



“Urban Regeneration for Safe, Resilient, and Inclusive Cities in the Asia Pacific”

Side Event: 11th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development

February 22, 12:15-13:15 GMT+7

Urban Engagement Space, United Nations Conference Centre

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Registration

To register for this side event, please use the following link:
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To attend the side event, all registrants must also register on Indico to attend the APFSD by February 6 using the link here:

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Background

To align with the themes of the 11th APFSD, this side event will challenge stakeholders to evaluate policies focused on urban regeneration for the provision of safe, resilient, and inclusive cities in the Asia Pacific region. Asia Pacific cities are imperfect, characterized by high rates of urbanization, uneven development, and intersecting challenges in climate, disaster, waste management, urban mobility, etc. However, our cities are in a state of regeneration, therefore smart planning policies can transform urban environments to improve quality of life for residents. Several regional cities have made the leap to become more sustainable through an urban regeneration approach, including advances in urban mobility, heritage preservation, and input from civil society. Nevertheless, cities at differing levels of development can make improvements in their cities more quickly and effectively through best practice knowledge sharing.

Key Questions and Outcomes

This side event will proceed according to the following key guiding questions:

1. How can planners make cities more inclusive and resilient through urban regeneration?
2. What challenges do cities face when regenerating complicated, densely populated areas?
3. Why is it necessary to regenerate cities rather than rebuild them?
4. How can planners preserve urban heritage and communities when introducing changes through urban regeneration?

This session will promote the sharing of best practices and call upon participants to evaluate common problems in Asia Pacific urban built environments through interactive polling. The expected outcome is to identify recommended planning measures to regenerate cities in a way that will make them more resilient to disasters of all kinds, safer, and more inclusive for vulnerable members of society.

The side event will help advance the following SDGs under review at the 11th APFSD: SDG 1 No Poverty as it relates to urban planning to build resilience to disasters for the poor and vulnerable, SDG 13 Climate Action to plan cities that are adapted for climate related disasters, SDG 16 Peace Justice and Strong Institutions to promote safer cities, and SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals to promote smart policy through knowledge sharing and ICT tools.

Programme

Mr. Jeong-kee Kim, CityNet USG Mr. Sangmin Nam, Director, Environment & Development Division, ESCAP	Welcome and Opening Remarks	5 min 12:15 – 12:20
Interactive Polling on Mentimeter Led by CityNet, an interactive poll for participants to vote on priority issues for inclusive urban regeneration to inform the direction of the session. Roundtable or classroom style. A. Stakeholder ID – City & Position B. Ranking priority issues for urban regeneration C. Urban Regeneration Image Analysis Participants will examine “before and after” images of urban environments and determine how the urban regeneration included better features along the lines of safety, inclusivity, resilience.		15-20 min 12:20-12:35
Speakers – City / Organization Presentations (Moderator: Mr. Omar Siddique, ESCAP)		
Mrs. Tipsukon Chungtong Chief of Urban Renewal Section, Urban Conservation and Renewal Office, Department of City Planning and Development, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration	Urban Regeneration Paradigms: Lessons from Bangkok in the Pursuit of Resilience and Sustainable Development	7 min 12:35 – 12:42
Mr. Masafumi Shinagawa Chief Representative, Office of the City of Yokohama Representative to Southeast and South Asia	Smart City Development in Yokohama	7 min 12:42 – 12:49
Tpr. Ts. Norliza Binti Hashim Chief Executive, Urbanice Malaysia	Urban Regeneration Policy in Kuala Lumpur	7 min 12:49 – 12:56
Mr. Chris DiGennaro Program Officer, CityNet Secretariat	Seoul City – Walk with the Marginalized Index	7 min 12:56 – 13:01
Ms. Ankita Kapoor, Program Manager, Safetipin	Building Gender Responsive Cities Using Data and Technology	7 min 13:01 – 13:08
Panel Discussion / Q&A Moderated by Mr. Omar Siddique	Following key questions above. The floor is opened for questions from other participants	5 min 13:08 – 13:14
Closing		
CityNet Secretariat	Closing remarks	1 min 13:14 – 13:15

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