

Seventh Session of the Committee on Environment and Development (CED-7)

Partnership Event 3

Urban-ACT: Integrated Climate Action for Low-Carbon and Resilient Cities

30 November 2022

UNCC – CR 1 | 11:00 – 12:00 Bangkok Time

Organizers: GIZ, ESCAP Sustainable Urban Development Section, GIZ and UCLG ASPAC

Background

The Seventh Session of Committee on Environment and Development (CED7) taking place at the ministerial level was called for by the declaration adopted at the Seventh Session of the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/74/10/Add.1). The Committee is organized on the theme of “Protecting our Planet through Regional Cooperation and Solidarity in Asia and the Pacific” from 29 November – 1 December 2022, in Bangkok and in hybrid format. It aims to draw attention to the need for stronger regional cooperation and solidarity and coordinated actions to address the challenges our common environment is facing.

Partnerships events will be held as part of the official programme of CED7, in the morning of 30th November 2022. They are meant to promote existing and new partnerships relevant to the theme of “Protecting our Planet through Regional Cooperation and Solidarity in Asia and the Pacific”, and provide an opportunity for member States to showcase, launch or discuss current and proposed new partnership initiatives, with involvement of the ESCAP Environment and Development Division, and in support of stronger regional collaboration.



Key outcome

The objective of the Partnership Event is to launch the new regional partnership with ESCAP and United Cities & Local Governments Asia-Pacific for the upcoming Urban-ACT project, supported by Germany's International Climate Initiative. The event will include the participation of selected representatives from political and implementing country partners in the project to discuss future collaboration opportunities to strengthen multi-level urban climate action in the region.

Proposed Agenda

Moderator: Mr. Heinrich Gudenus, Urban-ACT Project Director, GIZ

11:00-11:10 (UTC+7) Opening remarks

- Mr. Hans-Ulrich Südbeck, Germany's Permanent Observer to ESCAP and Deputy Ambassador to Thailand
- Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP
- Dr. Bernadia Tjandradewi, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific [PRE-RECORDED VIDEO MESSAGE]

11:10-11:30 Panel discussion on advancing multi-level urban climate action in Asia from Urban-ACT partners, moderated by Mr. Sangmin Nam, Director, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP

Country representatives are invited to present (7 minutes maximum each, PPT optional) their:

1. Key national issues and challenges in advancing city climate action;
2. Opportunities to scale up multi-level climate action through the Urban-ACT project;
3. Their major contributions and expectations for the Urban-ACT project implementation.



- Thailand (in person)
- China (online)
- India (online)
- Ms. Asri Hadiyanti Giastuti, Planner, Ministry of National Development Planning / BAPPENAS, Republic of Indonesia (online)
- Philippines (in person or online)

11:35-11:45 Questions and reflections from the audience, followed by concluding remarks from the moderator

11:45-11:50 Ceremonial signing ceremony between Germany and ESCAP to launch Urban-ACT at the regional level

- Mr. Reinhold Elges, GIZ Country Director for Thailand and Malaysia
- Mr. Adnan Aliani, Director, Strategy and Programme Management Division, ESCAP

11:50-12:00 Closing remarks from Germany, ESCAP and UCLG-ASPAC

- Mr. Reinhold Elges, GIZ Country Director for Thailand and Malaysia
- Mr. Sangmin Nam, Director, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP

