

**Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the 3rd Bureau of the
Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development
(APMCHUD) held on
4th September 2012 at Naples, Italy**

The List of Participants is enclosed.

Welcoming the Hon'ble Members and Dignitaries, the Chief Coordinator informed that the Hon'ble Chairperson **HE Mr. Djan Faridz, Minister for Housing, Republic of Indonesia** could not participate personally in this meeting due to extreme exigencies, and has requested **HE Eng. Mr Yahya Al Kisbi, Hon'ble Minister of Public Works & Housing, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan** to chair the meeting, and accordingly requested the Hon'ble Minister **HE Eng. Mr Yahya Al Kisbi** to chair this 5th meeting of the 3rd Bureau of APMCHUD. The Chief Coordinator conveyed the regrets of Hon'ble Members from the Republic of Fiji Islands, Republic of India, Republic of Korea and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for not being able to participate in the meeting and also their best wishes for the success of the meeting.

The Hon'ble Chairperson of the meeting **HE Eng. Mr Yahya Al Kisbi, Hon'ble Minister of Public Works & Housing, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan** welcomed all the Hon'ble Members, Dignitaries and participants to the meeting. The Hon'ble Chairperson of the meeting conveyed his special appreciation and thanks to the UN-Habitat for its gracious support in facilitating the holding of this meeting on the sidelines of the World Urban Forum-VI. The Hon'ble Chairperson also registered his appreciation for the efforts of the Secretariat of APMCHUD in coordinating with the UN-Habitat for holding this event in Naples. The Hon'ble Chairperson also informed the Hon'ble Members that on behalf of the APMCHUD, he made a statement in the Ministerial Roundtable of the World Urban Forum-VI highlighting the efforts of APMCHUD for achieving a sustainable urban future in the Asia Pacific Region. The Chairperson also indicated that due to the preparations and involvement of various partners with the World Urban Forum, based on the suggestion of the host country, the Chairperson of APMCHUD had approved holding the 4th Conference of APMCHUD on the new dates of 10-12th December, 2012 at Amman.

On behalf of the Bureau, the Hon'ble Chairperson conveyed the condolences to the Government of Islamic Republic of Iran on the tragic loss of life and damage to properties due to the recent earthquake in Iran.

Thanking the Hon'ble Chairperson and the Hon'ble Bureau members for their concern on the recent tragic development due to natural disaster, **HE Mr. Jamshid Noursalehi, Deputy Minister for Roads and Urban Development, Islamic Republic of Iran** appreciated the UN-Habitat and the APMCHUD Secretariat for the excellent arrangements for the meeting. The Hon'ble Minister also briefly highlighted on the successful hosting of the 1st meeting of the Working group on Slum Upgrading related aspects in Tehran, and thanked all the countries for their participation and support in the successful organisation of the event.

The Hon'ble Deputy Minister for Regional Development and Local Autonomy Affairs, Ministry of National Development Planning, Republic of Indonesia Dr Max Hasudungan Pohan, conveyed the condolences on behalf of the Government of Indonesia to the Government of Islamic Republic of Iran. He also expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Chairperson of the meeting for agreeing to the request of **HE Mr. Djan Faridz, Minister for Housing, Republic of Indonesia** to chair the 5th meeting of the Bureau of APMCHUD, as he could not personally participate in the meeting due to extreme exigencies in the last minute.

HE Mr. Mohammed Sahib Al-Darraj, Minister of Construction & Housing, Republic of Iraq conveyed the condolences of the Government of Republic of Iraq to the Government of Islamic Republic of Iran on the recent earthquake disaster in Iran. Appreciating the ongoing efforts by the Bureau for achieving sustainable human settlement development in the Asia-Pacific region, the Hon'ble Minister offered all possible support for furthering this objective.

The Hon'ble Minister for Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Republic of India, Kumari Selja had sent the best wishes for the meeting and Her Excellency's address was read by the Chief Coordinator. The Hon'ble Minister in the address had offered condolences to the people of the Islamic Republic of Iran affected by the recent earthquake disaster. Her Excellency had highlighted the evolution of APMCHUD as one of the most vibrant and active inter-governmental bodies for cooperation and collaboration in the field of housing and urban development. Recalling the progress from the 1st conference at Delhi followed by the Tehran and Solo Conferences, Her Excellency expressed satisfaction on the vision evolved and steps taken so far by APMCHUD towards achieving sustainable development of human settlements in the Asia Pacific region. The Hon'ble Minister in her address had also highlighted the significant initiatives by the Government of India like the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission and the proposed Rajiv Awas Yojana towards a planned approach for development of inclusive cities.

Dr. Markandey Rai, Chief, UN-Habitat retraced the evolution of APMCHUD from its Vision in Delhi Conference, Action Plan in Tehran Conference and Implementation Plan in Solo Conference and felt that the emphasis in the forthcoming Amman Conference should be towards full realization of the objectives. He emphasized on the need for efforts to ensure a larger participation in the Amman Conference and offered all assistance of UN-Habitat towards the same.

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

Item No. 1: Ratification of the Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the 3rd Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD)

The Chief Coordinator mentioned that the minutes of the 4th meeting of the 3rd Bureau had been circulated to the Hon'ble members and were also posted on the website of APMCHUD. He further informed that the secretariat had not received any comments on the same so far.

The Bureau considered the minutes and ratified the same.

Item No. 2 : Action taken report on the decisions of the 4th Meeting of the 3rd Bureau held on 5th April, 2012 at Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

The action taken report was presented by the Chief Coordinator.

In respect of Item No. 3 – Report by respective Lead member countries of the five working groups, the Bureau was informed about the reschedulement of the dates of the 4th Conference of APMCHUD at Amman from October 16-18, 2012 to December 10-12, 2012. The same was noted by the Bureau.

In respect of Item No.5(a) on Proposal for collaboration with various Institutions towards promoting the APMCHUD Agenda, the Bureau noted the status that the same is being considered as a separate item in the current meeting.

In respect of Item No. 5(b) on holding of next (5th) meeting of the 3rd Bureau, the Bureau noted the excellent support from the UN-Habitat for hosting this event.

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 lead countries presented the status reports in respect of their respective working groups.

The report in respect of the **Working Group I – Urban and Rural Planning and Management, by the Hon'ble Minister for Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and Culture, Government of India HE Kumari Selja** was presented by the Chief Coordinator. Thanking the Bureau for agreeing to the request of the Republic of India for taking lead in respect of the working group on 'Urban and Rural Planning and Management' and coordinating its activities, the report indicated that on assuming the responsibility, a leading research and training Institution in India, the Human Settlement Management Institute (HSMI) of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO), a Government of India enterprise was identified to coordinate the activities of the Working Group, on behalf of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India.

In line with the decision of the Bureau that the working groups shall present a report on the activities of their respective working groups, during the forthcoming 4th APMCHUD Conference at Amman in December, 2012, India undertook earnest efforts towards finalizing the report, and that a meeting of the Working Group on Urban and Rural Planning and Management was organized in New Delhi on 16-17th August, 2012. The Hon'ble Minister has expressed happiness that the invitations extended to the countries of the Asia Pacific region to participate in the meeting received a significant response. A total of 18 countries were represented in the meeting, and 6 countries had deputed their urban and rural planning and management experts from their countries to personally participate and contribute in the proceedings. Her Excellency in the report registered deep appreciation and thanks to all the countries for their representation and especially to the Republic of Iraq, Armenia, Bhutan, Fiji Islands,

Sri Lanka and Thailand for deputing their experts for personal participation. The report further indicated that the discussions in the meeting were organised under five themes, namely: (1) Approaches to Urban and Rural Planning and Management in Asia Pacific Region, (2) Inclusive Planning and Practices, (3) Urban-Rural Continuum - Imperatives of Integrated Planned Development, (4) Land related issues in Urban and Rural Planning and Management, and (5) Tools, Technologies, and Capacity Building for Urban and Rural Planning and Management.

The Report further indicated that the meeting had 25 presentations with International and Indian participation, and all the five sessions were chaired and co-chaired by experts from both Asia Pacific Countries and experts from India. The meeting discussed the areas of concern on the overall theme of the urban and rural planning and management in the Asia Pacific region, viewed the practices and successful experiments in various countries of the Region, and exchanged information on areas of mutual interest on the theme of urban and rural planning and management. The meeting also finalized its draft recommendations on each of the themes.

The Hon'ble Minister had assured in the report that as decided by the Bureau, the final report shall be firmed up and the report shall be presented during the 4th APMCHUD Conference at Amman. A set of the documents of the expert group meeting was also circulated during the meeting for the perusal of the Hon'ble Members.

In respect of the **Working Group II on Upgrading of Slum and Informal Settlements, the Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Roads & Urban Development and Chairman of the Working Group HE Mr.Majid Kianpour** outlined the various activities undertaken by the Working Group. The Hon'ble Minister indicated that the first meeting of this working group was held at Tehran on 2nd to 4th July, 2012 and thanked all the countries which had deputed Dignitaries and experts to personally participate in the meeting at Tehran. A presentation was made by Mr. Babak Pirouz, Consultant, URDO, Government of Islamic Republic of Iran on the activities of the Working Group. Indicating that the urban Development & Revitalization Organization of Iran (URDO) is the nodal agency identified by the Government for coordinating the activities of the working group, it was highlighted that a Scientific Board has been established, and a Virtual Regional Scientific Board has been launched. Further, the First Meeting of the Working Group was held on 2-4th July 2012 at Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran with the specific theme of Enabling Neighborhood Development, and Associating Growth with Identity and Equity: the keys to Slum Upgrading. The meeting was attended by Ministers and High Level Delegations from a number of Member Countries. The meeting comprised of four sessions namely 1) Country Reports presentations which was chaired by Dr. Sonam Tenzin from Bhutan in which Bhutan, Iran and Indonesia presented their National country reports, (2) Working Group Missions, chaired by Dr. Ali Reza Esmaealzadeh which included a description of goals and mission and outlined the future prospects of Regional Slum Upgrading Working Group, (3) Slum Indicators, chaired by Mr. Jothipala Gamage, which discussed on issues of identifying indicators for slums(Tehran Action Plan), improving existing slum indicators for the Region, regular regional data collection on slums, regional progress reporting on slum upgrading against agreed indicators and benchmarks, and regional impact assessment of slum upgrading initiatives, and (4) Finance Mechanisms, chaired by Dr. Iskandar Saleh, in which the issues of format for collecting successful methods and mechanism from regional countries for the three fabrics types (historical fabrics, distressed and dilapidated fabrics, and informal

settlements) and the economic and financial approaches utilized for them, were discussed. Based on detailed deliberations, a Tehran Communique and a Tehran Work Plan were evolved incorporating various recommendations of the event.

In respect of the **Working Group V – Urban Development with a focus on Natural Disasters**, a detailed presentation on the activities and status was presented by **Dr. Lana Winayanti, Assistant Deputy for Housing Finance Evaluation, Ministry of Housing / Chairman of Habitat Indonesia Secretariat**. Retracing the vision of APMCHUD on this theme from the Enhanced Framework as well as Delhi Declaration through the Tehran Declaration and the Solo Declaration, the presentation highlighted the vision and actions required by the member countries on this critical aspect. The presentation highlighted various National level initiatives by Indonesia for Natural Disaster Mitigation and Climate Change Adaptation including supporting Legislation and documents. Establishment of various institutions such as The National Agency for Climate Change (NACC), Community for Climate Change Adaptation/ Masyarakat Adaptasi Perubahan Iklim (CCCA), Sustainable Urban Development Forum Indonesia (SUDFI), and the Green Building Council Indonesia (GBCI) are specific highlights in this regard. It was also highlighted that a number of events have been organised on this theme such as the 2nd Indonesia Climate Change Education Forum & Expo (19-22 April 2012), National Competition for Community Initiatives in Planning Sustainable Cities (held annually by Dirgen Spatial Planning, Ministry of Public Works), Greenship Training (GBCI), as well as periodic Disaster Management Trainings (NADM). It was highlighted that the Green City Development Program is being promoted by the Ministry of Public Works to be implemented by local governments, and till date, 60 cities are preparing their Local Action Plan for Green Cities. In addition specific Laws on Disaster Management, Spatial Planning and on Environmental Management have been in place. There are also a number of documents available in Indonesia that support disaster management and climate change adaption such as the National Action Plan of the Community for Climate Change Adaptation (CCCA), Guideline for Green City Development Program (Directorate General of Spatial Planning, Ministry of Public Works), National Economic and Environmental Development Study (NEEDS) for Climate Change (NACC, 2009), Index on Disaster Prone Areas in Indonesia (NADM), National Disaster Management Plan and Action Plan for disaster Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (NADM), and Guidelines for Greenship and Greenship Rating Tools (GBCI).

Detailing out various Existing Networks on Climate Change as well as various events held in the recent past on this theme specifically in the Asia Pacific region, the presentation identified certain actions to be followed up such as defining the role of TERI and Coordinator of Working Group on Sustainable Urban Development and a Focus on Natural Disasters, mechanisms for networking and communications protocol, and Website capacity and management of information.

In regard to the Working Group IV, Financing Sustainable Housing, the report was not presented during the meeting as the Lead country, Republic of Korea was represented only by an Observer.

In regard to the working group III on `Delivery of MDGs for Water and Sanitation, the Bureau noted that the same has not been opted by any country for lead role, so far. The Bureau deliberated on the options for dealing with the subject during the presentation of reports of various working groups during the 4th Conference at Amman. In this regard, the representative of UN-Habitat Dr Markandey

Rai indicated that the UN-Habitat, through its Water and Sanitation group can extend help in reporting on the same, if so desired by the host country.

The Chairperson appreciated the significant efforts put in by the lead countries Republic of India, Republic of Indonesia and the Islamic Republic of Iran towards finalization of the reports of their respective working groups. The Chairperson requested that the reports may be appropriately finalized and presented by the lead countries during the Amman Conference, as decided by the Bureau in its earlier meetings. The Chairperson requested the Observer-Participant from the Republic of Korea to appropriately convey the Government of Republic of Korea in this regard, so that all the reports of the working groups are duly presented in the Amman Conference in December 2012.

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

Presenting the status of preparations for the 4th APMCHUD Conference at Amman, HE Eng. Mr Yahya Al Kisbi, Minister of Public Works & Housing, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan indicated that the fourth Asia Pacific Ministerial conference for Housing and Urban Development which was originally scheduled to be held during October 2012 has been rescheduled to 10 to 12th December, 2012, in consultation with the Chairperson due to the preparations and involvement of our partners with the World Urban Forum.

Elaborating on the status of preparations, the Hon'ble Minister indicated that in cooperation with Indonesia and UN-Habitat, a steering committee headed by H.E the Director General of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation with the membership of the related agencies and partners, has been set up. Further, the Committee has formed four sub-committees to handle the different components of the conference, namely the Technical Committee, the Security Committee, Media Committee and the Administrative - Logistic committee. It was indicated that the Steering committee has been meeting regularly on a weekly basis.

The Hon'ble Minister further indicated that the Bureau had approved the theme of the forthcoming conference as 'Youth, IT and Urban Development'. However, in order to tailor the main theme to make it clearer and more inter-related between the identified three sub-components of the main theme i.e youth, IT and sustainable urban development), in consultation with Indonesia (the Chair country) and the UN-Habitat, the Steering committee headed by H E the Director General of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation; the housing executive arm of the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, has decided to word the main theme of the 4th Conference of the APMCHUD at Amman as 'YOUTH AND IT IN SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT'.

In regard to the firming up the sub-themes for the Conference, the Hon'ble Minister indicated that based on discussions with Indonesia (the chair country), and the UN-Habitat, it was felt that the sub-themes - on one side - should address the conference's main theme "Youth and Information Technology in Sustainable Urban Development" and - on the other side - should be directly linked to the themes of the previously adopted Working Groups. Accordingly, the sub-themes have been developed in relation to the main theme which will be

discussed within the context of the working groups. Accordingly, the identified sub-themes in relation to the working group themes are as follows:

Working Group 1: Urban and Rural Planning and Management - will be discussing **Sub-Theme: Youth and IT in Urban Planning and Management**

Working Group 2: Upgrading of Slum and Informal Settlements - will be discussing **Sub-Theme: Livelihood Opportunities for Youth**

Working Group 4: Financing Sustainable Housing - will be discussing **Sub-Theme : Opportunities for Financing Youth-led (Sustainable) Development**

Working Group 5: Urban Development with a focus on Natural Disasters -will be discussing **Sub-Theme: Youth as City Changers for prosperous cities**

The Hon'ble Minister also indicated that since no country has committed so far to take the lead of the working group 3 "Delivery of MDGs for Water and Sanitation", it has been decided to either have a small session with area of discussion as related to main theme being "Youth and MDG's for water and sanitation", or to temporarily skip this thematic area or working group in this conference.

In regard to the organisation and structure of various events, the Hon'ble Minister indicated that the Official Opening Ceremony will be on the morning of the first day which will be Monday the 10th of December. The Plenary Meeting will convene on Day one starting after the Opening Ceremony and will last until the lunch break. After the Organizational Matters, the working groups will first report on their progress since 'Solo Conference' and – subsequently – will introduce the conference sub-themes and adopt the key topics or questions to be discussed. In the afternoon, the discussion on the sub-themes will take place in parallel in the various working groups' meetings.

Day two - morning sessions will finalize discussions on the sub-themes, whereas in the afternoon, a field trip will take place as well as the development of a Draft Declaration and Action Plan.

Day three will then hold the ministers closed roundtable meeting, the declaration adoption and the official closing ceremony.

It was also indicated that the web-site for the Conference shall be functional shortly.

The Hon'ble Minister thanked Ms.Lana Winayanti, Indonesia and Dr Markanday Rai and Mr Marc Staedtler from Un-Habitat for their continuous support and assistance in finalizing the above.

The Hon'ble Minister HE Eng. Mr Yahya Al Kisbi, Minister of Public Works & Housing, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan extended invitation to all the Hon'ble Members to Amman for the Fourth Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development, and indicated

that he is looking forward to the crucial contributions of the Hon'ble members in evolving the Amman declaration on 12th December, 2012.

Item No.5: Information about the already approved agenda item relating to Organizational Issues for the forthcoming APMCHUD Conference

The Chief Coordinator indicated that a proposal for financial requirements and financing mechanisms for creating resource base for APMCHUD had been considered by the 3rd Bureau in its 2nd meeting held at Nairobi, and the Bureau decided to place this matter before the forthcoming Conference of APMCHUD at Jordan. Accordingly, a copy of the detailed item proposed to be taken to the APMCHUD Conference at Jordan, as already approved by the Bureau, which would be considered as part of the Organisational matters, has been placed for information of the Bureau.

The Bureau noted the same.

Item No. 6 : Consideration of the Memorandum of Understanding proposed to be signed with identified Institutions

The Chief Coordinator informed that the Bureau had decided that towards promoting cooperation and collaboration, the Secretariat of APMCHUD may solicit identification of such Institutions from the member countries for entering into appropriate Memorandum of Understanding for the same. Based on the same, so far, three institutions have been identified namely 1) The Energy Research Institute (TERI), New Delhi, India (2) The Asia Pacific Union for Housing Finance based at New Delhi, India and (3) Regional Centre for Community Empowerment in Housing & Urban Development, (REECHUD), Bandung, Indonesia. During the 4th meeting of the Bureau held at Amman on 5th April, 2012, it was proposed by Indonesia that the final Letter of Intent could be signed during the 4th APMCHUD conference at Amman, Jordan. This was agreed to and the Bureau further decided that the Secretariat may finalize the MoU's to be entered into with the identified three Institutions namely TERI and APUHF from India and the RCCEHUD from Indonesia, towards signing the same during the 4th APMCHUD Conference at Amman.

The Chief Coordinator further indicated that in accordance with the decision, draft MoUs have been finalized in consultation with the identified Institutions. The TERI and APUHF have already communicated their acceptance for the MoU and its format, while RCCEHUD is expected to convey its approval shortly for a similar draft MoU. In view of the same, the Chief Coordinator desired consideration of the proposals by the Bureau.

The Bureau considered the proposals of all the three institutions and approved the proposed MoUs, and decided that the MoUs as proposed be signed during the 4th Conference of the APMCHUD at Amman, as already decided by the Bureau.

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

No proposal was requested for consideration as part of this Item.

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

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HE Dr. Max Hasudungan Pohan, Deputy Minister for Regional Development and Local Autonomy Affairs, Ministry of National Development Planning

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