

**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau of the  
Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban  
Development (APMCHUD) held on  
10<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at Nairobi, Kenya**

The List of Participants is enclosed.

At the outset, the Chief Coordinator welcomed the Hon'ble Chairperson and Hon'ble Members of the Bureau and the Dignitaries and Delegates to the 2nd meeting of the 3rd Bureau of APMCHUD. The Chief Coordinator conveyed the regrets of Hon'ble Ministers from the Republic of India, Republic of Korea and Islamic Republic of Pakistan to participate in this meeting due to exigencies, and conveyed their best wishes for the success of the Meeting.

The Hon'ble Chairperson HE Mr. Suharso Monoarfa, State Minister for Housing, Republic of Indonesia welcomed the Hon'ble members of the Bureau to the 2nd meeting, and also noted that the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Republic of Iraq would be represented by new Ministers. The Hon'ble Chairperson extended a special welcome to the participating new members His Excellency Mr. Yahya Al Kasbi, Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Housing, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and His Excellency Mr. Mohammed Sahib Al-Darraj, Hon'ble Minister of Construction and Housing, Republic of Iraq. The Chairperson also welcomed Mrs. Aruna Sundararajan who had taken over recently as Chief Coordinator. On behalf of the Bureau members, the Chairperson placed on record his appreciation for the significant role and contribution of Mr. Sunil Kumar Singh, former Chief Coordinator, towards the progress of APMCHUD. The Chairperson also conveyed his appreciation of the contribution rendered by the Secretariat in facilitating the APMCHUD in undertaking its tasks.

The Hon'ble Chairperson stated that this meeting was being organized at Nairobi in line with the decision taken during the First meeting of the Bureau at Bali to convene the Bureau on the sidelines of the 23rd Governing Council of the UN-HABITAT scheduled during 11th to 15th April 2011. Recalling the significant contribution of the Government of India in the establishment of APMCHUD, the Delhi Declaration and the support extended for establishment of the Permanent Secretariat, and the support extended by the Islamic Republic of Iran for establishing the APMCHUD on a firm footing through the Tehran Declaration and action plan, His Excellency thanked the Republic of India and the Islamic Republic of Iran for their contribution in this regard.

The Hon'ble Chairperson further stated that with the Solo Declaration outlining the implementation plan, APMCHUD was poised to forge ahead in its efforts in the region.

Establishing collaborative arrangements with partner Institutions in the housing and urban development sector , evolving and firming up a self sustaining financing support mechanism for APMCHUD and the Secretariat and initiating actions based on the focus areas identified in the working groups were some of the key areas that required attention at this juncture.

On behalf of the Bureau, the Hon'ble Chairperson registered the condolences of APMCHUD on the recent earthquake/ tsunami disaster in Japan, which had resulted in extensive damage and large scale loss of life and property.

With the above opening remarks, the agenda items were thereafter taken up for consideration.

**Item No. 1: Adoption of the Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD)**

The Chief Coordinator mentioned that the minutes had been circulated to the Hon'ble members and had also been placed in the website. The Bureau noted that in respect of Item No. 1, the minor amendment in regard to the proceedings of the 3rd APMCHUD had already been incorporated. The revised proceedings of the 3rd APMCHUD had been distributed to the Bureau Members in a CD format, and had also been uploaded to the APMCHUD website. With the above, the Bureau adopted the minutes of the 1st meeting of the 3rd Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) held on 29th November, 2010 at Bali, Indonesia.

**Item No. 2 : Action taken report on the decisions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 at Bali, Indonesia**

The action taken report was presented by the Chief Coordinator.

The Bureau noted the actions taken in respect of items 1, 2 and 5.

In respect of Item No. 3 on 'Coordination of activities of the Five Working Groups by Member countries as proposed in the Solo Declaration', the Chief Coordinator informed that subsequent to circulation of the agenda, the Government of India had conveyed its willingness to lead and co-ordinate the activities of Working Group 1 i.e. Urban and Rural Planning and Management. The Bureau noted the same.

While noting the action taken in respect of items 3, 4 and 6, the Bureau further noted that detailed agenda items had been proposed in respect of these items for consideration at the meeting.

**Item No. 3: Coordination of activities of the Five Working Groups by Member countries as proposed in the Solo Declaration.**

The Chief Coordinator indicated that of the five Working Groups as finalized by the Solo Declaration and the Action Plan, which included Urban and Rural Planning and Management, Upgrading of Slum and Informal Settlements, Delivery of MDGs for Water and Sanitation, Financing Sustainable Housing, and Urban Development with a focus on Natural Disasters, the coordination role has been agreed upon by the Islamic Republic of Iran in respect of Upgrading of Slum and Informal Settlements, by the Republic of Korea in respect of Financing Sustainable Housing, and by the Republic of Indonesia in respect of Urban Development with a focus on Natural Disasters. The Chief Coordinator further indicated that subsequent to circulation of the agenda for this meeting, the Government of India had conveyed its willingness to lead and coordinate the activities of Working Group 1 i.e. Urban and Rural Planning and Management. With this the Bureau noted that the Coordinating member country for the Working group on Delivery of MDGs for Water and Sanitation was the only one left to be decided.

Thanking the Government of India for its offer to lead the Working Group on Urban and Rural Planning and Management, the Chairperson desired that the Hon'ble Members who have already taken the lead role may like to indicate the current progress and status of activities under their respective working groups.

Briefing the Hon'ble members on the status of activities of the Regional Slum Upgrading Working Group, the Hon'ble Vice Minister for International Affairs & Secretary of National Habitat Committee indicated that the Working group has made substantial progress and was in the process of finalizing modalities towards organizing a meeting on the theme in Tehran, possibly in the month of December 2011. The Hon'ble Minister indicated that the Urban Development and Renovation Organization (UDRO) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development of Iran would host its Secretariat. The Hon'ble member welcomed all the members to participate in the programme. The Hon'ble Minister further offered to host a Bureau meeting at Tehran in conjunction with the Conference, if agreed to. Documents on the 'Background and description of duty – Regional Slum Upgrading Working Group' and 'meeting of the Regional Slum Upgrading Working Group' and a CD on 'Regional Slum Upgrading Working Group' were circulated for the benefit of the members. The Hon'ble Minister further opined that

the issue of support to the working group activities and its Secretariat may be taken up at an appropriate stage.

In respect of the working group on Financing Sustainable Housing, Mr. Hyun Hwan Jin, Director of Housing Policy, Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs, Republic of Korea indicated that the working group was in the process of formulating a work programme and strategy. This was supplemented by Ms. Mina Kang, Head of housing welfare policy, Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements highlighting major housing policy initiatives in the country. Mr. Hyun Hwan Jin indicated that they would like to share the experiences of the member countries in regard to various innovative experiments and experiences in respect of financing sustainable housing activities.

Briefing the Bureau on the status of the working group on Urban Development with focus on Natural Disasters, the representative of Republic of Indonesia indicated that as per the decision of the Government of Indonesia, the focal point for coordination of the activities of this working group would be the National Council for Climate Change (NCCC) (Website: [www.dnpi.go.id](http://www.dnpi.go.id)). Elaborating on the activities of the Group, it was indicated that NCCC (DNPI) would host an international workshop - Green Camp, in Bandung (West Java) Indonesia during June 22-24, 2011, and that the Seknas Habitat Indonesia, RC-CEHUD, JICA and UNEP would support several of the events. The details of the Green Camp would be posted on [www.dnpi.go.id](http://www.dnpi.go.id). In addition, prior to the event, ASEAN Secretariat would host the ASEAN-UNEP Climate Change Focal Point in Jakarta (May 2-4, 2011). It was further mentioned that Indonesia had listed several best practices available for field visits (Pekalongan, Solo and Surabaya) in the website [www.habitat-indonesia.or.id](http://www.habitat-indonesia.or.id). A Report on RC-CEHUD's progress was distributed to the Bureau Members.

The Hon'ble Chairperson expressed appreciation on the actions taken by the Working groups. As regards the role of the coordinating members, the Chairperson indicated that the key objective was to facilitate experience sharing with a view to promoting wider adoption and adaptation by the member countries. As regards the Working group on MDGs on water and sanitation, the Hon'ble chairperson invited members to come forward to offer to lead the Working Group.

#### **Item No. 4: Proposal for collaboration with relevant institutions along with the proposals for association with TERI and APUHF**

The Chief Coordinator highlighted that in its last meeting, the Bureau had desired to receive suggestions from Bureau member countries on Institutions whose association with APMCHUD may facilitate implementation of the agenda of the APMCHUD. The

Chief Coordinator informed that no new suggestion had been received by the Secretariat in this regard.

The Chief Coordinator further indicated that the Secretariat had interacted with Housing Finance Information Network (HOFINET) to foster a partnership with APMCHUD in the area of Housing finance. Accepting the invitation, the HOFINET has offered to host information on the HOFINET web portal on each of the member countries. HOFINET has also indicated that it would be glad to work with identified housing finance institutions in each member country to collect/host data regarding good practices. HOFINET has also offered to facilitate a linkage to the web site of HOFINET and APMCHUD.

As regards the partnership with CDIA, the Chief Coordinator indicated that CDIA has expressed willingness to have an interaction with the Secretariat in New Delhi during one of CDIA's forthcoming missions to Delhi to explore how such a possible collaboration could be taken forward.

The Chief Coordinator further informed the Bureau that a dialogue had been similarly initiated with the Asia Pacific Research Network (APRN) and its response was awaited. The Chairperson appreciated the actions taken by the Secretariat in regard to forging collaborations with various Institutions and proposed that a request be extended to all members of the APMCHUD to consider identifying relevant institutions, whose association with APMCHUD may facilitate implementation of the agenda of the APMCHUD. It was further decided that the proposals be considered by the Bureau in its subsequent meeting, along with the earlier proposals for TERI and APUHF.

**Item No. 5: Report on the Follow up actions in respect of Pacific Region.**

The Chairperson requested the Hon'ble member from Fiji HE Col. Samuela Saumatua to report the follow up actions in respect of 'coordinating with countries in the Pacific region' with regard to actions identified in the Solo Declaration.

Thanking the Hon'ble Chair for the opportunity, the Hon'ble member HE Col. Samuela Saumatua indicated that a number of initiatives had been taken subsequent to the last meeting of the Bureau. HE Col. Samuela Saumatua indicated that a joint meeting with the sub-regional countries' representatives located in Fiji had been organised to take stock of the initiatives of APMCHUD and in particular the Solo Declaration. An emergent issue for the Pacific Countries has been climate change and its impact on human settlements in these countries. Requirement of funding support for related major activities has been another area of concern. The Minister mentioned that Fiji had drawn up a National Housing Policy with the assistance of the UN-Habitat, and that sub-

regional countries such as Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea were also being assisted to draw up similar Housing Policies for their respective countries. The Hon'ble member further informed that a separate report on the progress in this regard shall be sent to the Secretariat separately.

The Hon'ble Chairperson commended the efforts of the Fiji Islands, and proposed that the report be circulated to the Hon'ble members for information.

#### **Item No. 6: Organizational Matters**

The Chief Coordinator indicated that the Bureau in its last meeting had desired that the Secretariat may work out the tentative financial requirements for supporting the manpower as approved in the Solo Conference, as well as for undertaking initial and preparatory actions in line with the Solo Implementation Plan. In addition it was also decided that the financing mechanisms of some of the other intergovernmental bodies may also be looked into. Accordingly, details had been worked out as below:.

##### **a. Tentative Financial Requirements**

In regard to the tentative financial requirements for the initial staffing of the Secretariat as approved by the Solo Conference, the Chief coordinator indicated that the preliminary assessment based on the current UN salary structure for the approved man power positions works out to about US\$ 350,000. In addition, about US\$ 80,000 was estimated to be required as office expenses for the Secretariat. A tentative corpus of \$ 250,000 was also estimated to be required, for supporting and undertaking initial and preparatory actions pursuant to the Solo Implementation Plan. The Chief Coordinator indicated that the initial cost would thus work out to about US \$ 680,000 amounting to an approximate contribution of about US \$ 10,000 per annum by each of the member countries of APMCHUD. It was also indicated that additionally, the cost of the premises of the secretariat would be about US\$ 35,000 per annum, which at present is being supported by the Government of India.

##### **b. Financing mechanisms of other relevant inter-governmental bodies**

The Chief coordinator highlighted the financial mechanisms of other relevant inter-governmental bodies with similar functions. As regards the Latin American and Caribbean General assembly of Ministers and high Authorities on Housing and Urban Development (MINURVI), it was indicated that initially it had two separate secretariats, one political for policy and advocacy issues assigned to the chair from time to time; and the other, a technical Secretariat operated by the ECLAC (Economic Commission for

Latin American Countries) with the support of UN-Habitat. Professional staffs were drawn from both the organizations, and were based at Santiago de Chile. Later, both the secretariats were merged and were assigned to the Chair, and accordingly formal support of ECLAC ended although it continued to provide technical assistance. The costs were hence met by the hosting countries, with other organizations providing technical professional and related support.

As regards the financing mechanism of G-77, the Chief Coordinator indicated that G-77 has its secretariat in UN HQs at New York, and functions with a compact staff component. The members were expected to contribute a minimum of US\$ 5000 annually, with richer countries expected to contribute significantly more. The G-77 has also created the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund for Economic and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (PGTF) which is a fund established for the purpose of supporting activities in Economic and Technical cooperation among developing countries (ECDC/TCDC). The ECDC/TCDC was of critical importance to developing countries, in order to achieve national or collective self reliance, as it provided seed money for both financing pre-investment/feasibility studies/reports prepared by professional consultancy organizations and to facilitate the implementation of projects. The fund is envisaged to be of US\$ 10 Million, so far US\$ 1.5 Million has been contributed by various countries.

As regards the financing mechanism of the African Ministerial Conference of Housing and Urban Development (AMCHUD), the Chief Coordinator indicated that having been established in 2005, the AMCHUD's secretariat so far has been hosted by the Government of South Africa and its initiatives are supported through African Union, which has passed a resolution urging support to the AMCHUD. In its recent conference at Bamako, Mali in November 2010, it has requested the UN-Habitat to host its secretariat in the interim period till they take a final decision on the location of the permanent secretariat. The AMCHUD has also resolved to contribute a sum of US\$ 10,000 annually by every member state.

The Hon'ble Member from Iran thanked the Government of India for its continued support in hosting the secretariat till date. He indicated that it is necessary to finalize the mode of financing in order to facilitate the regular functioning of the Secretariat. He also opined that over time, the requirement of such arrangements for supporting the working group secretariats would also emerge. In the context of the contribution to be made by each member country, the Hon'ble member highlighted the need to keep in view the diverse nature and resource ability of the member countries including the LDCs. The Hon'ble member also indicated that this issue may require consideration at the APMCHUD level, rather than be decided by the Bureau. The representative of

Indonesia indicated that the proposed salary structure, possibility of contribution from the host country for operating the secretariat, and a minimum level of fixed annual contribution from all members with a higher level of contribution from countries which would be willing to contribute more, etc also need to be taken into account.

The view that the issue of contributions by the member countries would ideally need to be considered at the level of APMCHUD was agreed by the Hon'ble members and representatives from the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Indonesia, and Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

The Hon'ble Chairperson requested the inputs of the representative of UN-HABITAT on this important issue. The representative of UN-HABITAT Mr. Mohamed Halfani, Head, Urban Development Branch conveyed the best wishes of the Executive Director, UN-HABITAT for the success of the meeting. He noted that APMCHUD, since its establishment in 2006, had made substantial progress in various facets of its functioning and had held regular Bureau meetings, as well as the Conferences of APMCHUD. APMCHUD had made steady progress, from the initial Delhi and the Tehran Declaration to the Solo Implementation Plan He congratulated the Bureau and the Secretariat for the progress made and assured the support of UN-HABITAT in all endeavours of APMCHUD. With regard to firming up a financing mechanism for the APMCHUD and contribution by the member countries, Mr. Mohamed Halfani indicated that this would be an essential requirement for sustained functioning and progress of APMCHUD's activities. He further opined that the Bureau may discuss and evolve a broad pattern of financing the APMCHUD's secretariat and APMCHUD's activities, for consideration by the APMCHUD members.

The Hon'ble chairperson thanked the Government of India for its continued support for hosting the permanent secretariat at Delhi. In the context of the various views and suggestions expressed by the Hon'ble members, the chairperson proposed that this item be brought up for consideration in the next main conference of APMCHUD.

**Item No. 7: Statement by the Chairperson at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Governing Council of UN-Habitat**

The Chief Coordinator indicated that in the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau of APMCHUD, it had been decided that the Chairperson may make a statement in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Governing Council meeting of the UN-HABITAT on behalf of APMCHUD. Accordingly, a statement had been drafted, which was also placed in the web-site seeking comments of the Hon'ble members. The Statement had since been finalized and placed for the consideration of the Bureau.



The Hon'ble Member from the Islamic Republic of Pakistan opined that though the contents of the statement are in order, for the permitted time, the length appears to be slightly long. Accordingly the Bureau decided that the Statement may be circulated and for the intervention, the same may be marginally shortened highlighting the salient features of the Statement. This was agreed to.

The Chairperson thanked the Hon'ble members for their contributions in finalizing the statement to be made on behalf of the Asia Pacific countries.

**Item No. 8: Any Other Item with the permission of the Chair**

On the confirmation of the Hon'ble member from the Republic of Korea, the Hon'ble Chairperson indicated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Bureau shall be held in the Republic of Korea. Mr. Jin, Hyun Hwan, Director of Housing Policy, Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs, Republic of Korea indicated that the firmed up date for the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Bureau would be communicated to the Secretariat, and welcomed all the Hon'ble members for the meeting.

The Hon'ble Chairperson further indicated that as already decided, the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Bureau shall be held in Jordan prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> APMCHUD Conference. In this regard, H.E. Mr. Yahya Al Kasbi, Minister for Public Works and Housing, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan indicated that the preparatory efforts have been initiated and sought the cooperation of the member countries and the secretariat in the successful organization of these events.

The Hon'ble Delegate from Indonesia requested that the guidelines for hosting the APMCHUD conference be discussed during the third meeting of the bureau.

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

***Second Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau of the  
Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and  
Urban Development (APMCHUD) held on  
10<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at Nairobi, Kenya***

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