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A view of Songdo Central Park, the centerpiece of Songdo International Business District's green space plan. Songdo International City is a smart city developed in the Incheon Free Economic Zone. Songdo contains 40% of all LEED-certified (green buildings) space in South Korea.

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INTRODUCTION



FOREWORD FROM THE PRESIDENT CITY



Se-hoon Oh
Mayor of Seoul
President City

Dear CityNet members,

Warmest greetings from Seoul Metropolitan Government, the President City of CityNet. It is my genuine pleasure to share with you the achievements of 2022. On behalf of the Network, thank you for your warm, whole-hearted support to CityNet throughout 2022.

CityNet is an association of urban stakeholders committed to sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region. Since its founding in 1987, CityNet has pursued cooperation among cities, who have been recognized as key actors in finding solutions to urban challenges, rather than among countries. CityNet believes in developing cities to be inclusive, people-centred, ecologically sustainable and sound, culturally vibrant, and globally connected, and these focuses have shown through in its activities. This past year, CityNet successfully held the 9th CityNet Congress centred around the theme of inclusivity in “City for All: Accelerating Access for Urban Growth” in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where all our members finally had the chance to meet in person once again. The event highlighted the importance of city-to-city cooperation through the SDG Awards, an event of the Urban SDG Knowledge Platform, where participants voted for the best city case study, and through the 42nd ExCom, where city leaders shared concerns and other city leaders stepped up to offer support.

With over 150 member cities, organizations, and companies, CityNet’s mission to connect urban stakeholders and deliver tangible solutions for cities is being realized. With expanding partnerships into the EU and elsewhere, CityNet will continue to serve as a global platform for cooperation among cities and organizations to tackle urban challenges. As one of our growing partnerships, CityNet will be working with UN ESCAP to organize the 8th Asia Pacific Urban Forum in Suwon, South Korea this year.

With a very successful 2022 that was capped off by the 9th CityNet Congress, we now look forward to 2023 for more sustainable action. 2023 also marks the 10th anniversary of the inauguration of the Secretariat’s relocation to Seoul. I am proud of CityNet’s growth over the ten years that Seoul has served as President, and Seoul will continue to offer CityNet our active support and engagement in 2023.

As 2030 approaches, with only seven short years left, it is imperative that cities take concrete, sustainable actions to achieve the SDGs and become carbon-neutral cities. However, it is difficult for individual cities to make significant changes. As a network, though, we can come together to make bigger waves in the battle for sustainable, carbon-neutral cities for the betterment of our world. I would like to encourage all our members to actively participate in CityNet’s events this year, so that we can take these steps together. I anticipate active cooperation with all our members in 2023 to achieve our common goal.

FOREWORD FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL



Vijay Jagannathan
Secretary General
CityNet

To our beloved CityNet members,

2022 has been an unforgettable year. Not only did it mark the first time CityNet members were able to meet again since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic through the 9th CityNet Congress held in Kuala Lumpur, it also marked the election of a new Executive Committee at the 9th General Council. The election of a new ExCom signifies a new direction for the Network as a whole. I hope that the new leadership will be active in leading our Network with renewed initiatives towards taking concrete steps towards mitigating the very real, dangerous effects of climate change.

At UNFCCC COP 27 in Egypt, we saw for the first time the establishment of “loss and damage” funding for vulnerable countries hit hard by climate disasters. The establishment of this fund is particularly important as developing countries contribute the least to climate change, yet are disproportionately the most vulnerable to its impacts. Perhaps more importantly, it symbolizes the recognition that in order to mitigate climate effects and achieve the SDGs, we need to be inclusive on a global scale, leaving no one behind.

The topic of inclusivity is one that was highlighted at the 9th CityNet Congress, where the theme was City For All: Activating Access for Urban Growth. CityNet mayors and leaders highlighted the importance of including the most vulnerable populations when

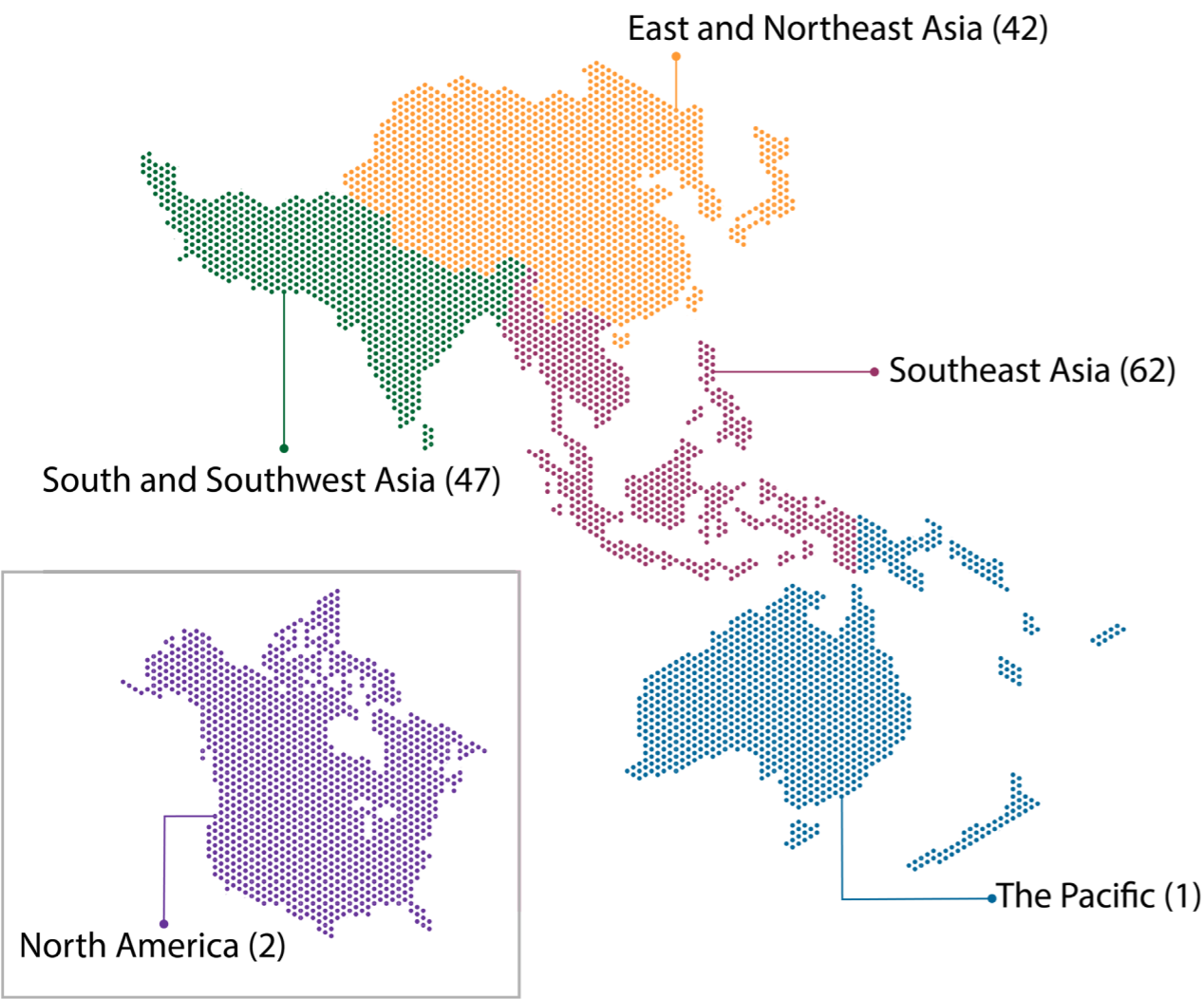
developing and implementing solutions. In the same way that our member cities brought the city together as a whole during the COVID-19 pandemic, I believe that the same inclusion and action on the local level is necessary for our cities to combat the effects of climate change and transition to net-zero.

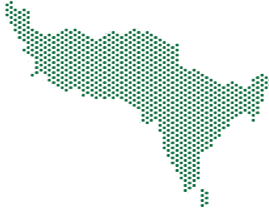
The urgent need to contribute significantly to climate mitigation is something that we do not have to do alone. As a network that has gone through many challenges together, this challenge is also something we can face together. By working together and sharing knowledge, we can accelerate the capacities of our cities to tackle climate change effects and build resilience in our communities.

I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Seoul Metropolitan Government, the steadfast host of the CityNet Secretariat and to Kuala Lumpur, our host for the 9th CityNet Congress. Most of all, my thanks and appreciation goes to all our members and partners, whose support and contributions have been invaluable to CityNet’s growth as a network.

ABOUT CITYNET

MEMBER OVERVIEW



Full Members		Associate Members
 East & Northeast Asia	Busan • Dobong-gu • Guro-gu • Gwangjin-gu • Incheon • Jeju • Jongno-gu • Jungnang-gu • Kaohsiung • Matsuyama • Nanchang • Nanjing • Seodaemun-gu • Seoul • Shanghai • Songpa-gu • Suwon • Taichung • Taipei • Taoyuan • Wuhan • Yokohama	Climate Campaign • Healthy City Network of Mongolia • ICDI • ISUS UOS • KDDI Foundation • Plus Arts • SDF • Seoul Metro • SH Corporation • Seoul MC • SI • SIT • SNU • TUJ • WRI • YOKE • YCU
 South & Southwest Asia	Barisal • Bharatpur • Bheemdatta • Biratnagar • Birgunj • Butwal • CDA (Islamabad) • Colombo • Dehiwala – Mt. Lavinia • Dhaka North • Dhangadhi • Dharan • Galle • Godawari • Hetauda • Kandy • Kathmandu • Khulna • Lalitpur • Moratuwa • Narayanganj • Negombo • Nepalgunj • Pokhara • Rajshahi • Siddharthanagar • Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte • Sylhet • Tansen	Ahmedabad Study Action Group • AIILSG • CUS • Galle Development Foundation • HUDCO • HELP-O • INSEC • Lekhnath Water Supply • Lumanti • Mumbai First • MAB • MSSS • NSET • NAST • PIEDAR • RAJUK • TDF • YUVA
 Southeast Asia	Baguio • Balanga • Balangan • Banda Aceh • Bandung • Bangkok • Banjar • Banjarbaru • Bogor • Calapan • Cauayan • Da Nang • Denpasar • Hai Phong • Hanoi • Ho Chi Minh • Hue • Iloilo • Iriga • Jakarta • Jambi • Kuala Lumpur • Legazpi • Makassar • Makati • Mandaue • Marikina • Masbate • Muntinlupa • Naga • Palembang • Pangkal Pinang • Penang • Phnom Penh • Puerto Princesa • Putrajaya • Quezon • San Fernando • San Juan • Santa Rosa • Seberang Perai • Semarang • Sidoarjo • Sorsogon • Subang Jaya • Sukabumi • Surabaya • Tam Ky • Tasikmalaya • Tuguegarao	AMC • ACHR • ACVN • Freedom to Build • Gerakan Ciliwung Bersih • JBLFMU • LCP • LGA • MUKA • NMT • Think City • URDI
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		 Associate Members CAPI UVic • ITDP

154 MEMBERS

102 FULL MEMBERS | 49 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS | 3 CORPORATE MEMBERS

CityNet is an association of urban stakeholders committed to sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region. Established in 1987 with the support of UNESCAP, UNDP, and UN-Habitat, the network of cities has grown to include over 150 municipalities, NGOs, research centres, and private companies.


We connect actors, exchange knowledge, and build commitment to establish more sustainable and resilient cities. Through capacity building, city-to-city cooperation, and tangible projects, we help our members respond to climate change, disaster, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Corporate Members



THEMATIC AREAS


As part of the network, CityNet members can join up to two thematic programme areas, or clusters. Programme activities are envisioned, designed, and implemented with these member-driven clusters in mind, allowing for a sharp focus on members’ needs. The leads and co-leads of each cluster take a main role in the planning, initiation, and implementation of the activities for each cluster.



CLIMATE CHANGE

LEAD : Jakarta

CO-LEAD : Quezon, ASAG, HELP-O, ICDI



DISASTER

LEAD : Makati

CO-LEAD : Colombo, Matsuyama, Quezon, Taoyuan, ASAG, NSET, Plus Arts




SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)

LEAD : Kuala Lumpur, Seoul, Yokohama


CO-LEAD : AIILSG, HELP-O

NATIONAL CHAPTERS


National Chapters serve as CityNet’s regional representation in countries. Through National Chapters, members can address salient issues for their own countries with a unique local understanding, enhancing improved coordination within the country. National Chapters provide non-members with an opportunity to experience CityNet’s services, even if they may not qualify for full CityNet membership. CityNet currently has six National Chapters.




BANGLADESH




INDIA




INDONESIA



NEPAL



PHILIPPINES



SRI LANKA





9TH CITYNET CONGRESS

The CityNet Congress is the network's largest event, held quadrennially to elect new office bearers, approve the Medium-Term Plan, and decide on critical issues for the network's direction. From 20-23 September 2022, CityNet held the 9th CityNet Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The four-day event was packed full of activities and was even more exciting as the first event where CityNet members were able to gather physically after the pandemic. Under the theme "City for All: Activating Access for Urban Growth," the Congress focused on an increasingly important theme following the pandemic — inclusivity.

The pandemic has highlighted how creating sustainable and resilient cities is impossible if cities do not take into consideration the most vulnerable populations. It is these most vulnerable populations that have been isolated further by the pandemic,

and to achieve the 17 SDGs, it is imperative that we bring these vulnerable populations along with us in the journey. This concept took the spotlight at the Congress as numerous mayors and leaders brought it up in their speeches and conversations. As part of the effort to include all CityNet members, all three legislative meetings were also streamed online, to allow those who were unable to travel to participate virtually.

In addition to the three key legislative meetings that took place — the 41st and 42nd Executive Committee Meetings and the 9th General Council — the 9th CityNet Congress also featured sessions organized by CityNet partners, such as the EU, ESCAP, and World Bank, focused meetings for Clusters and National Chapters, a City Talk, and social and technical tours organized to showcase Kuala Lumpur's best practices.



NEW MEMBERS OF 2022

CityNet is excited to welcome to the family six new members. Out of the six new members approved at the 41st Executive Committee Meeting, CityNet is welcoming two full members and four associate members from the regions of East & Northeast Asia, South & Southwest Asia, and Southeast Asia.



Balangan Regency

Southeast Asia | Full Member

Balangan Regency is one of the new autonomous regions in the South Borneo Province. The regency's motto reflects their desire to carry out development based on sincerity for the community, and focus has been dedicated to improvements in the education, health, tourism, and agriculture sectors.



Dobong-gu

East & Northeast Asia | Full Member

Located in the northeast of Seoul, Dobong-gu is one of the autonomous districts of Seoul, South Korea, and is famous as a nature-friendly city. The district has been certified as a child-friendly city of UNICEF and a WHO elderly-friendly city and continues to prioritize inclusivity.



Seoul Digital Foundation

East & Northeast Asia | Associate Member

Seoul Digital Foundation aims to become an expert institution focused on the digital transformation of Seoul through big data and untact technology. SDF wishes to lead the development of an inclusive smart city through digital education. Some implemented projects have included utilization of AI to improve sewer defect detection and digital education programmes for the elderly.



Seoul Institute of Technology

East & Northeast Asia | Associate Member

Seoul Institute of Technology is a science and technology think tank located in Seoul. It concentrates on providing solutions to complex and diverse urban challenges to make a safer city for citizens by utilizing cutting-edge science and technology. Through this, SIT aims to change the daily lives of citizens for the better.



Seoul National University, Global Research & Development Business Center

East & Northeast Asia | Associate Member

The Global Research & Development Business Center (GRC) at Seoul National University emphasizes that global innovation and research & development business play an important role in global economy and hold great potential for development, prosperity, and creative paradigm shift. As part of this trend, the GRC has a global R&DB platform based on an international Science and ICT innovation professionals network that has been established since 2003.



Town Development Fund

South & Southwest Asia | Associate Member

Town Development Fund is an autonomous financing institution established by the Government of Nepal in 1989. TDF envisions to be a leading financial intermediary institution for promoting the sustainable urban infrastructure financing in Nepal, supporting sustainable projects by mobilizing increased financial resources from development partners and the government.

ELECTIONS

At the 9th CityNet Congress, the members elected new Office Bearers for the term 2023-2026.

NEW OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT CITY



Seoul Metropolitan Government

VICE PRESIDENT CITIES



Kuala Lumpur City Hall



Makati City Government

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS



All India Institute of
Local Self-
Government



Busan
Metropolitan City



Colombo
Municipal Council



Denpasar City



Iloilo City



Incheon
Metropolitan City



International Climate
Development
Institute



Lalitpur
Metropolitan City



Plus Arts

AUDITOR



Muntinlupa City

SECRETARY GENERAL



Vijay Jagannathan

New cluster leads and co-leads were also elected during the Clusters Session.

NEW CLUSTER LEADS/CO-LEADS

CLIMATE CHANGE
LEAD CITY



Jakarta Capital City
Government

CO-LEADS



Quezon City
Government



Ahmedabad Study
Action Group



Human & Environment
Links Progressive
Organization



International Climate and
Development Institute

DISASTER
LEAD CITY



Makati City
Government

CO-LEADS



Colombo Municipal
Council



Matsuyama City



Quezon City
Government



Taoyuan City
Government



Ahmedabad Study
Action Group



National Society
for Earthquake
Technology-Nepal



Plus Arts

SDGs
LEAD CITIES



Kuala Lumpur
City Hall



Seoul Metropolitan
Government



Yokohama City

CO-LEADS



All India Institute of Local
Self-Government



Human & Environment
Links Progressive
Organization

SDG DECLARATION AND AWARDS

The SDG Declaration gathered mayors and leaders from CityNet members to declare together their intentions to achieve the SDGs by 2030. Holding hands in an act of solidarity, the mayors announced that they, as leaders of their communities, would usher their cities along in the correct direction to create more sustainable cities.



The SDG Declaration was followed by the SDG Awards, which was designed to celebrate the remarkable achievements of CityNet member cities and organizations and the network's commitment to invest in the knowledge sharing platform to share sustainable urban development strategies for the Asia-Pacific. The call for case submissions for the SDG Awards gathered over fifty new submissions under six categories, and twelve outstanding cases were selected to present at the 9th CityNet Congress.



Three were crowned as the top winners after a period of voting by the judges and General Assembly.



THE URBAN SDG KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM



The Urban SDG Knowledge Platform, co-developed by CityNet, Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), is an open-access database on various SDG policies and implementations at a local level.

The Platform aims not only to share best practices and foster knowledge sharing, but also to connect urban stakeholders and cities together. With more than 400 cases, the Platform allows cities to share implementation strategies, challenges, and key success factors to replicate effective, innovative initiatives in a local context.

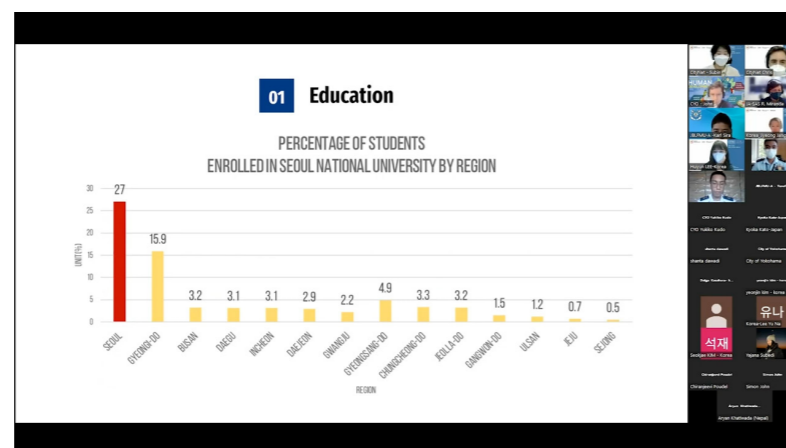
Two tools are also available on the Urban SDG Knowledge Platform — the SDG Navigator and the Toolkit for Localization of Urban Practices. The SDG Navigator is a self-assessment tool designed to facilitate local assessments of ongoing efforts to achieve the UN SDGs at the city level. Based on official UN SDG targets, the SDG Navigator helps bring targets originally designed for the national level down to the city level. The Toolkit on Localization of Urban Practices is a pre-feasibility screening tool that helps assess if best practices and projects from one city can be localized into another city. Based on a self-assessment of five key dimensions, cities will be able to assess whether the target practice is suitable to be adopted and localized.

YOUTH SDGs ACTION PROJECT

The Youth SDGs Action Project (YSAP) was a youth-oriented pilot online course. University students from four countries (South Korea, Japan, Nepal, and the Philippines) met to discuss the issues and needs for development that they perceived in each of their countries, sharing a youth perspective on issues relevant to our platform. The groups were tasked to analyze the SDGs and either chose sub-goals that did not sufficiently address their concerns or created new sub-goals that better pertained to youth. Each group documented an issue of their choice and will present their perspectives and proposals at a forum organized by CityNet in early 2023.



2022 Youth SDGs Action Project



SDG ONLINE COURSES

Urban Safety & Inclusive Spaces Masterclass *By Think City*



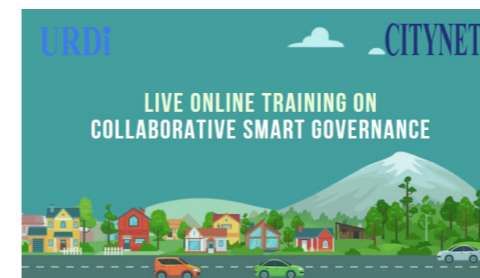
Think City has developed a 3-week capacity-building course to tackle the historical monopoly of the able-bodied man's perspective over the urban planning process, which has led to unsafe public areas and loss of opportunities for vulnerable groups. Through the course, they presented methods and learnings from safety audits conducted together with Safetipin to build inclusive, safe, and accessible cities.

Approaches in Sustainable Tourism: Lessons from Seoul *By Seoul Tourism Organization*

The Seoul Tourism Organization showcased insights and lessons learned from its Smart Tourism City Seoul and Seoul Tourism Plaza projects in its bite-sized online course. Content covered ranged from explanations of key concepts in sustainable tourism and smart tourism cities to the presentation of Seoul's best practice initiatives for fostering the tourism industry.



Live Online Training on Collaborative Smart Governance *By URDI*



The Urban and Regional Development Institute has developed an online training course, co-created with CityNet, to promote knowledge development on collaborative and smart governance strategies for climate change issues. Participants can learn from case studies of pilot projects and develop strategic plans utilizing the Actor Relational Approach (ARA) method, as well as obtain the foundational skills needed to build and improve Collaborative and Smart Governance Networks.

Japanese Case Studies of Creative Approaches Towards Strengthening Societal Resilience *By Plus Arts*

Plus Arts NPO, in partnership with CityNet-Plus Arts Centre for Creative Partnerships, has developed a knowledge-sharing course on creative, innovative, and participatory approaches to addressing global social issues, with a focus on strengthening the resilience of a society. Plus Arts works to develop quality resilience education programmes that are interactive, accessible and entertaining to participants, which are then delivered to cities worldwide to carry out and foster.



Japanese Case Studies of Creative Approaches
Toward Strengthening Society Resilience



CITY-TO-CITY COOPERATION WITH THE EU

CityNet implemented two projects on behalf of the European Union in 2022 — International Urban and Regional Cooperation (IURC) and International City Partnerships: Acting for Green and Inclusive Recovery (ICP-AGIR). Through these two projects, CityNet members received the chance to be partnered with cities from the EU to participate in city-to-city cooperation.

IURC

The International Urban and Regional Cooperation (IURC) programme began in July 2021. It is a global programme, spanning North America, Latin America, China, and Asia & Australasia, seeks to partner EU and non-EU cities to cooperate on sustainable urban development, centred on key themes like ecological and green transition, urban renewal and cohesion, and sustainable and carbon neutral ecosystems.



Seoul & Dublin

Walkable & Cyclable Cities

Study Visits

In Seoul: 29 August – 1 September 2022

In Dublin: To be conducted in 2023

After online meetings conducted over the course of 2022, and one study visit, Seoul and Dublin have developed their cooperation around the idea of walkable and cyclable cities. Some actions they have been discussing include exchanging on walk & bicycle festivals, upcycling and recycling bicycles, and making safer environments for children to cycle. In addition, they hope to have a technical exchange on intelligent transportation systems and specifically on Seoul's ITS, TOPIS. The two cities are planning to sign an MOU in 2023.



Public Bike Center from the study visit in Seoul in August 2022



Visit to TOPIS, one of the areas that Seoul and Dublin plan to exchange information on in their UCAP

Busan & Rotterdam

Data-Driven Mobility

Study Visits

In Busan: 3-6 July 2022

In Rotterdam: 5-9 December 2022

Busan and Rotterdam have consolidated the actions they plan to take as paired cities after online meetings conducted over the course of 2022 and two study visits. The two cities are planning to execute a joint policy study on urban mobility and make a joint presentation at the POLIS Conference in 2023. They are also planning a technical exchange on ITS in Busan and Rotterdam, especially on radar emergency detection systems, smart intersections, emergency vehicle priority systems, and smart tunnel management systems. The two cities also plan to support business collaborations in the field of sustainable mobility.



Busan Traffic Information Service Center, the control room for the ITS



Busan and Rotterdam working on their Urban Cooperation Action Plan (UCAP)

Sejong & Sofia

New & Renewable Energy

Study Visits

In Sejong: 29 August – 1 September 2022

In Sofia: 9-12 November 2022

Sejong and Sofia have developed a strong partnership through regular online meetings during 2022 and two study visits. The two cities have decided to undertake a joint business venture on new and renewable energy, specifically the manufacturing of solar panels. They hope to bring a Korean company into the Bulgarian market to equip Sofia with the capability to manufacture solar panels domestically while also promoting a company from Sejong. Sejong and Sofia presented on their initiative at the IURC Global Event in Brussels on 8 November 2022. The two cities have also discussed cooperation on smart mobility payment systems. They signed a Letter of Intent and an MOU to formalize their cooperation during their two study visits.



Signing a Letter of Intent between Sejong and Sofia



Presenting at the IURC Global Event in Brussels

ICP-AGIR

The International City Partnerships: Acting for Green and Inclusive Recovery (ICP-AGIR) programme began in January 2022. Targeting the regions of Canada, South Africa, and Asia, the programme partners up 14 EU and 13 non-EU cities together to cooperate on the themes of migration and refugee integration, circular economy, and air quality.



Incheon & Berlin

Urban Regeneration

Study Visits

In Berlin: 13-17 June 2022

In Incheon: 17-21 October 2022

Incheon and Berlin have been working together on citizen focused, sustainable urban regeneration and decentralized smart city projects in Incheon and Berlin. Some best practices from the cities include the Tegel Airport and Adlershof Project from Berlin and the Incheon Free Economic Zone and Joyang Textile Café from Incheon. The two cities are also planning to establish cooperation between their universities and to jointly host events next year.



Incheon & Almeria

New & Renewable Energy

Study Visits

In Almeria: 26-30 September 2022

In Incheon: 24-28 October 2022

The focus of Incheon and Almeria has been on new and renewable energy, and especially on hydrogen energy. Incheon is in the process of transforming into a carbon-neutral city that uses green hydrogen energy. Almeria, one of the sunniest cities in Spain, is experienced in green hydrogen production through solar energy. The two cities plan to expand their cooperation in hydrogen energy and have signed MOUs between the research centers, KIURI and CIESOL. The two universities are planning a summer school programme on hydrogen.



Gwangju & Athens

Air Quality

Study Visits

In Athens: 6-10 June 2022

In Gwangju: 11-15 July 2022

Gwangju and Athens have been cooperating together to develop smart cities for the purpose of achieving carbon neutrality, with a specific focus on air quality as one of the main goals for improvement. Both cities have long term plans for climate adaptation and detailed air quality monitoring systems. At COP 27, Gwangju hosted a seminar and invited Athens to participate. The two cities intend to cross-participate in each other's conferences, exhibitions, and events, as well as at COP 28 next year.



Taoyuan & Braga

Green Mobility

Study Visits

In Braga: 24-28 October 2022

In Taoyuan: To be conducted in 2023

The cooperation of Taoyuan and Braga is focused on the development of green mobility for decarbonization and reduction of GHG emissions. The two cities have discussed various types of green transportation, including shared bicycle and scooter programmes, electric buses, demand-driven buses in rural areas, and gamification incentive programmes to promote more green mobility. The two cities have also linked Yuan Ze University and University of Minho, who are planning to sign an MOU in 2023.



Taichung & Prato

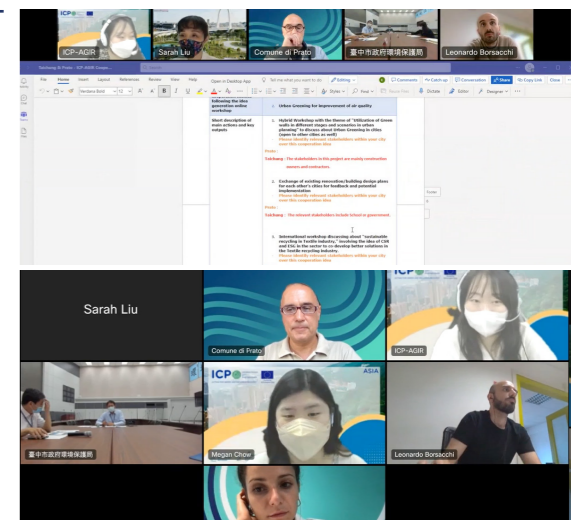
Circular Economy

Study Visits

In Taichung: To be conducted in 2023

In Prato: To be conducted in 2023

Taichung and Prato have held numerous bilateral meetings online during 2022. They have discussed circular economy in the form of textile recycling, as both cities believe in creating textiles out of recycled materials. The other topic the two cities discussed pursuing is the improvement of air quality through urban greening. The two cities plan on holding joint workshops during their study visits on these two topics as part of their CAP. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the two cities were unable to meet in 2022.

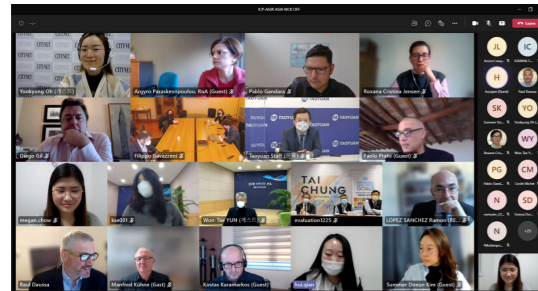


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**OTHER
PROGRAMMES
AND
ACTIVITIES**



February - May



ICP-AGIR Project Launch

The ICP-AGIR programme officially launched its collaboration with EU-Asian cities in February 2022.

The kick-off started with a plenary session that included remarks from the EU Delegations and Offices, city representatives, and the project team, then moved into individual break-out rooms where cities got to meet their paired cities for the first time.

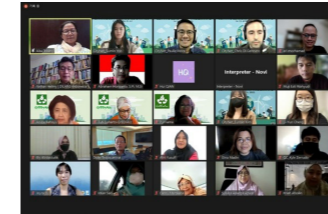
WITH EU, ICP-AGIR



IURC Quarterly Meeting

The six EU-Korea cities gathered to report their progress in the project to the EU Delegation in Korea. After several months of online meetings in 2021, the cities were able to share more concrete plans with the EUD.

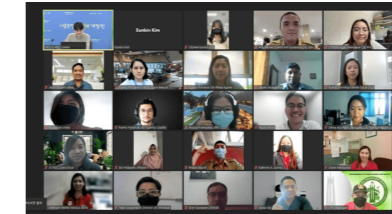
WITH EU, IURC



Climate Leadership Programme

CityNet organized its annual Climate Leadership Programme with 90 participants, urging city leaders to intensify responses to climate change in the light of pandemic recovery. Featuring experts from the Indonesia Research Institute for Decarbonization, Ideas Indonesia, United in Diversity, DILANS-Indonesia, and ICLEI Indonesia, the CLP provided participants with a chance to learn from local leaders.

WITH Jakarta Research Council



CityNet-SHRDC Online Training Program on Transportation Policy

City experts from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam registered for the joint CityNet-SHRDC online training programme on transportation policy. The programme included live sessions and self-paced learning. Cities also got the chance to present their action plans that they had developed and receive feedback from Seoul's experts on transportation policy.

WITH SHRDC



Webinar on Air Quality

Gwangju organized the Technology for Air Quality Webinar as part of the ICP-AGIR programme. Gwangju has stepped up as a champion city in the cluster of Air Quality, serving as one of the leaders in the thematic cooperation. The webinar featured four presenters from Gwangju and Taoyuan, and drew attendees from nine different countries/territories to learn more about improving air quality.

WITH ICP-AGIR, Gwangju

February

March

April

May



Localization of Ethnically Inclusive Urban House Planning Practices

CityNet Secretariat hosted the Malaysia National Workshop as a continuation of the National Workshops from 2021. This workshop focused on ethnic inclusivity in housing planning, signalling a new direction for CityNet.



Sustainable City Forum

CityNet Secretary General, Vijay Jagannathan, delivered a keynote speech on sustainable city development in the post-COVID era and how the pandemic has highlighted areas that the world can transform at this major event in the Smart City Summit & Expo.

WITH ICDI



Asia Pacific Sustainable Development Forum

CityNet conducted a virtual side event at the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development in Bangkok, Thailand, showcasing the tools of the Urban SDG Knowledge Platform that were created to help city planners and policymakers assess the progress of SDGs implementation in their city, and to localize best practices from one city to another.

WITH UN ESCAP



7th Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

The Secretariat attended the 7th Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2022) in Bali, Indonesia. While in Bali, the Secretariat co-hosted the National Chapter Indonesia meeting with the host of NC Indonesia, Sidoarjo Regency to help seek their commitment to CityNet and discuss new prospects for collaboration. The Secretariat also hosted a hybrid End of Term Meeting with CityNet Cluster Leads and Co Leads.

WITH UNDRR



Webinar on Waste Management

As one of the champion cities for the Circular Economy cluster, Taoyuan hosted a forum about Improving Waste Management. The online forum gave cities the opportunity to exchange best practices and implementations from Taoyuan, Braga, and Grenoble-Alpes-Métropole.

WITH ICP-AGIR, Taoyuan



Webinar on AI for Air Quality Management

Taichung hosted a webinar on applying AI technology to air quality management through the ICP-AGIR thematic webinar, "Strategies for Improving Air Quality in Taichung City." Taichung shared its expertise on scoping the current environmental situation, applying air pollution control policy, improving air quality with smart technologies, and moving forward with future air quality prospects.

WITH ICP-AGIR, Taichung

June - September



WITH Plus Arts

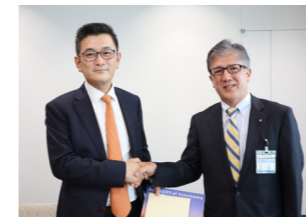
Japanese Case Studies of Creative Approaches Towards Strengthening Society Resilience

As part of the 2022 CityNet Cluster Grants, Plus Arts (with the support of CityNet Secretariat) organized three consecutive live online sessions on Japanese Case Studies of Creative Approaches Towards Strengthening Social Resilience.



Meeting with the President City

The Secretary General of CityNet visited the President City and held a meeting to discuss the future direction of the Network and Seoul's commitment as the President City.



Secretariat Visit to Yokohama

The Secretariat made a courtesy visit to Yokohama to meet with stakeholders from the City of Yokohama, CityNet Yokohama Project Office, and Consulate General of Republic of Korea to Yokohama. The visit was conducted to discuss agendas prior to the 9th CityNet Congress.



Orientation to RAJUK and CityNet Members in Bangladesh

CityNet and RAJUK organized a capacity development orientation session for CityNet partners and members in Bangladesh with an emphasis on green urban practices. Members were encouraged to utilize the Urban SDG Knowledge Platform for their own capacity development in benchmarking and localization of SDGs.



Animation Videos

CityNet created animated videos about its clusters and capacity building activities to better promote its programmes to the public.

June

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WITH CLC

World Cities Summit

CityNet supported WCS as a Strategic Partner for 2022. The event convenes leaders from all around the world to discuss sustainable, liveable city challenges.



Secretariat Visit to Kuala Lumpur

Representatives from the CityNet Secretariat had the opportunity to pay a courtesy visit to the Mayor of Kuala Lumpur City Hall, Malaysia.

The visit gave an opportunity to have fruitful discussion as to how both parties could further boost their cooperation for a successful Congress to be held in September.



WITH URDI

Live Online Training on Collaborative Smart Governance

CityNet and URDI organized a live online training session on collaborative and smart governance. International participants learned about the tools and best practices in addressing local climate risks and how stakeholders can contribute to decision making to improved local climate policies and actions.



WITH Seoul, MoFA

International Organization Career Fair

CityNet Secretariat participated in International Organization Career Fair 2022, organized by Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Korea. The fair was held in order to raise awareness of international organizations among citizens and give more opportunities to young generation that are planning their career in the relevant field.

October - December



Visit from Kuala Lumpur

CityNet Secretariat greeted delegates from Kuala Lumpur City Hall. Two delegates visited the Secretariat office to discuss the way forward to work together through KLRTC and the Satellite Office.



Visit from AIILSG

The Deputy Director General of All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG), Mr. Ravi Ranjan Guru, visited CityNet Secretariat. As part of the discussion, AIILSG shared about an upcoming conference they are organizing, the 6th Asian Cities Summit, and extended an invitation to CityNet members to participate.



Smart City Expo World Congress

CityNet participated in the SCEWC as a Collaborating Organization. SCEWC gathers city leaders from around the world to talk about how smart cities can contribute towards human-centric, sustainable societies.

WITH Barcelona, SCEWC



2nd International Forum on Low Carbon Cities

CityNet joined a cadre of international organizations dedicated to low carbon urban initiatives at the 2nd Low Carbon Cities Forum hosted by UN ESCAP ENEA and Incheon. CityNet organized Session 5 on Citizen and Stakeholder Engagement and focused on inclusive strategies toward realizing low carbon cities.

WITH UN ESCAP ENEA



Secretariat Visit to Nepal Members

The Secretariat made a visit to Pokhara as a host city candidat, and Lalitpur to follow up on the Mayor of Lalitpur's request for support from neighbouring cities to share knowledge on Dengue fever response. The visit was wrapped up with a visit to NSET, the host of the National Chapter.

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IURC Annual Event

Delegates from Sejong and Sofia participated in the IURC Global Event that took place on 8 November 2022, where they presented their planned pilot action on individual household solar panels.

WITH IURC



Quezon City Benchmarking in Seoul

CityNet Secretariat organized a welcome programme to the members of the Quezon City delegation during their learning visit to Seoul. Quezon City delegates learned about Cheonggyecheon Stream and Mapo Waste Facility in a bid to improve the city's public spaces and waste management practices in the future.



UNPOG Regional Symposium on Effective Governance and Digital Transformation

The Governance and Digital Transformation for Accelerating Global Challenges in Incheon, South Korea, highlighted the importance of redoubling efforts to promote government and strengthen multi stakeholders' action, especially since there are only 7 years left until 2030.

WITH UNPOG



Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Localization for Philippine Cities

CityNet visited Philippine members in Metro Manila Capital Region to enhance cooperation ties and broaden prospects for city to city exchanges next year. Among the highlights is the Final Project Activity for the 'Localization for Philippine Cities', an initiative from Makati City and participating cities to localize Sustainable Development Goals using the SDG Navigator on 13 December 2022.

WITH Makati



CityNet-Kookmin University MOU

CityNet and Kookmin University signed an MOU, pledging to work together to provide technical support and training for government officials in the Asia-Pacific region. Specifically, the two organizations will focus on fostering carbon neutrality and localization of the SDGs in CityNet member cities, recognizing the need for urgent climate action.

WITH Kookmin University

PUBLICATIONS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



CityNet newsletters are distributed once a month and offer information on CityNet announcements and network news. It serves as one of the best resources for our members, partners, and interested individuals to always stay up to date on upcoming events and activities. The HTML archive of monthly newsletters is available on our website, at <https://citynet-ap.org/news/monthly-newsletter/>.



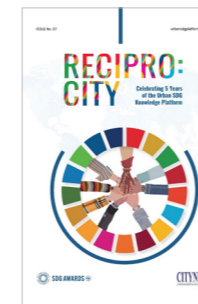
2021 ANNUAL REPORT



CityNet publishes a report annually that covers the key events, programmes, and projects implemented by the Secretariat throughout the previous year. The 2021 Annual Report captures capacity building events, workshops, training programmes, and other projects and events that CityNet participated in during 2021. Annual reports are available at <https://citynet-ap.org/publications/annual-report/>.



RECIPRO:CITY ISSUE NO. 7



The Urban SDG Knowledge Platform's annual publication, RECIPRO:CITY, is designed to support all readers in sharing best practices on urban policies. Since its inception, RECIPRO:CITY has covered major topics. The 7th edition of RECIPRO:CITY celebrates five years and highlights the winners of the SDG Awards, the inaugural event of which was held at the 9th CityNet Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



CITYNET LEAFLET



CityNet updated its leaflets to better promote CityNet as an organization. The leaflet is available in seven languages: English, Korean, Chinese, Japanese, Bahasa Indonesian, Bangla, and Nepali. It can be found on the website, at <https://citynet-ap.org/20-2/who-we-are/>.



JOIN OUR NETWORK

CityNet strives to meet the changing needs of members, and most importantly, to listen to our members so we can successfully and continually implement relevant programmes and activities.

Eligibility Criteria	Membership Fee
<p>Full Members Local authorities in the Asia-Pacific region, with a minimum of 100,000 in its borders</p> <p>Associate Members Local authorities outside of the Asia-Pacific region, national-level organizations, development authorities, research/training/academic institutions, and non-governmental organizations</p> <p>Corporate Members Private corporations</p>	<p>Upon approval by the CityNet Executive Committee, the membership fee will be incurred from the following year. The annual membership size is calculated based on the population of the city and GDP per capita of its country. For more information, contact the Secretariat at info@citynet-ap.org, or visit our website at www.citynet-ap.org.</p>

Delegates from Quezon City visit Seoul to benchmark best practices on public spaces and waste management in a prime example of city-to-city cooperation between member cities.



The skyline of Kuala Lumpur, CityNet's First Vice-President City and the host of the 9th CityNet Congress.



The skyline of Makati, CityNet's Second Vice-President City.



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