

Working Groups

The main objectives of the regional meeting are to have a comprehensive policy dialogue and to share experiences on:

- The relationship between cities and climate change and
- Challenges posed by the climate change and economic crisis to the development of cities, especially in reshaping the agenda
- Ways and means to turn the challenges into opportunities;
- The possible formulation and implementation of policies and strategies to empower communities for sustainable urbanization.

The meeting could also analyze various policies adopted by planners to address the impacts leading to options for regional cooperation mechanism, such as developing a Regional Center for Climate Change Adaptation or Knowledge Center for Best Practices in Sustainable Urbanization. The issues would be discussed in five parallel Working Groups, namely:

Working Group 1 on Community Participation in Planning and Governance which will focus on:

- Role of community and NGOs in planning and management (urban/rural)
- Role of information and data base to enhance urban development
- Enhancing capacity of local agencies in urban/rural planning and management

Working Group 2 on Participatory Urban Slum Upgrading, with the following sub-topics:

- Informal sector development including micro-enterprises
- Strengthening the role of women and community-based organizations in slum upgrading projects
- Promoting people-based and community-based policies and programs
- Enabling and regularizing informal settlements, emphasizing local communities participation and city-wide approach
- Financing slum upgrading

Working Group 3 on Delivery of MDGs for Water and Sanitation, with the following sub-topics:

- Planning for water supply system and the collection and treatment of sanitation
- Optimizing management and mobilization of financial resources for water and sanitation system
- Enhancing role of local communities in water and sanitation at the neighborhood level

Working Group 4 on Financing Sustainable Housing and Urban Development, with the following sub-topics:

- Creating a better understanding of urban land dynamics for the development of urban land market in Asia-Pacific Region
- Low-income and special groups' housing
- Housing Finance emphasizing on micro-credit schemes for the low-income groups and capacity building of major actors involved
- Financing sustainable urban development, including infrastructure and public-private partnerships for sustainable urban development

Working Group 5 on The Role of Communities in Addressing Climate Change

- Prevention of disasters (including planning, urban development, design of multi-functional spaces, retrofitting, etc)
- Preparedness including social issues, education and training, elevation of public culture
- Reconstruction and renovation of areas damaged by disasters and accidents

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Working Group 1 on [Community Participation in Planning and Governance](#)

Working Group 2 on [Participatory Urban Slum Upgrading](#)

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Working Group 5 on [The Role of Communities in Addressing Climate Change](#)