenue generation</strong> and <strong>access to credit</strong> and loans to drive locally led urban development.</td>
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<td>- Combine budgetary support with <strong>technical capacity-building</strong>.</td>
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<td>- Engage and empower citizens in smart city and <strong>digital processes</strong> and projects as active participants.</td>
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<td>- Cities should <strong>address emerging or potential digital divides</strong>, particularly among the poor.</td>
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Forum Report is available at this link:

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The Report will be launched at the ASEAN Mayors Forum on 2 December 2022 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia