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(APMCHUD)**

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AMMAN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Preamble

The Ministers responsible for Housing and Urban Development of the Asia Pacific region in the conference in Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan adopted the Amman Declaration which consists of many recommendations that requires number of concrete actions by the member countries.

To recognize that youth through the ICT are the future and important stakeholders in development of national policies and strategies.

They would be the largest beneficiaries today and leaders tomorrow in the process of planning and management consistent with sustainable development.

They should be participants in the planning and management process and given the right space and voice to enhance their confidence and sense of ownership.

Ministers of Asia-Pacific have committed themselves to implement the plan in housing and urban development as follows:

1. Invest in ICT infrastructure equal in parallel with physical infrastructures both as vehicle of employment generation and platform for democratization and e-governance and unfettered access for all citizens.
2. Enhance the national vocational education and training system to take into account the recent advancement in ICT
3. Encourage public and private sector to hire apprentices, interns and create jobs for youth especially in the ICT sector.
4. Allocate dedicated financial resources specifically targeted to youth-led ICT initiatives such as national youth funds.
5. Recognize and establish local, regional and national youth platforms to promote and advise and create awareness on sustainable urban development policies.
6. Promote local, national and regional youth volunteering programmes and initiatives.
7. Make ICT-based Youth exchange programme as part of national strategies for better understanding and learning between countries of the region. Furthermore, countries can encourage to utilize UN-Habitat's wealth of experiences in executing successful youth programmes across the world.



8. Ensure the participation of youth in future APMCHUD conferences through their inclusion in national delegations.

WG1: Youth and IT in Urban and Rural Planning and Management

- a. Ensure youth participation in the planning, design, implementation and monitoring of urban programmes in order to make it youth and user friendly
- b. Expand e-Governance to include the above as well as approval for all plans and permits, make the system more transparent, credible and efficient and use ICT to utilize the true potential of cities. Give incentives to provincial and local governments to ensure that the reforms take place. Remove the obstacles and resistance, if necessary through legislation
- c. Strengthen national, urban and rural linkages through ICT and develop IT hubs through youth involvement for better rural empowerment and the true democratization at the rural level.
- d. Encourage the involvement of International Financial Institutions in the development and expansion of ICT infrastructure.

WG2: Slum Upgrading – Livelihood Opportunities for Youth

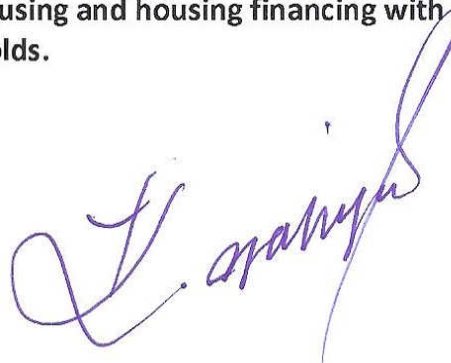
- a. Prioritized socio-economic enabling in upgrading of informal settlements.
- b. Utilize Information Technology as an effective instrument for engaging youth in slum upgrading.
- c. Pilot-testing the slum upgrading database and indicators in three volunteer countries, Jordan, Indonesia and Iran, and present the results between April - June 2013.
- d. Vigorously participate in the Virtual Scientific Committee established by the Secretariat of the Slum Upgrading Working Group to share information and experiences, establish and regularly update the joint slum upgrading database.

WG3: Youth Involvement and Use of IT in Basic Services

- a. Ensure that youth have a right to equal opportunities in the city which includes the rights to economic, social, political and cultural opportunity.
- b. Ensure youth have access to safe urban spaces where they are provided with basic services and trained in democratic and economic processes where they can access information and communication technologies.
- c. Promote innovative use of ICT for equitable and sustainable supply of urban basic services in a manner that enable efficient, green and smart cities.
- d. Promote the use of ICT for connected and sustainable mobility, buildings, energy, public safety and security and work places.

WG4: Opportunities for Financing Youth-led Development

- a. Ensure youth have access to affordable housing and housing financing with special attention to low income and new households.



- b. Encourage development of employment training programmes which support those youth most marginalized in learning skills associated with housing construction. .
- c. Encourage the formal financing systems to extend financing to youth-led projects and initiatives.

WG5: Youth as City Changers for Prosperous Cities

- a. Document youth initiatives and innovative solutions on city development in exchangeable formats.
- b. Develop virtual forums for interaction and collaboration of youth organizations in Asia Pacific region.
- c. Initiate APMCHUD youth training programme with the focus on spatial planning.

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