

Dear Members, Partners and Friends,

Creating and maintaining livable cities is a complicated and intricate process. Over the past 24 years CITYNET has aimed to support members in their efforts to make healthy and happy cities. In 2010, CITYNET has held activities covering a wide range of issues including climate change mitigation and adaptation, sanitation, solid waste management, urban planning and intelligent transport, women's/urban safety, disaster risk reduction and the MDGs, to name a few. CITYNET also held its 27th Executive Committee Meeting in our presidential city, Yokohama. The meeting brought to light the commitment of members and some of the work needed to further strengthen and support a positive impact on the Asia-Pacific region. CITYNET National Chapter has also been active in making an impact in their designated countries. As we reflect on CITYNET for 2010 it is clear that our joint resources and efforts can be expanded, and in doing so our possibilities become limitless.

We encourage all of us to stay connected to the wealth of resources in our network and we look forward to a 2011 where we can say we took the right steps to make our collective vision of people-friendly cities a reality. CITYNET wishes a safe and joyous holiday season to all!

with best wishes,
CITYNET Secretariat



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Palembang hosts International Sanitation Workshop and CITYNET National Chapters Meeting



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Join the 2010-2011 World Disaster Reduction Campaign

Making Cities Resilient: My City is Getting Ready

The 2010-2011 World Disaster Reduction Campaign "Making Cities Resilient" addresses issues of local



The city of Palembang, Indonesia hosted the CITYNET International Sanitation Seminar with over 250 participants from 11 countries which focused on solutions and practices specific to the Asia-Pacific region. The CITYNET National Chapters meeting directly followed the workshop.

Developing cities throughout the Asia-Pacific region are finding new and effective methods to combat the difficulties of sanitation provision. Yet, sanitation remains one of the most pressing issues in rapidly growing urban populations. Waste management, supportable access to safe drinking water, and lack of technological improvements in urban slums are just a small portion of the myriad of challenges local governments face in trying to develop environmentally sustainable cities.

Effective tools for improving sanitation conditions in cities and the challenges of providing a high quality of life in slum communities were discussed in detail at the International Workshop on Sanitation, (November 29-30) hosted by CITYNET member Palembang. This was the first international event of this scale that the city has hosted with other international organisations. The workshop was opened by Palembang Mayor H.Ir. Eddy Santana Putra and highlighted the Palembang/Indonesian perspective on sanitation.

250 participants from 11 countries attended and shared best practices and challenges. Local governments, academia, and civil society were represented. The meeting was combined with the coordinating meeting of AIM (Association of Indonesian Municipalities) of Southern Sumatera Region which was attended by many mayors in the region. ADB provided an overview of sanitation challenges in Asia, UN-HABITAT shared its partnership experience with the private sector particularly Coca-Cola in India and Nepal. WTO (World Toilet Organisation - an NGO member of CITYNET) described their work with the community in Cambodia. Other speakers included representatives from the private companies, RTI and Premier Products based in USA and Thailand, respectively. Representatives from localities in Indonesia, Bangladesh and Philippines shared their actions and recommendations as well. An overview of the eco-tanks project, currently being carried out in Palembang and San Fernando was also presented. The benefits of eco-tanks as one of the possible solutions in treating grey and black water was a highlight of the conference as indicated by the high level of interest by audience members.

A panel discussion on converting the [Sanitation Databook](#) into action was held with inputs from ADB, UN-HABITAT, San Fernando City and the CITYNET Secretariat represented by its Programme Director, Bernadia I. Tjandradewi. Several participating cities expressed their commitment to participate in the second edition of the Sanitation

governance and urban risk while drawing upon previous ISDR Campaigns on safer schools and hospitals, as well as on the [sustainable urbanisations](#) principles developed in the [UN-Habitat World Urban Campaign 2009-2013](#).

Making cities safe from disaster is everybody's business: National governments, local government associations, international, regional and civil society organizations, donors, the private sector, academia and professional associations as well as every citizen need to be engaged! Join today!

CITYNET Secretariat - Holiday Schedule -

The Secretariat in Yokohama is closed from December 29, 2010 - January 3, 2011. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

CityVoices: Poll on MDGs



How likely is it that your city will achieve ALL MDGs by 2015?

lowest

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10

highest

Sorry, voting is closed.

Localise e-News & CityVoice

The CITYNET Secretariat encourages every member to locally distribute CityVoice and e-News in their respective cities. Our objective is to increase awareness about news,

Databook which is now in the planning phase. Indonesian cities also expressed their inclination to produce an Indonesian Cities Sanitation Databook in 2011-2012. Local media covered the event and the mayor held a press conference which drew attention to the importance of sanitation for all. The workshop also discussed various actions and recommendations for meeting a sanitation target by 2015.

Eco-tank Project-site Inspection

Dr. Ksamsan Suwarnarat, an engineer from Premier Products which manufactures eco-tanks, Bernadia I. Tjandradewi and Kendra Hirata, CITYNET Programme Director and Officer respectively surveyed the progress of the newly implemented eco-tank project in Palembang - a city-to-city cooperation project of CITYNET and UNITAR and funded by the Prince Albert Foundation.

The eco-tank is a practical tool that treats both black and gray water so that it can be re-used for a variety of daily purposes such as watering plants and washing roads. The eco-tank is useful in sustaining a hygienic living environment, cleaning water-ways and improving septage treatment in housing and building developments. Furthermore the gas created as a by-product can be safely used for cooking and the installation process is relatively inexpensive. Eco-tank projects have been implemented in several CITYNET member cities including Palembang. The current tanks in Palembang will be utilised by 48 households (roughly 145 people) for waste treatment. During the sight visit, Dr. Ksamsan recommended that the tanks be located close to the building and downhill from the sight to effectively capture all sewerage. However, one of the most pressing issues remains the lack of the awareness surrounding the project. Well-planned sanitation projects generates an increase in general hygiene and a drastic decrease in water borne illnesses, as well a multitude of health benefits and general safety in both urban and rural populations.

Building Inclusive Cities for Women



"Building Inclusive Cities," at the International Conference in New Delhi, November 22-24, 2010. Attendees worked on their visions of what an "inclusive city" could look like and these were shared at the conference.

Women's safety and security in public and private settings have been a low priority in action and policy contexts in many parts of the world. Recent studies have indicated a high percentage of women have experienced physical or sexual violence or have been assaulted by an intimate partner. Although a number of countries have been addressing women's safety, challenges still remain, especially in densely populated cities in developing countries. Increasing inequalities in these cities are also leading to wider

activities, expertise, and best practices in urban development and management with local governments, partners, and citizens.

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Publications



Addressing the Challenge: Sanitation for All

This new leaflet covers some of the options to address the urgent and

dire need for "sanitation for all," including eco-tank technology (small scale sewerage treatment system) and city-to-city cooperation. CITYNET has eco-tank projects in a number of cities in Asia such as Negombo, Palembang and San Fernando. >> [Eco-tank leaflet](#)



CITYNET Blog

Check out the the [CITYNET Blog](#)! It contains interviews on

city-to-city cooperation, urban farming and an interview with the former Mayor of Colombo, Sri Lanka - more to come!

citynetmembers.wordpress.com

CITYNET Events

- FEBRUARY -

Study Visit

Urban Human Security in Asia

Mumbai, India

February 1 - 4, 2011

This is a follow-up to the Regional Workshop on Safety for the Urban Poor in Asia and the Pacific which was

gaps in quality of life, and often it is women who bear the brunt of the burden.

At the Third Conference on Women's Safety organised by Jagori and [Women in Cities International](#), representatives from local and national governments, academia, civil society groups, and local media convened to review, analyse and consolidate different approaches aimed at building safe and inclusive cities. The meeting, held in New Delhi on November 22-24, was designed to assess and disseminate lessons learned and best practices developed for enhancing women's inclusion within local-level civil society. 270 attendees from 41 countries joined in a variety of discussions, lectures, and workshops regarding women's safety in urban areas. CITYNET Programme Director Bernadia I. Tjandradewi participated in the conference as a panellist for the official launch of the [UN-HABITAT Urban Safety Toolkit for Asia Pacific](#), specifically regarding CITYNET's role in urban safety in the region. Also present at the workshop were Julie Borje from Marikina and Bimala Koirala from Kathmandu Metropolitan City. Rabura Aiga from Port Moresby shared his city's experience in involving youth to improve its safety. These three cities have been the model cities of urban safety in CITYNET's work.

Participants have recognised that issues of women's safety and security are closely linked to their access to basic urban services. For example, public transport and public toilets are two major spaces where women and girls face harassment. During the second day of the event, panellists discussed best practices for integrating women's safety and security into city infrastructure projects. Current challenges in this area include difficulties in obtaining direct funding, the strengthening of organisations dealing with girls and women, improving good governance and gender mainstreaming. The workshop resulted in the production of the *Building Inclusive Cities and Communities - Delhi Declaration and Call to Action on Women's Safety*. The *Call to Action* is addressed to various stakeholders, including national and local governments, UN agencies and international organisations, NGOs/women's organisations/grassroots and CBOs, private sector, donors, media, universities, research and training institutions.

CITYNET hopes to incorporate the best practices learned from the conference into future activities, such as testing and applying the urban toolkit. The kit will be shared during the training and study visit programme to be held in Mumbai in February 2011.

Cost Recovery and CDM: the Gorai Landfill Site in Mumbai



Mr. Rajendra Vale, Deputy Municipal Commissioner and members of MCGM proudly show Bernadia Tjandradewi, Programme Director of CITYNET the Gorai landfill site and its utilisation of CDM credits.

organised by CITYNET, UN-HABITAT, UNESCAP, ACHR, SPARC and SDI and hosted by the City of Marikina in June 2010.

- MAY -

UNCRD 39th International Training Course on Regional Development

on Human Security and Poverty Nagoya, Japan

May 23 - June 10, 2011

Thirty-Ninth International Training Course in Regional Development (ITC 39), to be held in May-June 2011, will examine regional development for Human Security and Poverty Reduction in the context of sustainable development, highlighting rural areas in particular.

Selected members will receive sponsorship for air travel from CITYNET.

- OTHER -

INFRA Cluster Seminar (with Municipal Corporation of Great Mumbai and AILSG)

Water Conference / Water Audit and Conservation Training

Mumbai, India

Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Center (KLRTC)

Sustainable Urban Transport
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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Selected International Events

- JANUARY -

8th Everything About Water Expo

Mumbai, India

January 6 - 8, 2011

International Exhibition and Conference on Water and Wastewater Management

2nd International Place Branding Conference

Branding Cities: The Search for Place Identity

Mumbai is the commercial capital of India, and it is not only the most populous city in India it is also one of its fastest growing cities. As such, finding innovation and coping mechanisms is vital for Mumbai.

From November 25 - 26, CITYNET Programme Director Bernadia I. Tjandradewi visited Mumbai to connect with a number of local offices including the CITYNET Satellite Office, CITYNET Executive Committee member, AILSG, and member SPARC, to discuss several projects and programmes. The issues discussed focused strengthening of the Satellite Office (See the *Satellite Office* section) in Mumbai, slum upgrading with SPARC, and a water audit and conservation training proposal from AILSG.

During her visit, Tjandradewi also attended a study visit at the new landfill site of Gorai, located in the western suburbs of Mumbai. The landfill project converted roughly 19.6ha of dumping site into a green landscape space by the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM). The project was designed as a cost recovery project through CDM - a flexibility mechanism defined in the Kyoto Protocol to promote clean development in developing countries. Tjandradewi discussed with MCGM the various challenges faced during the development process, such as lack of technical know-how for documenting CDM benefits, resistance from local residents, and concern over technical specifications. The project improves the market value and quality of life of the people and marine life near the Gorai area, reducing the GHG emissions of the region, and is generating power from methane gas that will provide resources for the next ten years. MCGM is currently working on a similar project in another region of Mumbai over an area of 54ha. MCGM is looking forward to involvement in future projects, including the strategic development of tourism in the Gorai landfill site. MCGM is willing to share information in various fora and welcomes CITYNET members to visit and learn from this experience. >>[MCGM website](#)

Sustaining Ties: Post-AWAREE Project Update on Environmental Education



Post-AWAREE members Dhaka, Colombo and Makati share project updates. Yokohama shared best practices on urban farming and smart grids. Hiroyuki Moronaga, Director of JICA Yokohama (left) welcomed the participants.

Members of the Post-AWAREE (Awareness for Environmental Education) project are maintaining strong connections and information sharing despite the official close of the project in March 2010. On 28 October, representatives from four CITYNET members: Dhaka, Colombo, Makati, and Yokohama - joined with representatives from JICA and the CITYNET Secretariat to discuss the progress of ongoing activities and future plans during

Bogota, Columbia

January 20 - 22, 2011

The conference aims at enriching the dialogue between academics, practitioners and city representatives who often approach very similar issues from different angles. It explicitly adopts an interdisciplinary and international perspective aiming to address the theme in its full complexity.

- FEBRUARY -

3rd International Conference on Drug Discovery and Therapy

Building Inclusive Cities

February 7 -10, 2011

Dubai, UAE

Cutting-edge advances in all major disciplines of Drug Discovery and Drug Therapy. The 3rd ICDDT 2011 will be unique in promoting the translational nature of modern biomedical research, with both basic scientists in drug discovery and clinicians associated with patient care and research.

Sustainable Communities and Trade Show

Building Inclusive Cities

February 8 - 10, 2011

Victoria, Canada

Whether your community is just starting on a sustainability path or has already seen the changes that a sustainable approach creates, the Sustainable Communities Conference is an opportunity to share your experience and learn from peers. Highlights of the conference include West Coast Mayors Panel on Green Innovation and keynote Speaker Gil Penalosa, Executive Director of 8-80 Cities.

Galilee Institute's Management of NGOs: Dilemmas in a Competitive and Changing Environment Programme

Israel

February 15 - March 2, 2011

A programme introducing participants to the Israeli NGO experience through study tours and practical lectures.

International Conference on Cities

a Post-AWAREE assessment TV conference. All members shared best practices and challenges during the past year in hopes of improving the results of future actions. Colombo reported success in promoting composting at a household level, particularly in issuing composting bins and vegetable waste collection, as well its eco-park project. Dhaka announced its progress in rain water harvesting and plans to analyse the results of the project, as well as the rooftop garden and rotary composting project implemented as part of the Bangladesh National Chapter. Meanwhile, Makati has successfully integrated climate change into the elementary education system, and promoted awareness through the implementation of environmentally themed holidays. Despite the many accomplishments, each city also reported various consistent challenges, such as lack of public awareness and funding for large scale operations.

Post-AWAREE cities also presented plans for future activities utilising previous best practices. Colombo has begun ground level production of a biogas project that will take three to four weeks to complete, however public knowledge of the project is reportedly currently low. The biogas project was proposed by the CITYNET Sri Lanka National Chapter. Dhaka has plans to expand its rooftop garden, composting, and rainwater harvesting projects, and also hopes to implement a solar-panel project for which a budget will be proposed next year. Makati has proposed an international conference on climate change, and a unique green urban design center to spread awareness in the local community.

From Yokohama, the resource city, innovative environmentally conscious farming methods in urban areas as well as a smart grid system were introduced. Toshiyuki Ooki from Ooki Farms in Yokohama, Japan, presented his best practices in urban farming whereby he has developed production methods that provide safe produce and connect local schools and the community through information sharing and active participation. Lastly, the city of Yokohama presented its successes over the past year in utilising smart grids to monitor energy production in houses and businesses. They hope the use of smart grids, together with the promotion of electric car production, will contribute to Yokohama's goal to reduce CO₂ by 30% by 2025. CITYNET plans to continue monitoring the achievements in the Post-AWAREE plans. Another follow-up Post-AWAREE conference is scheduled for May 2011.

Best Practice: Holistic and Organic Urban Farming and Creating Peace of Mind



Toshiyuki Ooki, an organic farmer in Yokohama, introduces his unique farming methods to the CITYNET Secretariat staff.

and Climate Change

New Delhi, India

February 21 - 22, 2011

The government of Delhi is keen to share experiences of other cities in terms of climate change mitigation and to encourage debate of future cities in terms of energy, climate change and other climate related issues. For more information please email: [dwarak98\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:dwarak98(at)gmail.com) or fax: 011-23392029

5th Annual City Development Conference

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

February 24 - 25, 2011

The Fifth Annual City Development Conference will be a one-stop platform that will encapsulate cutting-edge issues, strategic solutions, investment strategies, risk and return assessments, and pertinent case studies in city development.

- MARCH -

Global City Forum

Abu Dhabi, UAE

March 15 - 17, 2011

Global City is the only international forum where public and private leaders meet to exchange best practice and share sustainable urban strategies.

- APRIL -

Regional Studies Association Annual International Conference 2011

Regional Development and Policy Challenges, Choices, and Recipients
University of Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

April 17 - 20, 2011

Abstract submission deadline: January 31, 2011

Local, regional, national and international actors continue to search for new policy solutions at a time when traditional forms of governance are being tested and new forms of regional politics are emerging. In many parts of the world regional disparities are growing as more economic activity becomes

Currently in Japan, it is difficult to grow 100 percent organic vegetables, especially in urban areas as a wide variety of chemicals surround us and can be found in our groundwater and air. Despite this, Toshiyuki Ooki, has found a way to come as close as possible to truly organic vegetables in the urban centre of Yokohama. Ooki, a retired businessman had a simple wish to grow safe vegetables and together with a special net to eliminate the need for pesticides and careful farming methods, he is making it happen. Ooki also shares his unique and safe farming method with other farmers in the area. Local schools and a university rely on him to provide fresh vegetables, as well, they learn about the farming process and how food reaches their plates. Students, parents, teachers and the community alike are all involved in making this a truly cost-effective and holistic process as well as a best practice that could be emulated in other cities in Asia.

[>>Read full interview](#)

Pre-APEC Celebration in Yokohama: Focus on Disaster Risk Reduction and Gender Issues

Yokohama Public Forum: The Importance of Gender Equality

The APEC Commemorative Symposium on Sustainable Development Supported by Women's Advancement in Society provided focus on key gender issues for the Japanese public and APEC-related participants. The event held on November 11 was organised by the City Hall of Yokohama and opened by Mayor Fumiko Hayashi. Hillary Rodham Clinton, US Secretary of State provided a special moment for the over 600-member audience with a video message that underlined the importance of continued efforts in addressing women's concerns.

The panel discussion featured a number of distinguished women including Mayor Hayashi, Yukiko Uchinaga (Director and Executive Vice President of Benesse International, and Chairman of the Board, CEO, and President of Berlitz International), Asako Hoshino (Corporate Vice President of Nissan), Susan Roos – the wife of the US Ambassador for Japan, and Bernadia I. Tjandradewi, Programme Director of CITYNET who provided an Indonesian perspective. Facilitated by Yoriko Kawaguchi, Member of the House of Councillors and former Minister of Foreign Affairs for Japan, each panelist introduced their efforts for women's advancement in society and shared their views and experience concerning inequality, discrimination and struggle in terms of work and home life especially in a Japanese context. As the only panelist from a developing country, Tjandradewi set the tone for issues affecting women in these areas of the world.

Yokohama University Lecture: Disaster Risk Reduction

Disaster risk reduction (DRR) was brought to the forefront for public awareness at Meiji Gakuin University, Yokohama campus, one of the oldest universities in Japan (est. 1886). On November 8, Bernadia I. Tjandradewi, Programme Director of CITYNET was a panelist together with Yuki Matsuoka from the UNISDR Kobe Office and Kensuke Oonishi from Civic Force/Peace Winds – both Japanese NGOs. Matsuoka introduced UNISDR activities and how DRR has been brought to the APEC agenda. Oonishi described his institution's work and the possibility of formulating an Asian platform for natural disasters. Tjandradewi shared CITYNET's activities on enhancing the capacity of cities/local governments, not only through assessment, but also by prioritising actions to raise the level of resiliency.

[>> Peace Winds](#) / [>> UNISDR](#)

Changwon to host International Congress on Educating Cities

Changwon City was recently announced as host of the 12th IAEC International Congress

concentrated in global city regions, posing questions about the future of cities and regions beyond the metropolis. In these austere times, some voices question the need for regional policy itself and public policy debates increasingly focus on these dilemmas.

Counter Terror Expo

Olympia, London, England

April 19 - 20, 2011

The Counter Terror Expo is the critically acclaimed, highly specialised event for those who are tasked with the demanding and complex role of delivering a robust defence against the threat posed from international terrorism.

- MAY -

Preparing Bankable Public Private Partnership Projects

Rotterdam, the Netherlands

May 30 - June 24, 2011

Application Deadline: April 01, 2011

This four week course is aimed at government officials, policymakers, and managers involved in setting up and executing public-private partnerships in different infrastructure sectors. It is also targeted at consultants and members of the academic or development community who provide support to governments involved in PPPs.

- JUNE -

Resilient Cities 2011

Bonn, Germany

June 3 - 5, 2011

Resilient Cities 2011 will continue to cast light on the challenges posed by climate change and support the rising momentum of local adaptation and resilience strategies worldwide.

Journal of Habitat Engineering: Call for Papers

June 10, 2011

EURA Conference 2011

Copenhagen, Denmark

June 23 - 25, 2011

Call for abstracts deadline: January 31, 2011

on Educating Cities (IAEC) in 2012. The congress, which is held every two years, will take place from April 26 - 28, 2012, with the theme 'Green Environment and Creative Education.' The IAEC was founded in Bologna, Italy in 1994 and was based on a common agreement among regional governments concerned with educating citizens and "working together on projects and activities for improving the quality of life of their inhabitants." It is headquartered in Barcelona, Spain and has more than 420 member cities in 35 countries. The IAEC consists of a General Assembly, Executive Committee and the Secretariat. The city of Changwon was appointed as an Executive Committee member in 2008 and is the only Asian member on the committee. In 2009, Changwon attracted the 12th IAEC International Congress for the first time to the Asia-Pacific region. The congress aims to share and exchange the experiences of all member cities on creating educating cities. The city of Changwon would appreciate any advice from CITYNET members on how to make the city more environmentally-friendly for attendees at the congress.

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Clusters Update



CLIMATE CHANGE

Negombo Biogas Project - Update

HELP-O, an NGO based in Sri Lanka, has started the construction of two biogas units in Bosco Pura Tsunami Housing area of Negombo Municipality with the support of CITYNET, UNITAR and the French Government. Through this integrated programme, the produced biogas will be distributed among 10 houses and it is estimated that more than 500 people will benefit from the project. The goal of the project is to help to minimise the amount of waste and methane gas emission. The Negombo Municipality will also conduct some awareness activities for the Bosco Pura community and municipal officials to ensure the successful implementation of the programme. HELP-O and Negombo Municipality expect to finish the project within the first quarter of 2011.



DISASTER

Disaster Cluster Update

CDRI Update for Makati City

The city of Makati has started barangay (community) level assessment for the Climate Disaster Resilience Index (CDRI) as a result of the project done earlier this year. CDRI is a blended learning project jointly organised through Kyoto University, The Tokyo Development Learning Center (TDLC, The World Bank), UNISDR, SEEDS India and CITYNET. The goal is to encourage and support municipalities on a practical level to be undertake disaster risk reduction in a thorough and sustainable manner. Makati has distributed questionnaires and is expecting them to be returned by the end of December. Makati City is also preparing their Disaster Risk Reduction Management Plan with a climate change component, using the CDRI platform as a basis. This is also in compliance with two newly passed laws, the Climate Change Act of 2010 and the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010. Currently, Makati City is in the process of collecting and mapping data.

Disaster Cluster Members:

Makati City, as lead of the Disaster Cluster in currently developing the activities for the

'Cities without limits' is the topic of the next conference of the European Urban Research Association (EURA 2011) organised in cooperation with the Centre for Strategic Urban Research - formed by the University of Copenhagen and the Aarhus School of Architecture and funded by Realdania Research - University of Aalborg.

- JULY -

2011 Asia Pacific Cities Summit

July 6 - 8, 2011

Brisbane, Australia

The biennial Asia Pacific Cities Summit focuses on developing business growth, trade, investment and economic outcomes for participating delegates and sponsors. More than 1,000 delegates from over 100 global cities will meet in Brisbane to investigate and develop business opportunities with potential partners, clients and suppliers.

- AUGUST -

Eco City World Summit

Montreal, Canada

August 22 - 26, 2011

Call for proposals deadline January 31, 2011

This important international conference will gather professionals, academics, and decision-makers who are interested in discussing the major issues related to sustainable urban development.

Events Calendar

Resources

New! [Parking Policy in Asian Cities Report](#)

by Paul Barter, National University Singapore

the Final Consultant's Report version available [online here](#).

For those in China please download via [Slideshare](#)

Your feedback and reactions are welcome.

[MDG Report for 2010](#)

Detailed information on achieving the

the Cluster for 2011-2013 and will be contacting members for their inputs. Let your voice be heard!

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INFRA

Focus on Sustainable Water Infrastructure

In order to address lack of water and planning of proper water infrastructure, INFRA Cluster co-lead, All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG) is planning to hold a water audit and conservation event with CITYNET members in 2011. A water conference has also been planned in cooperation with UN-HABITAT and to be hosted with MCGM for the first quarter of 2011.



MDGs

Urban Safety Follow-up Activity Scheduled for 2011 in Mumbai

The Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) plans to host a study visit from February 1-4, 2011 entitled 'Urban Human Security in Asia.' This is a follow-up to the Regional Workshop on Safety for the Urban Poor in Asia and the Pacific which was organised by CITYNET, UN-HABITAT, UNESCAP, ACHR, SPARC and SDI and hosted by the City of Marikina in June 2010.

Satellite Office



Strengthening the Satellite Office (SO) and ensuring effectiveness within the region were among the focus issues during the recent visit of Programme Director, Bernadiah I. Tjandradewi to the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) on November 25. Areas of most concern for the SO are public health, solid waste management, climate

change (especially mitigation), disaster risk reduction, water conservation including rain water harvesting and water supply (non-revenue water, ground water mapping). MCGM has agreed to continue to support the SO and to extend its reach through publishing a brochure for more awareness. The SO plans to do data inventory of focal points and resource persons in each department to support CITYNET activities as well as summarising the CITYNET e-News and magazine 'CityVoices' for distribution within departments. Other support is expected to come in the form of printing and increased staff. For 2011, MCGM plans to host a conference on water and a study visit on urban human security.

National Chapter Update

National Chapters Conference



MDGs.

Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Council

Resources are available on building stronger PPPs, urban infrastructure, water, and sanitation.

IISD Research Library

Databases and up-to-date research on the practice of sustainable development.

The Ecologically Sustainable Water Management Framework

Produced by the US-based Nature Conservancy, this website outlines a programme in which human needs for water are met by storing and diverting water in a manner that can sustain or restore the ecological integrity of affected river ecosystems.

Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize 2011: Call for Nominations

The Singapore International Water Week is calling for nominations for the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize 2011. The Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize is an international award that recognises outstanding contributions toward solving global water problems. This can be done through applying groundbreaking technologies or implementing innovative policies and programmes which benefit humanity.

The winner will receive S\$300,000, a gold medallion and an award certificate.

2011 United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction: Call for Nominations

Nominations are now open for the 2011 Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction. The candidate can be an individual or an institution that has carried out outstanding and internationally recognised actions that contributes to the strategic goals and priorities of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters. The United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction is worth approximately



Representatives from NC Bangladesh, NC Indonesia, NC Nepal. CITYNET partners and Secretariat staff also attended the National Chapters Conference.



A National Chapters Conference was held in Palembang, Indonesia on December 1, 2010 in conjunction with the International Sanitation Workshop. Representatives from Bangladesh, Indonesia, and Nepal presented the status of their ongoing projects (NC Sri Lanka was unable to attend). NC Bangladesh continues to develop a holistic rainwater harvesting and compost plant, as well as its waste bin distribution programme. NC Indonesia reported on its activities as well as its current memberships and challenges, and briefly shared its pilot project on waste management at a local hospital in Sukabumi.

Meanwhile, NC Nepal is developing its joint project with Tansen Municipality on school sanitation, including the implementation of concrete toilets and a two day school sanitation training workshop at the Janahit Primary School. All chapters agreed to prepare a business plan and submit it to the CITYNET Secretariat in 2011. The meeting was opened by Mayor H. Eddy Santana Putra and closed by the Assistant Secretary General, Shigenobu Sato.

Photo: Mr. Shigenobu Sato, Assistant Secretary-General of CITYNET closing the conference.



Bangladesh



New pictures from the National Chapter project on "Cleaner and Greener City" implemented in partnership with Nogar Krishok (urban farmer). One aspect of this project, located in Dhaka, focuses on rotary composting.

CITYNET Secretariat

Secondment Staff Training: Low Carbon City & Green Growth



CITYNET Secondment Staff member
Afsana Akther, from Dhaka City

US\$50,000, and it is shared between the Sasakawa Laureate and recipients of the Certificates of Distinction and Merit.

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Corporation (DCC) along with eight other CITYNET members joined the workshop 'Low Carbon City: Green Growth for Local Governments' held in Jeju, Republic of Korea, November 10-12, 2010. The workshop is the first international gathering of CIFAL Jeju after its opening in March of this year. The workshop aimed to increase

the knowledge and awareness of green growth strategies and low carbon urban development within the region, and identify key challenges and best practices. Akther provided a case study on sustainable environmental practices from Dhaka, the lead city for CITYNET's Climate Change Cluster. At the workshop, representatives from Jeju and other experts from Korea shared short- and long term best practices for green growth in urban regions. Akther was given the opportunity to discuss various projects within DCC including those in cooperation with CITYNET such as rooftop gardening, composting and rainwater harvesting. Furthermore, practical and doable action plans for each city were made in order to achieve green growth. Akther said this was an excellent opportunity to be exposed to various ways of thinking that could be useful for her city.

Photo: Secondment Staff Afsana Akther during a workshop field trip which focused on green technology such as smart grid systems.

CITYNET Youth Japan



Thinking about Poverty - The 3rd CITYNET Youth Japan Workshop

What is current state of poverty in Asia and what are the causes? How does it feel to have the responsibility to solve issues like hunger, illiteracy and lack of education? What can youth do to help reduce poverty? These were among the questions posed at the 3rd CITYNET Youth Japan Workshop entitled 'Thinking about World Poverty,' which was held in Yokohama's International Organization Center on November 21. 26 youth participants took part in a series of events, including role-playing games, lectures and discussions focusing on furthering understanding of different aspects of world poverty. The workshop was held in cooperation with NGOs Hunger Free World and Shapla Neer, an international NGO focusing on community development. Ikuo Hara from Yokohama City College and Emiko Fujioka from Shapla Neer, presented lectures on the comprehensive status and current movements to reduce poverty, respectively. The youth reported that they were surprised to learn just how difficult it is to break the cycle of poverty. They hope to help create more awareness on poverty-related issues.

For more information:

>> [Hunger Free World](#) / >> [Shapla Neer](#)

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Partner News & Events

[SUTP Asia Project Update](#)

The Sustainable Urban Transport Project in Asia is jointly implemented by the Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), CITYNET, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), and Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA). CITYNET has agreed to provide updates about the project.

[Transport in Cancún - the 16th COP of the UNFCCC](#)

The UNFCCC climate talks (COP16) took place in Cancun, Mexico (Nov. 29 - Dec. 11, 2010). Daniel Bongardt from GTZ participated in "Bridging the Gap: Pathways for Transport in the Post-2012 Process".

[GTZ-SUTP at Urban Mobility India 2010](#)

GTZ-SUTP actively participated at the 3rd Annual Urban Mobility India 2010 Conference and Expo, a key annual event of the Ministry of Urban Development of India, held from 3-5 December, 2010 in New Delhi. As an official pre-event, GTZ-SUTP conducted a full day training course on 2 December, 2010, on 'Transportation Demand Management and Financing Urban Transport' with the support of the Ministry of Urban Development.

[GTZ-SUTP participated at BAQ 2010 Conference, 8-12 November, Singapore](#)

GTZ-SUTP along with several of its partners such as CDIA Asia, LTA Academy and BTG members, participated at the BAQ 2010 Conference at the Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre from the 8-12 November, 2010.

[The Indonesian Land Transport Academy](#)

The Sekolah Tinggi Transportasi Darat (STTD) (literal translation: Land Transport College), in Bekasi, (near Jakarta), is an official university established by presidential decree in 2000 under the Ministry of Transportation. Approx. 475 students are educated on land transport, traffic and road transport, railways, river and inland waterway transport, as well as motor vehicle inspection. SUTIP, GTZ's Sustainable Urban Transport Improvement Project, hosted at the Ministry of Transportation provides periodical guest lecturing to STTD.

[GTZ-SUTP at Codatu XIV](#)

Chhavi Dhingra from GTZ-SUTP presented a paper at the Codatu (Cooperation for Urban Mobility in the developing World) XIV Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 25-26 October, 2010. The conference theme was 'sustainable transport and the quality of life in the city'.

[List of recent GTZ Publications](#)

Topics include: parking management, urban freight in developing cities, promoting cooperation and integration to offer a more attractive and efficient public transport, accessing climate finance for sustainable transport, training document on transportation demand management (Vietnamese), and a reading list on public bicycle schemes.

For a full list of upcoming SUTP events please see www.sutp.org

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