

# **Agenda for the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development**

**DATE : 05<sup>th</sup> April, 2012**  
**VENUE : Sheraton Hotel, Amman,  
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**

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

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau was held at Seoul, Republic of Korea on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2011. A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting is enclosed. The minutes were circulated to the members and also hosted on the web-site. The Secretariat has not received any comments on the same so far.

The Bureau may consider the Minutes for ratification.

***Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau of the  
Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban  
Development (APMCHUD)  
held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at Seoul, Republic of Korea***

The List of Participants is enclosed.

The Chief Coordinator welcomed the Hon'ble Chairperson and Hon'ble Members of the Bureau and the dignitaries and delegates to the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau of APMCHUD. The Chief Coordinator informed that the Hon'ble Ministers from the Republic of Iraq, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Republic of Fiji Islands and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan had conveyed their regret for being unable to participate in this meeting personally due to extreme exigencies; and had conveyed their best wishes for its success.

The **Hon'ble Chairperson HE Mr. Djan Faridz, Minister for Housing, Republic of Indonesia** welcomed the Hon'ble members of the Bureau to the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

The Hon'ble Chairperson expressed his special appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the Republic of Korea, and personally to the Hon'ble Minister HE Do Youp Kwon, Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs for the gracious hospitality extended to all the participants and for the efforts in holding this important meeting in the city of Seoul.

Recalling the progress made by the APMCHUD since its initiation in New Delhi in 2006, the Chairperson expressed satisfaction with regard to the measures taken towards effectively addressing the concerns of housing and urban development in the Asia Pacific Region. He specially appreciated the supportive and guiding role played by UN-HABITAT in the activities of APMCHUD. He noted that with the cooperation and guidance of the members, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau had been able to move ahead in establishing the lead countries for the identified Working Groups, and this meeting would discuss the progress of their activities. The Chairperson also expressed his appreciation for the efforts made by the Secretariat in furthering the agenda of the APMCHUD.

He noted that while the APMCHUD had been able to make considerable progress, much remained to be done to achieve the goals of the APMCHUD. Highlighting that one of the identified areas for collaboration is experience sharing of innovative approaches in the field of housing and urban development, Chairperson sought the co-operation of all the member countries and also the UN-HABITAT in making this a reality. With these remarks, the Hon'ble Chairperson invited the Hon'ble Members to offer their initial remarks.

**HE Mr Han, Man Hee, Hon'ble Vice Minister of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs, Republic of Korea** welcomed the Hon'ble Members and the distinguished participants for the 3rd meeting of the Bureau of APMCHUD at Seoul. The Hon'ble Minister expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the Republic of India for hosting the permanent secretariat and for the consistent support to the movement since its initiation in Delhi. The Chairperson also expressed his appreciation to the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Indonesia for their efforts in focusing the activities through the Tehran Declaration and Solo Declaration, towards achieving the objectives. HE Mr Han, Man Hee indicated that housing and urban development has always received priority in the Republic of Korea, and that the related policies have a special focus on addressing the requirements of the low-income groups through subsidization. Emphasis is also on participation of all stakeholders in the housing delivery process towards reducing the housing deficit considerably. The Hon'ble Member further indicated that in the context of the housing and urban development situation in the Asia-Pacific Region, there was substantial potential for promoting cooperation among the countries through information and experience exchange for the benefit of all the member countries.

Thanking the Republic of Korea for hosting this 3rd meeting of the 3rd Bureau, **HE Mr Ali Nikzad, Hon'ble Minister for Roads and Urban Development, Islamic Republic of Iran** expressed his appreciation of the efforts made by Mr Suharso Monoarfa, former Minister for Housing, Republic of Indonesia in furthering the objectives of APMCHUD and also the leadership extended in hosting the 3rd Conference of the APMCHUD at Solo, Indonesia. He also expressed his appreciation to the Republic of India for supporting the permanent secretariat of APMCHUD.

The Hon'ble Minister further elaborated on the activities of the Working Group on Slum Upgradation. He indicated that in continuation of the commitment to lead the working group on slum upgradation aspects, the activities are being led by the Ministry of Roads and Urban Development, and is being coordinated by the Urban Development and Renovation Organization (UDRO) as its Secretariat. A National Committee has been formed and many Municipalities, universities, and academic institutions have been associated in this process. The UDRO has also formed an Advisory Board to facilitate this process. The proposed 1st Conference of this working group would focus on experience sharing in the field of slum upgradation. The Working Group would address the following areas: identification of indicators for slum related aspects; collection of information on experiences of various countries on control & regulation of slums and informal settlements; financing mechanisms for slum and informal settlements; and would also function as a repository of information on best practices. Establishment of Regional Advisory Boards and

identification of Regional centers/institutions to collect information on indicators at national level are other activities proposed.

With regard to initiatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the recent past, the Hon'ble Minister HE Mr Ali Nikzad indicated that in the last 2 years, with the direct support of the Government, 2.6 million housing units have been taken up, with the Government extending support of \$ 42 billion. In addition to providing free land, about 80% of the cost of the housing units is subsidized by the government at a low rate of interest. The government also provides basic infrastructure & monitors the overall quality of construction. The Hon'ble Minister further mentioned that the Islamic Republic of Iran looked forward to the more active role & support of the Permanent Secretariat in co-ordinating activities of the Working Group on Slum Up-gradation.

**HE Prof. Saugata Ray, Hon'ble Minister of State for Urban Development, Government of India** thanked the Government of Republic of Korea for the arrangements made to hold the meeting at the historic city of Seoul. The Hon'ble Minister indicated that in continuation of the Delhi Declaration and the enhanced framework for cooperation in the field of housing and urban development evolved during the 1st conference of APMCHUD at New Delhi in December 2006, the Second Conference at Tehran held in May 2008 had pronounced the Tehran Declaration and the Action Plan highlighting the way forward. The third Conference of APMCHUD at Solo held in June 2010 had adopted the Solo Declaration and implementation plan outlining the implementation strategy. Thus within a short period of about 5 years, APMCHUD has progressed substantially.

The Hon'ble Minister highlighted the progressive measures taken by the Indian Government in the recent past towards addressing the concerns of housing and urban development for promoting inclusive development. He mentioned that a national initiative namely the 'Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Programme' is under implementation towards integrated development of housing provision of infrastructure in urban areas. In continuation of the same, a special programme to promote a 'Slum Free India' in a time bound manner has been conceived, entitled 'Rajiv Awas Yojana' which would address the requirements of security of tenure and requirement of housing and infrastructure in the urban areas. He further indicated that 'inclusiveness' continues to be the focus of all these programmes, through which the interests of the urban poor are being taken care in the city development process.

**HE Mr Omar Nahar, Ambassador of Jordan in Seoul** indicated that due to exigencies, the Hon'ble Minister from Jordan could not participate personally, and that he had conveyed his best wishes for the success of the meeting. He stated that

the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan eagerly looked forward to hosting the next Bureau meeting as well as the 4th Conference of the APMCHUD.

**HE Mr Khalil Al-Mosawi, Ambassador of Iraq in Seoul** conveyed the regret of Hon'ble Minister from Iraq for not being able to participate personally, and also his greetings for the success of the meeting. Indicating that Iraq is a rapidly expanding economy, he stated that the experience of the Islamic Republic of Iran in creating massive housing stock offered valuable lessons and guidance for Iraq which is in the process of addressing the issue of large scale housing delivery. He stated that the Government of Iraq aimed to build 3 million housing units. He also expressed his appreciation and thanks to the Government of Republic of Korea for its support in pledging US \$ 8 billion for this programme.

**HE Mr. Ulaisasi T.Ravula, First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Fiji (at Tokyo)** stated that the Hon'ble Minister from the Republic of Fiji Islands had to cancel his programme owing to certain exigencies and that he conveyed the greetings of the Hon'ble Minister for the success of the meeting., He stated that provision of affordable as well as safe housing was a key priority for the Government of Fiji Islands as the country is frequented by natural hazards. Accordingly, disaster resistant housing construction was being accorded considerable priority in Fiji Islands.

Thanking the Republic of Korea for organizing this 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau and the Secretariat of APMCHUD for the preparatory efforts, **HE Mr. Sri Hartoyo, Deputy for Housing Finance, Ministry of Housing, Republic of Indonesia** conveyed his Government's support to various Asian countries including India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and also Turkey which have recently experienced the impact of various natural disasters. He indicated that Indonesia could well understand the tremendous difficulties and hardships faced as Indonesia had faced a recent earthquake in West Sumatra and surrounding areas. He stated that the various member countries could learn from each others learnings and experiences on disaster prevention, mitigation and management efforts .

Thanking the chair for the opportunity to provide initial remarks, **Dr Markandey Rai, Chief, Parliamentarians, UN-HABITAT** expressed his appreciation to the Republic of Korea for hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau of APMCHUD. Highlighting Seoul's historic past, he indicated that in addition to having emerged as a global capital city ranked amongst the top ten financial centers in the world, Seoul had evolved as a model city for urban planning and management. He observed that the UN habitat attached significant importance to the role of the APMCHUD in guiding the developmental activities in housing and urban development in an organized and sustainable manner in the region. This was reflected by the participation of UN-HABITAT in all the Conferences and Bureau meetings of APMCHUD by UN-HABITAT.

Dr Makandey Rai highlighted that the APMCHUD in its first conference at Delhi in 2006 had evolved a vision for housing and urban development in the Asia Pacific Region. In 2008, at Tehran it had evolved an action plan, and at Solo in 2010 moved towards efforts for realization. He indicated that with a committed leadership, a dynamic Bureau and an active Secretariat, it should be possible to move forward towards achieving the objectives of APMCHUD. In this context, he observed that finalizing the methodology of funding of the initiatives of APMCHUD on an appropriate scale, and strengthening of Secretariat to undertake and effectively coordinate its activities would be important. He also expressed appreciation that these issues have already been enlisted for consideration in the forthcoming conference of APMCHUD.

Dr Markandey Rai stated that while the Asia Pacific region faced major challenges in the form of slums, urban poverty, etc, it has also demonstrated that these problems could be effectively tackled through appropriate policies and programs, innovation and collaboration. The region had thrown up a number of best practices for appropriate adoption and adaption, and the APMCHUD can play a very significant role in disseminating these to member countries. A large number of innovative approaches in respect of disaster mitigation and management, urban and rural planning, land policies, slum upgradation and management, funding mechanisms have been pioneered in the recent past and the member countries could draw upon these for wider replication.

Affirming that the UN-HABITAT would extend all possible assistance for the successful organization of the forthcoming 4<sup>th</sup> APMCHUD Conference in Jordan, he suggested that selection of an appropriate theme would be important. Given that 'youth' were emerging as an important theme in the context of emerging demographic scenario in many countries, particularly in the Asia Pacific region; the issues of how to engage them in a sustainable manner in the field of housing and urban development could be a relevant theme for consideration for the forthcoming Conference in Jordan. A theme on the lines of 'Youth Empowerment for Sustainable housing and Urban Development' could be examined as an appropriate theme. He also extended an invitation on behalf of the UN-HABITAT to all member countries to participate in the World Urban Forum scheduled in Naples in September, 2012 and particularly in the Ministerial Round Table and Round Table of Parliamentarians.

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



**Item No. 1: Ratification of the 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)**

The Chief Coordinator mentioned that the minutes had been circulated to the Hon'ble members and had also been placed in the website. The Secretariat has not received any comments on the same so far.

The minutes were ratified.

**Item No. 2 : Action taken report on the decisions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau held at Nairobi, Kenya**

The Chief Coordinator presented the action taken report. Actions required to be taken and the nature of actions taken by the Secretariat in respect of Agenda item Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bureau meeting held at Nairobi were presented.

The Bureau noted the actions taken, and expressed appreciation with regard to the follow up taken by the Secretariat.

**Item No. 3: Follow-up action of the Solo Declaration and Implementation Plan (a) Report by the Secretariat, (b) Report by member countries of the Working Groups on Coordination of activities as proposed in the Solo Declaration.**

**a) Report by the Secretariat**

In regard to item no.1 on Coordination of activities of Working Groups of focal themes, the Chief Coordinator indicated that four of the five Working Groups have already been opted by lead countries for coordination of activities. The coordination role is already being played 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, by the Republic of Indonesia in respect of Urban Development with a focus on Natural Disasters, and by the Republic of India in respect of Urban and Rural Planning and Management. Accordingly, the Bureau member countries have been requested to offer their willingness to take the leadership role of the Working Group III on Delivery of MDGs for Water and Sanitation.

In regard to item no.2 on Taking up Pilot Projects and Research Studies by APMCHUD, the Chief Coordinator indicated that towards creating enabling mechanism for taking up such initiatives, a proposal for financial requirements and financing mechanisms for creating resource base for APMCHUD had been considered by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau in its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting held at Nairobi .It was decided to place this matter before the forthcoming Conference of APMCHUD at Jordan.

With regard to item no.3 on Identification of Institutions for collaboration to foster APMCHUD's agenda, the Chief Coordinator indicated that as per the decision of the Bureau in its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Secretariat has already taken up with the member countries to identify institutions with whom collaboration could be fostered for furthering the APMCHUD agenda in the field of housing and urban development. Accordingly, tentative indications have been received from Sri Lanka and Armenia, and the Secretariat is pursuing with these countries for further details and firm proposals for collaborations.

**b) Report by member countries of the Working Groups on Coordination of activities as proposed in the Solo Declaration**

In respect of Working Group No.2 on Participatory Urban Slum Upgrading, the Bureau noted that the progress has been presented in the initial address of the Hon'ble Member from the Islamic Republic of Iran.

As regards Working Group No.4 on Financing Sustainable Housing and Urban Development, a detailed presentation was made on the progress of activities. A document was circulated on the Korea Housing Finance Corporation highlighting the various aspects of Korea's housing finance market, its activities, various government initiatives for appropriate control on increasing household debt, establishment of a stable mortgage market system, and implementing prudent regulations, and also the future strategy for housing finance sector. The Hon'ble Minister, Republic of Korea further indicated that the first meeting of the Working Group on this aspect is likely to be held during the first half of next year.

As for Group No.5 on Addressing Climate Changes, a presentation was made on the activities under the working group, followed by a detailed presentation by the Director of the Regional Center for Community Empowerment on Housing and Urban Development (RC-CEHUD), Dr. Anita Firmanti. The National Board on Climate Change hosted the Fourth Meeting of the South-East Asian Network (SEAN) for Climate Change Focal Points in Jakarta, 4-5 May 2011 supported by UNEP and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Finland. The meeting was attended by nine of the ten ASEAN countries (except Brunei) to discuss energy efficiency initiatives and possible partnerships.

RC-CEHUD has been established with a vision to become the centre of excellence for community empowerment in housing and urban development for the Asia-Pacific Region. It acts as the focal point for natural disaster related aspects on behalf of the Government of Indonesia. It was presented that in addition to organizing a series of workshops in September-November 2010 on various aspects of community empowerment, an MoU was also signed in November 2010 with the Government of Pekalongan city and Indonesian Association of Community Empowerment concerning cooperation on for expert exchange and capacity building. In addition,

an inventory of information on community empowerment and also on best practices on community empowerment in housing and urban development from Indonesia and APMCHUD member countries is also being attempted. A website for the RC-CEHUD is under preparation. The Centre also proposes, inter-alia, to organize discussions/workshops and field observation on best practices of community empowerment in Indonesia and APMCHUD member countries in line with the 5 working groups.

The Hon'ble Minister from India HE Prof. Saugata Ray thanked the Bureau for agreeing to the proposal of the Republic of India for taking up the leadership role in respect of the Working Group No.1 on Urban and Rural Planning and Management,

He stated that India has a rich tradition of human settlements planning on scientific basis, since the Mohanjadaro and Harappa Civilization period. Modern India had recently established a number of planned cities such as Jaipur, Chandigarh, Gandhinagar, based on sustainable development principles for undertaking the important task of the Working Group on Urban and Rural Planning and Management, the Government of India had identified a nodal Institution of significant repute ; namely the Human Settlement Management Institute (HSMI) ; an arm of the the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd . or

Operating under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, of the Government of India, HUDCO is a pioneering techno-financial Institution in the field of housing and urban development in India, and has evolved since its inception in 1970, as a one-stop shop for housing and urban development sector, covering technical appraisal, funding, as well as capacity building Institution for the requirements of this sector. The Human Settlement Management Institute (HSMI) is the research and training and capacity building arm of HUDCO and is actively involved in research and training activities on issues of human settlements development at large, for participants from both within the country and abroad. Incorporating four Centres of Excellence covering affordable housing, Sustainable Habitat, Urban Poverty, Slums & Livelihoods, and centre for Project Development Management, the HSMI has been identified by the Government of India to undertake the important task of coordinating the Working Group activities on the theme of 'Rural and Urban Planning and Management'.

The Human Settlement Management Institute is in the process of working out a detailed plan of action for undertaking multifarious activities towards promoting experience sharing and best practices propagating initiatives. This include an International Conference on building materials and technologies for housing with focus on the SAARC countries proposed to be held in the month of November, 2011. In addition, a major event on the emerging context of urbanization and the need for a paradigm shift in town planning practices in the Asia Pacific region, which may be organized during January 2012.

The Bureau noted the report by the Secretariat on the three listed issues on working groups, taking up of pilot studies, and identification of Institutions for collaboration.

Appreciating the efforts of the Secretariat, the Bureau decided that the Secretariat may continue to pursue the member countries to elicit their response for identification of collaborating institutions, and also pursue the bureau member countries on taking the leadership role in respect of the working group on MDGs on water and sanitation.

In respect of the reports by the Coordinating and lead countries of the Working groups, the Bureau appreciated the significant efforts by the lead countries in progressing substantially in respective working group activities. While appreciating the efforts of the lead countries, the Bureau desired that the activities and efforts of each of the working group during the previous 2 years should be documented and made available to all the members of the APMCHUD. Towards the same, the Bureau further decided that a status report on various working groups be compiled, printed and circulated during the 4<sup>th</sup> APMCHUD Conference at Jordan. The Secretariat would coordinate with the lead countries and facilitate in all manners in this regard.

**Item No. 4 : Proposal for collaboration with various institutions towards promoting the APMCHUD agenda.**

The Chief Coordinator indicated that as desired by the Bureau, the Secretariat has requested all the member countries to indicate potential institutions with which collaboration and association could be entered into for mutual advantage. The Bureau noted the progress and desired that the Secretariat may continue to interact with the member countries in this regard and this item may be considered in the subsequent meeting.

**Item No.5 : Organizational Matters – Proposed Guidelines for hosting the APMCHUD Conference**

The Chief Coordinator indicated that in line with the decision of the Bureau in its last meeting, draft guidelines for hosting the APMCHUD Conference has been prepared for the consideration of the Bureau encompassing selection of venue, date and theme, preparation of base papers, participation invitations, participation from UN-HABITAT and LDC countries, creation of a conference web-site, venue and other logistics, arranging field trips, component sessions and parallel sessions of the conference, organization of cultural events, exhibition, adoption of declaration, election of next Bureau and post conference documentation, etc.

After consideration of the draft guidelines, the Bureau approved the following:

In the draft guidelines, the **Para 3** read as follows: `3. Preparation of Base Papers – The base papers are prepared under the guidance of UN-HABITAT which is coordinated by the host country'. The Bureau felt that the approval of UN-HABITAT may not be necessary and the wordings may reflect this spirit. It was decided that

the Para may read as follows: `3. Preparation of the Base Papers- The base papers are prepared by the host country, if necessary with the support of UN-HABITAT.

In respect of **Para 5**, `The participation – invitations to be sent' it was decided that clarity be in-built in regard to the two categories of participation. Firstly, the Hon'ble Ministers and UN-HABITAT as `Members'. Secondly, all other invitees such as professionals, bilateral and multilateral organizations, other UN agencies, dignitaries and distinguished participants etc as `Observers' in the APMCHUD conference. Accordingly, the para 5 would read as follows:

5. Participation – invitations to be sent to:

- All the Hon'ble Members of the APMCHUD
- Executive Director, UN-HABITAT

Observers:

- Relevant bi-lateral and multi-lateral organizations
- Professional Institutions of repute
- The Executive Heads, or their representatives of the relevant United Nations organizations and specialized agencies
- Dignitaries and distinguished participants, as decided by the host country.'

In regard to **Para no. 11**, the draft indicated that `The conference normally has two components namely, official level meet and ministerial level segment. The ministerial level segment is generally inaugurated by the Head of the Government of the host country. During the event, it is customary that the dignitaries on the dais include the Head of the Government of the host country, the Hon'ble member minister of the host country, the Chairperson of APMCHUD, the Executive Director of UN-HABITAT, the Chief Coordinator of APMCHUD, the Secretary General of the Conference Organizing Committee and other dignitaries as may be decided by the host country.' In regard to this, the Hon'ble Minister from Iran indicated that the nature of events need to be clearly indicated. The Bureau agreed that the first sentence be reworded as follows: The conference is normally for three days duration out of which two days are devoted for the executive level meeting for the deliberations and preparation of the final consensus document to be presented to the Ministers meeting on the third day for their adoption and approval. Accordingly, the para no.11 would read as under:

`11. The Conference is normally for three days duration out of which two days are devoted for the executive level meeting for the deliberations and preparation of the final consensus document to be presented to the Ministers meeting on the third day for their adoption and approval. The ministerial meeting is generally inaugurated by the Head of the Government of the host country. During the event, it is customary that the dignitaries on the dais include the Head of the Government of the host country, the Hon'ble member minister of the host country, the Chairperson of APMCHUD, the Executive Director of UN-HABITAT, the Chief Coordinator of APMCHUD, the Secretary General of the Conference Organizing Committee and other dignitaries as may be decided by the host country.'

In addition to the above, the Bureau further decided that 'A Report on the progress of activities during the period of the Bureau be prepared and a printed copy of the same be circulated'. In addition, the Bureau also decided that 'Achievements in housing and urban development sector, by all the member countries in the form of a country report, broadly for the period subsequent to last APMCHUD Conference, can be printed and circulated by the respective countries, during the APMCHUD Conference.'

Accordingly, the above shall be added by the Secretariat in the guidelines.

**HE Mr Omar Nahar, Ambassador of Jordan in Seoul** expressed gratitude towards finalizing the guidelines and requested for the continued cooperation and guidance of all the member countries for the successful organisation of the Bureau meeting as well as 4th APMCHUD conference in Jordan.

**Item No. 6: Preparations for the 4<sup>th</sup> APMCHUD Conference at Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**

**HE Mr Omar Nahar, Ambassador of Jordan in Seoul** indicated that a detailed presentation could not be made at this juncture. However, he indicated that he has received assurances from Amman on progress of preparatory efforts for the successful conduct of the 4th meeting of the 3rd Bureau and the 4th APMCHUD Conference in Jordan. In regard to the dates of the Bureau meeting and the APMCHUD Conference, HE Mr Omar Nahar indicated that the same could be held in the month of April, 2012 and December 2012 respectively. In response, it was informed that as per the earlier indications, the 4<sup>th</sup> APMCHUD main conference was proposed to be held in May/June 2012 and the Bureau meeting well before the same in order to review the preparations. HE Mr Omar Nahar informed that as per information available to him, April 10, 2012 had been indicated to be suitable for holding the 4th Bureau meeting at Amman, with the 4<sup>th</sup> APMCHUD main Conference to be in December 2012.

The Chairperson proposed that the Secretariat may interact with the Hon'ble Minister from Jordan so as to finalize the convenient dates for holding the 4<sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> APMCHUD main conference.

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

- a) Holding of the last Bureau meeting in the same country that would host the next Main APMCHUD Conference:** In regard to the practice of holding the last Bureau meeting in the same country where the Main Conference of the APMCHUD is proposed to be held, the Hon'ble Minister HE Mr Ali Nikzad, Islamic Republic of Iran indicated that it may not be necessary to burden the host country of the main Conference by holding the last meeting of the Bureau also in the same country in advance of the Conference, and felt that this could be held in any other country as well. After deliberations it was felt that holding of the last Bureau meeting in the same country of next APMCHUD main Conference provides the opportunity to review the preparations for the Conference and this may help the host country for seeking any guidance and cooperation from the Bureau members, if necessary, and accordingly decided that this pattern may continue.
- b) Possibility of another Secretariat in the country of Chair of the APMCHUD:** HE Mr.Sri Hartoyo, member from the Republic of Indonesia indicated that towards helping the Permanent Secretariat it may be worthwhile to consider the possibility of having a support system at the Chair of the APMCHUD. He also indicated that the UNESCAP at Bangkok may also be willing to provide space, personnel and associated facilities, if necessary, for the Secretariat. The Minister of State for Urban Development, Government of India HE Prof. Saugata Ray indicated that as per the decision of the APMCHUD Conference at Solo, the permanent Secretariat is located at Delhi and functioning under the aegis of Government of India. Accordingly, he was of the view that this system is functioning well and hence may not require any additional support system. As for the mechanism of financing the activities of APMCHUD, this item had already been listed for consideration at the next APMCHUD Conference at Jordan. The Chairperson appreciated the view and decided that the current arrangement as already approved by APMCHUD would continue.

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

**Third Meeting of the 3rd Bureau of the  
Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and  
Urban Development (APMCHUD) held on  
28<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at Seoul, Republic of Korea**

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Hon'ble Minister for Roads and Urban Development  
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HE Mr Han, Man Hee  
Hon'ble Vice Minister of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs,  
Republic of Korea

HE Prof. Saugata Ray,  
Hon'ble Minister of State for Urban Development  
Republic of India

HE Mr Omar Nahar,  
Ambassador of Jordan in Seoul  
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

HE Mr Khalil Al-Mosawi,  
Ambassador of Iraq in Seoul  
Republic of Iraq

HE Mr Ulaisasi T. Ravula,  
First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Fiji (at Tokyo)  
Republic of the Fiji Islands

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Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation,  
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**Other Distinguished Participants**



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3. HE Mr .Nicholas T.Dammens, Ambassador of Indonesia in Seoul
4. Mr Moh. Siradj Parwito, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
5. Mr Syarif Burhanuddin, Expert Staff to the Minister for Housing
6. Mrs Hetty Adriasih, Expert Staff to the Minister for Housing
7. Dr. Lana Winayanti, Assistant Deputy for Housing Finance Evaluation, Ministry of Housing
8. Dr. Oswar Mungkasa, Head of Planning and Budgeting Bureau, Ministry of Housing
9. Mr.Susmono, Secretary, Directorate General of Human Settlements, Ministry of Public Works
10. Mr. Nyoman Shuida, Assistant Deputy for Housing, Coordination, Ministry of Peoples Welfare
11. Dr. Anita Firmanti, Head of Centre for Human Settlement Research, Ministry of Public Works
12. Mr.Arvi Agiyantoro, Centre for Human Settlements Research, Ministry of Public Works

13. Dr. Hadi Sucahyono, Deputy Director, Policy and Strategy of Human Settlements,  
Ministry of Public Works
14. Mrs Gustina Tobing, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Indonesia in Seoul

**Republic of India**

1. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Private Secretary to Minister of State for Urban Development

**APMCHUD Secretariat**

1. Dr. P. Jayapal, Executive Director (Projects), Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO), Republic of India

**Item No. 2 : Action taken report on the decisions of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau held on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 at Seoul, Republic of Korea**

Item No. (in the 3rd Bureau meeting agenda)	Action required as per decision in the 2nd Bureau meeting	Status/Action taken
Item No. 3 A – Report by the Secretariat	Request extended to Bureau member countries to offer their willingness to take the leadership role of the Working Group 3 on Delivery of MDGs for Water and Sanitation	The Secretariat has not received any further offer in this regard from member countries. The Bureau may like to take a decision in this regard
Item No. 3 - B - Report by member countries of the Working Groups on Coordination of activities as proposed in the Solo Declaration	As regards Working Group No.4 on Financing Sustainable Housing and Urban Development.... the Hon'ble Minister, Republic of Korea indicated that the first meeting of the Working Group on this aspect is likely to be held during the first half of next year (2012).	The Hon'ble member from the Republic of Korea may like to indicate the position in this regard as part of Item No.3 in this meeting.
	The Hon'ble Minister from India HE Prof. Saugata Ray indicated that as part of the activities of the Working Group No.1 on Urban and Rural Planning and Management, the Human Settlement Management Institute is in the process of working out a detailed plan of action for undertaking multifarious activities towards promoting experience sharing and best practices propagating initiatives. This include an International Conference on building materials and technologies for housing with focus on the SAARC countries proposed to be held in the month of November, 2011. In addition, a major event on the emerging context of urbanization and the need for a paradigm shift in town planning practices in the Asia Pacific region, which may be organized during January 2012.	The Hon'ble Member from India may like to brief the Bureau as part of Item 3 in this meeting.

	<p>In respect of the reports by the Coordinating and lead countries of the Working groups, the Bureau appreciated the significant efforts by the lead countries in progressing substantially in respective working group activities. While appreciating the efforts of the lead countries, the Bureau desired that the activities and efforts of each of the working group during the previous 2 years should be documented and made available to all the members of the APMCHUD. Towards the same, the Bureau further decided that a status report on various working groups be compiled, printed and circulated during the 4th APMCHUD Conference at Jordan. The Secretariat would coordinate with the lead countries and facilitate in all manners in this regard.</p>	<p>Since the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of APMCHUD is scheduled in October, 2012, it is proposed to request the lead countries of the Working Groups to finalize their respective reports by August, 2012.</p>
<p><b>Item No. 4 :</b> Proposal for collaboration with various institutions towards promoting the APMCHUD agenda.</p>	<p>In regard to identification of potential institutions with which collaboration and association could be entered into by APMCHUD for mutual advantage, the Bureau desired that the Secretariat may continue to interact with the member countries in this regard.</p>	<p>The Secretariat has not received any further proposals and would continue the effort further.</p>
<p>Item No. 5 Organizational Matters – Proposed Guidelines for hosting the APMCHUD Conference</p>	<p>The Secretariat to incorporate the approved modifications in the guidelines.</p>	<p>The amended version of the guidelines, as approved by the Bureau, has been uploaded on the website for the information of the member countries.</p>
<p>Item No. 6 Preparations for the 4th APMCHUD Conference at Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</p>	<p>The Chairperson proposed that the Secretariat may interact with the Hon'ble Minister from Jordan so as to finalize the convenient dates for holding the 4<sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> APMCHUD main conference.</p>	<p>The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in concurrence with the Chairperson of APMCHUD have finalized the dates as under :-</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Bureau Meeting : <b>5<sup>th</sup> April, 2012</b> Fourth Conference of APMCHUD : <b>October 16 – 18, 2012.</b></p>

**Item No. 3 : Report by respective Lead Member countries of the five Working Groups**

In line with the decision taken at the Third APMCHUD Conference at Solo during 22-24 June, 2010, various member countries had volunteered to lead the sub-groups as under :-

WG I : Urban and Rural Planning and Management – Republic of India

WG II : Upgrading of Slum and Informal Settlements – Islamic Republic of Iran

WG III : Delivery of MDGs for Water and Sanitation – Yet to be decided

WG IV : Financing Sustainable Housing – Republic of Korea

WG V : Urban Development with a focus on Natural Disasters – Republic of Indonesia

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

**Item No. 4 : Presentation by the Government of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the preparations for the 4<sup>th</sup> APMCHUD Conference at Amman**

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau Meeting held at Seoul, Republic of Korea, it was decided that the Fourth Meeting would primarily focus on preparation for the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> APMCHUD Conference at Amman.

The Hon'ble member from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan may like to brief the Bureau on the above.

**Item No. 5 : Any Other Item with the permission of the Chair**