The Nexus Approach in Southeast Asia: ICLEI’s Role

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Outline of Presentation

• Overview of ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability
• Brief introduction of ICLEI Southeast Asia Secretariat
• Rapidly Urbanizing Asia
• Urban nexus challenge
• Urban nexus challenge: Role of ICLEI-SEAS
• Key points
What is ICLEI?

- An international association of local governments and national and regional local government organizations that have made a commitment to sustainable development;

- A movement of cities, towns, counties and their associations accelerating sustainable development through local action;

- A sustainable development agency for local governments.

- More than 1000 members in 85 countries
ICLEI Southeast Asia Secretariat

- Functions
  - Program/project management
  - Evaluation, review and impact assessment
  - Technical assistance, capacity building
  - Research (case studies, surveys, policy & technical papers)
  - Event organization (conference, workshop)

- Established in 1999
- Based in Manila
- Operates in Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand, and the Philippines
Themes of Programs & Projects

- Climate Change: Adaptation and Mitigation
- Green Economy
- Biodiversity
- Local Governance
- Water and Sanitation
- Natural Resource Management
### World’s Largest Urban Areas

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Source: Demographia (2013)

### World’s Fastest Growing Megacities

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Source: Kotkin & Cox (2013)
Each city must develop & implement its own nexus initiative (s).
Urban Nexus: Role of ICLEI-SEAS

ICLEI-SEAS

Promote
 Magnify
 Develop
 Organize
 Train
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• Promote Nexus initiatives
  – Introduce innovative approaches of integrated and cross-sectoral city planning
  – Promote planning, submission and implementation of Nexus projects (pilot basis)
  – Analyse administrative, institutional and legal challenges in implement Nexus projects
  – Identify incentive mechanisms
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• Develop nexus protocols
  – **Methodology** to identify nexus initiatives & analyze impacts
  – **Guidelines** for introducing & implementing nexus initiatives
  – **Standard procedures** to test nexus sensitivity of new projects

• Build City’s Capacity on Integrated Resource Management
  – Provide of training tools and modules (pilot-tested)
  – Conduct of training courses
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- Create Regional Learning Network/Platform
  - Organize activities for exchange of knowledge and experiences among cities (e.g. site visits,
  - Enhance networks

- Scale up
  - Promote the Nexus approach to other cities/countries in the region
  - Integrate with ICLEI’s nexus project for a broader advocacy to cities
Key points

- Nexus initiative = sustainable resource management in an urban context
- Challenges: administrative, institutional, economic, legal...
- ICLEI-SEAS’ role:
  - Cities’ support in planning & implementation
  - Knowledge management
  - Regional networking
Thank you for listening.

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