



**Partners Forum for Delivering the
New Agenda Together in Asia and
the Pacific- National Mechanisms
and Multi-Stakeholder Engagement
in the Implementation of the NUA**

**THE AMARI WATERGATE
BANGKOK, THAILAND
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List of Participants

- BANGLADESH
- CAMBODIA
- INDONESIA
- MALAYSIA
- MYANMAR
- NEPAL
- PAKISTAN
- PHILIPPINES
- SINGAPORE
- SOUTH KOREA
- SRI LANKA
- THAILAND
- UN Agency Representative
- UN - Habitat


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This forum was held as a follow – up to the third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III) where World leaders adopted the **NEW URBAN AGENDA**




THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FORUM


1. Share experience on existing or planned national mechanisms and frameworks for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;
2. Create awareness of multi-stakeholders commitments in the New Urban Agenda and how these commitments relate to their work;

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3. Identify synergies between the NUA, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other internationally agreed commitments;
 4. Discuss elements of a strategy for engaging multi – stakeholders partnerships at community, local, national regional and global levels to supports the implementation, monitoring and reporting on the NUA;
 5. Identify partners’ contribution to implementation and reporting on the NUA.

ORGANIZATION OF THE FORUM

- Panel discussion; Sharing National Framework, mechanisms and plans for NUA – governments' perspective
- Panel discussion; The New Urban Agenda and its linkages with SDGs and other internationally agreed commitments

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- Multi stakeholder partnerships for implementation of the New Urban Agenda and contribution for local, national and regional levels implementation of the New Urban Agenda
 - **Global to Localization – Implementation of the NUA at local level – A government, local governments and multi – stakeholders perspective**

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- Exploration of global, regional, and national frameworks for implementation, monitoring and reporting on the NUA
 - Tools for implementation of the New Urban Agenda



Localization of SDGs, NUA, and other Global Commitments

I. Priorities and Accomplishments

1. Adoption of the National Urban Policy (NUP) which incorporates CCA and DRRM in urban planning.
2. Creation of the Philippines Urban Agenda
3. Less casualties during typhoons. We learned from Yolanda (*Haiyan*)
4. Satellite imagery available in government websites

In Sorsogon City

1. Conducted vulnerability assessment
2. Forged partnerships on improving water quality and water delivery under the UNEP – Global Initiative for Resource Efficient Cities
3. Relocated ISFs to better settlement sites

Identified priorities

- **Lessen casualties, Operation Listo (Alert) Program**
- **Manage urbanization**
 - **Updating of land use plans (48/145 cities)**
 - **Mainstream CCA/DRRM in land use plans (23/48)**

II. What worked, did not work, and how it can be improved

Worked: MDGs were localized, SDGs too

Did not work: urban gender divide

How can it be improved: include urban divide
in the discussion of urban dimension of
climate change

Lingering issue: uncoordinated governance

How can it be improved: promote vertical
integration

III. Enabling Mechanisms to Support Localization

Successful mix of strategy to develop culturally appropriate solutions




iv. Support to implement NUA

- **Harness vertical integration**
 - ❖ Strict enforcement of planning standards and regulation
- **Improve local capacities**
 - ❖ Compact urban settlements
 - ❖ Build resilience
 - ❖ More robust database and informed actions


Highlights:

- I. The global level commitments on urbanization and human settlements are to be actualized at both national and local levels;



2. National and local **OWNERSHIP** will be key to the successful implementation of the NUA with the government in the lead, to create an enabling environment, while working together with


- ❑ civil society
- ❑ private sector
- ❑ local governments
- ❑ women
- ❑ youth; and
- ❑ other key stakeholders and citizens to localize global commitments including SDGs and NUA.

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3. The New Urban Agenda calls for a people – centered approach to Sustainable Urban Development;
 4. Implementation of NUA and other SDGs requires an enabling environment adequate resources and tools to facilitate implementation and monitoring by relevant actors;

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5. Multi – stakeholder partnerships should be encouraged at all levels.

Recommendations

1. Conduct of massive advocacy to the public re SDGs and NUA specifically to ensure people's understanding of these global transformative agenda
2. Allow LGEs to attend activities similar to the partners forum in Bangkok to enable them to connect with possible NGOs / groups or associations that could be tapped to help them with projects on NUA and other SDGs

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3. Hold convergence of multi stakeholders to engage them.
 4. Develop local roadmaps cum action plans re NUA implementation.
 5. Connect with UN agencies an UN – Habitat for any possible assistance.

Thank You

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