

CONCEPT NOTE

INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN CITIES: URBAN NEXUS AS A MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING THE SDGs AND THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

URBAN SPEAKERS CORNER AT PREPCOM 3 Surabaya, Tuesday 26 July 2016, 15:00-15:30 hours Middle of Exhibition Hall, G-Floor of Grand City Convex

Host: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Description:

Habitat III is expected to result in a new and transformative agenda for cities. The implementation of the New Urban Agenda will require innovative, multi-sectoral and multidimensional approaches. The 'Urban Nexus' approach aims at integrated planning and management processes of key resources which concurrently contributes to the long-term sustainable development of rapidly growing cities in line with their resource base. The nexus approach specifically addresses key challenges facing cities, such as sustainable water supply, integrated waste management, urban agriculture, service delivery to the urban poor, energy supply and efficiency, housing, land use planning and management, and efficient resource use, through integrated and innovative solutions and processes.

The session "Integrated Resource Management in Cities: Urban Nexus as a means of implementing the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda", will focus on the critical challenge of balancing urbanization with sustainable use of urban and peri-urban resources, namely water, energy and land/food through an integrated approach. The importance of an integrated approach to natural resource management was recognized both in the Rio+20 outcomes as well as in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the draft New Urban Agenda. Key presentations will focus on the concept of 'Urban Nexus', governance mechanisms and policy planning across three critical sectors to support inclusive, sustainable and resource-efficient cities.

Following the presentations, a brief discussion including Mayors from partner cities will highlight key issues. It will build on the experiences from the partner cities: what have been the achievements, the challenges and the opportunities, to underpin integration (the 'urban nexus') and emphasize the relevance of an integrated approach to the achievement of urban-related SDGs, and the New Urban Agenda. Finally the event will aim to draw key recommendations to enable urban nexus initiatives to thrive in the countries at the local level and for the implementation of global agendas.

This event will also introduce the project on "Integrated Resource Management in Asian Cities: the Urban Nexus" which is assisting cities and countries in Asia-Pacific to adopt a nexus approach, developing nexus projects and integrating the nexus

approach into urban planning. The project is implemented by GIZ in partnership with ESCAP and ICLEI and with funding from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The project supports twelve cities in seven countries, namely: China, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam.

Programme:

Time	Topic	Presenter
15:00 -15:05	Urban Nexus as a means of implementing the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda	Mr. Donovan Storey, Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP
15:05-15:10	Integrated Resource Management in Asian Cities: the Urban Nexus	Ms. Ruth Erlbeck, Project Director, Urban Nexus Project, GIZ
15:10-15:20	Discussion	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorable Mr. John G. Bongat, Mayor from Naga City, Philippines • Mr. riono Karsomo, The Secretary of Tanjung Pinang City, Indonesia
15:20 -15:30	Q&A and Wrap-up	

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