

3rd International Forum on Low Carbon Cities : City-led climate actions in North-East Asia

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Concept note

The roles of cities are critical in addressing climate change challenges that the world faces. More than half of the world's population lives in cities, and by 2050, it is expected that more than two-thirds of the global population will live in urban areas.¹ Thus, cities are at the front line of climate actions to realize global commitments, including the 2015 Paris Agreement, to substantially reduce CO₂ emissions and adjust our environment to adapt to the changing climate conditions.

In North-East Asia, there are already many local-level efforts to address climate change, engaging citizens, businesses and other stakeholders in support of national strategies and policies. These experiences should be shared with others to learn from each other and to accelerate city-led climate actions.

In this regard, ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office and Incheon Metropolitan City (IMC) are organizing the 3rd International Forum on Low-Carbon Cities on 29 August 2023, in collaboration with Green Climate Fund, Incheon Carbon Neutrality Center, ICLEI, innovative Green Development Program, CityNet, Climate Change Center and Local Government Association for Climate and Energy Transition, during the Korea Global Adaptation Week.

The Forum, bringing together local governments, international and regional organizations, national and regional city networks and other stakeholders, will discuss solutions and stakeholder engagement, facilitating information sharing and strengthening partnership and peer-learning among cities and city networks in North-East Asia and beyond. The Forum will also provide good opportunities to build a partnership with existing networks on low-carbon, sustainable, resilient cities and scale-up capacity-building efforts and initiatives.

¹ 2018 Revision of World Urbanization Prospects, UNDESA