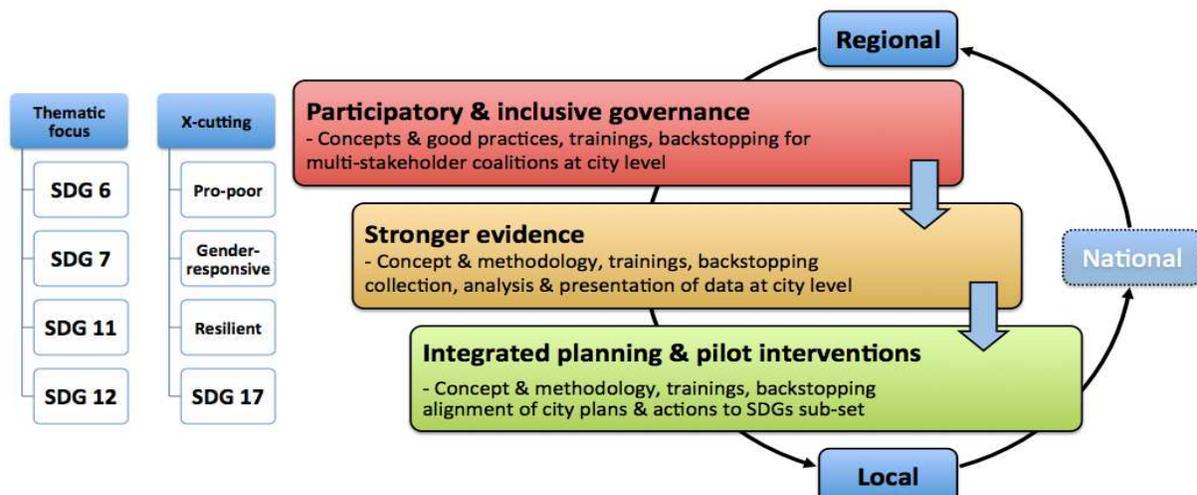




## Localising an SDG sub-set on sustainable urban resource management in cities of Asia-Pacific

### The project in a nutshell...

<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen the capacities of local governments and other key urban stakeholders to implement the 2030 Agenda in the area of urban resource management, in particular by supporting processes of:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Participatory and inclusive urban governance</b> through multi-stakeholder coalitions;</li> <li><b>Evidence-based decision-making</b>, implementation and review through harmonized and innovative data application; and</li> <li><b>Integrated analysis and planning</b> through application of systems-thinking approaches.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Project duration:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 2018 – June 2021 (3 years)</li> </ul>
<b>Implementing UN entities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (<b>UN ESCAP</b>)</li> <li>United Nations Human Settlements Programme (<b>UN-Habitat</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>Target countries and cities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing or least developed countries from Southeast Asia, South Asia or the Pacific</li> <li>Secondary cities and towns (or cities with population below 2 million)</li> </ul>
<b>Target institutions and groups:</b>	<p><i>Primary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City-level government representatives (from local administrations or national line ministries or agencies)</li> <li>Key urban stakeholders from civil society (NGOs, CBOs), academia and the business community</li> </ul> <p><i>Secondary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National-level SDG (and other relevant global agendas) focal points</li> <li>National Statistics Offices</li> <li>Local government training institutions</li> <li>Urban-related national level Ministries</li> </ul>
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## ***The Challenge***

Two-thirds of the world's urban population today lives in cities and towns of Asia and the Pacific, with urbanization continuing at an unprecedented pace, scale and complexity. This results in significant and unsustainable use of resources, environmental degradation, waste and pollution. This set of challenges is particularly problematic for poor and vulnerable populations with limited access to basic infrastructure and services as well as decent livelihoods, especially linked to eco-systems and natural resources.

## ***Our Approach***

Most of the 2030 Agenda's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have direct relevance for cities and their populations and contain targets that are related to local government responsibilities. The project, therefore, aims to assist cities to operationalize the 'what' and 'how' of localizing SDGs and aligning national priorities of implementing the 2030 Agenda and other international development frameworks at local level.

Given the significant challenge of making urban resource management more sustainable, the project will assist city governments and other key urban stakeholders in adapting their local development plans and in implementing linked activities in line with SDGs 6 (clean water and sanitation), 7 (affordable and clean energy), 11 (sustainable cities and communities), 12 (responsible consumption and production), and 17 (partnerships for the goals). The project, moreover, links in poverty, gender and resilience as key cross-cutting issues.

The project will be implemented at regional and local levels with activities being linked through continuous feedback and learning cycles. The project has three mutually reinforcing capacity-development streams aimed at strengthening **1)** participatory and inclusive urban governance through multi-stakeholder coalitions, **2)** evidence-based decision-making through SDG-aligned, innovative data application; and **3)** integrated analysis and planning through application of systems-thinking approaches.

At the **regional level**, the project will undertake research from which to derive conceptual frameworks and operational methods. It will develop training and advocacy materials and implement regional co-learning workshops linked to the three capacity development streams. At later stages, the project will disseminate methods and training tools and share lessons learned.

At the **local level**, the project will assist local governments with identifying members of the multi-stakeholder coalitions and with setting up a participatory process. It will assist with identifying baseline data and gaps, collecting key missing data and analyzing all in line with respective SDG subset targets and cross-cutting issues. It will help with aligning existing city plans and policies to the SDGs sub-set in a participatory and integrated manner and review and evaluate localization of the SDGs sub-set. Project results and learnings would then feed into a next urban planning cycle, during which the cities may explore other thematic SDGs subsets and further institutionalize multi-stakeholder coalitions and integrated approaches.

## ***Contact Details***

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**An open call for EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO BECOME A PILOT CITY under the project is open from 28 August to 23 September 2018. Application details will be available at the Urban SDG Knowledge Platform: <http://www.urbansdgplatform.org>**