

**INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN ASIAN CITIES**  
**LUNCHEON SIDE EVENT TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, 3<sup>RD</sup> SESSION**  
**Bangkok, Tuesday 29 October 2013, 12:00-13:30 hours**  
**Public Foyer, United Nations Conference Centre**

**Description**

The rapid urbanisation of the Asia-Pacific region entails the risk of widening supply gaps, in particular for water supply and sanitation systems, energy supply, land use and food security. However, the majority of cities/municipal administrations and municipal utilities in Asia-Pacific continue to plan and manage along sectoral lines and rarely in a coordinated manner. Consequently they are not able to fully utilise the interaction and synergies between water, energy and food security and the potential co-benefits arising from integrated resource management and planning. The nexus approach, aims at integrated planning and management processes of the key sectors of energy, water and food security, and this can contribute substantially to the long-term sustainable development of rapidly growing cities. It is crucial, in this context, to involve municipal and regional actors and utilities towards more integrated planning and management of the nexus sectors. To respond to these needs, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) are implementing the project “Integrated resource management in Asian Cities: the urban nexus”. The project will support ten cities in six countries: China, Indonesia, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam.

The luncheon side event will present and discuss key challenges and opportunities in relation to integrated resource management in cities in Asia and the Pacific, and discuss the relevance of and opportunities for a nexus approach for sustainable urban development in the region.

**Tentative programme**

Time	Topic	Presenter
12:05 -12:20	<b>Maximizing Urban Nexus Opportunities in the Asia-Pacific Region</b>	Donovan Storey, Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, ESCAP
12:20-12:35	<b>Integrated Resource Management in Asian Cities: The Urban Nexus</b>	Ruth Erlbeck, Coordinator Sustainable Urban Development, GIZ
12:35-12:50	<b>Relevance of the Urban Nexus Approach for Indonesia’s urban development</b>	Mr. Arifin Zaenal, Acting Deputy Director for Urban Affairs, Directorate of Urban and Rural Affairs, Ministry of National Development Planning (Bappenas), Indonesia
12:50 -13:20	<b>Discussion</b>	