

The Roles of Regional Cooperation in Achieving Low-carbon Societies



Act Together, Recover Stronger for Resilient and Sustainable Future
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About UCLG ASPAC



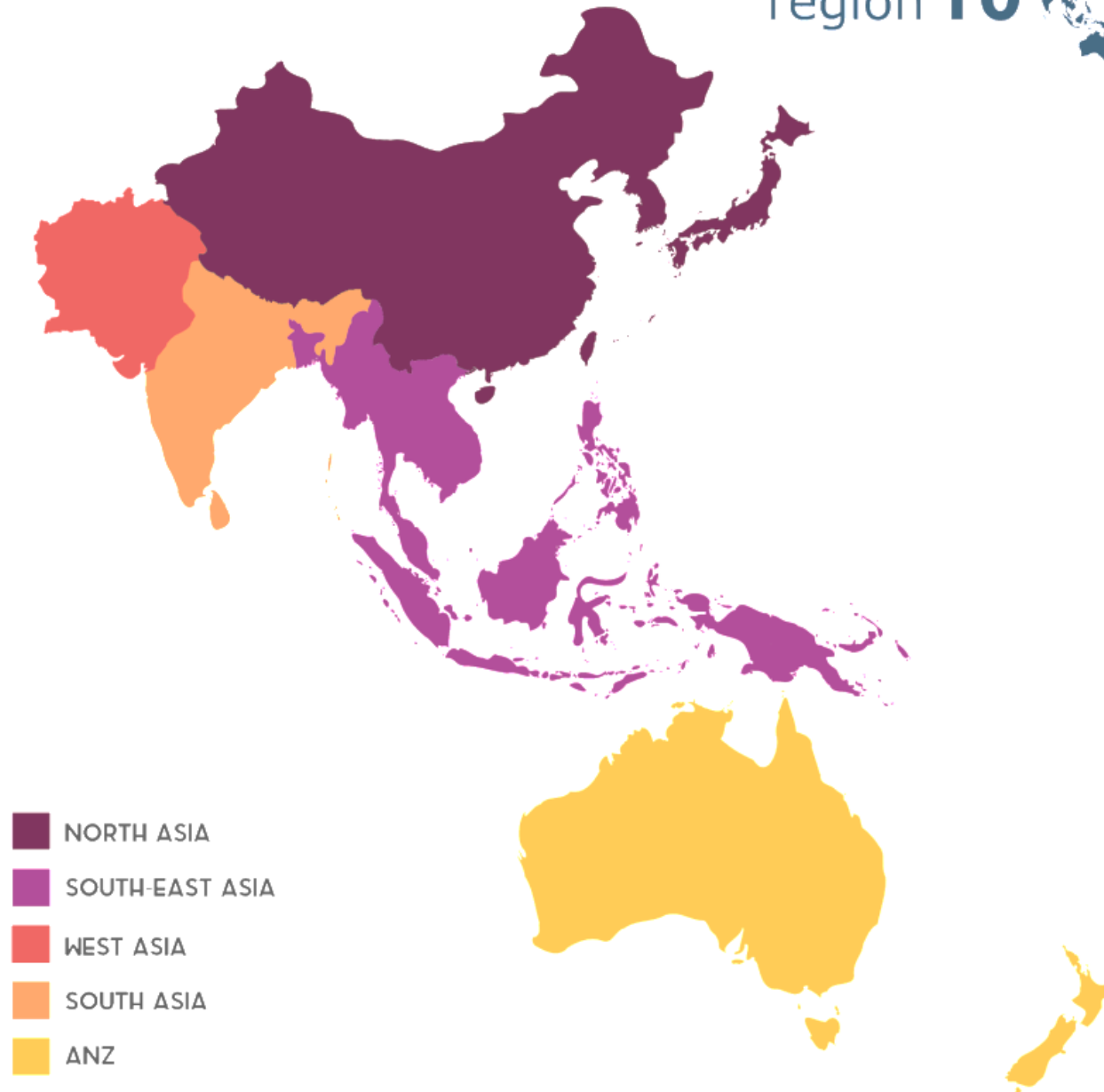
United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) is a worldwide association of local governments and the officially recognised voice of local governments by the United Nations.



With a network of more than 7,000 cities and local governments, UCLG Asia-Pacific (ASPAC) is the **largest regional section** of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG).



UCLG ASPAC coordinates and supports various partnerships in the region, including **Asia-Pacific Local Government Coordinating Body (APLG)**, **Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy**, **Integrated Urban Systems Partnership**, and **Penang Platform for Sustainable Urbanisation**.



UCLG ASPAC Network

It represents well over 4.3 billion people- making up more than half of the world's population- and incorporates economically fast developing countries such as China, India, and Indonesia.

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UCLG ASPAC coordinates APLG members for **Asia Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development 2023 (APFSD 2023)**, organises/co-organises side events, and prepares/delivers local government (LG) statements.



UCLG ASPAC serves as the host **Asean Mayors Forum (AMF) Secretariat**. AMF **promotes cooperation** between local governments and the broader ASEAN region through advocacy, capacity building and training, research, knowledge management, project development and management.



UCLG ASPAC - through the implementation of **GRC (Global Regional Coherence) 2.0** - was able to continually voice its support to address climate change issues. Especially, when the impacts of climate change in Asia-Pacific are real and apparent.



Why networking and regional cooperation are important in achieving low carbon societies?

- Climate change has no administrative boundaries and affecting all sectors.
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts can be leveraged if potential cities and regions cooperate.
- Cities and local governments within the same region share many similarities including the climate itself, some of the cultures, languages, etc. It increases the possibility to collaborate, learn and exchange from research and good practices.

UCLG ASPAC Strategies to strengthen cities network in achieving low carbon societies

Working with cities and local governments to **proactively plan and commit** to climate actions:

- **Building awareness** on the urgency of tackling climate crisis (e.g through campaigns and advocacy at regional and international events such as COP 27).
- **Building capacities** and knowledge on climate mitigation and adaptation, greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory, risk and vulnerability mapping, participatory planning through pilot projects in CRIC and GCoM, e-learning material at UCLG ASPAC Learning) and mobility.
- **Encourage individual and collective political commitments** from mayors, and governors (e.g pledges, signatories) on climate actions.



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Triggering cities and local governments to proactively **implement climate actions**:

- **Promoting the cities' Climate Action Plan** to attract climate finance and investments for cities and local governments.
- **Activating potential actions** by cities and local governments by linking the city Climate Action Plan with support from project preparation facilities.
- **Deep dive into sectors** that are highly impacted by climate change and disaster (e.g Sectoral action plans, Adoption of thematic tools such as Early Warning Systems, Waste Management).
- **Building broader buy-in** from key ministries and stakeholders (e.g strengthening vertical integration to address knowledge gaps).



Key Actors in Climate Actions



UCLG ASPAC Strategies to Strengthen Cities Network in Achieving Low Carbon Societies

Collaborate with relevant partners to leverage project impact to cities beneficiaries for example:



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With EU and South Asia institutions in Climate Resilient and Inclusive Cities (CRIC) Project co-funded by European Commission



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SOUTHEAST ASIA

Hosting the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy Secretariat for Southeast Asia region since 2018 and support the implementation of GCoM Asia Project (2021-2023) for South East Asia



UNESCAP



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With UCLG World, UNESCAP and ADB, supporting the preparation of Voluntary Local Review (VLR) and Voluntary Subnational Review (VSR) to showcase the SDGs attainment

UCLG ASPAC Upcoming Plans

Enable exchange of knowledge and practices through regional and global events:

- Side event session in the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development on March 2023, “Accelerate SDG 11”
- ASEAN Mayors Forum 2023, Urban 20 in India
- Sustainable Mobility Training with Seoul Human Resource Development Centre (SHRDC)
- UCLG ASPAC Congress in Yiwu, China in November 2023





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