

**Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 5th Bureau of
Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban
Development (APMCHUD)**

**Date: December 1, 2015 (5.00 PM to 7.00 PM)
Venue: Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran**

The List of Participants is enclosed.

Welcoming the Hon'ble members and distinguished members of the delegations and the representatives of UN Habitat for the 2nd Meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD, the Chief Coordinator Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Mishra conveyed his special thanks to the Islamic Republic of Iran for facilitating conduct of this meeting. The Chief Coordinator mentioned that indications have been received that Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Republic of Maldives and Independent State of Samoa are not able to participate in the meeting due to extreme exigencies, and have conveyed their best wishes for the success of the meeting.

H.E Mr. Kim Jaejeong, Hon'ble Deputy Vice Minister for Housing Policy, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MoLIT), Republic of Korea welcomed the Hon'ble members of the Bureau and all the delegates to the 2nd meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD. The Hon'ble Deputy Vice Minister indicated that H.E Dr. Kang Ho-In, Hon'ble Minister of MoLIT could not attend this meeting due to extreme exigencies in the National Assembly since his recent inauguration as a Minister, and conveyed His Excellency's best wishes, for the successful conduct of the event. H.E Mr. Kim Jaejeong conveyed his appreciation and thanks to the Islamic Republic of Iran for facilitating this meeting and to the Permanent Secretariat for appropriate coordination.

H.E Mr. Kim Jaejeong indicated that this 2nd meeting is all the more meaningful since it is held in conjunction with the 3rd meeting of the Regional Slum Upgrading Working Group led by the Islamic Republic of Iran and also in continuation of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat III for the Asia Pacific region recently held in Indonesia. Expressing satisfaction that APMCHUD, as a collective vision of the Asia Pacific countries, has indeed moved ahead, since 2006 with its first meeting in New Delhi, he indicated that the collective efforts of the countries in the Asia Pacific region in New Delhi, Tehran, Solo, Amman and Seoul have enabled us to evolve a vision for sustainable development of human settlements in the Asia Pacific Region. H.E Mr. Kim Jaejeong underscored that identifying focus areas and voluntary leading by member countries in the fields of planning, slum up-gradation, basic services, financing, and disaster mitigation aspects, have been a significant initiative to synchronise our efforts, towards core areas for achieving tangible results. H.E Mr. Kim Jaejeong thanked Republic of India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Indonesia, Republic of Maldives, Peoples Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, in addition to Republic of Korea for taking the Lead role and contributing significantly in our

effort towards evolving strategies for sustainable development of human settlements. He also pointed out that the efforts of APMCHUD have progressed well in a defined and successful path due to the guidance, support and help being extended by UN-Habitat in all the endeavours, and conveyed special thanks to the UN-Habitat for its continued support on behalf of the Bureau members. H.E Mr. Kim Jaejeong also conveyed special thanks to the Republic of India for hosting the Permanent Secretariat of APMCHUD, which has been coordinating various activities and the Bureau meetings in an excellent manner, particularly as the events are to be organised in other locations. H.E Mr. Kim Jaejeong congratulated UN-HABITAT and the Republic of Indonesia for successfully organising the HABITAT-III Asia Pacific Regional Meeting in October 2015, and the Islamic Republic of Iran for the successful conduct of the 3rd Regional Slum Upgrading working group during 29th November to 1st December 2015.

Terming it a successful journey so far, H.E Mr. Kim Jaejeong indicated that APMCHUD need to move faster and further ahead to achieve new heights of collaboration, and highlighted the issues of strengthening the Secretariat, identifying opportunities for experience sharing, information exchange & areas of collaboration in the fields of housing and urban development and more intense utilisation of the web-site of APMCHUD through which we can display and share our best practices, as that need focus and attention.

H.E Mr. Kim Jaejeong requested the Hon'ble members to provide their initial remarks before the agenda items are taken up in sequence.

H.E Dr. Mohammad Saeid Izadi, Hon'ble Deputy Minister and Managing Director, Urban Development and Revitalisation Organization, Islamic Republic of Iran welcomed the Hon'ble members to Iran on behalf of H.E Dr. Abbas Ahmad Akhoundi, Hon'ble Minister of Roads and Urban Development and on his personal behalf, and thanked the members for participating in the 3rd meeting of the Regional Working group meeting held during 29th November to 1st December 2015. The Hon'ble Minister thanked APMCHUD Bureau for providing the opportunity to host this meeting. Outlining various recent initiatives in Islamic Republic of Iran in the housing and urban development sector, the Hon'ble Minister specially highlighted the outcome of the working group meeting on slum up-gradation aspects. H.E Dr. Mohammad Saeid Izadi, Hon'ble Deputy Minister registered his appreciation for India for the support extended through the Secretariat for the successful conduct of the Regional Working group meeting on Slum Upgradation aspects, and for the UN-HABITAT for its support and major contribution in the technical sessions.

H.E Eng. Istabraq I. AL Shouk, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Construction and Housing and Municipalities and Public Works and Head of the National HABITAT Committee in Iraq thanked the Chair on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Iraq, and His Excellency the Minister of Construction and Housing and Municipalities and Public Works of Iraq, Mr. Tariq AL-Kikhany and also the Islamic Republic of Iran for the hospitality extended to the delegation from Iraq. The Hon'ble Deputy Minister indicated that while Iraq appreciates efforts of the host countries and working groups emanating from the meetings of Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development, the implementation of the terms of the Seoul Declaration and implementation Plan on November 5, 2014 and recommendations

made by the working groups needs a stable and secure environment economically, socially and politically, and despite the challenges currently facing Iraq and the region and their impact on urban development, Iraq has been able to take the following actions: (i) Continuing in the reconstruction and the creation safe and sustainable cities and settlements, (ii) Seeking to implement a National Development Plan in Iraq for the years from 2013 to 2017, aimed to achieve equity in urban planning and spatial distribution of projects and infrastructure (iii) Iraqi government's program includes achieving principles of good governance and e-governance (iv) Seeking to use new techniques in the construction of cities and settlements to provide green sustainable and energy saving housing, (v) Iraq completes the National Report to participate in the Habitat III in 2016, and (vi) The Governing Council of the United Nations of Human Settlements Programme adopted the resolution made by Iraq at the beginning of this year on the formation of the National HABITAT Committees in the countries all over the world in order to apply the New Urban Agenda for the HABITAT III.

H.E Eng. Istabraq I. AL Shouk highlighted Iraq's need for continued support by APMCHUD conference in the face of the challenges of terrorism risks which has resulted in the growing number of displaced and internal displaced persons and the need to provide quick Emergency Housing.

Thanking the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting the meeting and the warm hospitality extended to the delegations **H.E Mohammad Salem Al-Junaidi Faris, Director General of Public Works and Housing, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan** indicated that Jordan is faced with a severe housing problem associated with the influx of migrant population from neighbouring countries in view of the disturbed conditions prevalent there. Dealing with this humane problem is a major issue and this specially highlights the need for appropriate strategies to deal with such emergent situations. Highlighting various initiatives taken by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in the housing and urban development sector, H.E Mohammad Salem Al-Junaidi Faris indicated that a National Resilience Plan to meet the emerging conditions is being adopted. It was further highlighted that the Housing and Urban Development Corporation is implementing many schemes focussed on affordable housing for the lower and middle income households. The National Housing Strategy is being revised to remove any hindrances in this regard. Expressing happiness on the progress of various initiatives by the APMCHUD, he opined that the APMCHUD offers an excellent opportunity for the member countries to share their experiences and learn from the best practices adopted elsewhere.

H.E Mr. Saurabh Kumar, Ambassador of India to Islamic Republic of Iran thanked the Chair and indicated that **H.E Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Urban Development & Parliamentary Affairs, Republic of India** could not personally join the meeting in view of official exigencies and conveys his best wishes for the success of the meeting. H.E Mr. Saurabh Kumar shared the message of the Hon'ble Minister with the Hon'ble members of the Bureau. In his message, the Hon'ble Minister had conveyed his thanks the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting this event, and the UN-HABITAT for its continued support and guidance in the affairs of APMCHUD. Conveying his happiness on the progress of APMCHUD as a vibrant collaborative mechanism in the field of housing and urban development since its inception in December 2006 in

New Delhi, the Hon'ble Minister opined that the progress has been significant. With the Delhi Declaration outlining a framework for sustainable urbanisation in the Asia Pacific Region, the Tehran Declaration of APMCHUD in 2008, the Solo Declaration of 2010, the Amman Declaration of 2012 and the Seoul Declaration of 2014 have enabled the Asia Pacific Countries to evolve a collective vision to move ahead, by sharing the concerns and addressing them through exchange of information and experiences in the field of housing and urban development.

Conveying the gratitude of Republic of India to APMCHUD for agreeing to India's request to lead the Working Group on 'Urban and Rural Planning and Management', the message outlined various activities undertaken as part of the same which included a meeting of this Working Group in New Delhi on 16-17th August, 2012 and also conducting of a study tour for the Asia Pacific member country delegations during 5-9th April, 2013 for covering projects of slum improvement, social housing, sanitation, basic infrastructure facilities and new town development initiatives. While conveying India's appreciation and gratitude to the countries which participated in the study tour, H.E Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Urban Development & Parliamentary Affairs, Republic of India assured that India would be happy to share its experiments and experiences in promoting sustainable development of human settlements with the countries of the region, through more such initiatives. The message further indicated that housing being the basic necessity for the people, the Government of India has been according key importance for enabling access to housing for all its citizens. India has been assessed to have a housing deficit of about 18.78 million housing units in urban areas, and more than 95% of the same pertain to economically weaker sections and low income groups of the society. In this scenario, the Government of India has launched a comprehensive 'Housing for All' Mission focussing upon urban poor. Highlighting that already, the Indian urban system contributes significantly to its Gross Domestic Product, in the context of sustaining and increasing its contribution, India has launched special programmes for development of 100 'smart cities', in addition to development of rejuvenation and transformation of 500 cities with adequate strengthening of infrastructure facilities. Special attention is being given for improving health and sanitation in the urban areas with the launch of Clean India Mission. A special focus is being accorded on cities of heritage for revitalisation and integrated infrastructure development. Improving the skill base of the urban populous to gain a prosperous livelihood and beneficially contribute to the urban economy is another focus area being addressed through a programme of national urban Livelihood Mission. Separately, a legislative initiative is in the process for regulating the real estate industry to improve transparency and accountability and in addition, a policy framework is being evolved for encouraging rental housing to part ameliorate the housing situation in the country. With people centric approach, inclusive and integrated planned development, citizen participation, financial empowerment and improved governance form the core of the development strategy for the urban settlements.

Thanking the Chair for the opportunity, **Ms. Lr.Rina Agustin Indriani, Secretary of the Directorate General of Human Settlements, Ministry of Public Works and Housing, Republic of Indonesia** indicated that Indonesia hosted the Habitat III Asia Pacific Regional meeting in October 2015 which was a success with the participation of a large number of delegations. Preceding the same, the Asia Pacific Urban Forum

was also held in the same venue. Conveying gratitude for the support extended, Ms. Lr.Rina Agustin Indriani invited the member countries for the PrepCom3 scheduled to be held in July 2016 in Surabaya and also for the 3rd meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD which would be held in conjunction with the same.

Dr. Hettiarachchige Earnest Angelo Laxman Perera, UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific – Fukuoka thanked the Chair for the invitation extended to participate in the 2nd meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD. He indicated that UN-Habitat would be happy to provide any support needed for the APMCHUD for furthering collaboration among the Asia Pacific countries in the field of housing and urban development. Registering the appreciation of UN-HABITAT for the various efforts of APMCHUD for evolving a collective vision for sustainable urbanization in the Asia Pacific region, Dr. Laxman Perera felt that such collaborative efforts and sharing and learning would help in a substantial mutual benefit to all the member countries.

With the above initial remarks, the agenda items were taken up in sequence.

Item No. 1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the 5th Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) held at Nairobi, Kenya on 16th April, 2015

The Chief Coordinator indicated that the 1st meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD was held at Nairobi, Kenya on 16th April, 2015, and 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 (www.apmchud.com). In addition, a copy of the Minutes has been incorporated in the agenda as well.

The Bureau confirmed the Minutes.

Item No. 2 : Action Taken subsequent to the 1st Meeting of the 5th Bureau held on 16th April, 2015 at Nairobi, Kenya - Report by the Chief Coordinator

A report on the actions taken on the decisions of the 1st meeting of the 5th Bureau held on 16th April, 2015 was presented by the Chief Coordinator. It was indicated that there were three decisions on which actions were to be taken relating to 'Statement by the Chairperson of APMCHUD at the 25th Governing Council Meeting of UN-HABITAT during April 17-23, 2015', 'coordination of holding of the 2nd meeting of the 5th Bureau by the Secretariat', and 'working out a mechanism by which on specific themes, position papers could be formulated by the APMCHUD that could be presented during occasions such as UN-HABITAT meetings'. The Bureau noted the status as indicated in the agenda. In regard to the item on

`working out a mechanism by which on specific themes, position papers could be formulated by the APMCHUD that could be presented during occasions such as UN-HABITAT meetings', the Chief Coordinator indicated that the Secretariat is interacting with H.E Ms Aminath Athifa, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure, Republic of Maldives and the suggestions shall be taken for firming up further.

In view of the successful completion of the task requested by the Bureau from the Sub-Group in regard to finalization of the Statement by the Chairperson of APMCHUD at the 25th Governing Council Meeting of UN-HABITAT during April 17-23, 2015, the Bureau conveyed its appreciation to the members of the Sub-Group which included the Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Indonesia and Republic of Korea for their contribution in this regard.

Item No. 3 : Preparations for Habitat III – Sharing of Information by Republic of Indonesia on the Asia Pacific Regional Meeting hosted by UN-HABITAT and the Republic of Indonesia during 21-22nd October 2015 and way forward

Sharing the information on the Asia Pacific Regional meeting hosted by UN-HABITAT and the Republic of Indonesia during 21-22nd October, 2015, Ms. Lr. Rina Agustin Indriani, Secretary of the Directorate General of Human Settlements, Ministry of Public Works and Housing, Republic of Indonesia indicated that the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) will be convened in October 2016 to reinvigorate the global commitment to sustainable urbanization and to focus on evolving and implementation of a `new urban agenda'. A series of events as part of the preparatory activities is underway. The Republic of Indonesia has organized the Expert meeting for Asia Pacific countries on the preparation of national reports for Habitat III during November 25-26, 2014 and has also organised the Habitat III Regional meeting of Asia-Pacific Countries in Jakarta during 21-22nd October 2015. The Third Prepcom Meeting of Habitat III is scheduled to be held in Surabaya in July 2016. Thanking the UN-HABITAT for this opportunity to host the event, Ms. Lr. Rina Agustin Indriani conveyed Indonesia's appreciation to all the Asia-Pacific countries for the co-operation extended for the successful conduct of the event. Ms. Lr. Rina Agustin Indriani further indicated that Republic of Indonesia looks forward to welcome all the countries for the PrepCom3 at Surabaya and specially all the Bureau member countries of APMCHUD for the 3rd meeting of the 5th Bureau already agreed to be hosted in conjunction with the PrepCom3 at Surabaya.

The Bureau registered its appreciation to the Republic of Indonesia and the UN-HABITAT for the successful conduct of the HABITAT-III Asia Pacific Regional

meeting at Jakarta on 21st - 22nd October, 2015 and assured its continued support for the initiatives of Republic of Indonesia for its forthcoming events.

Item No. 4: Activities of the Working Groups – reports/Information by the Lead Countries of the 5 working groups

The Chief Coordinator indicated that currently, APMCHUD has 5 working groups on critical issues, which are led by member countries voluntarily. This include WG 1: Urban and Rural Planning and management – Republic of India; WG 2: Upgrading of Slum and Informal Settlements – Islamic Republic of Iran; WG3: Delivery of Basic Services – Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Republic of Maldives; WG 4: Financing Sustainable Housing – Republic of Korea, and WG5: Urban Development with a focus on Natural and Climatic Change related Disasters – Republic of Indonesia.

The Chief Coordinator requested the lead countries to share any information on their activities, either now, or they may like to inform/communicate to the Secretariat at a later date, which would be shared with all the Hon'ble members.

Presenting its report on the activities of the **Working Group 1 on Urban and Rural Planning and Management, Republic of India** thanked the APMCHUD for permitting to act as the Lead country for the Working Group-I on Urban and Rural Planning and Management. Elaborating the activities of the Working Group it was indicated that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India nominated a leading research and training Institution, the Human Settlement Management Institute (HSMI) of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO), as the coordinating Institution for the activities of the Working Group. As part of the Working Group initiatives, a meeting of the Working Group on Urban and Rural Planning and Management, was organized in New Delhi on 16 – 17th August, 2012. A total of 18 countries were represented and 6 countries deputed their urban and rural planning and management experts to personally participate. The discussions in the meeting were organized under five themes, namely (I) Approaches to Urban and Rural Planning and Management in Asia Pacific Region, (II) Inclusive Planning and Practices, (III) Urban-Rural Continuum - Imperatives of Integrated Planned Development, (IV) Land related issues in Urban and Rural Planning and Management, and (V) Tools, Technologies, and Capacity Building for Urban and Rural Planning and Management. The meeting with 25 presentations debated the related areas on the overall theme alongside showcasing the practices and successful experiments in different countries of the region. It was indicated that a copy of the final Report of the Working Group meeting was already shared with the Hon'ble members.

In addition, an international conference was organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India in New Delhi in February 2013

on the theme of “Inclusive Urban Planning” which was attended by over 200 delegates including leading international urban planning and policy experts, representatives from South America, Africa, Asia, Europe and the United States, and outcomes of the Conference included - The Delhi Declaration and The State of Urban Poverty Report - 2013.

Further, as agreed by the Government of India to host a study tour for the member country delegations of best practices and major projects in India in the field of housing and urban development, a study tour was organized for the Asia Pacific member country delegations during 5th – 9th April, 2013. A total of 13 delegates from four countries namely Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Iraq and Yemen visited India. The study tour covered various projects covering slum improvement and rehabilitation, social housing, sanitation, basic infrastructure facilities, new town development initiative, transport projects like metros and expressways. Detailed discussions were held on major Government of India programmes besides interactions on dealing with provision of housing finance, building materials and technologies, research and training Institutions and their activities. Furthermore, the delegates were facilitated to interact with NGOs in the sanitation sector.

The report by Republic of India as the lead country of Working group I further elaborated that in the 24th Governing Council of UN-Habitat, held in April 2013, India and France moved a combined resolution (24/3) on “inclusive and sustainable urban planning and elaboration of international guidelines on urban and territorial planning” and urged UN-Habitat to promote responsible planning in Member States through capacity building and awareness raising among local governments along with public involvement focusing on the urban poor for creating healthier and sustainable cities. The Governing Council asked UN-Habitat to develop, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, international guidelines on urban and territorial planning and to present draft guidelines to the Governing Council for approval at its twenty-fifth session. Accordingly, the Draft Guidelines were prepared and shared in the 25th Governing Council of the UN Habitat, held in April 2015. Once adopted by the member states, these are expected to help them to promote an integrated approach to planning and building sustainable cities and urban settlements by supporting local authorities, increasing public awareness and enhancing participation of urban residents including the poor, in decision-making.

Republic of India indicated that India looks forward to more opportunities of such nature for collaboration and sharing of experiences in promoting sustainable housing and urban development in the region.

On the activities of the Working Group II on Upgrading of Slum and Informal Settlements, the Lead country - Islamic Republic of Iran reported that in addition to the already held 2 meetings of the working group, the 3rd meeting was organized during 29th November 2015 to 1st December 2015. The theme was `Slum Upgrading:

Bridging the Gap between Policy and Practice'. Participated by countries such as India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Jordan, Thailand and South Korea, in addition to Iran and UN-HABITAT, the meeting focused on four major aspects relating to Upgrading of Slum and Informal Settlements covering (i) Best Practices Documentation, (ii) Slum identification indicators, (iii) Virtual Scientific Committee, and (iv) Slum upgrading Indicators. The meeting has evolved a Declaration enlisting its recommendations for wider application and adoption. The meeting also had presentations from the UN-HABITAT on its Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme (PSUP) highlighting to opportunities for availing support from UN-HABITAT for related initiatives by member countries. It was also indicated that efforts are being made to standardize formats as part of the Virtual Scientific Committee so as to document best practices on slum upgradation aspects. It was further indicated that Islamic Republic of Iran is also contributing to other Working Group activities by associating with working group on financing sustainable housing, by sharing its initiatives in regard to enabling access to affordable finance to lower income people. In respect of Working Group 5 as well, Iran has volunteered with documents on best practices in the disaster resistant urban development. The cooperation and contribution from all the member countries in the virtual scientific committee was solicited to make it effective and useful to all the member countries of the Asia-Pacific Region.

Thanking the member countries and delegations for the participation, Islamic Republic of Iran requested for continued support of the member countries for its efforts as part of the Working group.

Highlighting various initiatives of the **Working Group IV on Financing Sustainable Housing, the lead country – Republic of Korea** indicated that the Korea Housing and Urban Guarantee Corporation is coordinating a number of activities on this aspect. It was highlighted that there are 5 action areas identified as part of the Seoul Implementation Plan for the Working Group on Housing Finance for Equal Opportunity. This include (a) expand the rental housing supply capacity through pro-poor financial tools and public-private partnership, (b) enhance opportunities for low-income households and disadvantaged groups by ensuring access to financing solutions, (c) establish or improve financial systems including microfinance to increase homeownership among low-income households, (d) develop diverse financing models for urban regeneration to maintain sustainable urban development, and (e) share information on the best practices on housing finance in particular the advanced Korean system of housing finance. Detailing the efforts on each of these aspects, it was requested that that all member countries may share and contribute information for this working group.

Outlining the activities taken up as part of the **Working Group V : Urban Development with a focus on Natural and Climatic Change related Disasters – Republic of Indonesia** indicated that with the RECCUD coordinating the activities, a large number of initiatives have been taken up by Indonesia, which were

periodically reported to the Bureau. In this regard, recently, Indonesia is forming clusters for disaster management, as part of which 8 clusters have already been formed. This would help in the availability of disaster rehabilitation help in a structured pattern which would be all the time available and accessible for the cluster formed. Under this overall programme, the Local Bodies are also required to set up similar emergency disaster initiatives. A team of 125 members trained in disaster management and emergency operations is kept in alert for meeting any emergency and eventuality. Efforts are on to formulate guidelines on how to develop cities that would be resilient to deal with and equipped with disaster protection measures. It was further indicated that a 'National Action Plan for Mitigation & Adaptation to Climate Change' has been prepared by the Ministry of Forests, Government of Republic of Indonesia to guide all the Ministries.

The Bureau registered its appreciation on the actions taken by the Lead countries of the Working groups. The Chief Coordinator requested that the Lead countries may like to forward the relevant documents/information to the Secretariat, which would be shared with the Hon'ble members.

Item No. 5: Information about the already approved agenda item relating to Organizational Issues - Resource base for APMCHUD – Status and way forward

The item was presented by Mr. Kim Min Tae, Director of MoLIT, Republic of Korea. It was indicated that strengthening the Secretariat of the APMCHUD to undertake manifold activities in line with the emerging requirements has been one of the concerns of APMCHUD. Towards the same, various methods were discussed consistently since inception. 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 was 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 3rd – 5th November, 2014, and the Conference resolved *“to reiterate commitment to APMCHUD to strengthen the APMCHUD Secretariat, while encouraging member nations to contribute in line with the Amman Declaration”*. Mr. Kim indicated that as of now, indication has been received on the decision of the Republic of India to contribute a one-time amount of USD 50,000 and annual contribution of USD 10,000 for APMCHUD. No further indication in regard to

contribution from any other member country has been received so far. With this position, it was requested that the Bureau may like to discuss the way forward in this regard.

H.E Mr. Kim Jaejeong, Hon'ble Deputy Vice Minister for Housing Policy, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MoLIT), Republic of Korea indicated that the issue is fundamental for the success of APMCHUD's efforts. In regard to the position of Republic of Korea H.E Mr. Kim Jaejeong explained that the importance of the issue is accepted, however the contribution is not reflected in the budget. Nevertheless, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MoLIT), Republic of Korea will make proactive efforts for getting the allocation included this time.

After deliberations it was decided that the Chief Coordinator may write to all the member countries soliciting their cooperation in regard to contribution to the resource base for APMCHUD.

Item No.6: Information/Report by the Host country of 6th APMCHUD - Republic of India on preparations for the 6th APMCHUD in 2016

The Chief Coordinator requested the Hon'ble Members to recall that during the 5th Conference of APMCHUD held at Seoul, Republic of Korea, the Republic of India had graciously offered to host the 6th APMCHUD Conference in 2016, which was agreed by the Conference, and requested that the Republic of India may like to share any information on the preparations for the 6th APMCHUD in 2016 at this stage.

In this regard, it was reported by Republic of India that India has begun the preliminary preparations for the Conference in 2016 to be held in New Delhi. It was indicated that in view of the Habitat III Conference scheduled in October 2016, the 6th APMCHUD event may be scheduled in the month of December 2016. It was further informed that India would share detailed information in the forthcoming meeting of the Bureau in July 2016. It was also requested that the Bureau members may provide any suggestion/views in regard to the organization of the 6th Conference of APMCHUD.

Item No. 7: 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 Chief Coordinator indicated that the Secretariat of APMCHUD is maintaining a web-site (www.apmchud.com) which provides information on APMCHUD, various Conferences and Bureau meetings and also major forthcoming events of APMCHUD, UN-HABITAT etc in the habitat sector. He requested that towards making it more useful for the member countries, 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 forwarded to the Secretariat, for posting on the web-site. The relevant web-site addresses may also be provided so that appropriate link could be incorporated in the APMCHUD web-pages. It would also be ideal if a nodal officer is nominated with whom the Secretariat may interact in this regard. The Chief Coordinator requested that the details may be forwarded to the Secretariat.

During the deliberations it was noted that one of the aspects highlighted during the 3rd meeting of the Regional Slum Upgradation work group was the virtual scientific committee that is attempting to establish a vibrant link among the member countries. It was further decided that all the member countries may be pursued for nominating a nodal officer with whom the Secretariat may interact for obtaining information on various aspects that could be posted on the web-site.

Highlighting the advantages of an informative web-site, **Dr. Hettiarachchige Earnest Angelo Laxman Perera, UN-HABITAT** indicated that it would also be extremely useful for a meaningful dialogue among member nations through sharing of information on best practices and policies. He highlighted the usefulness of the APMCHUD web-site underscored by the virtual scientific committee session of the 3rd meeting of the Regional Slum Upgrading working group for promoting successful interaction among the participants and organisers. In this regard, UN-HABITAT assured all cooperation and help by providing link/access to its information base. It was decided that member countries may forward details to the Secretariat for extensive dissemination to all the members through the web-site.

Item No. 8 : Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

With the permission of the Chair, the following two items were taken up:

- 1) **Holding of the 4th Meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD in Quito, Ecuador during Habitat III event in October 2016:** As part of this item, Republic of Korea brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Members that the next meeting of the Bureau i.e 3rd meeting of the Bureau has already been graciously offered to be hosted by the Republic of Indonesia in July 2016 along with the PrepCom3 meeting scheduled at Surabaya, and that the Secretariat would interact with the Republic of Indonesia to firm up the

arrangements in this regard. Before holding the 6th APMCHUD Conference in New Delhi in 2016, which as per the current indications would be possibly in the month of December 2016, one more Bureau meeting (4th) would have to be organised.

In this regard, the Republic of Korea highlighted that subsequent to the PrepCom3 event in Surabaya in July 2016 during which the 3rd meeting of the Bureau of APMCHUD will also be held, the Habitat III event is scheduled to be held in Quito, Ecuador in October 2016, which is expected to be attended by most member countries of the Bureau of APMCHUD as well. Accordingly, towards facilitating the Hon'ble members to participate in the 4th meeting of the 5th Bureau, the Republic of Korea proposed that the 4th meeting of the 5th Bureau may be held in conjunction with the Habitat III event in Quito, Ecuador. The Bureau agreed to the proposal.

In view of the same, it was decided that the APMCHUD Secretariat may interact with the UN-HABITAT Habitat-III Secretariat for facilitating venue for holding the 4th Bureau meeting at Quito, Ecuador during the Habitat III event. It was further decided that the UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific – Fukuoka may also be approached to extend all possible help to the Secretariat of APMCHUD to firm up the arrangement.

- 2) **New web-site id. for the 5th APMCHUD Conference held at Seoul in November 2014:** The Republic of Korea indicated that due to certain technical problems, the web-site id. earlier used for the Seoul Conference was to be changed, and the new id. is www.apmchud_seoul.org and requested that the Hon'ble members may continue to access the web-site through the new id. for detailed information.

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

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