

National Dialogue on the Urban Nexus in Thailand UNCC, Bangkok, 19 March, 2015

Tentative programme

19 March 2015, Thursday	
08h30 - 09h00	Registration
09h00 – 09h30	<p>Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on “The Urban Nexus: Towards resource efficient and integrated solutions for cities in Asia and Pacific” by Mr. Donovan Storey, Chief, Sustainable and Urban Development Section, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP (10 min) • Presentation on “Overview of the Nexus project, its concept, focus and priorities” by Ms. Ruth Erlbeck, Project Director, Urban Nexus project, GIZ (10 min) • Keynote address by ONEP (10 min)
09h30– 10h00	Group Photo and Coffee break
10h00 – 12h00	<p>Session 1: Introduction (Moderated by ESCAP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on “Features and Benefits of Innovative Wastewater and Solid Waste Solutions” by Mr. Ralph Trosse, Technical Director, Urban Nexus project, GIZ (15 min) <p>Following the detailed technical presentation on the ongoing projects in Chiang Mai and Nakhon Ratchasima, partner cities will present concrete challenges, issues and opportunities identified, where the provincial and/or the national government plays a critical role. Representatives from provincial governments and various line ministries and concerned authorities will respond to the issues raised in relation to their mandates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on “Challenges and Opportunities in the Urban Nexus project in Chiang Mai” by Chiang Mai Municipality (10 min) • Presentation on “Challenges and Opportunities in the Urban Nexus project in Nakhon Ratchasima” by Nakhon Ratchasima Municipality (10 min) • Discussion
12h00 – 13h00	Lunch
13h00 – 16h30	<p>Session 2: Bridging the national-subnational-local gaps in urban nexus practice</p> <p>Local governments are responsible for a growing number of issues, including integrated resource management at the local level. However, gaps exist between responsibilities and actual mandates, financing sources and capacities of local governments to implement urban nexus initiatives. Moreover, almost all cities have outgrown their original municipal jurisdiction and their urban areas now extend into at least one other neighboring local government (and often many). Therefore, managing the resource footprint of cities across various ecosystems calls for</p>

	<p>institutional coordination and other forms of collaboration - which has rarely been evident.</p> <p>This session will discuss these challenges with a view to developing recommendations for the establishment of the enabling environment required for urban nexus initiatives to thrive.</p>
13h00 – 14h30	<p>Part A: “Financing the urban nexus” (Moderated by GIZ)</p> <p>This session will explore existing opportunities for financing nexus initiatives and develop recommendation for the enabling framework required to channel public and private finance into urban nexus initiatives.</p> <p>Panelists will be invited to reflect on the relevance of the nexus approach and opportunities for financing and/or leveraging ongoing initiatives within their respective mandates/programmes. Panelists are expected to reflect on the specific challenges and opportunities related to the projects in Chiang Mai and Nakhon Ratchasima presented in Session 1. They will also be asked to reflect on what is required to allow public and private finance into urban nexus initiatives. Each panelist will be given 7-8 min. This will be followed by open discussion.</p> <p>Panelists may include: Ministry of Finance, Rockefeller Foundation, K-Bank, Ministry of Energy, ONEP, National Municipal League of Thailand, USAID, ADB</p>
14h30-15h00	Tea/Coffee Break
15h00 – 16h30	<p>Part B: “Institutional and regulatory framework for urban nexus” (Moderated by ESCAP)</p> <p>This session will explore opportunities for leveraging the nexus initiatives with the policies, and identify critical components of regulatory and institutional framework at municipal, provincial and national level to facilitate implementation of nexus initiatives.</p> <p>Panelists will be invited to reflect on the existing regulatory framework, institutional set-up and policies and develop recommendations with an aim to bridge the gap between national and sub-national level within the context of the nexus approach. Panelists are expected to reflect on the specific challenges and opportunities related to the projects in Chiang Mai and Nakhon Ratchasima presented in Session 1. Each panelist will be given 7-8 min. This will be followed by open discussion.</p> <p>Panelists may include: BMA, Ministry of Interior, WMA, Chiang Mai Province, Chiang Mai Municipality and Nakhon Ratchasima</p>
16h30-17h00	<p>Concluding Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks by ESCAP • Remarks by GIZ

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