



# Harmonizing urban development and nature conservation

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# Wetland City Accreditation



## “Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention” (Resolution XII.10)

To further promote the conservation and wise use of urban and peri-urban wetlands, as well as sustainable socio-economic benefits for local populations

“the huge potential of urban areas in terms of **education and public awareness related to wetlands conservation**”

**Branding opportunities and global recognition as model cities**



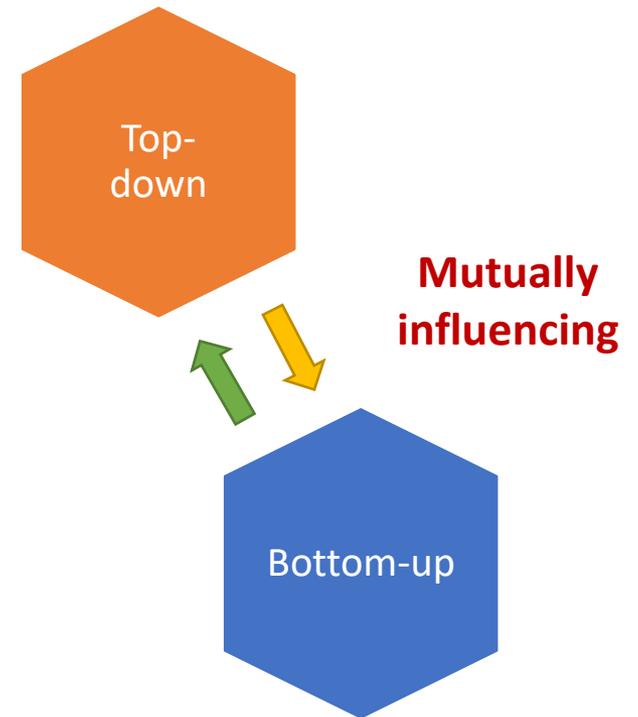
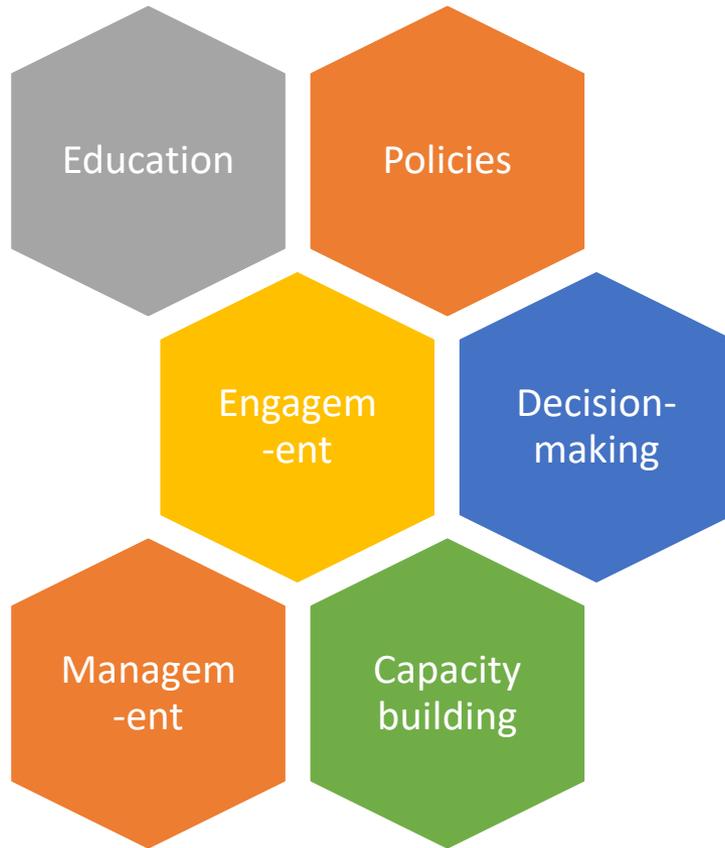
**COP13: 18 wetland cities / COP14: 25 wetland cities (Total: 43 wetland cities)**

## 6 Criteria for the Wetland Cities

1. One or more Ramsar Sites, or **other wetland conservation sites**
2. Adopted **measures for conservation** of wetlands and their ecosystem services
3. Implemented wetland **restoration and/or management** measures
4. Considering wetlands in their **integrated spatial/land-use planning**
5. Raised **public awareness** about the values of wetlands and enabled **participation of local stakeholders in decision-making processes**
6. Established a **local committee** with appropriate knowledge and experience on wetlands and representation of and engagement with stakeholders to support the preparation work **to apply for the wetland city accreditation and implement of proper measures to maintain the city's qualifications for accreditation**

# Concept of Wetland City Accreditation



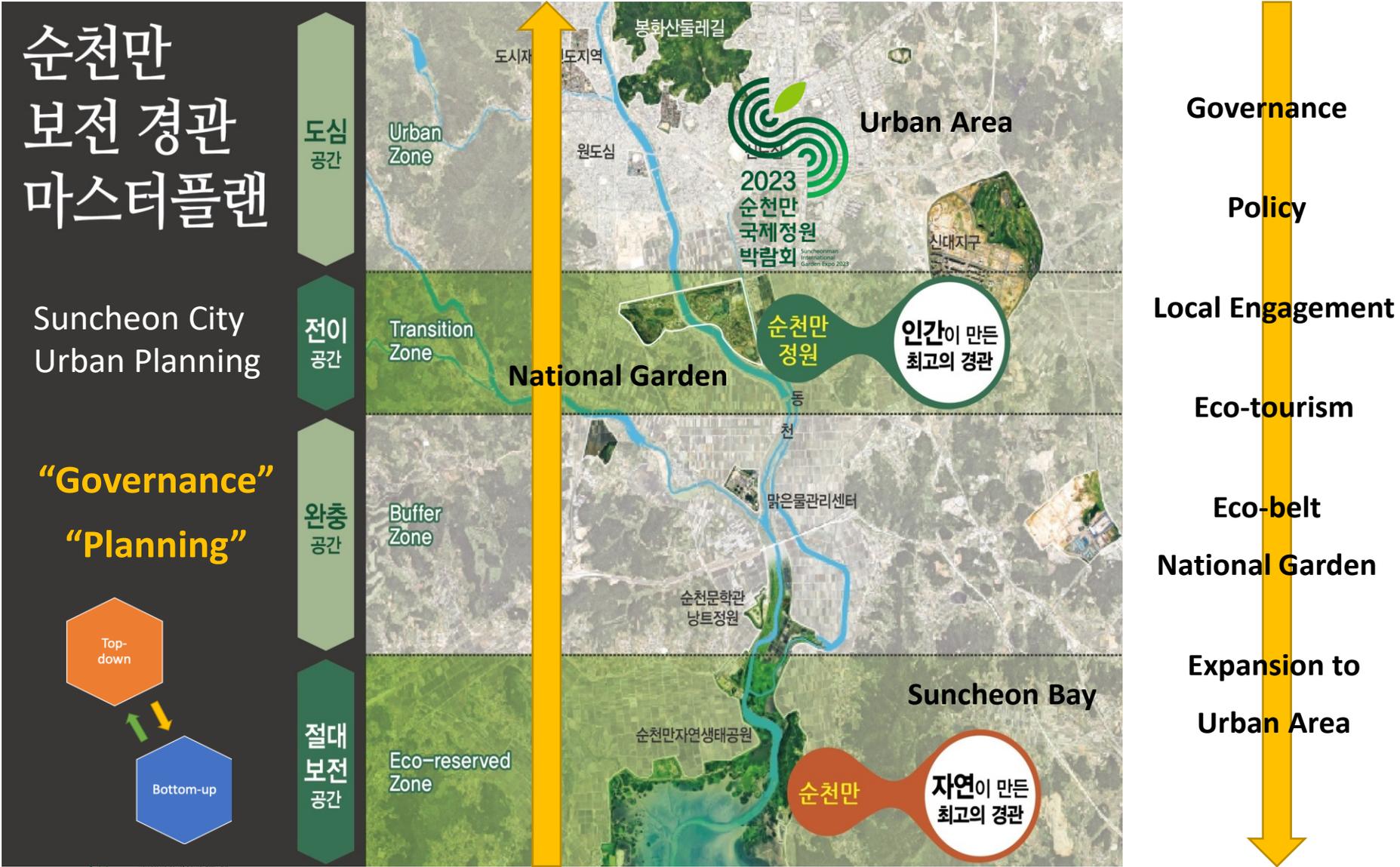


## Sustainability



Only when all stakeholders (GO, NGOs, citizen...) shares ownership on nature

# Wetland Cities – Suncheon



# Wetland Cities – Bandar Khamir



“Policy” “Education” “Participation”

## Strategies

- 01 Defining a new motivational brand for city
- 02 Creating a meaningful relationship between the people and the wetland
- 03 Introducing Wetland Ecosystem Services
- 04 Raising awareness about the importance and high value of wetlands
- 05 Empowering Local people

Solution



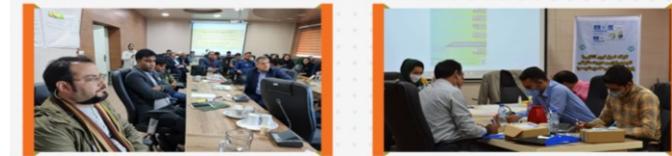
Education

## Tools

- 01 Empowerment of NGOs
- 02 Events and Festivals
- 03 Workshops and Courses
- 04 Social Centers



Strengthening a Local NGO: It became one of 10 top environmental NGO in Iran



The target audiences: Fishermen, Boatmen, NGOs, Tour Leaders and ...



# Wetland Cities – Changnyeong



Rural City

“Education”

“Cooperation”

“Awareness”

Cooperation

Rice Paddy

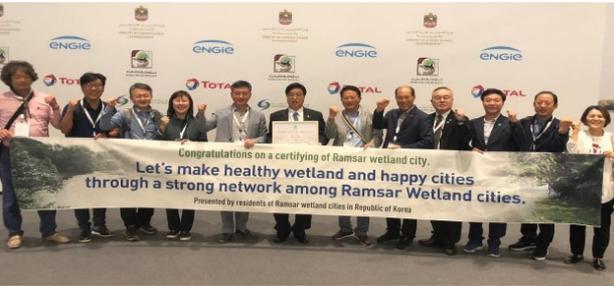
Villagers

Schools

Monitoring

# Wetland Cities – Jeju

“Pride”  
“Ownership”



Local Management Committee  
Decision Making (Governance)  
- Provincial Ordinance -  
Visitor Center & Eco-tourism



Student Eco-guide  
Monitoring  
Metaverse (VR)  
Branding



# Wetland City Network

- To continue interaction among wetland cities
- To share the philosophy, vision, experiences, and knowledge
- To Link between Wetland Cities and Experts group (Advisory)
- Decision Makers' meeting <**Annual Mayors' Roundtable**>
  - Direct impact on policies in the wetland cities / Pride and ownership
  - Regular interaction
- Secretariat: RRC-EA



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Mayors' Roundtable

## Aims to:

- **welcome** newly accredited wetland cities as members of WCN
- **revitalize** the depressed network by the COVID19 pandemic;
- share and exchange **vision, philosophy, information, experiences** in managing urban wetlands **with respect to local policies and regulations;**
- facilitate **dialogues** between member cities
- Discuss and adopt the **Strategic Plan for Wetland City Network**

## Participants

- Current members of the Wetland City Network
- Newly accredited Wetland Cities / Potential Wetland Cities
- Partner organizations (IAC, Ramsar IOPs etc.)

# Dates and venue

- 8-10 June 2023
- Amiens, France
- Music and Art Festival



## Amiens, Easily **ACCESIBLE**



PARIS  
1h10



LILLE  
1h21



LONDRES  
2h30

# Amiens

## AMIENS

WETLAND CITY LABELLED



A rich world **NATURAL** heritage to discover



A city on a human scale !



A rich world **CULTURAL** heritage to discover





Thank you !