

5th Kitakyushu Initiative Network Meeting
10-11 February 2010, Kitakyushu, Japan

Summary of Session F: Ongoing and Future Initiatives on Sustainable Urban Development

Tuesday 10 February - 15:30 - 17:00 hours



Objectives of Session F

- Review current and prospective regional initiatives promoting sustainable urban development in Asia-Pacific, and discuss how these initiatives can sustain the results of the Kitakyushu Initiative after its completion and identify areas for future collaboration
- Identify priority areas that require regional cooperation that could be brought to the attention of the 6th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, which ESCAP is organizing in Astana, Kazakhstan on 27 Sep - 3 Oct 2010

Presenters

Kitakyushu Initiative Implementing Partners

- ESCAP
- Kitakyushu City
- IGES

Regional partners

- UN-HABITAT
- CITYNET
- ICLEI
- CAI Asia

ESCAP Programmes and Activities leading to MCED 6

ESCAP Urban Programmes

- ESCAP activities
 - Normative and analytical work
 - Identifying, testing and replicating innovative solutions
 - Policy dialogue
- ESCAP Urban programmes
 - Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment
 - Eco-efficient and Sustainable Infrastructure
 - Asia-Pacific Mayors' Forum on Environmentally Sustainable Urban Infrastructure
 - Decentralized Solid Waste Management
 - Integrated Pro-poor Water and Wastewater Management in Small Towns
 - Housing the Urban Poor
 - Pro-poor Housing Finance
 - State of Asian Cities Report

MCED 6 + Asia-Pacific Urban Forum

Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (MCED)

- Convened every 5 years since 1985
- Attended by Ministers from all ESCAP member states (62)
- Adopts the Ministerial Declaration and Regional 5-year Plan of Implementation
- Regional Initiatives spearheaded by donors

Asia-Pacific Urban Forum

- Attended by wide array of stakeholders
- APUF 2010 organized as side-event to MCED 6
- ESCAP will be presenting outcomes of the Kitakyushu Initiative and other programmes
- Other regional partners are invited to join the programme and participate with dedicated sessions, side events, etc.

UN-HABITAT

- Activities: normative + operational
- Focus areas:
 - urbanization of poverty
 - climate change
- Key Programmes:
 - Peoples Housing Progress
 - Sustainable Cities Programme
 - Cities and Climate Change Initiative
- Next steps
 - Expanding programmes to more cities
 - Feed into national policies
 - Strengthen partnerships

CITYNET

- Activities: city-to-city cooperation, networking, advocacy, capacity building, partnership development, clearinghouse
- Focus areas
 - Infrastructure
 - MDGs
 - Climate Change
 - Disasters
- Programmes
 - Kuala Lumpur Training Centre
 - SMART Cities Web Portal
 - City-to-City Cooperation Model
- Next steps
 - Intensify C2C Cooperation and scale-up practices

ICLEI

- Activities: advocacy, resource centre,
- Focus areas:
 - Climate Change
 - Resilient Cities
 - Waste management
 - Biodiversity
- Key programmes:
 - Local action for biodiversity
 - R&D tools
 - Advocacy at COP
- Next steps:
 - Resilient cities - Bonn, 28-30 May
 - Activities linked to international year of biodiversity

CAI Asia

- Activities: multi-stakeholder initiative, community of practice, meetings on AQ, assessment tools, etc.
- Focus areas:
 - Air pollution and GHG emission
 - Transport
 - Industry and Energy
- Programmes:
 - BAQ
 - Tools (Clean Air Scorecard, Walkability index, Clean Fleet Management toolkit)
 - Clean Air Portal
- Next steps:
 - Network of City Networks

Areas of collaboration with KI

- Disseminate tools, methods, processes, case studies through the Network of City Networks and the Clean Air Portal
- Encourage Kitakyushu Initiative city members to use CAI-Asia Center's assessment tools and report results to CAI-Asia
- Present results of Kitakyushu Initiative at BAQ 2010
- Encourage Kitakyushu Initiative city members to become a member of CAI-Asia Partnership

Recommendations

- Cities have good will to interact and learn from many other cities.
- Key elements of C2C cooperation can be intensified.
- How to upscale these?
 - Role of National Government is crucial
 - Optimal use of ICT (video conferences, distance learning courses, etc)
- Work through all kinds of networks:
 - City networks (national, regional and international levels)
 - Private companies networks (related to all sectors)
 - NGOs networks
 - Professional networks
- Create "champion cities" to spread out the message.
- Encourage cities to replicate good practices and make their initiative (such as energy efficiency) as mandatory