

**Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 5th Bureau of
Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban
Development (APMCHUD)**

Date: July 26, 2016(5.00 PM to 7.00 PM)

Venue: Surabaya, Republic of Indonesia

The list of Participants is enclosed.

Welcoming the Hon'ble Members of the Bureau and the representatives of UN Habitat for the 3rd Meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD, the Chief Coordinator Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Mishra expressed his special thanks to the Republic of Indonesia for facilitating conduct of this meeting. The Chief Coordinator mentioned that indications have been received that the Independent State of Samoa and Republic of Maldives would not be able to participate in the meeting due to exigencies, and have conveyed their best wishes for the success of the meeting. He requested the Hon'ble Chair for conduct of the meeting.

H.E Dr. Kim Kyoung-Hwan, Hon'ble Vice Minister for Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MoLIT), Republic of Korea welcomed the Hon'ble members of the Bureau and all the delegates to the 3rd meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD. The Hon'ble Vice-Minister thanked the Republic of Indonesia for facilitating holding this meeting in this historic and wonderful city of Surabaya and appreciated the efforts of the Secretariat for appropriate coordination. Indicating that the Republic of Korea successfully hosted the 5th APMCHUD conference in Seoul in November 2014 in cooperation with UN-Habitat and the Secretariat of APMCHUD and has played its role as Chair of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD, H.E Dr. Kim Kyoung-Hwan appreciated the strong support extended by UN-Habitat and the Secretariat. The Hon'ble Minister observed that 'liveable city' is a slogan of Surabaya and it perfectly fits for the venue of PrepCom3 as a model of sustainable urban development, when we are striving to prepare for a better future for all human beings and cities. Highlighting that APMCHUD is a consultative inter-governmental mechanism founded in 2006 to achieve the common goal of sustainable urban development in the Asia Pacific region, H.E Dr. Kim Kyoung-Hwan indicated that many countries in the region are now under threat of insecure human settlements due to unexpected natural disasters and the region is experiencing more accelerated urbanization. The cities and towns face a variety of urban problems of housing and basic infrastructure. It is in this context, the APMCHUD as a mechanism for collective visioning and experience sharing would help all the

countries for initiatives towards improved conditions for better quality of life for its citizens. The Hon'ble Vice Minister opined that the concept of 'Smart City' offers an effective means for sustainable urbanization and that it needs to be interpreted in a broader context as a universal and general instrument for sustainable urban agenda. H.E Dr. Kim Kyoung-Hwan, Hon'ble Vice Minister for Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MoLIT), Republic of Korea requested the Hon'ble members to provide their initial remarks before the agenda items are taken up in sequence.

Thanking the Chair, **H.E. Dr.M.Basuki Hadimuljono, Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Housing, Republic of Indonesia** welcomed the Hon'ble members of the Bureau, representatives of UN-Habitat and all the Delegates to Indonesia. H.E. Dr.M.Basuki Hadimuljono thanked the Bureau for agreeing to the proposal to host this 3rd meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD at Surabaya in conjunction with the PrepCom3 meeting of HABITAT III. H.E. Dr.M.Basuki Hadimuljono 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. And now the PrepCom3 is being held during 25 – 27th July, 2016 in Surabaya. The Hon'ble Minister indicated that Surabaya is a historic city and currently is the 2nd largest city of Indonesia in terms of population size. Surabaya has demonstrated successfully inclusive planning principles and improved access to infrastructure facilities for all the citizens. Recalling the successful holding of the 3rd APMCHUD conference in Solo in 2010, the Hon'ble Minister indicated that Indonesia would offer all required support for cooperation among the member countries in the field of housing and urban development. Briefly highlighting various initiatives in the field of housing and urban development in Indonesia, H.E. Dr.M.Basuki Hadimuljono also indicated that a number of activities have been taken up under the Working Group V including the workshop on Resilience Planning and Strategic Implementation on 23rd July, 2016 in Surabaya. Setting up of a separate Center of National Earthquake study is another major initiative and that the details would be elaborated in the specific item on the subject.

H.E. Dr. M.Basuki Hadimuljono, Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Housing, Republic of Indonesia once again welcomed the Hon'ble members of the Bureau, representatives of UN-Habitat and all the Delegates to Indonesia.

H.E Dr. Mohammad Saeidlzadi, Hon'ble Deputy Minister and Managing Director, Urban Development and Revitalisation Organization, Islamic Republic of Iran thanked the Chair for this opportunity to share initial remarks. Conveying his appreciation for the special support provided by Republic of Indonesia for holding this meeting in such a pleasant environment, H.E. Dr. Mohammad Saeidlzadi thanked the UN-Habitat as well for its continued support for various activities of the APMCHUD.

H.E.Dr. Mohammad Saeidlzadi also appreciated the efforts of the Secretariat of APMCHUD in coordinating with Republic of Indonesia and UN-Habitat for successfully organising this Bureau meeting. Indicating that Islamic Republic of Iran has successfully organised special events under the aegis of APMCHUD as part of its role as lead country of the Working Group II, he informed that the details would be elaborated as part of the relevant agenda.

H.E Eng. Istabraq I. AL Shouk, Senior 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 for this opportunity, and also the Republic of Indonesia for hosting this event and the hospitality extended to the delegation. H.E Eng. Istabraq I. AL Shouk also thanked Un-Habitat for its continued support to APMCHUD activities and Secretariat of APMCHUD for the coordination for holding this meeting in a successful manner.

H.E Mohammad Salem Al-Junaidi Faris, Director General of Public Works and Housing, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan thanked the Republic of Indonesia for hosting the meeting and the warm hospitality extended to the delegation. H.E Mohammad Salem Al-Junaidi Faris appreciated the efforts of APMCHUD Secretariat and thanked UN-Habitat for its continued support.

Dr. M. Anand Prakash, First Secretary, Embassy of India at Jakarta thanked the Chair and indicated that **H.E Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Urban Development & Information & Broadcasting, 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. Thanking Republic of Indonesia for hosting the meeting and the UN-HABITAT for its continued support and guidance in the affairs of APMCHUD, Mr. M. Anand Prakash, shared the message of the Hon'ble Minister with the Hon'ble members of the Bureau. In his message H.E Mr. Venkaiah Naidu had conveyed his satisfaction on the progress achieved by APMCHUD since its beginning in 2006 in New Delhi. Noting that APMCHUD has progressed as a vibrant collaborative mechanism in the field of housing and urban development, he conveyed that the collective vision evolved through the Delhi Declaration in 2006, Tehran Declaration in 2008, Solo Declaration in 2010, Amman declaration in 2012 and the Seoul Declaration in 2014 have all guided the Asia Pacific Countries, in sharing our concerns and addressing them through exchange of information and experiences in the field of housing and urban development. The Hon'ble Minister has also conveyed in his message that India is indeed grateful to APMCHUD for agreeing to the proposal of India to host the 6th APMCHUD in New Delhi this year, and that the preparations are already on which would be separately informed to the Bureau in this meeting. Further, as the lead country of the Working Group on 'Urban and Rural Planning and Management',

India had organised an international event in New Delhi on the theme of 'Human Settlements Planning & Design – A shared Under-standing' on 24th June, 2016 in which representatives of eight Asia Pacific countries participated and shared their experiences. H.E Mr. Venkaiah Naidu in his message also 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.

H.E Mr. Venkaiah Naidu in his message has also shared the current initiatives of Republic of India in the housing and urban development sector. Sustainable development of human settlements is a priority area and the Government of India is according significant importance for enabling access to housing, for all its citizens through several flagship missions addressing the challenges of urbanisation, such as 'Housing for All' by 2022; Smart Cities Mission for development of 100 Smart Cities; Programme for Rejuvenation and Transformation of 500 cities of over 100,000 population; National Urban Livelihood Mission; Skill India etc. Several policy and legislative measures such as Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Act, Model Housing Policies etc., have also been taken up. The broad focus of all these interlinked game changing missions is to plan for achieving incremental and qualitative improvements in the living conditions of all urban Indians. The people centric approach at the core, inclusive and integrated planned development, financial empowerment and improved governance form the nucleus of the development strategy for the urban settlements.

H.E Mr. Venkaiah Naidu in his message has also conveyed that India would be very happy to share its successful experiments in the field of housing and urban development and would also be happy to learn from innovative approaches being followed by member countries in the Asia Pacific region.

Mr. L.S. Palansuriya, Chairman, National Housing Development Authority, Sri Lanka thanked the Chair for this opportunity to share his initial remarks. Thanking the Republic of Indonesia for hosting this meeting, Mr. L.S. Palansuriya conveyed that Sri Lanka would continue to be actively associated with APMCHUD in this collaborative initiative as it has been doing so since the first conference in New Delhi in 2006. Mr L.S.Palansuriya also thanked UN-Habitat for its guidance and support although and further appreciated the efforts of the Secretariat in successfully coordinating this meeting with Republic of Indonesia and UN-Habitat.

Mr. Yoshinobu Fukasawa, Director, UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific – Fukuoka thanked the Chair for the invitation extended to participate in the 3rd meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD. Mr. Yoshinobu Fukasawa appreciated the collective and progressive efforts made by APMCHUD in its journey so far, and

conveyed that UN-Habitat would continue to provide all the required support for furthering collaboration among APMCHUD countries in their initiatives towards sustainable housing and urban development in the Asia Pacific Region. Mr. Yoshinobu Fukasawa expressed his appreciation for the consistent efforts of Secretariat of APMCHUD and assured UN-Habitat's continued cooperation.

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 2nd Meeting of the 5th Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) held at Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran on 1st December, 2015

The Chief Coordinator indicated that the 2nd meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD was held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran on 1st December, 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. He indicated that the Secretariat has not received any comments on the minutes so far.

The Bureau confirmed the Minutes.

Item No. 2: Action Taken subsequent to the 2nd Meeting of the 5th Bureau held on 1 December, 2015 at Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

A report on the actions taken on the decisions of the 2nd meeting of the 5th Bureau held on **1st December, 2015 at Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran** was presented by the Chief Coordinator.

It was indicated that there were three decisions on which actions were to be taken.

Firstly, as part of **Item No. 4**: Information about the already approved agenda item relating to Organizational Issues - Resource base for APMCHUD – Status and way forward' there was an indication that the Republic of India has decided to contribute a one-time amount of USD 50,000 and annual contribution of USD 10,000 for APMCHUD, and no further indication in regard to contribution from any other member country was available. Accordingly, 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.

In this regard, the Chief Coordinator indicated that the contribution from Republic of India has since been received, and that a communication has been sent by the Chief Coordinator to all member countries in regard to annual contribution from member

countries. Chief Coordinator also indicated that a separate item on the subject has been placed in the current Bureau for consideration.

Secondly, as part of `Item No. 6: Information/Report by the Host country of 6th APMCHUD - Republic of India on preparations for the 6th APMCHUD in 2016' India had reported preliminary preparations for the Conference in 2016 to be held in New Delhi have begun ..and that India would share detailed information in the forthcoming meeting of the Bureau in July 2016.

The Chief Coordinator indicated that a separate item on the subject has been placed in the current Bureau meeting for consideration.

Thirdly, in respect of the `Item No. 7: Any other item with the permission of the Chair - Holding of the 4th Meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD in Quito, Ecuador during Habitat III event in October 2016', it was decided that the 3rd meeting of the Bureau shall be held at Surabaya, 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. It was also 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.

In this regard, on the 3rd meeting (current one), the Chief Coordinator indicated that the Secretariat interacted with Republic of Indonesia and the current meeting is being held here. The Bureau registered its appreciation for the gracious help extended by Republic of Indonesia for holding this 3rd meeting of the 5th Bureau in Surabaya.

In regard to the 4th meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD, the Chief Coordinator indicated that the secretariat would interact with UN-HABITAT Habitat-III Secretariat as well as UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific-Fukuoka for facilitating venue for holding the 4th Bureau meeting at Quito, Ecuador.

Item No. 3: 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; WG 3: Delivery of Basic Services – Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Republic of Maldives; WG 4:

Financing Sustainable Housing – Republic of Korea, and WG 5: 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 APMCHUD for permitting to act as the Lead Country for the Working Group-I on Urban and Rural Planning and Management. It was indicated that for effectively organizing various activities of the Working Group, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India had 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.

Elaborating further on activities subsequent to the 2nd meeting of the Bureau since 1st December, 2016, the following activities were highlighted:

A one-day International workshop on 'Human Settlements Planning & Design : A Shared Understanding', was held on 24th June, 2016 at New Delhi which was organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India as part of Working Group I of APMCHUD. Focused on the specific theme of 'Urban and Rural Planning and Management issues: Experience from Asia Pacific region', representatives of the following 8 Asia Pacific countries participated in the event: Japan, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Iraq, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Republic of Korea, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and Republic of India, in addition to UN-Habitat. The event also had participation from various international institutions such as GIZ and Asia Cities Alliance-UNOPS. The workshop was also attended by representatives of various State Governments, National institutions in the field of planning and urban development, eminent NGOs and experts in the field of urban and rural planning and management. The event had presentations from World Resources Institute, Republic of Korea, Republic of India and UN-Habitat. The recommendations of the event were : (1) The Asia Pacific region is experiencing rapid urbanization and there are a variety of approaches being followed by the countries towards promoting sustainable development of human settlements in the region. This presents a significant opportunity for exchange of experiences and information among the Asia Pacific countries for sustainable development of human settlements (2) The peri-urban areas of most cities in the region are registering rapid growth and are facing haphazard development, affecting the environment. It is necessary that planning efforts are focused on the peri-urban

areas so as to promote them as complementary planned entities (3) There is a need to orient the planning efforts to promote the rural and urban integration - rural urban continuum - for the sustainable development of human settlements in the Asia Pacific region. It is necessary to recognize the potential of integrated development, promote complementarities among the urban and rural settlements and strengthen their mutual relationship for integrated development of the rural and urban areas, and (4) A compilation study may be taken up with the support of the UN-Habitat on urban and rural planning and management issues, especially on 'Human Settlements – Planning, Design and Technology aspects in the countries of Asia Pacific Region'.

A Round Table Conference on 'Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Climate Change and HABITAT-III' was held on July, 17, 2016, New Delhi. The HABITAT III to be held in Quito on 17-20th October 2016 would be the first major global summit to take place after adoption of SDGs and Post Paris framework. Given the pace and nature of urbanization in India in last few decades, HABITAT III is the most appropriate moment to take stock of trends and patterns of urbanization and the ways in which these patterns are impacting human development, environment and governance systems. In the above context, it was recognized that this is an appropriate moment for introspection, profound thinking and also for reinvigorating the commitment to India-centric models of sustainable development. The round table was jointly organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India, the Niti Aayog, and Vijnan Bharati, an organization in the field of science and technology in India. It is in this context, a round table discussed the SDG 11 – Urban Agenda – Sustainable Cities and communities - and its appropriate linkages with SDGs on Clean water and sanitation, Affordable and clean energy and Climate action, in general and with particular reference to India's Intended Nationally Determined Commitments (INDCs) adopted at COP21. The discussions also dwelt upon various SDGs and specific sub-SDG targets within the overarching framework of Revised Zero-draft for Habitat III and INDCs wherever applicable. The deliberations covered a variety of issues relative to inclusive and sustainable development of human settlements within the broader context of the three pillars of sustainability namely social, economic and environmental aspects. The conference, while deliberating on these SDGs in the context of urbanization, specially looked in to urban planning issues and the manner in which urban missions are addressing this. There was special focus on features, challenges and policy implications of peri-urban areas. The deliberations established the clear linkage between the various aspects of the specific SDGs discussed and the need for multi-focused attention and activities cross cutting a number of sectors of the economy as well as both urban and rural spheres.

India's report also highlighted major initiatives in the host country – Republic of India for Sustainable Development of Cities & Rural areas. The report also highlighted few

major activities/events on related aspects of urban and rural planning and management by eminent Institutions in India such as the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, either independently or in association with other institutions.

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 there were three major events held since November 2015 under the aegis of this working group.

The **workshops on Community Engagement in Urban Regeneration held in November 2015 at Tehran** was a preparatory in nature towards the Expert group meeting of the Regional Slum Upgrading working group scheduled during 28th November 2015 to 1st December, 2015. Attended by key government, private sector, CSO, UN and Academics, the themes of the workshops were (a) documentation of good practices, (b) partnerships and multi-stakeholder collaboration, (c) scaling up and replication of community based promising practices. Attended by 70 key stakeholders, the purpose was to follow up with an action plan in select cities so that the knowledge gained in the workshops would be applied on the ground. The Action Plan called for identification of 5 pioneering cities which have high potential for community engagement, commitment of local stakeholders, including preparedness to provide substantial funding support, and local government, private sector, academics, CSOs etc all show willingness to collaborate based on the added value each could bring to the work. There were special presentations by Society for the promotion of Area Resources Center from India and Urban Resource Center from Pakistan.

The Third Expert Meeting of the Regional Slum Upgrading Working Group was held on the theme of Slum Upgrading: Bridging the Gap between Policy and Practice during 28th November 2015 to 1st December 2015. Participated by 7 countries namely India, Iraq, 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 (SIIs), (iii) Virtual Scientific Committee (VSC), and (iv) Slum upgrading Indicators (SUIs). The meeting has evolved a Declaration enlisting its recommendations for wider application and adoption.

An International Conference on urban Slums was organized on 4 - 5th May 2016 at Sanandaj hosted by the University of Kurdistan. The conference declared that urban upgrading and regeneration is based on the following approaches namely controlling the disaster and urban poverty vicious circle; promoting social and spatial justice and

alleviation of discrimination; balance between physical and social aspects in urban upgrading; advocating innovative and development-oriented concepts; controlling social disorders with particular attention to the needs of vulnerable groups; the need for governance; empowerment and participatory upgrading of urban communities; the need for establishing legal mechanisms for ensuring security of tenure; revising urban management and planning practices to increase intra- and inter-agency cooperation; and integrated planning to preserve integration with the whole city. The Conference also identified the following key policies as important for urban upgrading and regeneration of slums, namely equitable access to living opportunities in social, economic and environmental aspects; constant monitoring and assessment based on appropriate indicators; establishing institutional arrangements and organizational procedures based on integrated innovative urban planning and management; establishing an empowered multi-functional multi-layered institutional network at neighborhood, city, regional and national level; establishing and/or capacity building of community-based organizations in urban slums; upgrading infrastructure, community development services and developing public spaces; upgrading and/or renovation of safe affordable housing; entrepreneurship and employment generation drawing on environment friendly technologies within a green economy; readjustment of urban development rules and regulations to allow for empowerment; social and peer learning and improving the competency to work with people in public agencies and NGOs; collaboration between urban upgrading/regeneration and urban development plans; ensuring adequate public grants and subsidies for public interventions in urban slums; and enhancing the social dignity of slum residents and preventing the formation of a poverty culture.

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 III on Basic Services**, which is led jointly by Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Republic of Maldives, Mr L.S. Palansuriya, Chairman of National Housing Development Authority (NHDA), Sri Lanka indicated that a number of meetings have been held on this theme and Sri Lanka would be shortly firming up an implementation strategy. Indicating that provision of adequate level of basic services is important to make the settlements sustainable, he outlined that in Sri Lanka a two pronged strategy is being conceived in this regard. Firstly, to provide basic services in advance, and secondly, to involve private sector in this process. Mr L.S. Palansuriya, indicated that an Action Plan for ensuring these two aspects is likely to be firmed up in a two months period.

Highlighting various initiatives of the **Working Group IV on Financing Sustainable Housing, the lead country – Republic of Korea** indicated that the Seoul

Implementation Plan focused on 5 activities for this working groups, namely, expanding the rental housing supply capacity through pro-poor financial tools and public-private partnership; enhancing opportunities for low-income households and disadvantaged groups by ensuring access to financing solutions; establishing or improve financial systems including microfinance to increase home-ownership among low-income households; developing diverse financing models for urban regeneration to maintain sustainable urban development; and share information on the best practices on housing finance in particular the advanced Korean system of housing finance. The efforts and their current status for expanding rental housing supply through rental REITs, financial systems including micro-finance, sustainable urban finance through national Housing Fund, were explained. The method of operation of a package finance support for economy-based large projects under which financial support for package finance type mixing investment, loan and guarantee, rather than individual finance are operated was explained.

The report of Republic of Korea as lead country of working group 4 indicated that as part of information sharing on advanced financial system the 3rd International Forum on Housing Finance was organized on November 12, 2015, which would be followed by the 4th International Forum on Housing Finance on December 14, 2016. While the 2015 event focused on consumer protection in housing sector, and public finance for urban regeneration, the 2016 event would focus on role of people's housing welfare and social finance, and role of reverse mortgage at aging period (housing pension).

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 overall coordination being taken up by RECCUD, a large number of initiatives have been taken up by Indonesia, which were periodically reported to the Bureau. The initiatives of the Center for Research and Development on Housing and Settlements, Ministry of Public Works and Housing include setting up a Center of National Earthquake Study (PUSGEN) with the main tasks of research, development, dissemination and promotion of technology and knowledge, instruments and practices of natural disasters risk mitigation; organizing a workshop on Epicentre Characterization for Updating the Indonesian Earthquake map in Jakarta on 30-31st May, 2016; and taking up of researches on Impact Mitigation of Climate Change in 2014 and 2015.

The Regional Center for Community Empowerment on Housing and Urban Development (RCCEHUD) has organized a workshop on Resilience Planning and Strategic Implementation in Surabaya on 23rd July 2016 as a parallel event during the PrepCom3 event. In addition, RCCEHUD also collaborated with United Nations International Strategy for Disaster reduction (UN-ISDR) on a parallel event during

PrepCom3 on the theme of 'Local Government Approaches to the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk reduction'.

The Directorate General of Human Settlements, Ministry of Public Works and Housing, Republic of Indonesia established temporary Evacuation Shelter (TES) which are built in 7 locations in Indonesia with vulnerability to natural disasters. These shelters can accommodate 5,000 to 10,000 people equipped with basic services such as water and sanitation.

During the **deliberations**, the Republic of Iraq indicated that due to war and the resultant impact on human settlements, the phenomenon of slums is on the rise and requires major intervention. Appreciating the initiatives by the Islamic Republic of Iran through the Working Group II, it was indicated that Iraq would attempt to **utilize the learnings from the successful experiences** and experiments of Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of Korea in rehabilitation and redevelopment of slums.

The Republic of Iraq also suggested that there is a need to look into to **structure of the Working Groups** in terms of the subjects they deal in the light of the New Urban Agenda under evolution through the HABITAT III. Agreeing with the suggestion, Republic of Korea felt that there is a potential to add a theme on Smart Cities in its broader context of sustainable and comprehensive development of cities. The Chairperson indicated that there are two options available in this regard. Firstly, continue with the existing structure of present 5 working groups but enlarge their scope and coverage in line with the emerging New Urban Agenda and related imperatives or alternatively create new theme(s) with identification of lead country(s) for the same. In the above context, Republic of Korea further indicated that Republic of Korea has suggested 'Smart Cities' as a new global agenda in the PrepCom-III, and the draft revised theme of WG 4 could be 'Sustainable Smart Cities and Housing Finance' and the same may be discussed in the 4th Bureau of APMCHUD so that the decision can be considered and finalized in the 6th APMCHUD. This was agreed to, and it was decided the Secretariat may accordingly add an item for consideration of the Bureau on the Working Group 4 revised theme in the agenda of the 4th meeting of the 5th Bureau to be held in Quito.

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. 4: Information about the already approved agenda item relating to Organizational Issues - Resource base for APMCHUD – Status and way forward

The Chief Coordinator indicated that in line with the decision of the APMCHUD on contribution of Member Countries to the resource base of APMCHUD, the Secretariat on 31st March, 2016, received from the Republic of India, a total of US\$ 60,000, covering a one-time amount of USD 50,000 and annual contribution of USD 10,000 for APMCHUD. Immediately, an INR bank account in the State Bank of India, New Delhi has been opened and the fund are kept in the same, and simultaneously, a foreign currency (USD) account is also being opened in the same bank to facilitate receipt of funds from the member countries. It was also informed by the Chief Coordinator that in line with the decision of the Bureau in its 2nd meeting held at Tehran, letters have been sent by the Chief Coordinator to all the member countries soliciting their cooperation in regard to contribution to the resource base for APMCHUD. The Chief Coordinator further indicated that the Secretariat has not received indications in regard to contribution from any other member countries so far, and the Secretariat would continue to interact with the member countries in this regard.

Appreciating the Republic of India for making the contribution to APMCHUD, the Hon'ble Chairperson indicated that all member countries have a responsibility to strengthen the APMCHUD Secretariat to evolve as a sustainable organization in the overall interest of APMCHUD movement. In this regard, the Hon'ble Chairperson indicated that the Republic of Korea has made efforts to make the contribution from the coming year. The Hon'ble Chairperson further requested all the Hon'ble member countries of the Bureau to communicate with the Secretariat in this regard. The Republic of Iraq requested that the details to enable making contribution by member countries may be informed to the member countries by the Bureau Secretariat.

Item No.5: 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. Accordingly, he requested the Republic of India to share information on the status of preparations for the 6th APMCHUD in 2016.

The Republic of India circulated a report during the meeting and a presentation of the same was also made before the Bureau. The details are as follows:

Briefing the Bureau on the background, Republic of India indicated that during the 5th Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD)

held at Seoul, Republic of Korea, the Republic of India had offered to host the 6th Conference of APMCHUD which was agreed, and Para: 13 of The Seoul Declaration adopted by the 5th Conference of APMCHUD at Seoul provided that **“To Welcome the offer by the Government of India to host the 6th Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development in New Delhi in 2016.”**

Expressing its gratitude to APMCHUD for the acceptance of its offer to host the 6th Conference of APMCHUD, it was indicated that the preparations are underway for the event by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India. The current status of various activities undertaken by Republic of India was outlined during the presentation.

1) Date(s) of the 6th Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD): It was indicated that the HABITAT-III is scheduled to be held on 17-20th October, 2016 in Quito, Ecuador, and in due consideration of the same, the Republic of India has tentatively decided to host the **6th Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) during 14th – 16th December, 2016 at New Delhi.**

2) The theme of the Conference: Republic of India briefly recalled the various themes during the 5 APMCHUD conferences held so far, and indicated that the primary emphasis has been to identify the theme which has broader relevance for the entire Asia Pacific region and is in line with the contemporary concerns and priority areas as outlined by UN-Habitat. In this background it was presented that the Asia Pacific region is experiencing a rapid urbanization process. The cities are expanding fast in their peripheries leading to a situation of un-organised and unplanned development in the peripheral areas. Further, the transport corridors attract activities all-along and thereby leading to linear spatial corridor developments radiating from the cities. Such development areas, being not within the city boundary, is administered and planned by alternate authorities. Towards ensuring sustainable development, it is necessary to develop the city and the periphery in an integrated manner. The principles of rural-urban continuum need to be applied for integrated development. Keeping in view the importance of the issue for the entire Asia Pacific region, Government of India has approved the focus of the conference to be **“Policy responses to new forms of urbanization such as urbanization beyond municipal boundaries, urban corridors etc., and what kind of governance structure should be in place for these new urban forms”**. The theme essentially covers the emerging urban forms and policy responses and governance structure. Accordingly, to adequately represent this complex and contemporary issue, which is relevant for the entire Asia Pacific region, the theme of the conference is proposed as **“Emerging Urban Forms - Policy Responses and Governance Structure”**.

3) **Sub-themes for the Working Groups:** Republic of India requested the Hon'ble members to recall that with the main theme in focus, the Conference would have Working Group sessions that would discuss in detail the related aspects in relation to respective working group themes. Currently, APMCHUD has 5 working groups on critical issues, which are led by member countries voluntarily. Accordingly, the sub-themes for the working groups have been proposed keeping in view the main theme of the Conference, which are as follows: .

**Main theme of the 6th APMCHUD in New Delhi:
“Emerging Urban Forms-Policy Responses and Governance Structure”**

Working Group	Suggested <u>Sub-themes for the Working Groups</u>, in line with the main theme of the Conference of <u>“Emerging Urban Forms – Policy Responses and Governance Structure”</u>
I. Urban and Rural Planning and Management (Lead country - Republic of India)	Integrated Planning, management and governance structure Imperatives
II. Slum Upgradation aspects (Lead country - Islamic Republic of Iran)	Un-organised growth in peripheral areas and slum upgradation aspects
III. Basic services (to be jointly lead by Sri Lanka and Maldives)	Ensuring basic services including mobility for integrated development
IV. Housing Finance aspects (Lead country Republic of Korea)	Ensuring access to housing and housing finance in the urban-rural continuum
V. Urban development with reference to natural disasters, etc. (Lead country -Republic of Indonesia)	Ensuring sustainable and natural disaster resilient urban development including climate change

4) Republic of India further indicated that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has constituted a Steering Committee under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (HUPA) with participation of other relevant Ministries/Departments of Government of India and also UN-Habitat; and an Organizing Committee under the Chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (Housing)/ Chief Coordinator, APMCHUD with participation of relevant online institutions to closely monitor progress of activities. These Committees have been firmed up as an institutional mechanism for regular preparatory as well as review process.

The Bureau deliberated and approved the date(s) for the Conference, proposed main theme for the Conference, and the sub-themes for the 5 working groups keeping in view

the main theme in focus. The Bureau also noted with appreciation the formation of review/monitoring Committees as an institutional mechanism for guiding and overseeing the process. The Bureau registered its appreciation for the Republic of India for various activities already initiated for the 6th Conference of APMCHUD and offered all cooperation and assistance as needed by the republic of India in its efforts.

The Republic of India thanked the Bureau and it was decided that in the forthcoming Bureau meeting in Quito, Ecuador, India would present the details on further progress.

Item No.6: 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 operating 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. It was 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. The Chief Coordinator also requested the Hon'ble members to recall that a request was also made during the 2nd Meeting of the Bureau at Tehran that it would be ideal if a nodal officer is nominated with whom the Secretariat may interact in this regard and requested that the details could be forwarded to the Secretariat.

In this regard, the H.E Dr. Kim Kyoung-Hwan, Hon'ble Vice Minister for Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MoLIT), Republic of Korea indicated that the proposal would indeed benefit all the member countries in accessing information on housing and urban development sector and also best practices being followed by various countries on issues of common interest.

H.E Dr. Mohammad Saeidlzadi, Hon'ble Deputy Minister and Managing Director, Urban Development and Revitalisation Organization, Islamic Republic of Iran highlighted that this is similar to the request of Islamic Republic of Iran to share the information on slum upgrading aspects with all the member countries through the virtual scientific committee. This effort would go a long way in exchange of information and sharing of experiments and experiences and welcomed it.

After deliberations, the Bureau 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. The Bureau appreciated the efforts of the Secretariat in providing all the basic information on APMCHUD and its activities and observed that with the cooperation of all the member countries, there is a substantial scope for improving the coverage and contents gradually to make it a platform for information and experience sharing and facilitate in evolving as a knowledge hub on housing and urban development sector for the Asia-Pacific Region.

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

With the permission of the Chair, it was discussed that as already approved by the Bureau, the 4th Meeting of the 5th Bureau of APMCHUD would be held in Quito, Ecuador during Habitat III event in October 2016 and 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.

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

**3rd Meeting of the 5th Bureau of the
Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development
(APMCHUD)**

**Date: July 26, 2016 (5.00 PM to 7.00 PM)
Venue: Surabaya, Republic of Indonesia**

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