

# Concept Note

## 5th International Forum on Low Carbon Cities & 2025 Regional Partners Forum on Sustainable Urban Development

25-27 August 2025

Hybrid (United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok and [Microsoft Teams](#))

### 1. Background

The Asia-Pacific region stands at a pivotal crossroads in its urban development journey. With rapid urbanization, mounting climate pressures and shifting demographics, cities across the region are not only confronting complex challenges but also emerging as dynamic engines of sustainable development. Urbanization, when well-planned, governed, and financed, is a transformative force capable of catalyzing inclusive economic growth, climate resilience, and innovation.

The region accounts for over 55 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions, with more than 70 per cent of those emissions originating from urban areas. While the pace of urbanization is slowing in parts of East and North-East Asia, Asia and the Pacific are still projected to add 1.2 billion urban residents by 2050, highlighting the growing role of cities as central actors in climate and development agendas.

Demographic transitions are unfolding rapidly. Declining fertility rates and increased life expectancy are reshaping population structures across nearly all countries. In 1963, the region's population stood at 1.9 billion, with an average of six births per woman and life expectancy of just over 51 years. Children under 15 made up 40 per cent of the population, while adults over 65 constituted only 4 per cent. By 2050, older persons are expected to represent 19 per cent of the global population, nearly one billion people. Yet, this region also remains home to 56 per cent of the world's youth, creating an unprecedented coexistence of large youth populations and ageing societies.

This demographic duality has profound implications for cities. Urban planning must address the diverse and evolving needs of both older adults and young people, balancing accessibility, healthcare, mobility, housing, and service delivery. The relationship between demographic transition, particularly aging populations, and low-carbon city development is complex. While aging populations can lead to changes in consumption patterns and resource use, potentially

influencing carbon emissions<sup>1</sup>, the overall impact is nuanced and depends on various factors like urbanization, industrial development, and policy choices. Some studies suggest that population aging can be associated with reduced carbon emissions, especially in high-income and low-emissions cities. However, other research indicates that aging can also contribute to increased emissions due to factors like changes in housing patterns and the need for more healthcare services<sup>2</sup>.

As populations age, there can be changes in consumption patterns, such as reduced energy demand in households and transportation. These changes can impact carbon emissions depending on the type of energy used and the efficiency of the services provided. The carbon emissions that cities contribute, drive the development of low-carbon cities (LCCs) and low-carbon city pilot (LCCP) policies. However, the lack of comprehensive understanding regarding the impacts of LCCP policies on natural population growth hampers effective policy design and implementation, thus constraining sustainable development at the city level<sup>3</sup>.

Low-carbon cities are designed to minimize greenhouse gas emissions through various strategies, such as promoting sustainable transportation, investing in renewable energy, and improving energy efficiency in buildings and the impact of aging populations on carbon emissions and low-carbon city development depends on several factors<sup>4</sup>. These include a) Urbanization, as urban areas tend to have higher population densities and more complex social and economic structures, which can influence the relationship between aging and carbon emissions; b) Industrial Development, as changes in industrial sectors and the adoption of new technologies can affect carbon emissions; c) Policy Choices, considering that governments can play a crucial role in shaping the relationship between aging and carbon emissions through policies related to energy efficiency, transportation, and healthcare and d) Technological Innovation, as technological advancements in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable transportation can help mitigate the environmental impact of aging populations.

Cities are not passive recipients of change; they are leading innovation. Intermediary cities are redefining their roles as drivers of local green industrialization, circular economy innovation, and nature-based climate solutions. Urban migration and remittance flows are reshaping local economies, offering strategic opportunities to strengthen inclusive service delivery and build more resilient communities. Meanwhile, financial tools such as green bonds, land value capture, and pooled financing are unlocking new investments. When supported by integrated governance, robust urban data systems, and national urban policies aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, these shifts can accelerate the transition to inclusive, low-carbon, and resilient urban systems.

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) (2022). Climate Change and Population Ageing in the Asia-Pacific Region: Status, Challenges and Opportunities Available at:

<https://www.unescap.org/kp/2022/climate-change-and-population-ageing-asia-pacificregion-status-challenges-and>

<sup>2</sup> An aging giant at the center of global warming: Population dynamics and its effect on CO2 emissions in China (Guo a, Jia Jiang a, Yuanyuan Li a, Xinxin Long a, Ji Han) <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0301479722024793>

<sup>3</sup> The impacts of low-carbon city pilot policies on natural population growth: empirical evidence from China's prefecture-level cities

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<sup>4</sup> New Interpretation of Human–Land Relation: Differentiated Impacts of Global Demographic Transition on Carbon Emissions by Zhilong Pan 1,2,Zhibao Wang 1,2,\*ORCID andXin Cui 1

Persistent challenges such as informality, inequality, and fragmented governance require urgent action but do not diminish the potential of cities. On the contrary, they highlight the need for bold, strategic urban leadership and regional cooperation.

Recognizing these opportunities and challenges, the **Fifth International Forum on Low Carbon Cities and the 2025 Regional Partners Forum on Sustainable Urban Development** will be convened jointly by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in collaboration with North-East Asian Subregional Programme for Environmental Cooperation (NEASPEC), Incheon Metropolitan City, Asia-Pacific Localization Partnership for Sustainable Cities (APLP-CITIES), and UN-Habitat. These back-to-back events will serve as a key platform for city leaders, policymakers, urban experts, the private sector, youth, and development partners to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and shape regional strategies for sustainable urban development. The forums will explore the interlinkages between demographic transition and low-carbon cities, with a view to developing and implementing sustainable and inclusive urban strategies.

Held in a hybrid format, with in-person participation at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok and remote engagement via Microsoft Teams, the forums aim to ensure broad accessibility and stakeholder inclusion.

Launched in 2016 under NEASPEC, the International Forum on Low Carbon Cities (IFLCC) serves as a key platform to advance low-carbon and climate-resilient urban development in North-East Asia. Co-initiated by ESCAP and Incheon Metropolitan Government in 2021, the Forum brings together local governments, national agencies, and regional partners to share experiences, develop joint strategies, and scale up city-level climate action. Through its annual gatherings, it has played an important role in supporting sustainable urban transitions and highlighting the critical role of cities in achieving broader climate goals. The 5th IFLCC represents a meaningful step in extending the Forum's reach beyond its subregional focus, signaling its vision toward a regional platform that brings together cities across Asia and beyond to promote low-carbon urban development.

This edition marks the Quito +10 Regional Partners Forum series, serving as a key milestone alongside the Fifth International Forum on Low-Carbon Cities. Together, these forums aim to shape a unified regional agenda toward the Ninth Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (APUF-9) in 2027, by linking inclusive urbanization, demographic transition, and climate-resilient development. By consolidating emerging regional urban development trends and aligning them with global processes, the forums will help define the thematic direction and priority areas of future regional and global urban dialogues.

The first Regional Partners Forum was convened in Bangkok in 2017 as the “Quito+1” Forum, marking the initial regional effort to align strategies and priorities for implementing the New Urban Agenda (NUA) in Asia and the Pacific. Building on this momentum, the second Forum, held virtually in 2021 as the “Quito+5” Regional Partners Forum, served as a mid-term regional review of the NUA. It brought together cities, national governments, and regional partners to assess progress since Habitat III (2016), contributing to the Secretary-General's second Quadrennial Report on NUA implementation (2022). The Forum highlighted the critical role of multi-level governance, integrated urban planning, and robust urban data systems. Notably, it

influenced global urban policy discourse, with these regional priorities reflected in the G20 Urban Communiqué issued under Germany's presidency.

The 2025 Forum will build on these efforts and support the 2026 Secretary-General's Third Quadrennial Report - "The United Nations Secretary-General's third quadrennial report on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda" on NUA implementation, aligning with the final global review of SDG 11 as part of the 2030 Agenda.

Urbanization in Asia and the Pacific is not something to be managed cautiously; it is an opportunity to be harnessed boldly.

## 2. Objectives

The Fifth International Forum on Low Carbon Cities and the 2025 Regional Partners Forum on Sustainable Urban Development aim to:

1. **Facilitate Knowledge Exchange and Showcase Best Practices:** Provide a dynamic platform for sharing innovative strategies, policies, and practices in low-carbon and sustainable urban development, with a focus on the interlinkages between demographic transition and climate action. Encourage learning from both successes and challenges encountered by cities in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond, including the identification of locally driven innovations that strengthen inclusivity, resilience, and sustainability.
2. **Contribute to Global and Regional Reporting Processes:** Generate regional inputs for the review of Sustainable Development Goal 11 to inform the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) in 2026 and the final global synthesis report at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in 2026. Provide substantive contributions to the United Nations Secretary-General's third quadrennial report on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, aligning regional insights with global frameworks.
3. **Highlight Innovative and Scalable Solutions:** Showcase advanced technologies, data systems, planning methodologies, and infrastructure solutions that enable cities to reduce emissions, enhance energy efficiency, and develop accessible, people-centered environments. Emphasize approaches that cater to diverse age groups and demographic realities, such as walkable cities, sustainable transport, and eco-friendly urban design.
4. **Strengthen Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships:** Promote collaboration among city governments, international organizations, the private sector, academia, and civil society to accelerate the implementation of low-carbon and inclusive urban solutions. Leverage the Forum as an opportunity to deepen institutional cooperation and develop action-oriented regional partnerships.
5. **Define Regional Priorities for APUF-9:** Identify emerging urban development trends and thematic priorities for the Ninth Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (APUF-9), to be held in Yokohama in 2027. These will reflect local realities and regional ambitions, contributing to a coherent and forward-looking agenda that aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda.
6. **Advance Regional Dialogue and Collaboration:** Utilize the forums to enhance cross-country and multi-level dialogue, enabling cities to share replicable solutions and lessons learned. Strengthen regional networks to support the implementation of low-carbon, climate-resilient, and inclusive urban strategies across different contexts.

7. **Elevate City-Level Climate Action:** Through the Fifth Low Carbon Cities Forum (organized in partnership with NEASPEC), highlight city-led climate initiatives and promote deeper integration between urban planning, carbon neutrality goals, and demographic considerations. Emphasize the intersection of climate resilience, emissions reduction, and sustainable urban growth across North-East Asia and the wider Asia-Pacific region.

### 3. Expected Outcomes

1. **Regional and Global Policy Contributions:** Consolidated inputs and best practices to inform the regional SDG 11 Profile and contribute to the final global synthesis report on SDG 11 to be presented at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in 2026.
2. **Support to the New Urban Agenda (NUA) Review:** Substantive contributions to the United Nations Secretary-General's third quadrennial report on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, grounded in Asia-Pacific perspectives and localized experiences.
3. **Defined Regional Priorities for APUF-9:** A clear and forward-looking thematic framework for the Ninth Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (APUF-9), reflecting regional trends, stakeholder priorities, and lessons learned from demographic and climate-related urban transformations.
4. **Strengthened Regional Partnerships and Networks:** Mobilization of multi-stakeholder partnerships to support the development of APUF-9 thematic tracks, regional flagship reports, and ongoing collaboration on urban policy implementation.
5. **City-Level Climate Leadership and Innovation:** Documented outcomes from the Fifth Low Carbon Cities Forum, including scalable examples of city-led climate action, integrated urban governance, and climate-smart planning approaches across North-East Asia and the broader region.
6. **Actionable Policy Recommendations:** Practical and evidence-based policy guidance on how cities can navigate the interplay between demographic change and carbon emissions, including intergenerational urban planning, energy transitions, adaptive service delivery, and inclusive infrastructure strategies.
7. **Expanded Knowledge Base on Sustainable Urban Solutions:** A strengthened repository of innovative tools, technologies, and methodologies for low-carbon, inclusive, and resilient urban development that can be replicated across diverse city contexts in the Asia-Pacific region.

### 4. Collaborative Organizations and Participants

#### Collaborative Organizations:

- United Nations Development Programme

- Incheon Carbon Neutrality Center
- Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
- Institute for Global Decarbonization Progress (iGDP)
- CityNet
- International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)

**Participants:** The forum will bring together approximately **75 to 100** participants **hybrid**, including representatives from:

- Asia-Pacific Local Government Coordinating Body (8 regional local government networks)
- Urban-Act countries (5), city governments (24) and national implementing partners (9)
- ESCAP supported VLR cities and provinces (22)
- APLP-CITIES (18 organizations)
- NEASPEC partners (7 organizations)
- Mayors Academy Cohort for 2025 & Academy Partners
- Targeted Cities (NEASPEC host city, APUF-9 host city, SDG11 national roadmap countries, ENEA local governments, VLR cities, NUA countries)
- Relevant multisector stakeholders, UN agencies and development partners involved in urban development and SDG11 implementation

This Regional Partners Forum will serve as a critical opportunity for shaping the future of sustainable urban development in the Asia-Pacific region and aligning regional actions with the New Urban Agenda and SDGs. It will ensure that the region's urbanization trajectory is both resilient and aligned with global sustainability goals. The Forum will also emphasize the inclusion of diverse stakeholder voices, particularly youth leaders, academic institutions, and private-sector innovators. Their perspectives are critical for addressing the twin challenges of climate change and demographic transition, ensuring that future cities are both environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive.

## 5. Programme

<b>Day 1 – Monday, 25 August 2025: 5th International Forum on Low-Carbon Cities</b> <i>In collaboration with NEASPEC, Incheon Metropolitan City &amp; Partners</i> <b>Venue: Conference Room 4</b>	
<b>09:00-10:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<b>Opening session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Opening and welcome remarks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Hirohito Toda, Deputy Executive Secretary for Partnerships and Coordination</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Congratulatory remarks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Seung-Hwan Joung, Director General, Incheon Metropolitan Government</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ H.E. Mr. Kobby Bomareo, Member of Parliament and Minister, Ministry for Housing, Papua New Guinea</li> <li>○ Ms. Aisa Tobing, Deputy Secretary General, CityNet</li> <li>• Group photo</li> </ul>
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:00	<p><b>Session 1. Policy and Governance: Shaping Low-Carbon Urban Futures in Aging and Densifying Societies</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Riccardo Mesiano, Deputy Head, Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia, ESCAP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Doljinsuren Myagmar, Senior Specialist, Climate Change Adaptation, Climate Change Division, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Mongolia</li> <li>• Ms. Huan Zheng, Technical Advisor, Shanghai Changning Urban Renewal and Low Carbon Management Center, China</li> <li>• Mr. Javohir Jurayev, Advisor on Energy Sector, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Uzbekistan</li> <li>• Ms. Minkyung Kang, Research Fellow, Incheon Carbon Neutrality Center, Republic of Korea</li> </ul>
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:15	<p><b>Session 2. Innovations and Technologies: Sustainable Solutions for Cities in Changing Demographics and Urban Lifestyles</b></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Jingning Liu, Analyst, IGDP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Sabine Henning, Chief of Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP</li> <li>• Ms. Sukhee Kim, Senior Researcher, Suwon Research Institute, RoK</li> <li>• Mr. Vladimir Kryuchkov, CEO, ITS-Russia, Russian Federation</li> <li>• Ms. Erdenechimeg Elder-Ochir, Executive Director, Asian Infrastructure Research Institute (AIRI), Mongolia</li> </ul>
14:30-15:45	<p><b>Session 3. Partnerships and Implementation: Collaborative Approaches to Enabling Inclusive, Climate-resilient City Development</b></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Jing YU, Senior Human Settlements Officer, UN-Habitat</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Dong Wang, Executive Secretary General, Shenzhen Development Center of International Low Carbon Forum, China</li> <li>• Ms. Shom Teoh, Program Manager, IGES Bangkok Office</li> <li>• Ms. Diana F Torres, Regional Governance Advisor, UNDP</li> <li>• Mr. Elmar Mammadov, Head of Economic Cooperation Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Azerbaijan</li> <li>• Mr. Divya Prakash Vyas, Associate Director, Head, Urban Practice, ICLEI</li> </ul>
15:45-16:00	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESCAP ENEA (Wrap-up the Forum &amp; Overview of Day 2)</li> </ul>



<b>Day 2 – Tuesday, 26 August 2025: Regional Review &amp; Sharing of Best Practices of Sustainable Urban Development</b> <b>Venue: Meeting Room A</b>	
9:30-9:50	Registration
10:00-10:20	Opening and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Emani Kumar, Deputy Secretary-General of ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, APLP-CITIES co-chair (online)</li> </ul> Scene settings on SDG11 and NUA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Curt Garrigan, Chief of Sustainable Urban Development Section, ESCAP</li> <li>Mr. Srinivasa Popuri, Chief of Bangkok Multi-Country Office, UN-Habitat</li> </ul>
10:20-11:30	Session 1. Panel discussion on SDG localization (VLRs, SDG Best Practices) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Cataleya Phatoomros, Deputy Director-General of the Department of International Organization, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Thailand</li> <li>Mr. Adam Azim, Mayor, Malé, Maldives</li> <li>Mr. Elmir Dosaliev, Deputy Chairman, Bishkek City Council</li> <li>Mr. Maciusela Lumelume, Acting Head of Financial Division, Suva City Council, Fiji</li> <li>Ms. Minkyung Kang, Research Fellow, Incheon Carbon Neutrality Center, Republic of Korea</li> </ul> Moderator: Ms. Bernadia Tjandradewi, Secretary-General, UCLG ASPAC
11:30-12:30	Session 2. Panel discussions on the implementation of NUA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keynote on NUA global and regional trends by Mr. Bruno Dercon, Senior Programme Officer, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, UN-Habitat (online)</li> <li>Mr. Yuki Fujita, Urban and Regional Development Group Infrastructure Management Department, JICA (online)</li> <li>Ms. Mylene Rivera, Assistant Secretary, Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, Philippines (online)</li> <li>Mr. Souksavanh HANEPHOM, Smart City Expert, Department of Housing and Urban Planning, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Lao PDR</li> <li>Ms. Jie Wu, Director of Low Carbon Eco-planning Research Center at Guangzhou Urban Planning &amp; Design Survey Research Institute, China</li> </ul> Moderator: Mr. Bruno Dercon, Senior Programme Officer, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, UN-Habitat (online)
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-13:40	Session 3. Keynote presentation to set the scene for breakout activities on SDG 11 progress and NUA implementation



	Mr. Datuk Seri Mahadi Bin Ngah, Special Advisor for International Cooperation, CityNet & Former Mayor of Kuala Lumpur
13:40-15:40	<p>Breakout group discussions for SDG11 &amp; NUA implementation</p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusive Housing, Services &amp; Governance: Ms. Mia Marina, Senior Director for Programmes in Asia-Pacific, Habitat for Humanity</li> <li>• Mobility, Public Spaces &amp; Participation: Ms. Wei-Shiuen Ng, ESCAP</li> <li>• Urban Planning, Governance &amp; Urban-Rural Linkages: Ms. Diana Torres, Regional Governance Advisor, UNDP</li> <li>• Environmental Sustainability, Cultural Heritage &amp; Inclusive Public Spaces: Ms. Chloe Pottinger-Glass, Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)</li> <li>• Disaster Risk Reduction &amp; Resilience Planning: Ms. Temily Baker, ESCAP</li> <li>• Support to LDCs &amp; Sustainable Building Capacity: Mr. Oliver Paddison, ESCAP</li> </ul> <p>Report back &amp; plenary discussion</p>
15:40-16:00	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Curt Garrigan, Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, ESCAP (overview of day 3)</li> </ul> <p>Group photo</p>

<b>Day 3 – Wednesday, 27 August 2025: Future of Asian-Pacific Cities</b> <b>Venue: Meeting Room A</b>	
10:00-10:20	<p>Session 1. Thematic outcomes from APUF-8 and CS81 resolution on resilient and inclusive urban development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Curt Garrigan, Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, ESCAP</li> <li>• Ms. Bernadia Tjandradewi, Secretary-General, UCLG ASPAC</li> </ul>
10:20-11:25	<p>Session 2. Stakeholder presentations on priorities and progress since APUF-8 and WUF-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Kobby Bomareo, Member of Parliament and Minister, Ministry for Housing, Papua New Guinea, host of PUF7</li> <li>• Ms. Aisa Tobing, Deputy Secretary General, CityNet</li> <li>• Mr. Lee Seungeun, Director, Urban Policy Division, National Agency for Administrative City Construction (NAACC)</li> <li>• Ms. Iris Eunji Nam, Sonju Project, Republic of Korea, Habitat for Humanity</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Ms. Sri Husnaini Sofjan, Senior Program Advisor and Strategist, Huairou Commission</p>
11:25-11:45	Session 3. Presentation from APUF-9 host city, Yokohama, Japan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor Video message</li> <li>• Mr. Yokouchi Noriaki, Director of International Affairs Bureau, Yokohama</li> </ul>
11:45-12:45	Lunch
12:45-14:30	<p>Session 4. Panel discussion on emerging trends and key thematic areas for APUF-9</p> <p>Keynote: Scene Setting on Regional Trends (10 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Shigeo Murata, Head, United Nations Center for Regional Development (UNCRD) (online)</li> </ul> <p>Panel: Thematic Discussion</p> <p><b>Urban Planning, Settlements &amp; Housing (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Mia Marina, Senior Director for Programmes in Asia-Pacific, Habitat for Humanity</li> <li>• Ms. Lajana Manandhar, Coordinator, Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR) (online)</li> </ul> <p><b>Climate Action &amp; Urban Resilience (including nature-based solutions) (15 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Elmar Mammadov, Head of Economic Cooperation Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Azerbaijan</li> <li>• Mr. Abdul Jafer bin Mohd Hussein, Town and Country Planning Officer, Penang City Council</li> <li>• Mr. Dong Wang, Executive Secretary General, Shenzhen International Low-Carbon Forum Development Center, China</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Mr. Curt Garrigan, ESCAP</p> <p><b>Smart Cities &amp; Digital Transformation (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Non Arkaraprasertkul, Senior Expert in Smart City Promotion, Digital Economy Promotion Agency DEPA, Thailand</li> <li>• Mr. Souksavanh HANEPHOM, Smart City Expert, Department of Housing and Urban Planning, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Lao PDR</li> </ul> <p><b>Circular Economy &amp; Urban Resource Management (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Jielin Wu, Deputy Chief Engineer of Innovation Centre, Guangzhou Urban Planning and Design Survey Institute</li> <li>• Mr. Mushtaq Memon, Regional Coordinator for Chemicals and Pollution Action in Asia Pacific, UNEP</li> </ul> <p><b>Innovative Finance for Local Governments (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Javohir Jurayev, PPP Advisor, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Uzbekistan</li> <li>• Ms. Thanida Lawseriwanich, Head of Research, Climate Finance Network Thailand (CFNT)</li> </ul>

	Moderator: Ms. Sanjee Singh, ESCAP
14:30-15:45	<p>Session 5. Group work and discussion on key thematic areas</p> <p>Facilitators for thematic areas discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Datuk Seri Mahadi Bin Ngah, CityNet</li> <li>• Mr. Curt Garrigan, ESCAP</li> <li>• Ms. Sanjee Singh, ESCAP</li> </ul> <p>Facilitators for emerging trends discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Bernadia Tjandradewi, UCLG ASPAC</li> <li>• Mr. Curt Garrigan, ESCAP</li> <li>• Ms. Sanjee Singh, ESCAP</li> </ul>
15:45-16:00	<p>Closing Remarks &amp; Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Jing Yu, Deputy Chief of UN-Habitat's Bangkok Programme Office</li> <li>• Mr. Curt Garrigan, Chief of Sustainable Urban Development Section, ESCAP</li> </ul>

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