

Side-Event to the GEF 6th Assembly

Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Southeast Asian Cities on the Rise - Towards Successful Transition to Post-2020 Paris Climate Regime-

24 June 2018 (Sun) / 12:30 - 14:00 / Hue, 2nd Floor

Introduction

Climate Change remains to be one of the greatest challenges of our era. Following the entry into force of the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), signatory countries are entering into a critical transition period to be ready for the post-2020 Paris climate regime, most notably through consolidating implementation framework for the submitted Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC). One of the key elements enshrined in the Paris Agreement yet is different from the past endeavors is the enhanced recognition and the role of non-state actors beyond traditional governmental stakeholders. Such inclusive, integrated approach for climate change is deemed indispensable in tackling this cross-cutting, complicated global environmental issue.

Among the non-state actors, the pivotal role of the cities/municipalities has recently won strong traction, partially driven by global political momentum nurtured through the Global Covenant of Mayors and UN Global Compact, as well as the observed trend that human livelihood is increasingly becoming more urban - the most recent

estimate indicates 66% of the global population will reside in urban areas by 2050 where cities continue to drive socio-economic growth and innovation. Such urbanization at global scale inevitably brings about soaring energy and resource consumption, turning cities into large GHG emitters. This is particularly evident for rapidly growing Southeast Asia. Hence, realizing low carbon, climate resilient development is of key developmental concern for cities/municipalities in view of striking sustainability.

Against this backdrop, this Side Event Session provides a unique opportunity to serve as the second session of the Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Cities launched at the side event of the UNFCCC/COP22 Bonn Conference in November 2017. Building on the outcome of the previous Dialogue, the Session invites selected leading cities from dynamic Southeast Asia, along with key development partners, to take stock of the progresses made thus far towards Post-2020 climate regime, and collectively discuss how cities can be best empowered for a successful transition, as well as concrete next steps.

Proposed Agenda

12:00 – 12:10	Introduction of the Side Event & Framing Presentation on Climate Support to Cities	Mr. Koji Fukuda Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Chief Technical Advisor, JICA SPI-NAMA Project
12:10 – 12:30	JICA's Institutional Capacity Building Support to Manage GHGs in the Selected Southeast Asian cities and Lessons Learned (Bangkok Metropolitan Administration and HCMC)	Mr. Makoto Kato Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Team Leader for JICA SPI-NAMA HCMC & Bangkok Master Plan on Climate Change 2013-23
		Mr. Nguyen Huy Phuong HCMC Climate Change Bureau/Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DONRE)
12:30 – 12:45	Lessons from the GEF's Sustainable Cities program	Mr. Alope Barnwal The Global Environmental Facility (GEF) Senior Environmental Specialist / IAP Coordinator
12:45 – 13:25	Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue and Q&As Facilitator: Mr. Mohamed Imam Bakarr Lead Environmental Specialist, Global Environmental Facility (GEF) Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Mai Tuan Anh & Mr. Ha Minh Chau, Ho Chi Minh City DONRE ● Mr. Koji Fukuda & Mr. Makoto Kato, JICA SPI-NAMA ● Mr. Alope Barnwal, GEF IAP 	
13:25 – 13:30	Take-Away Messages	Mr. Mohamed Imam Bakarr Lead Environmental Specialist Global Environmental Facility (GEF)

Guiding Questions for Multi Stakeholder Dialogues

- What are the common **challenges and opportunities** for cities to effectively respond to climate change?
- How can cities harness climate actions (both mitigation & adaptation) to best **promote economic, social and environmental co-benefits**? Any concrete examples?
- Given the observed progresses made by respective cities and Partners, what are the **concrete NEXT STEPS** to facilitate smooth transition to Post-2020 Paris regime?
- Practical suggestions for concerted efforts and synergies, in alignment with national and local priorities?