The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are the ambitious framework to achieve a more sustainable future for all. The SDG implementation has posed a great deal of challenges in the national level as well as the local level due to the ambitious target. The local authorities play a crucial role in the SDG implementation as currently more than half of the world population lives in the cities, placing large impacts on the biodiversity and the climate, and the rate of urbanization is accelerating all over the developing world without appropriate infrastructure, resulting in a rise of carbon emission.

Given the mentioned challenges faced in Asian cities, during the panel session, the following points will be discussed: inclusivity—what is the nature of the real challenge; participatory governance tools, methods, mind-set and organizations will help achieve the goals. The session highlights ways in which local governments communicate such challenges and lessons learned and calls for policy changes at the national level. The goal of the session is to raise awareness about the importance of governments in implementing the global agendas, challenges, opportunities, examples and entry points for awareness campaigning to aligning different goals into local planning processes and strategies.

**SESSION SCHEDULE**

- 16:30 Moderator Opening Remark & Introduction
- 16:40 Round 1 - Moderator questions to 1st Round of panelist (Panel 1-4) and Q&A session with participants
- 17:15 Moderator summaries perspectives and 2nd Round Opening Remark and Introduction
- 17:25 Round 2 - Moderator questions to 2nd Round of panelist (Panel 5-8) and Q&A session with participants
- 18:00 Session End