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Item No. 1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 4th Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) held at Male, Maldives on 4th August, 2014

The 3rd meeting of the 4th Bureau of APMCHUD was held at Male, Maldives on 4th August, 2014. A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting was circulated to the Hon'ble Members of the Bureau and was 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 : Action Taken subsequent to the 3rd Meeting of the 4th Bureau held on 4th August, 2014 at Male, Maldives - Report by the Chief Coordinator

The various activities undertaken since the 3rd Meeting of the 4th Bureau held on 4th August, 2014 at Male, Maldives are indicated below:-

Item No. in meeting of the Bureau	Decision	Action Taken
<p>Item No. 3 :</p> <p>Information about the already approved agenda item relating to Organizational Issues – Resource base for APMCHUD</p>	<p>The Chief coordinator suggested that the Hon'ble members may send to the Secretariat later any indication or information they would like on this aspect, if they so desire.</p>	<p>This item was considered by the 5th APMCHUD Conference held at Seoul on 3rd to 5th November, 2014.</p> <p>A separate item is placed in this meeting for consideration of the Bureau.</p>
<p>Item No. 6 :</p> <p>Any other item with the permission of the Chair - Identification of Lead country for the Working Group 3 – Basic Services:</p>	<p>..... it was decided that the Secretariat of APMCHUD may interact with the Government of Sri Lanka on this possibility of Sri Lanka along with Maldives taking the role of lead Countries for the Working Group 3 – Basic services.</p>	<p>The People's Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Republic of Maldives had graciously agreed to co-host the Working Group 3 – Basic Services. The Working Group 3 deliberations have been well appreciated.</p> <p>On behalf of the Hon'ble Bureau members, I would like to convey the gratitude of APMCHUD to People's Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Republic of Maldives.</p>

The Bureau may kindly note.

Item No. 3 : Release and Presentation of the Proceedings of the 5th Conference of APMCHUD held on 3rd to 5th November, 2014 at Seoul, Republic of Korea - by the host country

The 5th Conference of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) was held at Seoul, Republic of Korea during 3-5 November, 2015. The Republic of Korea – the host country of the Conference would release and present a report on the proceedings of the 5th Conference of APMCHUD.

Item No. 4 : Statement by the Chairperson of APMCHUD at the 25th Governing Council Meeting of UN-Habitat during April 17-23, 2015

The 25th Governing Council meeting of the UN-Habitat is scheduled to be held at Nairobi during 17-23 April, 2015. The identified main focal theme is “UN-Habitat’s Contribution to the Post-2015 Development Agenda in order to Promote Sustainable Urban Development and Human Settlements” with sub-theme on “Enhancing Urban-Rural Linkages across the Continuum of Human Settlements to Harness the Transformative Power of Urbanization for Sustainable Development”.

On behalf of the APMCHUD, the Hon’ble Chairperson would make a statement highlighting APMCHUD’s initiatives and share its vision on enhancing Urban-Rural Linkages across the continuum of Human Settlements to harness the Transformative Power of Urbanization for Sustainable Development. A draft of the statement is enclosed.

The Bureau may consider.

**25th Governing Council Meeting of UN-Habitat
Statement by the Hon'ble Chairperson of APMCHUD
April 17-23, 2015**

**APMCHUD's Views, Vision and Perspectives on
"Enhancing Urban-Rural Linkages across the Continuum of Human
Settlements to Harness the Transformative Power of Urbanization for
Sustainable Development"**

Excellencies, Dignitaries and the Delegates,

On behalf of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and 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 theme of "Enhancing Urban-Rural Linkages across the Continuum of Human Settlements to Harness the Transformative Power of Urbanization for Sustainable Development".

The rapidly urbanizing Asia Pacific region is an emerging economic power house. Notwithstanding its growth and prosperity, there is a clear appreciation that the fruits of development are not being shared by all the sections of the society. Inadequate availability of infrastructure and un-equal access to available infrastructure are resulting in situations, which cannot be considered optimal for realization of fullest potential of the people. On the one hand, there is an unabated proliferation of slums and squatter settlements in the cities and towns, as a reflection of the inability of the urban local bodies to cope with the situation, and on the other, there is continuing migration of people from rural areas to cities and towns, on the hope of a better economic status and improved standard of living.

It is in clear appreciation of the emerging trends, Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development, the Inter-Governmental Forum has been focusing on comprehensive approaches and strategies for integrated development of human settlements at large. The Enhanced Framework evolved by APMCHUD recognizes the need for strategic and integrated planning, capacity building as well as regional cooperation among the Asia Pacific countries through knowledge sharing, networking and monitoring for promotion of balanced and sustainable urbanization.

The Enhanced Framework attempts to address the issue at two levels of urban periphery and urban-rural linkages. The framework urges that increasing urban sprawl as well as the social and economic needs of the region's cities call for an urgent need to enhance the planning function through a rapidly responsive intervention at all levels and taking into account the growth in fringe areas, peri-urban areas and rural-urban continuum to deploy it as an effective instrument of

urban governance. In this regard, the framework advocates that governments should strive to improve living conditions in rural areas and make rural centres more attractive to reduce population pressure on large cities and to promote well-functioning rural-urban linkages. The framework is cognizant of the fact that often it is the problems of big metropolitan centres that occupy the attention of policy makers and service providers, and advocates that secondary towns and peri-urban areas which receive disproportionately small amounts of time, attention and resources should adequately be provided. The framework further emphasizes that as far as national policy and planning is concerned, it is important to cut across different types of contexts – from big metropolitan centres to secondary towns and peri-urban areas.

AMCHUD recognizes the linkages and the interdependencies between rural and urban areas and the importance of balanced territorial development strategies to promote synergies between towns, cities and their rural hinterlands, and has resolved to promote integrated and sustainable rural and urban development to address the problems of urbanization.

Towards promoting sustainable development of human settlements, the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) has identified five themes for special focus and Working Groups on these themes are led by voluntary lead countries. The theme of Rural and Urban Planning and Management is led by the Republic of India, Slum Up-gradation by the Islamic Republic of Iran, Financing by the Republic of Korea, basic Services by People's Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Republic of Maldives, and Urban Development with a focus on Natural and Climate Change related Disasters led by the Republic of Indonesia.

Focus on Urban-Rural Continuum as an Imperative of Integrated Planned Development is well recognized by APMCHUD. The International Conference/ Working Group I meeting on Urban and Rural Planning and Management, held in New Delhi in August 2012 highlighted that Urban centres in the countries of Asia-Pacific region are playing role of generators of economic growth momentum and act as backbone of economy of their respective countries, and planning and management efforts should encourage and strengthen this trend. Indicating that in the context of the rapid urbanization, Asia Pacific Countries need to place human settlements planning appropriately in the realm of development planning, and urged that the planning process need to be reoriented towards being 'bottom' driven and participatory, rather than 'top' driven and expert oriented. Focusing on the theme of Urban-Rural Continuum as an Imperative of Integrated Planned Development, it recommended that :

- Planning process must recognize that human settlements are like organisms and they tend to grow within a socio-economic and cultural milieu. Existing complementary relationship in the resource flow and interaction between the urban and rural hinterland should form the basis for integrated planning.
- Incorporate a regional settlement development framework in human settlements planning effort, seeking an order in the settlement size and hierarchy, and towards facilitating strengthening such evolving relationship and promoting balanced regional development.
- The planning of large cities should essentially be on a larger regional canvas to facilitate development in a regional resource framework.
- In the context of rapid urbanization, it is imperative that if the planning process is not responsive, the peri-urban areas would face haphazard development. Accordingly, Asia Pacific countries need to bring in spatial planning regulatory provisions, to ensure orderly development of fringe areas to reflect a gradual, equitable and mutually complementary development.
- There is an increasing tendency for large scale space intensive and also polluting activities getting located in the urban fringe areas in most cities of the countries of the Asia Pacific Region. The planning process must be sensitive towards this issue to ensure that the fragile fringe areas do not become dumping yards for the large cities.
- The planning efforts need to ensure strengthening the connectivity of the mother city and its region, towards facilitating spatial dispersal of unmanageable growth from the city, and also facilitating the ‘deprived’ periphery to attract activities.

APMCHUD recognizes the need for and importance of enhancing Urban-Rural linkages across the continuum of human settlements to harness the transformative power of urbanization for sustainable development, and we are confident that through this joint and collaborative mechanism, we, countries of Asia Pacific Region would adopt appropriate region specific methodologies and measures for achieving the same.

On behalf of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development, I once again thank the UN-HABITAT for this opportunity to share the views, vision and perspective of APMCHUD on the theme of ‘Enhancing Urban-Rural Linkages across the Continuum of Human Settlements to Harness the Transformative Power of Urbanization for Sustainable Development’ during this 25th Session of the Governing Council.

Thank you.

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

Strengthening the Secretariat of the APMCHUD to undertake manifold activities in line with the emerging requirements has been one of the concern 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 3-5 November, 2014. 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”**.

The Secretariat has not received contribution from member countries so far.

The position is placed for information of the Bureau.

Item No. 6 : Presentation by the Chair country of 5th APMCHUD - Republic of Korea on proposed activity plan for the 5th APMCHUD period

The Chair of 5th APMCHUD - Republic of Korea would make a presentation on proposed activity plan for the 5th APMCHUD period.

The Lead countries of Working Groups may like to indicate during the meeting any activity proposed as part of their Working Group. The Lead countries may also communicate any activity proposed to the Secretariat subsequently, which shall be incorporated in the final activity plan for the 5th APMCHUD period.

The detailed presentation shall be placed on the table during the meeting.

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

**Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 4th Bureau of the
Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban
Development (APMCHUD)**

**Date : August 4, 2014 (4.00 PM to 6.00 PM)
Venue : Orchid Room, Bandos Island Resort,
Republic of Maldives**

The List of Participants is enclosed.

At the outset, the Chief Coordinator welcomed all the Hon'ble members and distinguished members of the delegations and the representative of UN Habitat. The Chief Coordinator indicated that the Hon'ble Chairperson H.E. Eng.Sami Halaseh, Minister of Public Works and Housing, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has communicated his inability to participate in the meeting due to extreme exigencies, and has conveyed his best wishes for the success of the meeting. In view of the same, the Chief Coordinator requested the Bureau to kindly elect a Chair for the meeting. The Hon'ble Deputy Minister, Ministry of Roads & Urban Development, Islamic Republic of Iran & Managing Director, Urban Development & Revitalization (URDO) His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Saeid Izadi proposed that H.E Dr. Mohamed Muizzu, Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, Republic of Maldives may Chair the meeting. The proposal was unanimously endorsed by the Bureau. The Chief Coordinator further indicated that the Hon'ble Members from Republic of Iraq, Republic of Indonesia, and Independent State of Samoa have also informed about their inability to participate in the meeting due to exigencies.

Initiating the meeting, H.E Dr Mohamed Muizzu, Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, Republic of Maldives thanked the Hon'ble members of the Bureau for giving the honour of chairing the meeting. The Chairperson expressed satisfaction that the APMCHUD, since its inauguration in New Delhi in 2006, has evolved as a vibrant collaborative mechanism for sharing experiences in promoting sustainable development of human settlements among the countries in the Asia Pacific region. The New Delhi Declaration of 2006, the Tehran Declaration of 2008, the Solo Declaration of 2010 and the Amman declaration of 2012 have all evolved visions and mechanisms for progressing forward towards this objective. Indicated that the formation of Working Groups on five critical themes of planning, slum upgradation, basic services, financing, and disaster mitigation aspects, has been a major step in

the collective visioning for common concerns of the countries of Asia Pacific region in the field of housing and urban development, His Excellency expressed his appreciation to Republic of India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Korea and Republic of Indonesia for volunteering to host the working groups and undertake a large number of activities in the respective fields. Expressing his gratitude to the UN-Habitat for its continued support as well as guidance being extended to APMCHUD since inception, in all its initiatives, he conveyed his 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 in view of the fact that the events are to be organised in other locations. The Chairperson highlighted that the movement of APMCHUD has gained substantial strength and there is a need to sustain the momentum and continue the efforts to make it a more vibrant and as a self sustaining mechanism. In this regard he underscored the decision in the Amman Conference by evolving a pattern of support for strengthening the Secretariat and requested the members to consider the same. Thanking the Republic of Korea which had graciously offered to host the Fifth Conference of APMCHUD in November 2014 at Seoul, the Chairperson indicated that all the member countries need to support the Republic of Korea in making the conference a grand success. It was also indicated that the Government of Maldives has arranged a site visit to one of its major project at Hulhumale, which is a new development on reclaimed island for a population of about 60000 residents and managed by Hulhumale Development Corporation. With these initial remarks, H.E Dr Mohamed Muizzu, Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, Republic of Maldives and Chairperson of the meeting welcomed the members and delegates to the meeting and requested them to share their initial views before the agenda items are taken in sequence.

Providing initial remarks, H.E Mr Mohammad Saeid Izadi, Hon'ble Deputy Minister, Ministry of Roads & Urban Development, Islamic Republic of Iran expressed his appreciation to the Republic of Maldives for organising this event in such a pleasant environment. His Excellency indicated that the Working Group on Slum Upgrading aspects was established pursuant to the APMCHUD meeting in Tehran to address the issue of informal settlements and slums, which is a key urban challenge shared amongst the countries of the Region. This working group met during subsequent APMCHUD conferences and also separately to discuss issues as well as solutions, mechanisms and best practices being employed in this region, and networking with all stake holders such as municipalities, NGOs, etc. The emphasis was on innovative and indigenous ideas and approaches, community based sustainable development, role of vulnerable and less-represented groups, the role of ICT in urban and rural development, and urban equity.

H.E Mr Mohammad Saeid Izadi indicated that in respect of the Slum Upgradation Working Group, the Amman Declaration recommended four key points covering 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 indicators in three volunteer countries viz. Jordan, Indonesia and Iran, and present the results, and 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. The Hon'ble Minister indicated that in regard to a) and b), the Ministry of Roads and Urban Development had tried to update and revise existing slum upgrading legislation to promote economic buoyancy and social integration through urban regeneration, slum upgrading, and urban (re)development projects at different scales, including national spatial frameworks, regional planning, city-wide planning, neighbourhood design and public space design. The new bill calls for a holistic approach to upgrading and regeneration projects in slums, informal settlements, and deteriorated fabric of historic significance, with the participation of all relevant ministries in form of a national Empowerment Task Force at national, provincial and local levels. Furthermore, emphasis is made on community-based organizations who will take the lead in the actual upgrading of redevelopment projects. In addition, this legal document paves the ground for utilizing Information Technology as an effective instrument for engaging youth in slum upgrading and redevelopment projects. H.E opined that this legal document can serve as a model to be replicated in and adapted to other situation.

Further elaborating on various activities of the Working Group on Slum Upgradation, H.E Mr Mohammad Saeid Izadi, Hon'ble Deputy Minister, Ministry of Roads & Urban Development, Islamic Republic of Iran indicated that in respect of pilot testing of slum upgradation database (i.e c), an attempt has been made to collect experiences of countries in the Asia-Pacific Region concerning urban upgrading which demonstrate the social integration, inclusion and cohesion can be promoted through urban upgrading projects. To this end, a slum upgrading database has been developed which will hold information on upgrading initiatives in all member countries. He opined that when completed, such a database will significantly assist in planning the activities of the Working Group. Currently, the Working Group is focussed on testing a set of upgrading and financing indicators in a sample of settlements facilitating their refinement based on results. Appreciating the contribution of information and participation by Indonesia and Jordan in this effort,

H.E requested participation by all the member countries to make it more relevant. In regard to activities of Virtual Scientific Committee, (i.e d), the Hon'ble Minister requested vigorous participation of all the member countries in the Virtual Scientific Committee of the Slum Upgrading Working Group. The Hon'ble Minister highlighted that the Working Group on Slum Upgradation has played the role of an international multi-stake holder consultation instrument devoted to an equitable and sustainable urban development through upgrading processes which will seek to inform policy reforms at regional and national levels. A concept note on slum upgrading working group was also circulated during the meeting.

H.E Mr. Jae Jeong Kim, Director General, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure & Transportation, Republic of Korea thanked the Chair for the opportunity for initial remarks. Thanking the Government of Maldives for hosting this meeting, the Hon'ble Minister thanked the Un-Habitat and the Secretariat of APMCHUD for the excellent support being offered in finalizing many of the finer aspects of the forthcoming 5th conference of APMCHUD. Indicating that a detailed presentation is scheduled as a separate agenda item, he requested for the active participation of the member countries in the successful organization of the event.

Conveying thanks to H.E Dr. Mohamed Muizzu, Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Infrastructure, Government of Republic of Maldives for the wonderful hospitality being extended to the delegations, H.E Mr. Rajeev Shahare, High Commissioner of India in Maldives expressed satisfaction that APMCHUD, since its inception in December 2006 in New Delhi has progressed as a vibrant collaborative mechanism in the field of housing and urban development. The Delhi Declaration outlined a framework for sustainable urbanisation in the Asia Pacific Region. The Tehran Declaration of APMCHUD in 2008, the Solo Declaration of 2010 and the Amman declaration of 2012 have enabled the Asia Pacific Countries to evolve a collective vision to move ahead, by sharing our concerns and addressing them through exchange of information and experiences in the field of housing and urban development. Expressing India's gratitude to APMCHUD for agreeing to India's request to Lead the Working Group on 'Urban and Rural Planning and Management', H.E Rajeev Shahare indicated that as part of its activities, India organised a meeting of this working group in New Delhi on 16-17th august, 2012, which was participated by representatives and experts from 18 countries. The focus has been on inclusive planning and practices, urban-rural continuum, land issues for comprehensive human settlement planning, and also on tools, technologies and capacity building for urban and rural planning and management. H.E indicated that in addition to the above, Government of India had committed to host

a study tour of best practices and major projects in the field of housing and urban development. Accordingly, Government of India organised a study tour for the Asia Pacific member country delegations during 5-9th April, 2013. A total of 13 delegates from Asia Pacific countries participated in the study tour covering projects of slum improvement, social housing, sanitation, basic infrastructure facilities and new town development initiatives. Conveying India's appreciation and gratitude to the countries which participated in the study tour and he 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.

Elaborating on India's initiatives in the field of housing and urban development, H.E emphasized that housing forms a basic necessity for the people, and the Government of India is according a significant 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 is evolving comprehensive strategies towards achieving the objective of 'Housing for All' by 2022, through active and beneficial involvement of a variety of stake holders including public-private participation and improving governance of housing delivery.

India has one of the largest urban systems in the world. Though accommodating slightly less than one third of the total population, the urban centres in India contribute a substantial part of the Gross Domestic Product already with 63% in 2007 and the same is expected to increase to 75% in 2021. By 2050, half of the Indian population will be living in urban areas and the Government of India is fully seized of the imperative of urban up-liftment through improving quality of public transport, providing drainage, sanitation, waste management, water recycling and wi-fi facilities for public and commercial areas. There is a commitment to adopt modern scientific methods of town and country planning practices based on Geographical Information System (GIS) in urban development. Extension of metro services to important and major urban centres, development of twin cities and creating infrastructure in satellite cities are other priority areas to promote sustainable and integrated development of urban settlement system. It is in this context, the Government of India is according top most priority to set up 100 new smart and safe cities in the country. This entire effort would be 'people centric' and pro-active urban reforms, planning and management as well as citizens' participation would be the hall mark of this strategy.

Thanking the Republic of Maldives for hosting this event in an excellent manner, H.E Rajeev Shahare registered his appreciation to the Secretariat of APMCHUD for all its coordination efforts in the successful conduct of this event.

Mr. E M S B Ekanayake, Program Manager for Sri Lanka representing UN-Habitat in the meeting thanked APMCHUD for the invitation to participate in the Bureau meeting and expressed that UN-Habitat is indeed happy on the progress of the collaborative effort of Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban development in evolving a collective vision for sustainable urbanization in the Asia Pacific region. He indicated that UN-Habitat would be happy to extend all possible cooperation and facilitation for the activities of the APMCHUD.

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

Item No. 1 : **Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 4th Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) held at Medellin, Colombia on 8th April, 2014**

The Chief Coordinator indicated that the 2nd meeting of the 4th Bureau of APMCHUD was held at Medellin, Colombia, on 8th April, 2014, and a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting was circulated to the Hon'ble Members of the Bureau and was posted on the website of APMCHUD as well (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 : **Status of Actions pursuant to the 2nd Meeting of the 4th Bureau held on 8th April, 2014 at Medellin, Colombia – Report by the Chief Coordinator**

The various activities undertaken since the 2nd Meeting held at Medellin, Colombia on 8th April, 2014 were presented by the Chief Coordinator.

- a) In regard to the **Study tours by India, Indonesia and Thailand** as offered by the respective countries, it was indicated that India and Indonesia have organized the study visits during 2013. Further, a **letter has been sent to the Hon'ble Minister of Thailand soliciting indication on the convenience of the Government of Thailand in this regard.** In addition, copies of the

communications by the Secretariat to the Government of Thailand have also been forwarded to the Regional Office of UN-Habitat at Fukuoka to pursue the Government of Thailand in this regard.

- b) It was indicated that as desired by the Bureau, the **Special Intervention Note of APMCHUD** presented in the Ministerial segment of the World Urban Forum event (at Medellin) on the theme of 'APMCHUD's Views, Vision and Perspectives on Urban Equity in Development – Cities for Life' has been **placed on the website** of APMCHUD for the kind information of the Hon'ble Members.
- c) In regard to receiving suggestions from the Hon'ble members **for preparing a detailed road map for APMCHUD Secretariat**, it was indicated that the Secretariat has not received any suggestions so far.
- d) In regard to the **suggestion by the Islamic Republic of Iran for intense participation by the member countries in the activities of the Slum Upgradation Working Group**, the member countries were requested to contribute information as well as consider intense participation in the activities of the Virtual Scientific Committee on slum upgradation initiatives towards increased sharing and exchange of information and experiences.
- e) In regard to the **offer of the Republic of Indonesia to conduct a training program on youth in spatial planning, green city aspects etc**, for the Asia Pacific member countries in case the Hon'ble Bureau members indicate their willingness to attend such a training programme, the Chief Coordinator requested the Hon'ble Members to indicate to the Secretariat their views on conducting such a programme by Government of Indonesia and their willingness to participate in such a programme, so that the required tie-ups are done by the Secretariat with the Government of Indonesia.
- f) In regard to **uploading of various information on the activities of the Working Groups**, the Chief Coordinator requested the lead countries to provide any document generated relating to their working group which would be uploaded in the APMCHUD web-site for greater dissemination among all member countries of the Asia Pacific Region.
- g) In regard to **Identification of Lead Country for the Working Group 3 on Delivery of Basic Services**, the Chief Coordinator indicated that the secretariat has not received acceptance from any member country so far.

- h) In regard to **preparations for the 5th APMCHUD Conference** at Seoul, Republic of Korea, it was noted that a separate item is placed for discussion during the current meeting itself.
- i) In regard to the Action Taken Report on various actions taken in continuation of various decisions taken in the APMCHUD Conferences and reflected in the Declarations, it was indicated that the report shall be submitted to the Bureau members for consideration, which on approval shall be presented during the 5th APMCHUD Conference.

Item No. 3 : Information about the already approved agenda item relating to Organizational Issues – Resource base for APMCHUD

The Chief Coordinator 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 Chief coordinator highlighted that 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”*. He further indicated that the above was reviewed in the 2nd meeting of the Bureau held at Medellin, and it was reported that the Secretariat had not received any contribution by any member country till then. The position remains the same as of now.

The Bureau noted the same. The Chief coordinator suggested that the Hon'ble members may send to the Secretariat later any indication or information they would like on this aspect, if they so desire.

Item No. 4 : Action Taken Report on the activities of APMCHUD at the 5th Conference of APMCHUD at Seoul, Republic of Korea

The Chief Coordinator indicated that the 5th APMCHUD Conference is scheduled to be held at Seoul, Republic of Korea from 3-5 November, 2014. The main theme of the Conference is 'Equal Opportunity for Sustainable Development'. As part of the

Agenda, an Action Taken Report covering various initiatives by APMCHUD in general and subsequent to the 4th Conference held at Amman shall be presented. He requested the Hon'ble members that towards preparing the background material for the same in advance, the Bureau member countries, particularly the Lead countries of the Working Groups may like to contribute information that could be considered by the Bureau in advance, before placing the same to the Conference. It was requested that the information that could form part of the Action Taken report and also reports that could be circulated separately may be sent to the Secretariat for compilation and submission to the Bureau for consideration.

Item No.5 : Presentation by the Republic of Korea on the preparations for the 5th APMCHUD Conference at Seoul, Republic of Korea

The Chief Coordinator indicated that during the 2nd Meeting of the Bureau held at Medellin, a detailed presentation was made on the status of preparation for the forthcoming 5th Conference at Seoul, by the Hon'ble Member from Republic of Korea. The same was appreciated by the Bureau and it was further decided that the status of preparations for the upcoming 5th APMCHUD Conference may be reviewed during the meeting at Maldives. Accordingly, requested the Hon'ble Member from the Republic of Korea to brief the Bureau on the above.

A detailed power point presentation was made by the delegation of Republic of Korea. The presentation covered various aspects of the venue, theme and sub-themes, program of events during the conference, and the timelines for completion of various actions. The presentation also covered the support expected from the member countries at large and especially from the Lead countries in regard to organization of working group related sessions. It was indicated that substantial guidance has been taken from the earlier conferences successfully held and emphasis during the forthcoming events would be to enroll participation from most countries. The following details in brief were presented:

Date, Venue, host and Organizing Committee: November 3rd - 5th , 2014; at The Shilla Hotel Seoul; hosted by Ministry of land, Infrastructure and Transport, Republic Korea; Organizing Committee comprising LH, KRIHS, KHGC and KAB; and the expected participants are approximately 200 to 300 from 30 to 40 member Nations, and including Local participation about 1000 participants.

Main Theme and Sub-Themes in relation to Working Groups:

Main Theme : Equal Opportunity for Sustainable Development

- WG 1 :** **Title** : **Urban and Rural Planning and management –**
 Sub-theme : **Inclusive urban Planning**
- WG 2 :** **Title** : **Upgrading of Slum and Informal Settlements –**
 Sub-theme : **Upgrading Slum toward Equal Opportunity**
 for the Underprivileged
- WG 3 :** **Title** : **Delivery of Basic Services –**
 Sub-theme : **Inclusive Technology for the Delivery of Basic**
 Services
- WG 4 :** **Title** : **Financing Sustainable Housing –**
 Sub-theme : **Housing Finance for Equal Opportunity**
- WG 5 :** **Title** : **Urban Development with a focus on Natural**
 and Climatic Change related Disasters –
 Sub-theme : **Urban Development for Equal Opportunity**
 Responding to Natural and Climatic Change
 related Disasters

In regard to the detailed draft program, it was indicated that two special sessions on the theme(tentative) of `Sustainable Housing Finance Strategies' (on the occasion of the 2nd International Housing Finance Forum) and a session on `Sustainable Urban regeneration for better Cities' are being planned.

Further an International Exhibition during the event and also a field trip to a major urban development project to showcase and share the experience with participants is also being planned.

The requirements of election of a new Bureau, host country during the 5th Conference for the 6th Conference were noted and proposed mode of support for LDC countries for participation in the 5th Conference was also noted.

During the presentation, the Republic of Korea particularly requested the Lead countries of the Working Groups to facilitate with their programme to organize their respective Working Group sessions in advance. It was indicated that the Working group sessions would be for about 3 hours in total with one hour on first day and 2 hour session on the second day, and as such may comprise about 5 presentations of 10 minutes each. The concept note by each Lead country may

be submitted by August end and presentations may be finalized by mid-September and the presentation materials may be submitted by end September, 2014. It was further requested that each Working Group may submit its finalized program details by 10th October, 2014. It was also indicated that one Korean expert would support each working group discussions/sessions as a Co-Chair.

The Hon'ble Minister from Islamic Republic of Iran suggested that there could be some mechanism evolved by which the Hon'ble Bureau members could be felicitated during the opening ceremony of the Conference. This was agreed to.

Item No. 6 : Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Identification of Lead country for the Working Group 3 – Basic Services: A discussion followed on the issue of Identification of Lead country for the Working Group 3 – Basic Services. During the discussions one of the options deliberated was the possibility of co-leading the Working group by two member countries. In this regard, the Republic of Maldives felt that it may appreciate the possibility of taking the lead role along with Sri Lanka if the same is feasible. Accordingly, it was decided that the Secretariat of APMCHUD may interact with the Government of Sri Lanka on this possibility of Sri Lanka along with Maldives taking the role of lead Countries for the Working Group 3 – Basic services.

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

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