Report: Asia-Pacific Mayors’ Academy for Sustainable Urban Development

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Sustainable Urban Development Mayors Fellowship 2019-2020

Call for Expressions of Interest

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) - in cooperation with the United Nations University, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS); the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU), and the United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) - invite newly elected or appointed city mayors/governors in the Asia-Pacific region to join the Mayors’ Academy for Sustainable Urban Development. The objective of this fellowship is to create and support a network of local leaders in Asia-Pacific committed to sustainable urban development through week-long intensive “boot camps” held on an annual basis coupled with ongoing peer-learning.
A Joint Initiative
Objectives

- Increase mayors’ knowledge and capacities on urban sustainability issues
- Assist mayors to be committed to the global agenda on sustainable urban development
- Facilitate and strengthen the regional resources available to mayors
- Establish a network of informed mayors
APRU SCL: Curriculum development and delivery

INTRODUCTORY BOOT CAMP

Module 1. Cities 2030: Designing, planning and managing sustainable urban development
Introduction/Overview of how Asia-Pacific cities can scale up action to drive global development agendas and international frameworks. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Urban Development, New Urban Agenda, Paris Climate Agreement and other global agendas.


BOOT CAMP ON URBAN MANAGEMENT

Module 3. How is my city growing? Sustainable development pathways. Planning for urban expansion and the importance of sustainable urban planning and design.


Timeline

- **October 2019** Introductory session at APUF-7 (Modules 1 & 2); Mayors select key challenge/opportunity area for work
- **December 2019** ‘Bootcamp’ session (Modules 3-5) and workplan finalization
- **January 2020** Mayors undertake initial actions
- **February 2020** Mayors present and receive feedback on initial steps at WUF10;
- **March – December 2020** Follow-up based on mayors’ proposed workplan/agenda
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