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Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Sixth Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 8th February, 2018

The second meeting of the Sixth Bureau of APMCHUD was held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 8th February, 2018. A copy of the minutes of the meeting was circulated to the Hon'ble Members of the Bureau and was also posted on the website of APMCHUD as well. (www.apmchud.com)

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

The Bureau may consider the Minutes for confirmation.

Item No. 2: Report on activities by the five Working Groups- reports/Information by respective Lead Member countries

Currently, APMCHUD has 5 working groups on critical issues. These working groups are voluntarily led by member countries. The details of Working Groups and their Lead countries are as under:

- **WG1** led by the Republic of India working on the theme of Urban and Rural Planning and Management;
- **WG2** led by the Islamic Republic of Iran working on the theme of Urban Upgrading;
- **WG3** led by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka working on the theme of Basic Services including Energy and Mobility for Integrated and Inclusive Development;
- **WG4** led by the Republic of Korea working on the theme of Financing Sustainable Housing and Urban Development;
- **WG5** led by the Republic of Indonesia working on the theme of Urban Development with a focus on Natural, Man-made and Climate- induced Disasters.

The Lead countries may like to share any information on activities being undertaken by these Working Groups, or propose any activity under any of the working groups, either now or may like to inform/communicate to the Secretariat at a later date, which would be further communicated to all the Hon'ble members. This would encourage greater interaction among member countries and facilitate greater knowledge sharing and exchange of information.

Item No. 3: Organizational Issues- Resource base for APMCHUD – Status and way forward

Various methods have been discussed since inception to strengthen the APMCHUD Secretariat, to undertake manifold activities in line with the emerging requirements. India being the host country for the Secretariat has been playing a major role in sustaining the initiative of APMCHUD ever since its inception which has been duly acknowledged in APMCHUD Declarations.

The 4th Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing & Urban Development held at Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on 10th December, 2012 adopted the following as part of the Amman Declaration: “Agree in principle to contribute a sum of US\$10,000 per member state annually to the budget of APMCHUD. However, member states are encouraged to contribute higher amounts. For those countries who agree may start contributing to the budget of APMCHUD. However, this resolution will be discussed further in the next APMCHUD conference in the Republic of Korea in 2014”. The above was further considered in the 5th Conference of APMCHUD at Seoul, Republic of Korea during 3-5 November, 2014 and subsequently in the 6th Conference at New Delhi, India during 16-18 December 2016.

In addition to the initial contribution of USD 50,000, India's annual contribution amounting to USD 10,000 has been received for 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. The Republic of Iraq and the Republic of Korea have transmitted an amount of USD 10,000 in 2017. Further, the Secretariat has received a request from the Republic of Korea for the invoice for payment of the annual financial contribution of 2019. The invoice with essential account details of the APMCHUD have been communicated to the Republic of Korea by the APMCHUD Secretariat.

The Secretariat would continue to interact with the member countries in this regard.

The position is placed for information of the Bureau, and the Bureau may like to discuss the way forward in this regard.

Item No. 4: Using the APMCHUD web-site for knowledge exchange and sharing information

During the Third meeting of the Fifth Bureau held at Surabaya on 26th July, 2016, it was requested that information on policies/programmes/innovative approaches/best practices in the field of Housing and Urban Development including conferences/seminars organized by the member countries of Asia Pacific Region may be posted on the APMCHUD. This would make the web-site (www.apmchud.com) more useful for the member countries.

After deliberations, the Bureau in its meeting at Surabaya had decided that as a first step, all the Bureau countries may nominate a nodal officer with whom the Secretariat may interact in this regard, and that the member countries may like to provide details on the web-sites for which a link could be established with that of the web-site of APMCHUD. Further, the above request was also posed to the member countries of the APMCHUD during the Sixth Conference at New Delhi in December, 2016, as part of the item on 'Organizational matters'.

The Secretariat has received indication on nodal officers from few member countries and looks forward to receive the nominations of nodal officers and also the information that could be posted on APMCHUD's web-site along with linkages that could be established with the web-site.

The Bureau may like to discuss the way forward in this regard.

Item No. 5: 1st Session of UN-Habitat Assembly-Statement by APMCHUD

The first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly is scheduled to be held at Nairobi during 27-31 May, 2019. The identified main focal theme is “Innovation for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities”. The CPR also endorsed the Sub theme as: “Accelerated implementation of the New Urban Agenda towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals”.

On behalf of the APMCHUD, the Hon’ble Chairperson would make a statement highlighting APMCHUD’s vision to encourage innovation for better quality of life in cities and communities. and share initiatives for accelerating the implementation of the New Urban Agenda towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. A draft of the statement is enclosed.

The Secretariat of AMCHUD has interacted with UN-HABITAT for allotting an appropriate time slot for the Chair of APMCHUD to make the statement during the First Session of the Assembly.

The Bureau may consider.

**First Session of UN- Habitat Assembly
Statement by Hon'ble Chairperson of APMCHUD
May27-31,2019**

**APMCHUD's Views, Vision and Perspectives on
"Innovation for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities"**

Excellencies, Dignitaries, Heads of Delegations, and Delegates

On behalf of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing & Urban Development (APMCHUD), I would like to thank the UN-Habitat for this opportunity to share the Views, Vision and Perspectives of APMCHUD on the central theme of **"Innovation for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities"**.

At the outset, I congratulate UN-HABITAT for undertaking this structural reform and organizing this first Habitat Assembly (in place of earlier bi-annual Governing Council meeting). In sync with the new and innovative format of Habitat Assembly, UN-Habitat has aptly chosen the theme of this Assembly as "Innovations for better **Quality of Life in Cities and Communities**", which is both timely and relevant. APMCHUD reaffirms its commitment to work with UN-Habitat and looks forward to the continued support and guidance of UN Habitat to APMCHUD, for addressing the emerging challenges of urbanization in a sustainable manner.

Since its establishment in 2006, the APMCHUD as an inter-governmental consultative mechanism for promotion of collaboration and cooperation for sustainable development, has emerged as one among the most vibrant regional forums in the field of housing and urban development. The collective vision we had evolved through various Declarations from 2006 to 2016, have guided us – the Asia Pacific countries, in sharing our concerns, experiences & innovations, and addressing them through exchange of information and knowledge sharing in the field of housing and urban development. To pursue the realization of the goals and objectives of APMCHUD, as set forth in these declarations, the APMCHUD has 5 specific focus areas managed by 5 Working Groups, broadly covering: urban and rural planning and management; urban upgrading; basic services including energy and mobility for integrated and inclusive development; financing sustainable housing and urban development; and urban development with a focus on natural, man-made and climate- induced disasters.

The sixth APMCHUD was the first major regional meeting of ministers of housing and urban development since the conclusion of Habitat III and the endorsement of the New Urban Agenda. While we reaffirm our commitment to the goals in the 2030 agenda for sustainable development, especially Goal 11 to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable necessitate innovations and newer approaches methods, we are also fully aware that this Goal cannot be achieved with a 'business as usual approach'. The theme of this Assembly **"Innovation for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities"** rightly calls

attention to the fact the speed, scale and complexity of urbanization demands new approaches and strategies, and innovative thinking for solutions that can play an important role to ensure a faster transition towards a better future. There is a strong link between the quality of life in cities and how cities draw on and manage the natural resources available to them. Resource efficient cities combine greater productivity and innovation with lower costs and reduced environmental impacts, while providing increased opportunities for consumer choices and sustainable lifestyles.

The Asia-Pacific region, which is home to over 60% of the world's population today is undergoing a vibrant transformation both in terms of economic progress as well as social development. While this region is going through a bright era of economic growth and an unprecedented level of urbanisation in the recent years (the region constitutes about 43% of the world urban population, as per UN-ESCAP-2011 Report), it is faced with critical challenges in regard to sustainable urbanisation, including poverty, growth of informal settlements, inadequate basic services, natural disasters and climate change. It is not an exaggeration to say that the trend of demographic and economic transition of the globe is directed by the Asia Pacific region. In this context, the theme of the first Habitat Assembly **“Innovation for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities”** assumes utmost importance as it reiterates the need for a strong push to accelerate the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals as well as the Habitat III New Urban Agenda. The countries of Asia Pacific region would be key in taking the SDG and New Urban Agenda forward, by successfully implementing the agenda for sustainable housing and urban development. APMCHUD, therefore, reaffirms its commitment to facilitating through collective, collaborative and co-operative efforts of countries in the Asia Pacific Region for implementing the Sustainable Development Goal, (more particularly Goal 11) and the New Urban Agenda in our respective countries.

The need for new modalities of development to achieve the Goals by 2030, is now widely recognized by the global community. These include bringing innovation into the foreground of development projects and an integrated approach to implement the SDGs. The ambitious nature of the 2030 Agenda – aimed at, among others, ending poverty and reducing inequality in all its forms everywhere, to promote inclusive and sustainable consumption and production systems, to provide full and productive employment and decent work for all– will require fundamental changes in the ways in which energy, food, water, housing, welfare, mobility and other goods and services are delivered, distributed and consumed. Innovation, understood as new forms of social practice and organization, as well as new or improved technological products and processes, is not only an explicit focus but also a key enabler of most of the Goals. We also recognize that while SDGs are global, their success will depend on the extent to which they are contextualized and adapted to local situations and exigencies. The concerned

provincial and local governments would thus need to institutionalize the SDG framework in their policy design and implementation strategy. This would require governments to build new capacities and galvanize new ways of working with the public institutions and public servants. Capacities would also be required to devise and adopt an effective monitoring system that facilitates in designing short and medium-term strategies ensuring long term impact. It is in this context that we call upon UN-Habitat to help and engage with the national, sub-national and local government levels in Asia Pacific countries towards bringing in local solutions to national challenges, based on global experiences.

We, the countries of the Asia Pacific, look forward to deliberations during this first Habitat Assembly of the UN-Habitat on “**Innovation for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities**” that would also guide us in our efforts. More particularly, I would like this Habitat Assembly to deliberate on the framework of monitoring and reporting of various parameters envisaged in the SDGs and NUA.

On behalf of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing & Urban Development (APMCHUD), I once again thank the UN-Habitat for giving this opportunity to share our views during this First Session of the Habitat Assembly.

Thank You !

Item No. 6: Preparations for the Seventh APMCHUD- Status and Way Forward

During the Sixth APMCHUD Conference at New Delhi, the Islamic Republic of Iran had graciously offered to host the next APMCHUD Conference in Tehran, which was thankfully accepted by the APMCHUD.

During the First and Second meetings of the Sixth Bureau the Islamic Republic of Iran had made presentations on the status of preparations and a tentative overall work plan for successful organization of the 7th APMCHUD. The theme for the conference was identified as “New Urban Agenda: Inclusive and Sustainable Regeneration”. The dates for the Conference were proposed as 22-24 October 2018, and a conference website was also launched. Subsequently, the Islamic Republic of Iran conveyed that the Conference had to be postponed due to various reasons and offered to host the next Bureau meeting in Tehran in late November 2018. However, the proposed meeting could also not be convened.

While appreciating the efforts initiated by Iran for organizing the Seventh APMCHUD, the Bureau would may like to assess the status of preparations for the Seventh APMCHUD and extend all possible support to the host country to organize the Seventh APMCHUD conference.

The Bureau members may like to indicate the possibility of holding the 4th meeting of the 6th Bureau possibly in the later part of 2019, so that the same is announced well in advance, to enable the Hon’ble members to plan their participation.

The Bureau may like to discuss the way forward for organizing the next bureau meeting and the 7th APMCHUD Conference.

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

Annexure 'A'

**Minutes of the Second meeting of the Sixth Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial
Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD)**

**8th February 2018
Venue: Jasmin Room, Impiana Hotel, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia**

The list of participants is enclosed.

Welcoming the Hon'ble Chairperson, Members of the Bureau and the representative of the UN Habitat for the second meeting of the Sixth Bureau of APMCHUD, the Chief Coordinator Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Mishra thanked UN-Habitat for facilitating conduct of the meeting. The Chief Coordinator mentioned that Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Republic of Nauru would not be able to participate in the meeting due to exigencies, and submitted that they have conveyed their best wishes for the success of the meeting. Thereafter he requested the Hon'ble Chair to conduct the meeting.

Chairing the meeting, H.E Mr. Hardeep S Puri, Hon'ble Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs, India thanked the Hon'ble members for their participation and significant contribution for the successful progress of the APMCHUD as among the most vibrant regional forum in the field of housing and urban development, during its journey of over a decade since 2006. On behalf of all the Hon'ble Members of the Sixth Bureau, the Hon'ble Chairperson registered sincere thanks and appreciation to the UN-Habitat for their consistent support and specially for facilitating holding of this meeting in conjunction with World Urban Forum.

The Chairperson said that this meeting is being held at a very critical juncture, when we all in the Asia Pacific region have committed to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and underscored the importance of realigning the APMCHUD mandate with the current international focus. The Hon'ble Chairperson underscored that the current context is very important, as the global community at large, having committed to the New Urban Agenda, is evolving mechanisms and strategies for the successful implementation of the New Urban Agenda. The Hon'ble Chairperson further elaborated that urbanization is at the heart of a paradigm shift in India and therefore the New Urban Agenda is the life and soul of India's development agenda.

In fact, the New Delhi Conference of APMCHUD was among the first events at a regional scale that focussed on the aspect of `Emerging Urban Forms – Policy Responses and Governance Structure in the context of the New Urban Agenda. The New Delhi Declaration adopted in the context of the New Urban Agenda, recognised the special significance and strategic challenges of the policy and governance reforms as a result of the expanding city regions, cities and towns in many parts of Asia Pacific, which require appropriate national urban policies, urban legal frameworks, integrated urban and territorial planning and design, urban financing frameworks and appropriate multi-level governance frameworks. He highlighted the importance of encouraging action by all stakeholders, including effective cooperation between national, sub-national and local governments.

The Hon'ble Chairperson explained that India has already taken up a number of path breaking initiatives in the field of housing and urban development, to ensure sustainable development of human settlements. Elaborating on this, the Hon'ble Chairperson informed that major programmes in this direction include a programme for 'Housing for All' by 2022, development of Smart Cities throughout the country in a spatially balanced manner, development of cities with more than 100,000 population with adequate infrastructure through a programme known as AMRUT, and a special programme- Swachh Bharat Mission to make India clean by providing sanitation facilities to all families, ensuring solid and liquid waste disposal and safe and adequate drinking water supply, and RURBAN mission to promote complementarity between rural and urban settlements. The Hon'ble Chairperson further added that integrating these initiatives with a special programme for improving the skill base of the urban population through the National Urban Livelihood Mission is an important component of this integrated strategy in India.

The Chairperson welcomed Ms. Maimunah Mohd. Sharif and congratulated her on taking over as the new ED UN-Habitat and invited her to share her thoughts. Ms. Sharif spoke of the important role that can be played by APMCHUD as a regional forum to achieve the sustainable development goals and the New Urban Agenda. She also stressed the need to rejuvenate the UN-HABITAT to achieve the 2030 agenda, and sought the support of the APMCHUD forum towards strengthening UN-HABITAT.

The Chairperson requested the member countries to provide their initial remarks.

Thanking the Chair for the opportunity to share their initial views, Mr. Majid Rosta, Ministry of Roads and Urban Development, Iran, expressed his appreciation to UN-Habitat for the support in facilitating the meeting. Thanking the APMCHUD for accepting the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the Seventh Conference of APMCHUD in the later part of 2018 at Tehran, he requested for the continued support and guidance for the successful organization of the event. He further thanked the Chair and the Republic of India for the continuous efforts and initiatives in enabling APMCHUD to remain as a vibrant body for exchange of information and knowledge in the field of housing and urban development.

In his initial remarks Mr. Yitak Kim, extended support of the Republic of Korea to APMCHUD's effort to strengthen its contribution to the housing and urban development sector in the region. He informed that towards this purpose, the Republic of Korea had made a contribution of \$10,000 in October 2017. He assured the full support of the Republic of Korea to the initiative to share information in the housing and urban development sector including policies, best practices and conferences or seminars through the APMCHUD web site and assured that an officer would be specifically nominated to facilitate communication with the secretariat and provide necessary assistance for information sharing. As a member of the APMCHUD, he assured that the Republic of Korea will continue to share its experiences in the sustainable housing finance sector to deliver prosperity to all.

Mr. R.M. Abeyratne, Secretary to the Ministry of Housing & Construction, Sri Lanka, thanked the UN-Habitat for facilitating the holding of the second meeting of the Sixth Bureau in conjunction with the WUF9. He conveyed regret on behalf of Mr. Sajith Premadasa, the Hon. Minister of Housing & Construction, Sri Lanka, for his inability to attend the meeting personally and conveyed his greetings and good wishes for the success of the meeting.

In his opening remarks, the Secretary said, that while the Asia Pacific region is going through a very bright era of economic growth, it is faced with critical challenges in regard to sustainable urbanisation, including poverty, growth of informal settlements, inadequate basic services, natural disasters and climate change. He assured that Sri Lanka would continue to support and adhere to APMCHUD principles, as far as possible, in planning and implementing housing development programmes in their

country. He shared the governmental initiatives to achieve balanced development by identifying housing and management of urban growth, as key focus areas. Also, housing has been elevated as one of the highest priorities of the government's development efforts. Another major initiative being taken by the Sri Lankan Government, is to revise the National housing policy in collaboration with the UN-HABITAT, in keeping with the guidelines of the New Urban Agenda & Sustainable Development Goal 11. The policy revision addresses integrated infrastructure development and basic service provision and emphasizes the need to promote legislative, policy and urban governance reforms to ensure equitable, sustainable and inclusive delivery of basic services while reducing pollution. The Ministry of Housing & Construction, Sri Lanka, that is responsible for ensuring Housing for All, is working to include the urban poor, the urban middle class and the rural sector by combining livelihood improvement with shelter provision.

Mr R.M. Abeyratne, thanked the Government of Malaysia and the Secretariat for the hospitality extended.

Ms. Sri Hartoyo, Director General for Human Settlements, Government of the Republic of Indonesia, conveyed the sincere apologies of HE Mr. Basuki Hadimuljono, Minister of Public Works and Housing of the Republic of Indonesia for not attending the Second Meeting of the Sixth Bureau of APMCHUD in Kuala Lumpur due to certain exigencies in Indonesia.

Sharing details on the activities undertaken by the Government of Indonesia to support sustainable housing and urban development, she highlighted that, in regard to disaster mitigation, Indonesia has taken several actions to minimize the impact and to redevelop damaged areas. Training on disaster risk reduction with particular emphasis on building capacity for people and local governments is an area of special focus. To address the impact of earthquake related disasters, the government has launched Indonesian Seismic Hazard Plan 2017 (Peta Sumber dan Bahaya Gempa Nasional) - applying the concept of new town development, which integrates related infrastructure and transit oriented development. Indonesia has also developed a housing finance assistance program to address the requirements of low income people, whether they have fixed or non-fixed income.

She appreciated the role of the Sixth APMCHUD conference in New Delhi as an important milestone for APMCHUD, in preparing concrete actions to implement the New Urban Agenda, and rethinking the role of APMCHUD in the process. She highlighted the importance of participating in the World Urban Forum as a great opportunity for Asia Pacific countries to carry on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, and also for the APMCHUD Bureau to realign its mission and programs to support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. While concluding, she also expressed sincere appreciation to the Government of India for its continuous support to the APMCHUD Secretariat, the UN-Habitat for facilitating this meeting, and the Government of Malaysia for hosting the Urban Forum.

In her opening remarks, Dr. Dhabyah F. Ibraheem, Director of Training & Knowledge Department, Ministry of Construction and Housing, Republic of Iraq, expressed thanks and appreciation for the generous invitation to attend the Second Meeting and said that it was a good opportunity to meet the Bureau members again. She conveyed greetings on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Iraq and HE Minister of Construction, Housing, Municipalities and Public Works, Dr. Ann Nafi Aussi, who could not join the meeting due to exigencies. She also informed that Eng. Istabraq Ibraheem Al – Shouk, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Housing, Municipalities and Public Works who was supposed to attend the meeting had to unexpectedly return to Iraq due to a personal emergency.

Dr. Ibraheem said that the Government of Iraq is striving hard to overcome the situation created due to the damage caused to the economic, social, urban and ecological environment, by the conflict in her country. The Government of Iraq firmly believes that the output of the five working groups of APMCHUD represents a large part of the vocabularies of the plans and programs needed to overcome the situation faced by Iraq due to man- made conflict, over the past few years. Iraq is committed to strengthen relations with partners through its participation in international habitat decision-making, and to contribute to the development and promotion of established policy objectives, guiding rules and priorities for existing programs, and close supervision of the activities of international organizations in the area of human settlements to achieve a better urban future.

While concluding her remarks, she once again thanked the Government of Malaysia for hosting the Urban Forum and appreciated all those who worked with dedication to follow up and mature the ideas and concepts presented in the Bureau meetings.

With the above initial remarks by the Hon'ble members, and with the permission of the Chair, the agenda items were taken up in sequence.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the First Meeting of the Sixth Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) held at Nairobi, Kenya on 8th May, 2017

The Chief Coordinator indicated that the first meeting of the Sixth Bureau of APMCHUD was held in Nairobi, Kenya on 8th May, 2017 and a copy of the minutes of the meeting was circulated to the Hon'ble Members of the Bureau, and also posted on the website of APMCHUD (www.apmchud.com). A copy of the minutes was also placed at Annexure 'A', as part of the meeting agenda.

The Bureau considered the above and confirmed the Minutes.

Item No. 2: Status of Actions pursuant to the First Meeting of the Sixth Bureau held on 8th May, 2017 at Nairobi, Kenya

The Bureau registered its appreciation for the facilitatory support provided by the UN-Habitat and the Government of Malaysia for organising this second meeting of the sixth Bureau in conjunction with the Ninth session of the World Urban Forum.

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

The Chief Coordinator requested the Lead countries to share the plan of action/information on various activities taken up/proposed under each Working Group. Presenting its plan of action, Mr. Nikhilesh Giri, Dy High Commissioner of India in Malaysia, expressed gratitude to APMCHUD for permitting India to act as the lead country for the Working Group1 on Urban and Rural Planning & Management. As part of the working group initiatives subsequent to the First meeting of the Bureau on 8th May 2017, the activities taken up include the constitution of a Panel by the Government of India, to recommend necessary legal and policy framework to protect the interests of the migrants in the country, since migrant population makes substantial contribution to economic growth and their constitutional rights need to be secured. The

report submitted by the Panel has analyzed the data on migration and covers the issues faced by migrants in relation to work, access to housing, livelihood, social protection and public services for migrants.

Mr Giri further indicated that India is currently working on a National Urban Policy framework to address the key concerns in the journey of India's rapid urbanization, and promote sustainable development of urban habitats in the country. He shared information about the formulation of a 'National Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Policy' to address the challenges of urbanization. This policy shall be a guiding document for the Central Government ministries/ departments/ agencies to ensure that their schemes, policies, etc. encourage TOD in cities, especially those with upcoming mass transit systems.

In order to facilitate private sector participation and to meet the growing need of affordable housing in the country, the Government of India has developed generic models on Public Private partnership in Affordable housing. The model addresses several issues in delivery of affordable housing in India and also elucidates on the technical guidelines, risk sharing among stakeholders and required capacity building.

Mr Giri shared the findings of several studies that have been completed. These include a study on 'Transit Corridor Development', 'Holistic Approach to Plan a Sustainable City using Geospatial Technology', and 'Smart Growth and Transit-Oriented Development: Financing and Execution Challenges'.

The Bureau registered its appreciation for India's initiatives under the Working Group I and for sharing the documents with members.

The WG3 led by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has reported on the activities undertaken on the theme of Basic Services including Energy and Mobility for Integrated and Inclusive development. Sri Lanka, is revising the National Housing Policy, in collaboration with the UN Habitat, in keeping with the guidelines of the New Urban Agenda and Sustainable Development Goal No.11. Integrated infrastructure and basic service provision is a main component addressed in this policy revision. Further the policy promotes legislative, policy and urban governance reforms to ensure equitable, sustainable and inclusive delivery of basic services, while reducing pollution. The policy focuses on additional investment for integrated infrastructure provision and

basic services, access to effective sewerage, water supply and electricity, adequate transport, schools, and healthcare services in appropriate locations that best serve the community. In order to achieve this, a four-fold policy is laid out through detailed mapping & planning; multi stakeholder coordination, establishment of community planning units and integrating local level plans with regional master plans. Further the policy addresses housing & infrastructure provision for vulnerable groups based on gender, the differently abled, aged; promoted environmentally friendly housing & infrastructure provision; disaster resistant housing, adaptation and mitigation for impacts of climate change; improvements in building technology and material; land and land use planning; institutional, legal & regulatory frame works and reforms required for such changes.

It was also informed that the decisions taken at the Sixth AMPCHUD conference, details of the Delhi Declaration, and the New Urban Agenda have been circulated to all ministries in Sri Lanka with a request to consider these directives in the implementation of the different development programs and also to develop policies and programs considering these directives. Inter-ministerial coordinating mechanism has been developed to provide awareness and to promote successful implementation of the APMCHUD recommendations.

To strengthen the institutional framework for housing development, Sri Lanka is promoting decentralized decision making through establishing housing committees in district, divisional and village level and amending laws, acts, legislations to meet the increasing demands that have arisen with the urbanization process. Further, efforts are being made to involve the private sector in housing development on the PPP concept and a Middle Income Housing & Infrastructure Development Program has been launched. In addition rural communities are being guided on eco-friendly, cost effective housing & construction technologies with a special focus on promoting the concepts of inclusiveness, safe, resilient and sustainable settlements and social cohesion.

The Bureau registered its appreciation for Sri Lanka's efforts under the working group III.

Mr, Ki Tae Kim, Deputy Director, Korea Housing and Urban Guarantee Corporation (HUG) shared the progress made by Korea in 'Financing for Housing Supply and Urban Development' and in 'Ensuring Access to Housing and Smart City Development

in the Urban-Rural Continuum, the theme and sub-theme of the working group IV respectively.

Mr. Ki Tae Kim, explained that the government has announced new housing and urban policies, the focus of which is urban renewal and expanding low-cost housing projects. The main strategies to be adopted are threefold - to expand public rental housing supply for creating a comfortable living environment for people, to reduce housing expenses for young people and newlyweds, and to promote Urban Regeneration New Deal, based on small-scale projects in more than 500 old downtown areas. In 2018, the National Housing and Urban Fund in Korea generated about 73.7 trillion Won through subscription savings and housing bonds, and the total expenditure is expected to be about 23.2 trillion Won for housing and urban accounts.

Moreover, there are three representative programs that improve the system to support customized housing finance. These are the low-interest long-term policy mortgages to increase the accessibility of housing for newlyweds, secondly, in order to stabilize housing for young people, the eligibility age has been lowered and the amount of support above the existing loan has been raised and thirdly the monthly rental loan that targets the youth and non-homeowners by providing more than double the amount of existing loans

He also explained that the government is trying to move away from the old, government-driven policy of developing smart cities by promoting seven innovative changes in smart city development, so that various users can participate. These changes will drive innovative growth for developing sustainable cities and escape from a technical-centered smart city policy with a piecemeal approach, and will be public-driven. To implement these changes, the government has adopted three strategies. First, there will be a differentiated approach based on the urban growth level. Second, introducing a customized technology, such as big data and artificial intelligence, to increase the value of the city and lastly, constructing an innovative industry ecosystem through reorganizing the role of private investors, citizens, and governmental support.

The Korean government has designated Sejong and Busan as national demonstration smart cities for constructing a world top class smart city within 5 years. The plan is to implement various life-experience type technologies based on energy and

transportation in Sejong, and connection of international trade with water city concept in Busan.

The Bureau registered its appreciation for the various initiatives being taken by Government of Korea in the field of Financing Sustainable Housing and Urban Development under the aegis of the working group IV.

Presenting the report on the activities and action plan in respect of the working group V on urban development focusing on natural, man-made and climate change induced disasters — Building Urban resilience, Ms. Rina Agustin, the Secretary, Directorate General for Human Settlements, Indonesia highlighted various achievements on related areas in Indonesia. She shared the initiatives of the National Disaster mitigation Agency (BNPB) that has launched a portal-based disaster information technology such as InaSAFE (to create scenarios in case of disaster), InAWARE (data integration and information sharing among stakeholders), and InaMHEWS (an accurate and real time disaster prediction). A Campaign with the tagline SiapUntukSelamat (Ready to be Saved) was made by BNPB to spread awareness that everyone needs to have basic knowledge about disaster and safety measures in the event of disaster.

Further she shared the mitigation phase initiatives taken for Pidie Earthquake Rehabilitation and the Post Earthquake Mitigation Approach. The Aceh-earthquake Recovery Acceleration Task Force surveyed the loss of life and properties during the earthquake in Pidie Jaya Regency in December 2016. The Research Institute for Housing and Human Settlements prepared a report on the “Study of Earthquake of Pidie Jaya, Aceh Province, Indonesia”. The report called for emergency response by constructing temporary facilities (such as schools and hospitals) using prefabricated modular building system in order to provide education and health services as soon as possible. Residential and infrastructure development has adapted earthquake resistance building principles and considered the condition and capacity of the soil. Furthermore, public disaster management concept has been made a part of early education curriculum in order to improve public preparedness for disasters.

Sharing the initiatives taken as Emergency Response Phase Post the Garut and Sumedang Flood Disaster and the Handling of Flash Flooding in Southeast Aceh Rehabilitation Phase, she informed that the Ministry of Environment and Forestry had launched Forest and Land Rehabilitation and Water and soil Conservation Building

Programs and the Ministry of Public Works and Housing rehabilitated water resource infrastructure and provided low-cost rental-apartments.

After the loss caused by the eruption of Mount Sinabung, the Ministry of Public Works and Housing budgeted Rp 109 billion to build infrastructure supporting disaster management in 2017. An amount of Rp 96,51 billion was used for the construction of lava controllers and pouch, regulatory dams, consolidated dams, and river normalization.

In addition, she shared the details of the Earthquake Hazard and Resource Mapping Study undertaken by Indonesia for planning and building earthquake resistant infrastructure. Indonesia had launched National Earthquake Map that helps calculate the risk of life and economic losses by providing important information for preparedness, emergency responses, development planning, government decision making, business investment planning and awareness raising.

Furthermore, she shared the efforts of the Indonesian government for upgrading urban slum areas and development of water supply, sanitation and waste systems. She also highlighted the initiatives for financing sustainable housing and urban development through measures like Housing Finance Liquidity Facility, Interest Rate Subsidy and Down Payment Subsidy.

The Bureau registered its appreciation for the various initiatives being taken by Indonesia in the field of building urban resilience, specially disaster reduction, mitigation and management, including for the initiatives under the aegis of the working group V.

Item No. 4: Information about the already approved agenda item relating to Organizational Issues - Resource base for APMCHUD – Status and way forward.

Towards strengthening the Secretariat of APMCHUD to undertake manifold activities in line with the emerging requirements, APMCHUD conferences have resolved to contribute a sum of US\$ 10,000 per member state annually. In the last meeting held in Nairobi, the Secretariat had reported that contributions have been received from India and Republic of Iraq. In continuation to the same, the Republic of Korea has also

contributed USD10,000/- in 2017. The Chief Coordinator indicated that a request for details has also been received from Bangladesh, which has been provided.

This status was submitted for information of the Bureau. The Bureau registered its appreciation for the contributions received so far and the Secretariat would continue to interact with the member countries in this regard.

The Bureau decided that the Secretariat may continue to pursue the member countries for their contribution.

Item No. 5: Sharing of Information on Policies/Programmes/ Innovative approaches/Best practices in the field of Housing and Urban Development including Conferences/Seminars organized by the member countries of Asia Pacific Region – in the web-site of APMCHUD

The Sixth APMCHUD considered this item for enhanced and effective sharing of information on policies/ programmes/ innovative approaches/best practices in the field of housing and urban development including conferences/seminars organized by the member countries of Asia Pacific region.

Accordingly, the Chief Coordinator informed that the Secretariat is looking forward to receiving details of the nominees from the member countries with whom the Secretariat may interact in this regard. It was further informed that the Secretariat has received indication on nodal officers from few member countries and looks forward to receive nominations of nodal officers and also the information that could be posted on APMCHUD's web-site along with linkages that could be established with the web-site.

In the above context, the Chief Coordinator indicated that it is proposed to send communication to member countries, requesting for early nomination of nodal contacts with whom the Secretariat may interact for getting details on governmental programmes, policies etc.

The Bureau agreed with the same.

Item No. 6: Information/Report by the host country of Seventh APMCHUD - Islamic Republic of Iran on preparations for the Seventh APMCHUD in 2018

Mr. Babak Pirouz, member of the Iran delegation shared information regarding the ongoing preparations for the Seventh APMCHUD to be held in Tehran in the later part

of 2018. He informed that the conference website has been established (<http://apmchud7.ruuwg.org>) and online registration for the participants would be activated soon.

Though the dates have not been finalized, he indicated that the conference would be organized in the month of October. He also shared that Iran had shortlisted 4 themes, with an emphasis on the New Urban Agenda, for the conference; however the final theme would be decided, keeping in view the relevance of the theme for all the member countries.

He requested all member countries to designate focal persons for each working group to ensure free flow of information between the members. He also said that the Iranian team would be in regular touch with the Secretariat to ensure that the Conference is well organized. Further he said that the Tehran UN Habitat Office would be an integral part of the conference organizational committees.

The Hon'ble Members of the Bureau appreciated the actions that have been initiated by Iran for the organization of 7th APMCHUD. The Bureau also assured all help and cooperation to the Islamic Republic of Iran for the successful hosting of the 7th APMCHUD.

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

The Chairperson suggested that all email communications should be copied to the concerned UNHABITAT officials so that they are kept in the loop as the momentum for preparatory activities for the next conference picks up. He also recorded his appreciation for the Government of Malaysia for hosting the World Urban Forum 9 in an impressive manner.

The chairperson thanked all the members for their views and vision expressed during the meeting. He reiterated that we are at a critical juncture of history, when we are required to take steps that would pave the way for achieving the New Urban Agenda, a vision all the countries of the globe at large have agreed to. The targets may vary and our approaches may differ, but our common vision is the sustainable development of human settlements.

The chairperson expressed confidence that the collective visioning and collaborative initiatives of APMCHUD would significantly help in framing, moulding and implementing strategies to achieve this objective. He expressed hope that in the forthcoming period, interaction among members would increase thereby enabling a higher level of mutual collaboration for achieving our common objective.

There being no other items for discussion, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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