



**Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on
Housing and Urban Development
(APMCHUD)**

Agenda papers for the
**Second Meeting of the
4th Bureau of APMCHUD**

**Medellin, Colombia
April 8, 2014**

Agenda for the 2nd Meeting of the 4th Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD)

Date : April 8, 2014 (3.00 PM to 5.00 PM)

Venue : Orange Pavilian, Plaza Mayor Convention and Exhibition Center, Medellin, Colombia

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Item No. 1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the 4th Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) held at Nairobi, Kenya on 14th April, 2013

The 1st meeting of the 4th Bureau of APMCHUD was held at Nairobi, Kenya on 14th April, 2013. A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting was circulated to the Hon'ble Members of the Bureau and was posted on the website of APMCHUD as well. (www.apmchud.com)

A copy of the Minutes is placed at Annexure 'A'.

The Bureau may consider the Minutes for confirmation.

Item No. 2 : Status of Actions pursuant to the 1st Meeting of the 4th Bureau held on 14th April, 2013 at Nairobi, Kenya – Report by the Chief Coordinator

The various activities undertaken since the 1ST Meeting held at Nairobi, Kenya on 14th April, 2013 are indicated below:-

A) Adoption of APMCHUD Resolution in GC of UN-Habitat :

During the 1st Meeting of the Bureau held at Kenya on 14th April, 2013, the Bureau had approved the draft Resolution on “Youth & IT in Sustainable Urban Development“ for placing the same for the consideration and adoption of the Governing Council of the UN-Habitat.

The Secretariat is happy to report to the Bureau that after detailed deliberations and active participation by a large number of countries, the Governing Council adopted the Resolution, revised as per the deliberations during the Governing Council under the head of “Resolution on Youth and Sustainable Urban Development – 24th Session”. A copy of the same is placed for the kind perusal of the Bureau.

B) Study tours by India, Indonesia and Republic of Thailand as offered by the respective countries :

The Republic of India had organized a study tour covering Hyderabad, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh from 5th to 9th April, 2013, which was reported during the First meeting of the Bureau at Nairobi.

The Republic of Indonesia has also organized a study tour in the cities of Jagakarta and Solo, Central Java, Indonesia from 25th to 27th June, 2013 covering various projects in the field of housing and urban development, which had a large number of delegates and was appreciated by the participating delegates. The delegation from Republic of Indonesia would brief the Bureau on the same.

The Secretariat has requested the Republic of Thailand to consider organizing a study tour as agreed, at its convenience and on receipt of details, the Secretariat will inform Hon’ble members of the APMCHUD on the proposed dates by the Republic of Thailand.

C) APMCHUD participation in the World Urban Forum at Medellin :

As has been done during the past WUF events, the Secretariat has coordinated with the Hon’ble Chairperson of APMCHUD, Bureau member countries and the UN-Habitat for organization of a Bureau Meeting in Medellin during the World Urban Forum. The UN-Habitat graciously agreed to facilitate organization of the

Bureau Meeting during the WUF7. With the active support of UN-Habitat, the Secretariat was able to get the slot for this meeting on the same day the Round Table of Ministers is scheduled, which has enabled the Hon'ble Members of the Bureau to participate in both the events effectively.

Further, during the last two WUFs, a Statement on behalf of the APMCHUD was presented by the Chairperson of the APMCHUD sharing the vision and perspectives of APMCHUD on the respective themes of the WUF events. During the current WUF7 as well, an appropriate slot has been requested from the UN-Habitat for the Statement by the Chairperson of APMCHUD on the main theme of the WUF. A copy of the draft Statement of APMCHUD is enclosed.

D) Suggestions for a Road Map for APMCHUD Secretariat :

The Bureau in its last meeting had invited suggestions from the Hon'ble Members on the initiatives that can be taken up by the Secretariat towards taking the APMCHUD agenda forward and had suggested that such suggestions could be deliberated in the Bureau meeting. The Secretariat requests all the Hon'ble Bureau Members to kindly provide their valuable suggestions for preparation of a detailed road map which shall be placed for deliberation in the forthcoming meeting.

In this regard, it was also requested during the last Bureau Meeting that the willing members may start their contribution of US \$ 10000 every year in principle as accepted during the last APMCHUD Conference. The Secretariat would like to report that it has not received any contribution so far.

E) Updation of Website :

The website of APMCHUD is being regularly updated and consolidated. An International Conference by APMCHUD on the theme 'Housing : An Engine for Inclusive Growth' was held during April 10-13, 2013 at New Delhi, India in association with Asia Pacific Union For Housing Finance (APUHF) and the National Housing Bank of India (NHB) and as decided in the last Bureau meeting, the proceeding of the Conference has been hosted on the APMCHUD website (www.apmchud.com).



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Draft resolution on youth and sustainable urban development

The Governing Council,

Recalling with appreciation paragraph 24 of the Rio +20 outcome document “The Future We Want” which expresses deep concern about the continuing high levels of unemployment and underemployment, particularly among young people, and notes the need for sustainable development strategies to proactively address youth employment at all levels,

Recalling also the resolution on youth and human settlements of the Governing Council 20/1 which urges governments to include young people in their national delegations to the Governing Council and to the World Urban Forum of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme,

Further recalling the Medium Term Strategic and Institutional Plan (MTSIP) 2008-2013 and the Work Programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme 2012-2013 which elaborated on mainstreaming youth in the normative and operational programme,

Recognizing that in absolute numbers, there are more people under the age of 25 today than ever before, totaling nearly 3 billion or half of the total population, and noting that positioning young people at the center of urban development strategies is critical to solving the problems of human settlements in developing countries,

Taking cognizance of the dynamic potential of youth in terms of their demographic dominance in our cities, their potential role in socio-economic development, their increasing engagement in the governance of our communities, cities and nations, and also their critical importance in sustainable development,

Welcoming the Secretary General’s Five-Year Action Agenda in which youth is recognized as one of the top priorities for the United Nations system and his appointment of the Secretary General’s Special Envoy on Youth, the highest ranking youth position ever appointed within the United Nations system,

Taking cognizance of the challenges of unemployment, alienation, unequal access to basic services and to opportunities, still undermining the potential of youths in many parts of the world, particularly girls and young women and those in urban centres,

Acknowledging the importance for youth of the utilization of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) at the local, national and international levels to improve their participation in governance at all levels, provide livelihoods and foster transparency and accountability,

Welcoming UN-Habitat’s ground breaking research in the area of youth such as the State of the Urban Youth 2012/2013 Report which recommends a better match between education skills and labour market needs through vocational training and the participation of the private sector; and the Global Youth-led Development report series which highlight best practices in youth-led development drawn from youth agencies funded by the Urban Youth Fund,

Considering the positive steps made by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, in collaboration with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and other United Nations bodies such as UNESCO and UNICEF and partners through the Inter Agency Network

on Youth Development, in which UN-Habitat was co-chair, in strengthening the youth agenda within the United Nations system and globally,

Recognizing the Government of Brazil's hosting of the High Level Panel on Youth at Rio +20, the final declaration of which supports the ongoing work on UN-Habitat and the Youth 21 initiative in developing processes to better engage youth within the United Nations system,

Noting the Final Declaration of the XVI IberoAmerican Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth which recognized the importance that participants accorded to the Youth 21 initiative and the establishment of the Permanent Forum on Youth Issues,

Noting with appreciation the World Youth Conference which took place in Mexico in August 2010,

Welcoming the initiative of the Government of Sri Lanka to host, in 2014, a world conference on youth in Colombo, with a focus on the participation and involvement of youth in achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Recalling the Amman Declaration and Amman Implementation Plan adopted unanimously by the Ministers of Asia Pacific Region participating in the 4th Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) at Amman, Jordan, 10-12 December 2012 whose overall theme was youth, ICT and Sustainable Urban Development,

1. *Invites* the member states to undertake capacity building at the institutional level to harness the potential and the abilities of youth to positively effect change within their countries and communities;
2. *Invites* member states to develop National Urban Policies, where appropriate, with the full participation of youth at all stages to promote youth participation of youth, and also to involve youth in decision making at national and sub-national levels, and in volunteerism, skills development, employment creation and entrepreneurship development;
3. *Emphasises* the importance of gender equality, encourages gender mainstreaming in programmes related to youth, and further encourages initiatives intended to empower young women and men;
4. *Requests* the Executive Director of UN-Habitat to share and build upon the expertise and successes of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme in the area of urban youth with the aim of enhancing the involvement of young people in sustainable urban development, including the Global Land Tool Network and in keeping with the work programme and budget;
5. *Also Requests* the Executive Director to cooperate closely, within UN-Habitat's mandate, with the Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Youth, in the fulfilment of the Envoy's work plan (EU) which states "Increase youth accessibility (including marginalized youth), and young women and girls to the United Nations through promoting structured mechanisms for youth participation, at national, regional and international levels";
6. *Invites* governments to make financial contributions to strengthen UN-Habitat's youth programmes;
7. *Strongly encourages* the Executive Director to review the programme's Strategy on Enhancing the Engagement of Youth within UN-Habitat and to allocate adequate resources for the mainstreaming of youth within UN-Habitat's work programme and budget;
8. *Invites* the Executive Director to work with the Government of Sri Lanka for the preparation for the World Conference on Youth in 2014, especially with youth participation and technical support;
9. *Further Encourages* the Executive Director to work with member states and multilateral institutions actively working in the Latin American region to enhance the youth engagement in governance and to increase the work on youth entrepreneurship in the region leading up to the World Urban Forum 7, in Medellin, Colombia;
10. *Invites* member states to adequately reflect youth in their national budgets and programmes;
11. *Requests* the Executive Director to report on the implementation of the present resolution in its twenty-fifth session in 2015.

Intervention by the Hon'ble Chairperson of APMCHUD during the Ministerial session in the World Urban Forum-VII at Medellin, Colombia on 8th (Forenoon) April, 2014

**APMCHUD's Views, Vision and Perspectives on
Urban Equity in Development – Cities for Life**

Excellencies, Dignitaries, and all the Participants,

On behalf of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD), I would like to **thank the UN-Habitat** for this opportunity to share the views, vision and perspective of APMCHUD on the theme of **Urban Equity in Development – Cities for Life** during this World Urban Forum event.

Asia-Pacific is a rapidly urbanizing region. The urbanisation level in Asia will increase from about 40 percent now to about 60 percent in the next two decades. Nearly 90 percent of the population growth will be absorbed in the urban centres of Asia. This transition is associated with substantial improvements in the income levels and living standards of millions of people. However, this increasing urbanisation is also associated with problems of poor infrastructure, lack of basic services, increasing pollution, and growing numbers of poor people. Assessments indicate that in the Asia-Pacific region alone, more than 650 million people live on one dollar-a-day or less. This account for almost 65% of the world's ultra-poor. Asia also is home to half the world's slum population. And despite economic growth and the contribution of cities in this growth, the slum population is rising. The countries of Asia Pacific Region are aware of the significant negative impacts of the urban growth, and that the urban poor are particularly vulnerable to disasters.

It is in this context, Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD), the Inter-Governmental Forum recognizes the need for a new thinking to treat their cities as living eco-systems. Towards the same, APMCHUD has evolved an Enhanced Framework of Implementation for Sustainable Urbanisation in Asia-Pacific Region. APMCHUD recognizes the need for strategic, integrated planning, capacity building, as well as strong regional co-operation,

knowledge sharing, networking and monitoring for promotion of balanced and sustainable urbanisation. Accordingly, the framework aims to identify and suggest measures for more effective urban development policies and strategies in Asia-Pacific so as to guide the actions of all stakeholders (government and non-government) and help steer them towards the achievement of the common urban vision. The framework also aims to identify linkages between land policies and urbanisation.

The Enhanced framework for Sustainable Urbanisation recognizes the need for **pro-poor urban governance and planning** as a critical requirement to address the challenge of sustainable urbanisation. Adoption of inclusive process for decision making, improved institutional capacity to deal with the developmental needs of the urban poor, spatial planning including rural-urban continuum, peri-urban areas, physical provisions for the urban poor, adoption of innovative practices of land development, and inclusive urban governance have been identified as critical requirements. A pro-poor orientation has been emphasized on all efforts, which include: an enabling condition for the poor, increased space for engagement, empowerment as well as the prevalence of inclusive systems. The poor contribute richly to the social economic development and GDP.

Towards ensuring urban equity in development, a special focus is advocated to **slum upgradation and prevention initiatives**. Formulation and adoption of a national policy on slum upgradation and prevention has been emphasized as an important requirement. Implementation of progressive policy reforms with equal opportunities for addressing the requirements of women, youth and the disabled is a core identified strategy. Facilitating delivery of affordable serviced land and exploring possible public-private partnership to implement slum improvement and or redevelopment are critical areas identified for this component. Security of tenure, adequate housing finance, promotion of self-help groups are some of other associated critical inputs identified for achieving this objective.

Availability and access to critical services of **water and sanitation** to all the segments of population is another core strategy for ensuring sustainable urbanisation in the Asia Pacific region. Focus on women and disadvantaged sections, improved investments, sharing of resources among stake-holders, engagement of civil society

organisations, and also adoption of appropriate technologies for water supply, solid waste management and including promotion of green technologies for sustainable environment management have been urged.

Towards enabling an acceptable level of **financing sustainable urbanisation**, recognizing that Asia's mortgage sector is one of the least developed in the world, the Enhanced Framework for implementation advocates for utilizing the strong movement of self-help groups. Adoption of innovative practices to improve the governance and bankability of cities to evolve as competitive on global scale both in terms of quality and cost efficiency of urban management, is another requirement being accorded importance. Promotion of community-led development process and civil society participation, enhancement of the financial capacity of local Governments, role of private sector and general financial services industry and support of governments on both financial and non-financial fronts have been identified as critical for achieving sustainable urbanisation.

Towards ensuring the above, the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) had interacted extensively during the four Conferences held at New Delhi, Tehran, Solo and Amman, and evolved operational mechanisms. **Sub-regional Working Groups** have been constituted with lead countries for each group on the themes of **Rural and Urban Planning and Management led by the Republic of India, Slum Upgradation led by the Islamic Republic of Iran, Financing led by the Republic of Korea, and Community Participation including Disaster mitigation led by the Republic of Indonesia**. The APMCHUD, as an inter-governmental mechanism for experience sharing, information exchange and collaboration, has been successful in promoting visits to innovative and successful experiments on critical aspects of sustainable urban planning, management and governance in member countries to all the member countries of the Asia Pacific region.

We are confident that through this joint and collaborative mechanism, we, the countries in the Asia Pacific region, would be able to address our region specific

special characteristics of urbanisation and move systematically towards achieving sustainable urbanisation in our region.

On behalf of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development, I once again thank the UN-Habitat for this opportunity to share the views, vision and perspective of APMCHUD on the theme of **Urban Equity in Development – Cities for Life** during this World Urban Forum event at Medellin.

Thank you.

Item No.3 : Release and Presentation of the Proceedings of the 4th Conference of the APMCHUD held on 10-12 December, 2012 at Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, by the host country

The 4th APMCHUD Conference at Amman was a significant success. A presentation on the proceedings of the 4th Conference held at Jordan may be presented by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Item No. 4 : Report by respective Lead Member countries on activities of Working Groups

APMCHUD had constituted the following Working Groups. The details of Working Groups and their Lead countries are as under:

- WG1 Urban and Rural Planning and Management - Republic of India
- WG2 Upgrading of Slums and Informal Settlements – The Islamic Republic of Iran
- WG4 Financing Sustainable Housing – Republic of Korea
- WG5 Urban Development with a focus on Natural and Climate Change related Disasters – Republic of Indonesia

The lead member countries may like to appraise the Bureau of the latest development on the respective Working Groups.

Item No.5 : Working Group 3 on Delivery of Basic Services – Identification of Lead Country

Of the five Working Groups constituted by APMCHUD, the WG3 on Delivery of Basic Services is yet to initiate proceedings as no member country has volunteered to take the lead role.

In the first meeting of the 4th Bureau, it was desired that the Secretariat may continue making efforts and request member countries to consider taking the lead role for Working Group 3.

Bureau Member countries may like to consider the request and may like to inform the Secretariat about their willingness to take the lead role for this Working Group either during the meeting or at a later date.

Item No.6 : Presentation by the Republic of Korea on the preparations for the 5th APMCHUD Conference at Seoul, Republic of Korea

During the 4th APMCHUD Conference at Jordan, the Republic of Korea had graciously offered to host the 5th APMCHUD Conference which was thankfully accepted by the APMCHUD.

The Hon'ble Member from the Republic of Korea may like to brief the Bureau on the above.

Item No. 7 : Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

**Minutes of the 1st meeting of the 4th Bureau of APMCHUD
at 1600 hrs. in Conference room 6, UN Habitat Premises
on 14th April 2013**

The List of Participants is enclosed.

Initiating the meeting the Chief Coordinator welcomed all the distinguished members and the delegations and the representative of UN Habitat. The Bureau was intimated that the members from Maldives and Samoa have informed about their inability to participate and have sent their best wishes for the meeting. The Chief Coordinator also informed the Bureau of the recent ministerial changes in Jordan in which HE Eng. Waleed Al-Masri, has replaced HE Eng. Yahya Al-Kasbi, as the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Housing, Government of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and, as such, has assumed the chair of APMCHUD. The Bureau welcomed the new Chairperson, HE. Eng. Waleed Al-Masri.

The Bureau was also informed that due to exigencies, the Chairman is unable to participate in the meeting and has desired that the Bureau may elect a chair for the meeting from amongst the Hon'ble Ministers present in the meeting. The Hon'ble Minister from India, HE Mr. Ajay Maken proposed the name of HE Mr. Ali Nikzad, Hon'ble Minister from the Islamic Republic of Iran for chairing the meeting being the member of the Bureau for a very long time. However, HE Mr. Ali Nikzad, Hon'ble Minister from the Islamic Republic of Iran felt that the Hon'ble Minister from India should chair the meeting. After deliberations, the Bureau accepted the proposal of HE Mr. Ali Nikzad, Hon'ble Minister from the Islamic Republic of Iran and elected HE Mr. Ajay Maken, the Hon'ble Minister from India to chair this Bureau Meeting. Thereafter, the Hon'ble Minister from India took the chair and conducted the meeting.

The Chair invited the members to give their initial remarks before taking up the agenda.

HE. Mr. Ali Nikzad, the Hon'ble Minister of Roads and Urban Development, Islamic Republic of Iran, highlighted the major initiatives taken by his government to address the housing requirements and improving the quality of life. He informed that by direct provision of free land and low interest loans by the Government, over 5 million dwelling units have been constructed. He also indicated that the 'households to houses' ratio has improved to 0.99 in 2011 from 1.17 in 2006. He also highlighted the significant efforts the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran is undertaking as the lead country of the Slum Upgrading Working Group, which included finalising slum identification indicators, developing generic framework for documenting best practices, improving dissemination through web etc. He proposed re-inviting nomination of experts on the scientific committee, pilot testing of slum identification indicators and upgrading criteria by Jordan, Indonesia and Iran simultaneously, exploring study tours for information exchanges etc. He proposed that the permanent secretariat may develop a road map and a strategic plan for activities of APMCHUD and creating a synergy between the member nations. He expressed his Government's willingness and wholehearted cooperation for the activities of APMCHUD.

The Hon'ble Senior Deputy Minister from Iraq, HE Mr. Istabraq Al-Shouk, conveyed the best wishes from his minister and expressed his support for the meeting. He thanked the Secretariat and the UN Habitat for hosting the meeting at Nairobi in conjunction with the Governing Council Meeting.

HE Mr Iskander Saleh, Secretary, Ministry of Housing, Republic of Indonesia expressed his Minister's regret for not being able to come to Nairobi for the meeting and conveyed his best wishes for the meeting. He welcomed the new Chairperson, HE. Eng. Waleed Al-Masri. He assured his Government's commitment to provide inputs for the growth of APMCHUD and indicated efforts in pursuing the ambitious

agenda drawn in Solo. He reiterated his commitments to strengthen REECHUD in line with the Solo Declaration. He thanked the UN Habitat for the support in organising this meeting.

Mr. Ahn Se-Chang, First Secretary, Embassy of Korea in Nairobi, expressed his happiness to be participating, on behalf of his minister, in this important meeting and reiterated his country's commitment for APMCHUD. He also expressed his country's happiness for being the host for the next APMCHUD Conference, which is likely to take place in second half of 2014 in Korea.

HE Mr. Ajay Maken, The Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India and the chair for the Bureau Meeting reiterated his Government's unstinted support for promoting cooperation among member nations for mitigating the common challenges in the housing and urban development sector. He briefly highlighted major flagship programs of the Government of India like the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), under which over 1.5 million houses have been sanctioned for the weaker sections of the society and the new programme of Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY), which aims at a slum free India. The other initiatives highlighted included the Credit Risk Guarantee Fund (CRGF) to facilitate the credit enablement of the urban poor, 'Rajiv Rinn Yojana' to enable improved access to formal credit for the weaker sections of the society at affordable cost through subsidization, Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHIP) scheme, to rope in the private sector for meeting the challenge of shelter for all and the 'National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) to address issues of skill up-gradation, entrepreneurship development and employment creation for ameliorating urban poverty. He also informed the Bureau of the initiatives taken by India as the lead country of the Working Group 1 on 'Urban and Rural Planning and Management' and intimated the Bureau about the hosting of an International Conference on 16-17th August, 2012 at New Delhi. He mentioned that a study tour for the delegates from the Asia Pacific countries, to best practices in housing and urban development sector in India, was organised during April 5-9, 2013. He reiterated Government of

India's commitment and continued support to the APMCHUD and commended the Permanent Secretariat, which has been effectively coordinating the activities of APMCHUD since its inception.

Dr. Markandey Rai, the Focal Point of APMCHUD at UN Habitat thanked the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for successfully hosting the fourth APMCHUD conference and complimented the Republic of Korea for their proposal to host the fifth APMCHUD Conference in Korea in 2014.

After the initial remarks by the Bureau Member Countries, the Chair requested the Chief Coordinator to take up the agenda items listed for the meeting. The Chief Coordinator thereafter presented the agenda items to the Bureau.

Item No. 1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the 3rd Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) held at Naples, Italy on 4th September, 2012

The Chief Coordinator informed that Bureau that after circulation of the minutes, the secretariat has received no comments from the members except request for some minor changes proposed by Indonesia. The Chief Coordinator indicated the changes proposed, which primarily related to correction in names of the program and individuals. The Republic of Korea also requested for deletion of the reference relating to working group IV under Item No. 3: Report by respective Lead member countries of the five Working Groups on the report to be presented in the forthcoming APMCHUD Conference

The Bureau considered and accepted the corrections proposed by the Government of Indonesia & Korea and subject to the same, ratified the minutes of the 5th meeting of the 3rd Bureau of APMCHUD held at Naples, Italy on 4th September, 2012.

Item No. 2 : Action taken subsequent to the 5th Meeting of the 3rd Bureau held on 4th September, 2012 at Naples, Italy

The Chief Coordinator briefed the Bureau on the major activities undertaken subsequent to the 5th Meeting of the 3rd Bureau held on 4th September, 2012 at Naples, Italy. The Chief Coordinator gave an overview of the organisation of the 4th APMCHUD Conference which was successfully held under the overall guidance of the Hon'ble Chairperson of APMCHUD and the Hon'ble Members of the 4th Bureau of the APMCHUD. The Secretariat effectively coordinated with the Government of Jordan, UN Habitat and other member countries of Asia Pacific for the same. He also briefed the Bureau on the Study Tours as envisaged in the Solo Action Plan and the action taken by the secretariat in this regard. In regard to the status of actions relating to the study tours as envisaged in the Solo Action Plan, Indonesia indicated that they propose to host a study tour in June 2013 for participants from the member countries. The tour is likely to showcase the best practices at Surabaya and other cities.

The Chief Coordinator also briefed the Bureau on the action taken subsequent to the signing of MoU with APUHF at Amman. He highlighted the organisation of an International Conference on the theme 'Housing : An Engine for Inclusive Growth' during April 10-13, 2013 at New Delhi, India by APMCHUD in association with APUHF and the National Housing Bank of India (NHB). He also indicated about the action taken in respect of the proposed APMCHUD's interventions at the Governing Council Meeting of the UN Habitat including the statement by the Chairperson and the proposed resolution to be submitted, the draft of which has been prepared by the secretariat and are placed in the agenda for discussions under separate items.

The Bureau noted the same.

Item No. 3 : Release and Presentation of the Proceedings of the 4th Conference of the APMCHUD held on 10-12 December, 2012 at Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, by the host country

The Chief Coordinator informed the Bureau that the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has indicated that the draft proceedings are ready and are being finalised. He also informed that due to exigencies, the delegation from Jordan would not be able to reach in time for the meeting.

The Bureau requested for an early finalisation of the proceedings by Jordan for circulation as well as for hosting on the website.

Item No. 4 :- Statement by the Chairperson of APMCHUD at the 24th Governing Council Meeting of UN-Habitat The 24th Governing Council meeting of the UN-Habitat is scheduled to be held at Nairobi during 15-19 April, 2013.

The Chief Coordinator placed the proposed statement before the Bureau as already circulated to the members.

After detailed deliberations the Bureau noted that besides the issues relating to youth and IT, many other issues concerning Human Settlements were discussed in the Amman Conference and desired that it would be appropriate to place the full Amman Declaration before the Governing Council for its information and consideration. The Bureau thereafter, approved the statement to be made in the Governing Council Meeting of the UN Habitat with the amendment that a para be added mentioning inter-alia the Amman Declaration.

Item No. 5 :- Proposal of a Resolution by APMCHUD during the 24th Governing Council Meeting of the UN-HABITAT based on the 4th APMCHUD Conference held at Amman on the theme of `Youth and IT in Sustainable Urban Development`.

The Chief Coordinator placed the proposed resolution before the Bureau as already circulated to the members. It was suggested that in para 7 which reads as “Encourages Governments to make financial contributions to strengthen UN-Habitat’s youth programmes, specifically, on One Stop Youth Centres, the Urban Youth Fund, urban youth research and Youth 21, and to increase the regional approach of the Youth Programme;” the word ‘Voluntary’ may be added before Financial Contributions.

After detailed deliberations the Bureau agreed to the suggestion and approved the resolution so amended to be tabled in the Governing Council Meeting of the UN Habitat.

Item No. 6 :- Enhancing collaboration among the Asia Pacific Region through experience sharing in housing and urban development – offer of Government of India for study visit to India by representatives from Asia Pacific countries.

The Hon’ble Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India informed the Bureau that the Government of India had committed to receive study tours on housing and urban development related projects implemented in India. Accordingly the study tour was held during 5-9th April, 2013 with 13 delegates from four countries namely Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Iraq and Yemen. The study tour covered various projects related with slum improvement and rehabilitation, social housing, sanitation, basic infrastructure facilities, new town development initiative, transport projects like metros and expressways. In addition, the delegates had detailed interactions regarding major programmes of the Government of India as also with the national level institutions dealing with provision of housing finance,

building materials and technologies, etc. The delegates also interacted with NGO in the sanitation sector, and research institutions on issues of urban governance, etc. The visit covered the States of Andhra Pradesh, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. The Hon'ble Minister expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the participating countries, and looked forward to opportunities of such nature for collaboration and sharing of experiences in promoting sustainable housing and urban development in the region.

The Bureau appreciated the efforts of India in this regard.

Item No. 7 :- Activities as part of the MoU signed by APMCHUD with various Research and Development Institutions – Organisation of International Conference in collaboration with Asia Pacific Union for Housing Finance (APUHF) on the theme of “Housing : An Engine for Inclusive Growth” at New Delhi on April 10-13, 2013.

The Chief Coordinator briefed the Bureau about the International Conference on the theme 'Housing : An Engine for Inclusive Growth' during April 10-13, 2013 at New Delhi, India organised by APMCHUD in association with APUHF and the National Housing Bank of India (NHB) as part of the MoU signed between Asia Pacific Union for Housing Finance (APUHF) and APMCHUD during the 4th APMCHUD Conference at Amman held during December 10-12. The Conference successfully concluded on 13th April after 3 days of intense discussions and sharing of experience among the participants. The Conference was attended by more than 200 participants from 14 countries. The participating countries included Yemen, Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Japan, Indonesia, Fiji Islands, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Thailand, etc.

The Chief Coordinator further informed that this is the second such conference organized jointly by APMCHUD with APUHF and has been very well appreciated by

the participants. The proceedings of the conference are being compiled and shall be placed on the web-site of the APMCHUD shortly.

The Bureau noted the report with appreciation

Item No. 8 :- Working Group 3 on Delivery of Basic Services with a subtheme of Youth Involvement and Use of IT in Urban Basic Services – Identification of Lead Country

The Chief Coordinator informed the Bureau that despite several attempts no country has yet volunteered to take the lead role of WG3 Delivery of Basic Services with a sub-theme of Youth Involvement and Use of IT in Urban Basic Services

The Bureau after deliberations desired the Secretariat to continue making efforts and request member countries to consider taking the lead role for Working Group 3.

Item No. 9 : Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

With the permission of the chair the following issues were also deliberated:

1. The Republic of Korea made a brief presentation on the preparations for the 5th APMCHUD Conference in 2014. Korea as the host of the conference indicated that the dates are being finalised and the conference would be held in the second half of 2014. The primary theme would be relating to financing for the weaker section housing. THE Bureau appreciated the efforts of the Government of Korea and assured all support for the same.
2. Dr. Markandey Rai, UN Habitat informed the Bureau that the Governing Council has received a draft resolution from Jordan relating to the creation of an Arab Ministerial Forum on Housing and Urban Development. He indicated that the 22 Arab nations propose to

establish such a forum, of these some are in Asia and some in Africa. The draft resolution is likely to be discussed during the current Governing Council. The Bureau noted the same.

3. Indonesia desired that the Secretariat should work on knowledge management and knowledge sharing for the benefit of the member countries of Asia Pacific region. The Chief Coordinator welcomed the suggestion and indicated that the Secretariat is currently working without any financial support from the member countries. He urged that in line with the In Principle acceptance for grant of US\$ 10000 contributions annually by the member countries, the willing members may start sending their contributions early, which would help the Secretariat to effectively play its assigned role.
4. The Chair of the meeting suggested that the member countries may like to give their suggestions on the initiatives that can be taken up by the New Delhi Secretariat, towards taking the APMCHUD agenda forward. Such suggestions could be deliberated in the next meeting of the Bureau. An agenda in this regard should also be placed before the next Bureau meeting.

The meeting ended with the Chair thanking all the participants and the UN Habitat for their participation and help.

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