

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Second Bureau of the
Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and
Urban Development (APMCHUD)

Venue :

Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Date :

14th May, 2008

The 1st Meeting of the newly constituted Second Bureau was held at the IRIB Convention Centre at Tehran on 14th May, 2008 during the Second Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference.

The meeting was participated by the following:

H.E. Mohammad Saeedi Kia : In Chair
Minister for Housing and Urban Development
The Islamic Republic of Iran

H.E. Mr. Vardan Vardanyan
Minister for Urban Development
Republic of Armenia

H.E. Kumari Selja
Minister for Housing & Urban Poverty
Alleviation Government of India

H.E. Mohammad Yusuf Asy'ari
Minister for Public Housing
The Republic of Indonesia

H.E. Mr. Rahmatullah Kakar
Federal Minister of Housing & Works
Government of Pakistan

H.E. Dr. Sultan Bin Hassan Al Dosari
Minister of Labour and Social Affairs
State of Qatar

Mr. Sunil Kumar Singh : Chief Coordinator of the Bureau
Joint Secretary Ministry of Housing and
Poverty Alleviation Government of India

Chairing the First meeting of the Second Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD), the Chairperson H.E. Md. Saeedi Kia, Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Islamic Republic of Iran, welcomed the newly elected members of the Bureau and expressed his confidence for jointly working towards achieving the vision set by APMCHUD including the effective implementation of the Tehran Declaration and the action plan as formulated during the second conference of the APMCHUD.

The Chairman H.E. Mr. Saeedi Kia expressed his deep appreciation for the intensive work and substantial contribution made by the 1st Bureau of APMCHUD under the chairpersonship of H.E. Kumari Selja, Minister of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India. He felt confident that the 2nd Bureau would continue to make efforts in making the APMCHUD a vibrant body and effectively contributing towards addressing the major challenges of sustainable urbanization in the Asia Pacific region.

The Chairperson indicated that this meeting of the Bureau was an introductory meeting to welcome the members and to brief them on the status of activities and the next meeting would have a detailed discussion on the modalities of operationalising the Tehran Declaration and the Action Plan as adopted in the APMCHUD Conference at Tehran. The Bureau decided to hold the second meeting of the new Bureau tentatively during the last 10 days of August, 2008. The Chairperson informed the members that the next Bureau Meeting could be held on the invitation of any of the member country and accordingly invited the countries to send in their offer to host the Second Meeting to the Chief Coordinator of the Bureau, Mr. Sunil Kumar Singh at an early date so that the schedule for the second meeting could be finalized and communicated to the other members as quickly as possible.

The agenda for the next meeting would be finalized by the Secretariat and the Chairperson invited all the members of the Bureau to send in any agenda item to the Chief Coordinator of the Bureau, Mr. Sunil Kumar Singh, which they deem necessary to be considered by the Bureau so as to finalise the agenda for the second Bureau meeting for circulation to the members.

Concluding the meeting, the Chairperson thanked H.E. Kumari Selja, the Chairperson of the 1st Bureau for her significant contribution to the APMCHUD and hoped that the new Bureau would further strengthen the initiative and take suitable action towards implementing the Tehran Declaration and the Action Plan.

It was also decided that the minutes of the Bureau Meeting be put up on the APMCHUD Website and comments of the members, if any, may be forwarded to the Chief Coordinator of the Bureau, Mr. Sunil Kumar Singh within a fortnight.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.