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Expert Group Meeting on Urban Nexus and Implementation of Urban- and Resource-related Global Agendas *Meeting Room G, UNCC, Bangkok, 10-11 November 2016*

FINAL PROGRAMME

DAY 1: Thursday,	10 November 2016
08h00 - 09h00	Registration
09h00 – 10h15	 Opening session (Facilitator: Mr. Lorenzo Santucci, Acting Chief, SUDS, ESCAP) Integrated Resource Management in Asian Cities – the Urban Nexus: an Overview Welcoming remarks by Mr. Lorenzo Santucci, Acting Chief, SUDS, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP (5 min) Opening remarks by Mr. Peer Gebauer, Deputy Head of Mission of the German Embassy of Thailand (5 min) Self-introduction by each expert/participant Presentation on "Urbanisation, Resources and Urban Nexus in Asia and the Pacific" by Mr. KK Philip Kang, Economic Affairs Officer, SUDS, ESCAP (20 min) "The Urban Nexus: Integrated Resource Management in Asian cities" by Ms. Ruth Erlbeck, Project Director, GIZ Nexus (20 min) Objectives and Agenda of the Meeting by Mrs. Banashri Sinha, Project Coordinator, Urban Nexus Project (10 min)
10h15 – 10h35	Tea & Coffee break; Group Photo
10h35 – 12h00	 Session 1: Presentation on the Background Paper (Facilitator: ESCAP) This session will share the analysis and findings of a paper commissioned by ESCAP to conceptualise the urban nexus framework Presentation on "Conceptualising the Urban Nexus", by Mr. Ahmad Hezri Adnan, Independent Consultant (30 min) Discussion (55 min)
12h00 – 13h00	Lunch Reception for Participants (at Reception Hall)
13h00-16h30	Overview of Session 2: Conceptualising the Urban Nexus Framework The water-energy-food nexus is all around us, yet it is rarely considered or understood by policymakers in an integrated fashion. This is due to the complexity of nexus, as well as the fact that the connections are often indirect and at scales of influence beyond the immediate 'priorities or sight' of consumers and decision-makers. Yet the concept of urban nexus is emerging in the field of environment, development and sustainability, and is well aligned to recent global agendas.



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	Within this context, developing a framework to broadly define the concept, the inter-linkages and trade-offs, the enabling factors, the expected outcomes and co-benefits can advance our thinking from rhetoric to action. This session will be divided into three parts – 2A, 2B, and 2C.
	Part 2A: Urban Nexus– Developing the concept
13h00 – 14h30	Part A is designed to have experts share their relevant experience of integrated urban resource management for sustainable urban planning and management. This session will discuss what we mean by urban nexus, what the concept offers and how it can be defined. This session aims to discuss and develop the different elements of the conceptual framework.
	 The overall discussions in this session will be guided by the following questions: What are the key elements of the urban nexus? What interactions are addressed? Which ones aren't?
	 How does the urban nexus relate to and support similar concepts such as circular economy, urban metabolism, or sustainable consumption and production?
	• What are the different dimensions of integration being promoted by an urban nexus? Who are the key actors responsible for making this happen?
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	 Presentation on "Unpacking and re-assembling the 'urban nexus': Infrastructure coupling for the resource-efficient city" by Prof Timothy Moss, Professor, Humboldt University of Berlin (15 min) Presentation on "A conceptual framework for Urban Nexus and its linkages to the new global agendas" by Prof. Steffen Lehmann, Professor, University of Portsmouth (15 min)
	Interactive discussions - 60 min
14h30 – 15h00	Tea & Coffee Break
	Part 2B: Urban Nexus in practice
15h00 – 16h30	 The Rio+20 Declaration emphasized the need to integrate economic, social and environmental concerns in sustainable development while addressing food, water and energy security challenges without detrimentally affecting our natural environment. This session is designed to have experts share their relevant experience and will illustrate how the nexus concept can be applied in practice, drawing from examples across Asian and Pacific cities. The overall discussions in this session will guided by the following questions: From the case-studies presented in this session, what urban nexus elements can be highlighted? What other concrete examples could be
	cited to illustrate the opportunities brought about by an integrated approach?Where are the entry points for introducing an urban nexus approach into



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	urban planning and management? How can the nexus support key political priorities at the local level?
	• What are the main barriers and challenges when it comes to applying integrated approaches in the urban context?
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	 Presentation on "Urban Nexus Experience in Naga city, Philippines" by Mr. Wilfredo Jr. Briňas Prilles, City Planning and Development Coordinator, Naga City (10 min)
	 Presentation on "Urban Nexus in Practice: China" by Ms. Mona Yew, China Program Deputy Director, Natural Resources Defense Council, Beijing (10 min)
	 Presentation on "Urban Nexus in Practice: What Can Work and What May Not?" by Mr. Prashant Kumar, Reader, University of Surrey, UK (10 min)
	 Presentation on "Integrating Urban Water-Food-Energy Security through community-based initiatives" by Ms. Rita Padawangi, Senior Research Fellow, National University of Singapore (10 min)
	 Mr. Tsolmon Enkhbayar, Director, Urban Development Resource Center, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (discussant) (5 min)
	Interactive discussions - 45 min
DAY 2: Friday 11	November 2016
09h00-09h15	Summary of Day 1 (Mr. Ahmad Hezri Adnan, Independent Consultant, ESCAP)
	Part 2C: Urban Nexus and Enabling Factors
09h15 — 10h45	 Drawing on the previous discussions, this session is designed to have experts discuss the elements of an enabling framework for the urban nexus, including in terms of coherent policies, collaborative governance and financing mechanisms. The overall discussions in this session will guided by the following questions: What institutional arrangements and governance frameworks are more conducive to adopting a nexus approach to urban planning and management?
	 In turn, how can the nexus approach be embedded into existing institutional arrangements and governance frameworks and help improve them?
	 How can urban nexus projects be financed?
	Moderator: Mr. Lorenzo Santucci, Acting Chief, SUDS, EDD, ESCAP
	 Presentation on "Collaboration and the Urban Nexus: theoretical and practical implications for integrated NRM?"by Dr. David Benson, University of Exeter (10 min)
	 Presentation on "Social Dimensions of the Urban Nexus" by Mr. Anubrotto Kumar Roy, Director, Hazards Centre (10 min)
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	University (10 min)
	Interactive discussions – 45 min
10h45 – 11h00	Tea & Coffee Break
11h00 – 12h30	Overview of Session 3: Integrated Approaches as the underlying theme for the
	implementation of Global Agendas
	The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development both acknowledged and reiterated the necessity of integrated strategies and solutions to managing resources vis-a-vis development needs. With regards to urban areas the 2030 Agenda called for substantially increasing the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, and resilience to disasters.
11h00 – 12h30	Session 3: Urban Nexus and urban-related SDGs and the NUA
	This session will look at the recently adopted global agendas, and in particular the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda, and discuss how the urban nexus approach can help in their implementation. This session will demonstrate the linkages with the nexus concept for the implementation of SDGs at the local, sub-national and national levels. The overall discussions in this session will guided by the following questions:
	• The 17 SDGs should not be looked as separate "silos" but rather as a web of goals. How can an urban nexus highlight the inter-linkages and help countries prioritize interventions?
	 How can an urban nexus approach help realize synergies in the implementation of critical global agendas, in particular the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda?
	• What entry points exist for embedding the urban nexus into national strategies for the implementation of internationally agreed development agendas?
	Moderator: Mr. Kyungkoo Kang, SUDS, ESCAP

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