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Dusun Semilir, an eco-park located in Semarang, Indonesia, is famous for its variety of photo spots. It has adapted to the New Normal by adjusting its guidelines.



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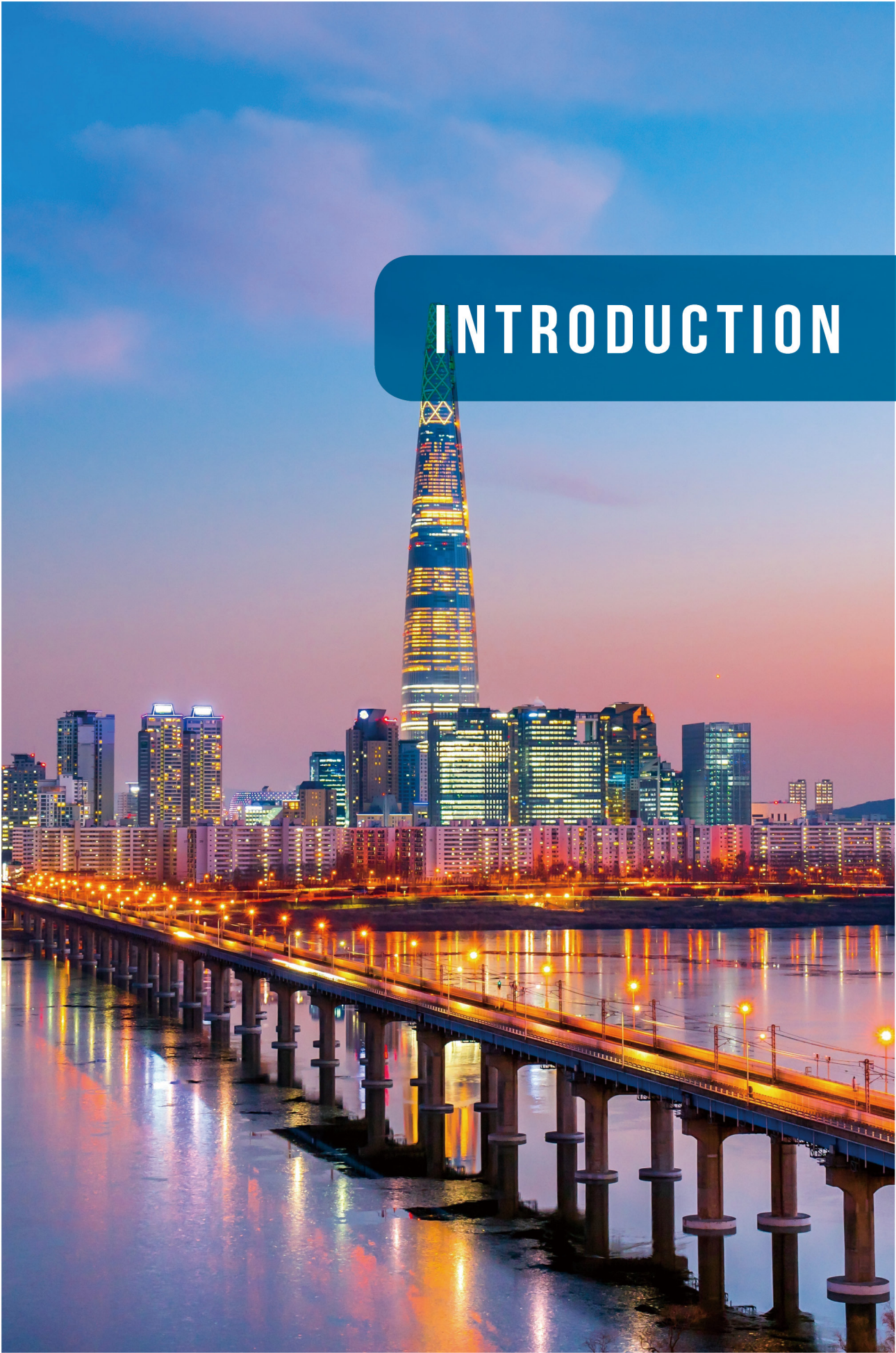
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# INTRODUCTION





## Message from the Secretary General



**Vijay Jagannathan**  
Secretary General

This year has distinguished itself as one of the most challenging due to the widespread, devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. To all our members and partners, my heart goes out to you for the difficulties you have faced over the past year.

It is with great pride that I would like to share how CityNet and its members have persevered and adapted in spite of the pandemic. One of the biggest global changes has certainly been the shift from offline to online, a change that was challenging for an organization that thrives on face-to-face interactions and networking. The pandemic also took a toll on financial and human resources, as well as physical and mental health of cities and communities. But together, we adapted both our methods and content to the context of the ongoing pandemic. This year, many of CityNet's events and activities were centred on the topic of recovery and resilience in the New Normal Era, to address the needs of our members who have been heavily affected by the pandemic.

CityNet member cities have demonstrated over the past year that cities are the most effective first responders to the pandemic. They are simultaneously the epicentres of and front-line responders against a challenge of unprecedented magnitude. If well managed, cities can demonstrate their strength, resilience, and innovation.<sup>1</sup> For example, effective prevention practices on the city-level, such as social distancing and contact tracing, have contributed greatly to the containment of the pandemic. The Secretariat provided a platform for CityNet member cities to share their experiences, through webinars, technical consultations, special publications, and more, encouraging city-to-city cooperation and mutual aid.

Despite the challenges we will continue to face in the upcoming year, CityNet is committed to continuing to share best practices and assisting with the implementation and localizations of these practices.

Finally, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Seoul Metropolitan Government and the City of Yokohama, the generous hosts of the CityNet Secretariat and the CityNet Yokohama Project Office. Most of all, my wholehearted appreciation goes out to all our members and partners, whose support and contributions have been invaluable to CityNet's growth as a network.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, "Policy Brief: COVID-19 in an Urban World," available at [https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/sg\\_policy\\_brief\\_covid\\_urban\\_world\\_july\\_2020.pdf](https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/sg_policy_brief_covid_urban_world_july_2020.pdf).

## Message from the CEO

The past year has been a long one, filled with challenges from all sides, with the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects, as well as natural disasters like floods, typhoons, and earthquakes. The Annual Report 2020 presents a snapshot of the activities CityNet has conducted, and this year's report captures enhanced city-to-city cooperation amidst an era of unprecedented challenges.

As the new CEO of CityNet, I am pleased to introduce to you, through this report, CityNet's exciting highlights from 2020. I believe this past year has demonstrated our flexibility and strength in adapting to match the needs of our members. It has also showcased the adaptability and resilience of our cities as they utilized their resources in innovative, new ways to address the novel challenge.

Despite the various challenges presented by the pandemic, our response, among others, to achieve the SDGs by 2030, remains a focus of CityNet members. CityNet developed two tools in 2020 to assist our members in realizing this goal. The first tool, the SDG Navigator, was created as a self-assessment tool so that cities can identify their strengths and weaknesses in SDGs implementation, allowing them to focus their resources more effectively. The second tool, the Toolkit on Localization of Urban Practices, was designed to help cities assess whether a best practice learned during one of our workshops could be successfully implemented in their own city. We hope that these tools will become staples that will allow CityNet members to effectively use and direct their resources for more successful implementation of the SDGs.

CityNet sees cities as solution providers and vehicles for change. CityNet members embodied this belief over the past year as they stepped up to help each other in times of need, shared their best practices, and adopted innovative, digital solutions to halt the spread of the pandemic on the local level. In the same way, CityNet believes that cities are the key to successfully achieving the 2030 Agenda. Through cities' mutual cooperation and knowledge sharing, the goal of sustainable urban development seems much more achievable.

I would like to extend our gratitude to Seoul Metropolitan Government, Kuala Lumpur City Hall, and the City Government of Makati, CityNet's President City and Vice-President Cities, for their unrelenting support and encouragement of knowledge sharing through CityNet's project of short, animated infographics on best practice case studies.

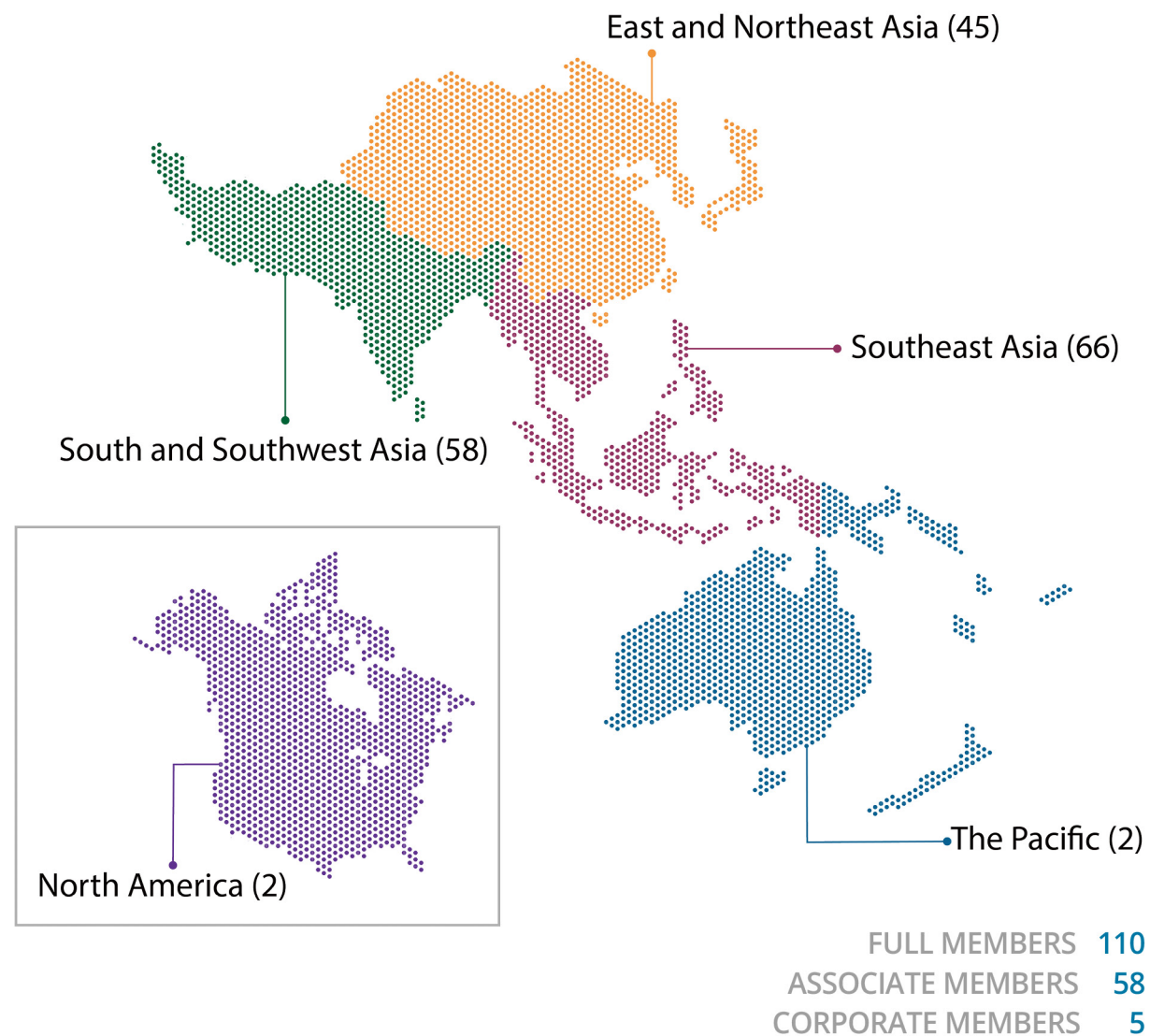


**Geunhyeong Yim**  
Chief Executive Officer



# About CityNet

## 173 MEMBERS



CityNet is the largest 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 173 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, rising infrastructure demands, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## Member Overview

### Full Members

### Associate Members



East & Northeast Asia

Busan · Erdenet · Guro-gu · Gwangjin-gu · Incheon · Jeju · Jongno-gu · Jungnang-gu · Kaohsiung · Matsuyama · Nanchang · Nanjing · Seodaemun-gu · Seongdong-gu · Seoul · Shanghai · Songpa-gu · Suwon · Taichung · Taipei · Taoyuan · Ulaanbaatar · Wuhan · Yokohama

Asian Bridge · Climate Campaign · Healthy City Network of Mongolia · IGES · ICDI · KDDI Foundation · MCUD · Plus Arts · Seoul Metro · SH Corporation · Seoul MC · SI · TUJ · WRI · YOKE · YCU



South & Southwest Asia

Barisal · Bharatpur · Bheemdatt · Biratnagar · Birgunj · Butwal · Colombo · Dehiwala-Mt. Lavinia · Dhaka North · Dhaka South · Dhangadhi · Dharan · Galle · Godawari · Hetauda · Islamabad (Capital Development Authority) · Kandy · Kathmandu · Khulna · Lalitpur · Mahalaxmi · Moratuwa · Mumbai · Narayanganj · Negombo · Nepalgunj · Pokhara · Rajshahi · Siddharthanagar · Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte · Sylhet · Tansen · Tehran · Thimphu

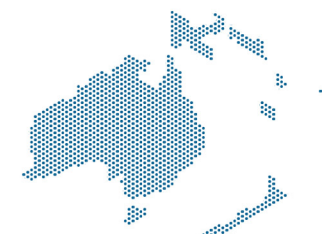
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Southeast Asia

Baguio · Balanga · Balikpapan · 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 Regency · Sorsogon · Subang Jaya · Sukabumi Municipality · Surabaya · Tam Ky · Tarakan · Tasikmalaya · Tuguegarao

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The Pacific

Full Members  
Suva

Associate Members  
Observatory PASCAL



North America

Associate Members  
CAPI UVic · ITDP

### Corporate Members



RMS CONSULTING





## Thematic Areas

As part of the network, CityNet members 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: HELP-O



### DISASTER

Lead: Yokohama  
Co-lead: Makati



### INFRASTRUCTURE

Lead: Seoul  
Co-Lead: Kuala Lumpur



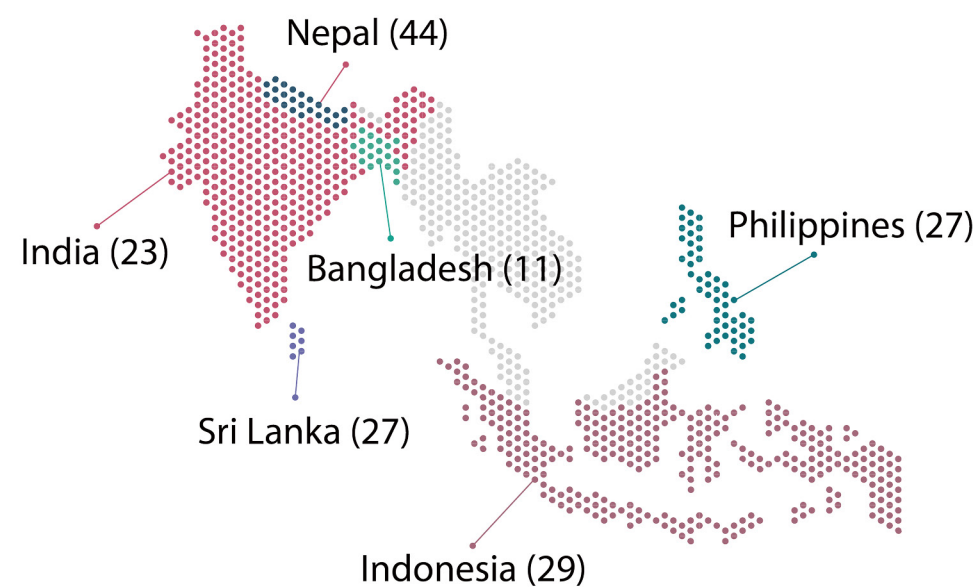
### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Lead: Barisal  
Co-Lead: AIILSG, CUS, HUDCO, LCP

## Regional Representation

National Chapters serve as CityNet's regional representation in countries, enhancing improved coordination among members to address salient issues for their own countries. National Chapters provide non-members with an opportunity to experience CityNet's services even if they may not qualify for full CityNet membership.

Currently, CityNet has six National Chapters.



## HIGHLIGHTS



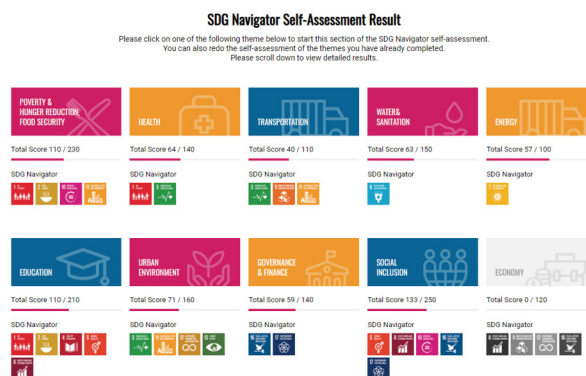


# Urban SDG Knowledge Platform



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 300 cases, the Platform allows cities to share implementation strategies, challenges, and key success factors to replicate effective, innovative initiatives in a local context.



## Toolkit for Localization of Urban Practices

The biggest challenge for cities pursuing sustainable development is the implementation of best practices into their cities. The Toolkit on Localization of Urban Practices is a pre-feasibility screening tool that aims to assess if best practices and projects from one city can be localized and implemented 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 adapted and localized, considering their specific context.

## SDG Navigator

The SDG Navigator is a self-assessment tool, created to help cities evaluate their current performance in the implementation of SDGs, based on official United Nations SDG targets. Additionally, the SDG Navigator will suggest best practices from the Urban SDG Knowledge Platform that will help cities address their challenges in SDG implementation.

### THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL LOCALIZATION OF URBAN BEST PRACTICES, PROJECTS, POLICIES, AND CASE STUDIES



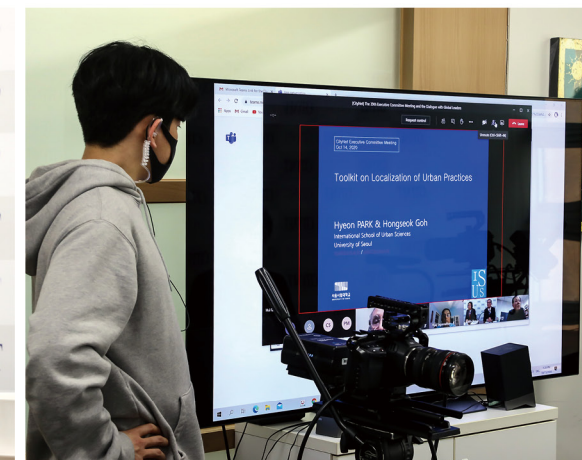
# 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Committee



The 39<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting was held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The President, President Emeritus, two Vice-Presidents, and nine members of the Executive Committee gathered for the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Committee Meeting.

This year, the Executive Committee approved two full members, four associate members, and two corporate members as new additions to CityNet.

During the Executive Committee Meeting, presenters from the University of Seoul and Yonsei University presented on two tools CityNet has been developing over the past year – the Toolkit on Localization of Urban Practices and the SDG Navigator. Both are designed to help CityNet members assess best practices and address weaknesses and obstacles in localizing practices for the implementation of the SDGs.



The 39<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting was preceded by the international seminar, the Dialogue with Global Leaders. Over the past year, one of the major concerns for member cities has been the pandemic. With speakers from Think City, Centre for Liveable Cities, the City of Suwon, and Makati City, the Dialogue focused on helping to build a frame of urban sustainability in the new post-pandemic order by convening urban leaders and partners to share ideas, discuss experiences, and develop concrete ideas on the next steps to take.





# New Members of 2020

CityNet is excited to welcome to the family eight new members. Out of the eight new members approved at the 39<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee, CityNet is welcoming two full members, four associate members, and two corporate members, all from the region of East & Northeast Asia.



## Jongno-gu

East & Northeast Asia | Full Member

Located in the centre of Seoul, Jongno District is well known for its rich history and culture dating back to the Joseon dynasty. With the goal to become a people-centred master class city, Jongno-gu is actively focusing on social welfare, cultural tourism, and the development of Jongno into an eco-friendly district.



## Matsuyama City

East & Northeast Asia | Full Member

Matsuyama is the capital of Ehime Prefecture: a city of scenic beauty that is home to Dogo Onsen, one of Japan's oldest hot springs, and Matsuyama Castle, one of the only 12 remaining unaltered castle towers in Japan. Matsuyama is the first Japanese city to join CityNet since Yokohama in 1987.



## Seoul Housing and Communities Corporation

East & Northeast Asia | Associate Member

SH Corporation contributes towards the stabilization of residential conditions and improvement of public welfare by supplying rental housing and housing for sale. SH provides a total solution for urban development consulting services.



## Seoul Medical Center

East & Northeast Asia | Associate Member

Seoul Medical Center is a pioneer in public health, playing a role in providing medical services for low-income groups and citizens with the idea of medical services being available for anyone – anytime, anywhere they need it.



## The Seoul Institute

East & Northeast Asia | Associate Member

The Seoul Institute is a comprehensive research institute focused on urban policies. It conducts a wide range of surveys and studies on a variety of urban concerns, with an aim to plan Seoul's future with a medium-to-long-term vision.



## The Healthy City Network of Mongolia

East & Northeast Asia | Associate Member

The Healthy City Network of Mongolia is a non-profit organization focused on promoting a health-friendly environment for city dwellers in Mongolia. Composed of 18 member cities, it builds the capacity of health-promoting cities, expanding cities' frameworks of health topics and increasing the number of health-friendly cities.



## Seoul Business Agency

East & Northeast Asia | Corporate Member

Seoul Business Agency is a business support institution for SMEs (Small and Medium-sized Enterprises) in Seoul. It was established to promote and develop industries and to provide comprehensive and systematic support to SMEs located in Seoul.



## Seoul Tourism Organization

East & Northeast Asia | Corporate Member

Seoul Tourism Organization provides various tourism products and services to attract more international visitors to Seoul as a global tourist city. It serves as a platform to encourage effective communication for tourism industries.





## Response to COVID-19

### Consultation Series on Rapid Responses for COVID-19

When the COVID-19 pandemic broke out, the severity and speed with which it spread caught the world by surprise. In order to keep our members informed, CityNet hosted a four-part webinar series to cover different aspects on responding to COVID-19.

The first webinar focused on the status of cities across Asia, highlighting their difficulties and sharing measures that were taken to reduce the effect of the pandemic. In particular, the trust between the government and its citizens was highlighted as important when dealing with the impact of the virus. Clear communication of guidelines, data, and details from the government boosted the trust of the citizens.

The second part of the series was an interview with Seoul Metropolitan Government, discussing the responses

they have taken towards COVID-19. Six main responses were highlighted: (1) epidemiological survey using ICT; (2) monitoring self-quarantined patients using AI; (3) social distancing campaign; (4) Emergency Relief Fund; (5) support measures for vulnerable groups; and (6) the Cities Against COVID-19 (CAC) website.

The third session focused on sharing best practices of implementing Business Continuity Plans (BCP) in different contexts, addressing health, social, economic, and political aspects and issues of the pandemic crisis.

Finally, the fourth instalment considered the different effects of lockdowns and the factors that contributed to these outcomes. Recommendations for post-COVID policy and decision making were drawn from these experiences.

## Impact Assessment



The Impact Assessment presents the disaster management and resilience of CityNet members, especially in coping with COVID-19. 2020 was particularly challenging due to the unexpected pandemic. It limited our members' opportunities to convene in person and discuss sustainable urbanization. However, it also strengthened solidarity and cooperation through mutual support. CityNet Secretariat conducted a survey and interviews with members to better assess how COVID-19 affected them and how cities increased their resilience to the pandemic. This report includes 16 survey results and 5 interviews with CityNet members conducted throughout October and November 2020.



## Mask Donations

CityNet members supported each other during critical times of outbreak by addressing mask shortage. Both Colombo Municipal Council and Lalitpur Metropolitan City expressed a need for additional masks. In response, both Taipei City Government and Seoul Metropolitan Government stepped up to provide aid. Seoul Metropolitan Government donated 18,000 KF94 face masks to Colombo, and Taipei City Government donated 18,000 face masks each to Colombo and Lalitpur, for a total of 36,000 masks.

## Local Responses and Measures to COVID-19



As an outreach effort to help members facing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, CityNet released a special publication highlighting successful and effective responses to COVID-19 from CityNet members. The responses covered broad aspects of local governance and city administration, also providing insights and perspectives from local authorities in the Asia-Pacific on the prospects for different post-COVID scenarios for sustainable urban development both at the policy and implementation levels.





# Climate Leadership Programme



The Climate Leadership Programme is CityNet's annual peer-based learning series, designed to increase the capacities of climate change practitioners in the Asia-Pacific and enable them to take a leading role in combating climate change. This annual programme is a **capacity-building programme**, designed for members of the Climate Change cluster.

The fourth Climate Leadership Programme was held in September 2020 online, and gathered more than 100 international participants to hear from international and local experts and authorities who shared about current challenges and solutions to issues stemming from climate change.

Key takeaways for participants included the following:

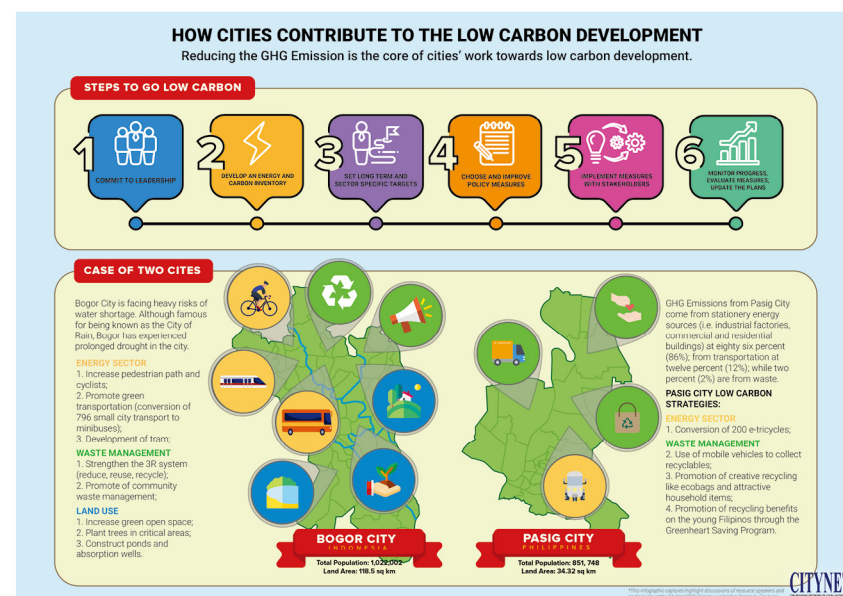
The acceleration of digital transition in economies and the subsequent shift in leadership view

How carbon finance contributes to the Paris Agreement

How cities contribute to low carbon development

How city-to-city cooperation can help improve climate action

To enhance members' understanding, CityNet also created infographics that provided a snapshot of the key highlights from the three-part webinar series.



# Urban Resilience Practices

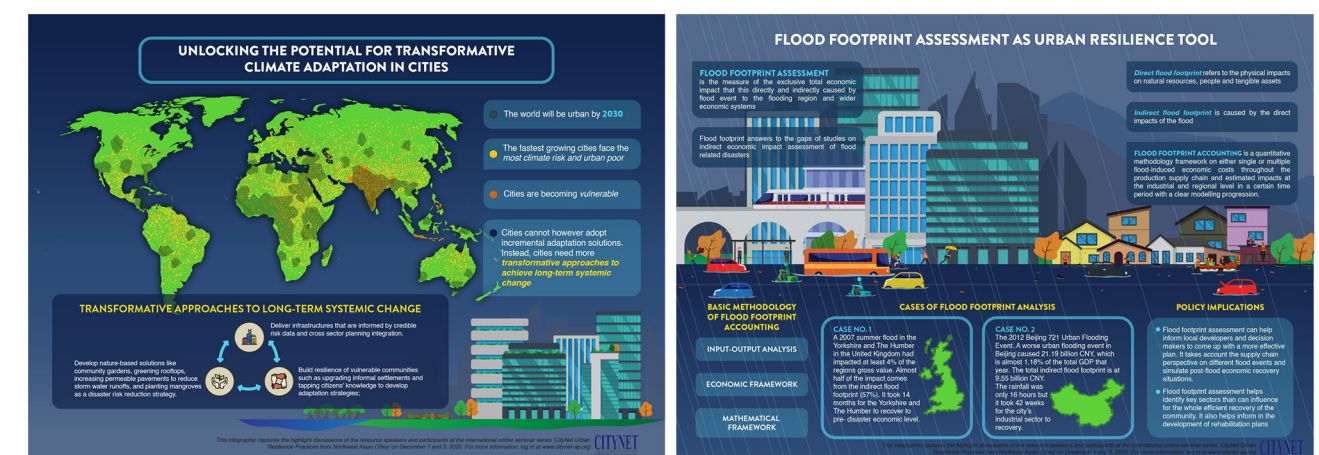
The effects of climate change are causing unprecedented floods, typhoons, and other disasters, and cities in the Asia-Pacific are disproportionately affected due to high population density. In order to help member cities who are struggling with disasters, whether environmental or biological, CityNet held a **capacity-building lecture series**, "Urban Resilience Practices from Northeast Asian Cities" in December 2020.

The Urban Resilience Practices series showcased successful local urban resilience programmes on cross-cutting themes, such as disaster preparedness, emergency management, and long-term post-disaster recovery from city peers and experts from Northeast Asia.

The three sessions featured presentations from local experts and government officials from cities and organizations across Northeast Asia on city experiences and conducted research for city-level effects.



## HIGHLIGHTS



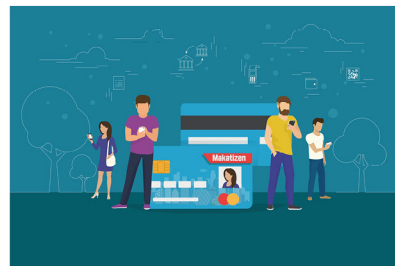


# Animated Videos

To capture snapshots of some of the best practices conducted by CityNet members, the Secretariat created a series of bite-sized animated videos. These videos, no more than 2 minutes and 30 seconds in length, presented a quick run-through of best practices by member cities on five different themes: transportation, urban planning, housing, smart cities, and the pandemic.



Transportation



Smart City



Urban Planning

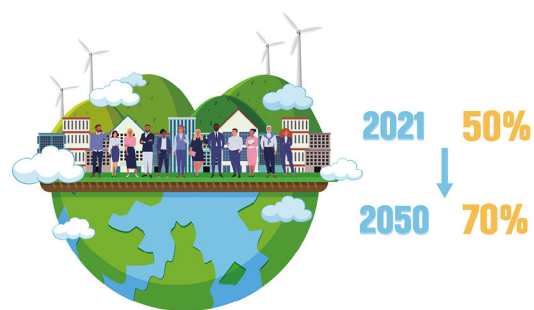


Pandemic



Housing

CityNet Secretariat also created a new promotional video looking back at the four-year of CityNet's achievements with efforts from CityNet Executive Committee members, National Chapters, and Clusters among many others.



## PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES





# January - August



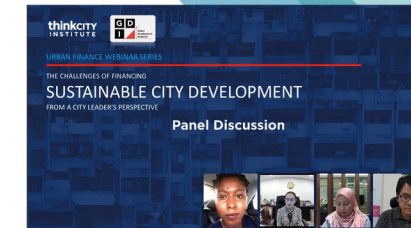
## Research Visit to Barcelona

CityNet Secretariat visited Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona as part of a joint research project with EU-Korea Climate Action. As a follow-up, the Secretariat published a report in both English and Korean.



## CityMaking and Pandemic: A Response for a Post COVID-19 World

During this webinar organized by CityNet's partner, ThinkCity Institute, the Secretariat delivered a presentation titled "Opportunities & Threats to Local SDGs Implementation." Throughout the presentation, CityNet introduced the current status of the epidemic in the Republic of Korea, the Urban SDG Knowledge Platform, and foreseeable opportunities and threats for local SDG Implementation.



## Challenges of Financing: Sustainable City Development from City Leaders' Perspectives

CityNet with Think City, one of CityNet's associate members, co-organized the second of a series of urban finance webinars. The webinar discussed the different challenges and opportunities for financing city development and urban resilience. CityNet city members, Subang Jaya and Santa Rosa, shared their current COVID-19 situation, local responses, and financing insights on their road to recovery from the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic.

January

February

April

June

July

August



## World Urban Forum-10

"Smart and Inclusive Cities," a session facilitated by CityNet, provided an opportunity for dialogue among experts about the challenges and policy pathways within identified priorities and approaches to realize a sustainable urban future in Asia and the Pacific.



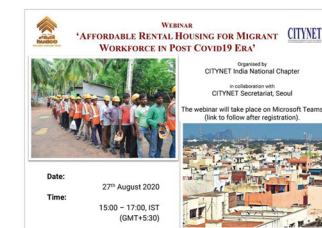
## Together We Stand: Cities Against COVID-19

The "CAC (Cities Against COVID-19) Global Summit", hosted by Seoul Metropolitan Government, was the world's first online global conference to discuss measures against COVID-19 from the perspective of cities. Mayors and leaders of CityNet member cities participated and shared their best practices and comments on pandemic management.



## Sharing Experiences and Lessons Learned from COVID-19

CityNet Nepal National Chapter shared experiences and lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. The webinar brought National Chapter members and potential members together to share ideas and experiences on responding to the global pandemic in their own geographical regions.



## Affordable Rental Housing for Migrant Workers in Post COVID-19 Era

CityNet co-organized a webinar with HUDCO-HSML, host of CityNet National Chapter India, on learning the state of rental housing in India. In his closing remarks, CityNet Secretary General Vijay Jagannathan emphasized on the need to put housing at the core of sustainable urbanization.



# September - December



## The Cooler Earth Summit

At this webinar organized by Think City, an associate member, CityNet Secretary General, Vijay Jagannathan, delivered a speech that highlighted the key points of a resilient city, lessons learned from COVID-19 in regards to resilience, the disproportionate impact on lower-income neighbourhoods, and the potential for post-pandemic planning.



## Transforming Cities Post COVID-19 Pandemic: Smart Cities, Mobility, and Transportation

CityNet co-organized with Local Government Academy a session on smart city development in post pandemic situation. The webinar sought to support Philippine local governments in making informed decisions in building back their communities better for a resilient post COVID-19 urban future. CityNet members Seoul, Taipei, and Cauayan showcased different smart city application on improving governance.



## Disaster Cluster Seminar

The annual CityNet Disaster Cluster Seminar focused on COVID-19 and its impacts on dealing with DRR. Discussing best practices and innovations on COVID-19 response and management, emerging challenges and more resilient structures, and planning DRR within the New Normal. The seminar this year engaged around 80 participants per session and featured presentations from various experts.



## Seoul & Kuala Lumpur City-to-City Technical Consultation

CityNet Secretariat facilitated a technical session between Seoul Metropolitan Government and Kuala Lumpur City Hall on improving local bicycle lanes and walkways. The activity formed part a series exchanges with the aim of improving Kuala Lumpur's cycling and pedestrian infrastructures.

September

November

October

December



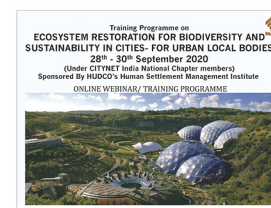
## Rethinking Cities: Urbanization and Technology

Co-organized with INHAF Habitat Forum, this webinar focused on the role of technology in addressing urbanization challenges. CityNet Secretary General Vijay Jagannathan moderated the panel of global experts. Professor Hyeon Park, Dean of the School for International Affairs at the University of Seoul, presented Seoul's successful integration of technology in improving governance.



## Sustainable City Forum 2020

The Sustainable City Forum is one of the major annual events of the Smart City Summit & Expo (SCSE). The organizers, ICDI and Taoyuan, who are both CityNet members, brought together smart solutions in renewable energy, energy efficiency, green finance, circular economy, and eco-mobility via this platform. Secretary General Vijay Jagannathan contributed to the opening remarks of the forum.



## Ecosystem Restoration for Biodiversity and Sustainability in Cities

CityNet mobilized international participants for the three-day training programme on Ecosystem Restoration for Biodiversity and Sustainability in Cities for Local Urban Bodies. The programme highlighted the growing concern on the loss of biodiversity and the need to put forward biodiversity conservation management amid the shifting urban landscape.



## Interview with The Leader

Geun Hyeong Yim, the CEO of CityNet, interviewed with The Leader, a monthly magazine aiming to help create a clean political environment. During the interview, Mr. Yim emphasized the role of CityNet in responding to COVID-19, as a city-to-city network with a long history in the Asia-Pacific region. CityNet has been putting effort into promoting best practices and urban solutions through online lectures, publications, and mailing in order to reach and accommodate member cities.



## Publication Packages

As part of its outreach efforts to its members, the Secretariat conducted two rounds of mailing publications throughout the year 2020, in July and December. The packages sent directly to CityNet members included recent publications on topics covering, among others, COVID-19 city responses and best practices, energy efficient buildings, local SDG implementation case study. Through these publications, the Secretariat is continuing the capacity building of its members despite the restrictions imposed by the pandemic.

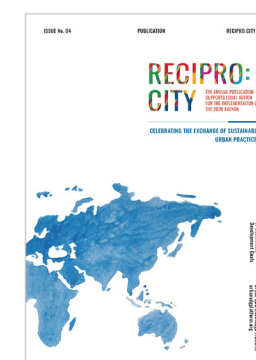


# PUBLICATIONS



## 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/>.



## RECIPRO:CITY

The Urban SDG Knowledge Platform's annual publication, RECIPRO:CITY is designed to support all readers in sharing best practices on urban policies and to introduce ongoing online and offline events. Over the three years since its inception, RECIPRO:CITY has covered three major topics: achievement of SDGs, transportation policy, and smart city development. The most recent issue of RECIPRO:CITY focused on smart city implementation in various member cities.



## Special Publication on COVID-19

As a response to the COVID-19 pandemic that had a wide effect globally, CityNet released a special publication highlighting successful and effective responses to COVID-19 from CityNet members. The responses covered broad aspects of local governance and city administration, also providing insights and perspectives from local authorities in the Asia-Pacific on the prospects for different post-COVID scenarios for sustainable urban development both at the policy and implementation levels.



## Joint Research Project: Barcelona Metropolitan Area's Policy Framework & Best Practices for Energy-Efficient Buildings

A follow-up to the study visit conducted by CityNet Secretariat in January 2020, this report consists of background research into current building energy efficiency practices of Korea and Spain from the national down to the metropolitan level, as well as documentation of various energy-efficient case studies in the metropolitan area of Barcelona via study visit. The report aims to not only show the differences in policy frameworks between AMB and Seoul but also provide tangible examples of energy-efficient case studies in the metropolitan area of Barcelona.







### Impact Assessment

The Impact Assessment presents the disaster management and resilience of CityNet members, especially in coping with COVID-19. 2020 was particularly challenging due to the unexpected pandemic. It limited our members' opportunities to convene in person and discuss sustainable urbanization. However, it also strengthened solidarity and cooperation through mutual support. This report presents the results of the surveys and interviews the Secretariat conducted with members on the effects of COVID-19 and urban resilience.



### 2019 Annual Report

CityNet publishes a report annually that covers the key events, programmes, and projects implemented by the Secretariat throughout the previous year. The 2019 Annual Report captures capacity building events, workshops, training programmes, and other projects and events that CityNet participated in during 2019. Annual reports are available <https://citynet-ap.org/publications/annual-report/>.



### CityNet Leaflet

CityNet updated its leaflets to better promote CityNet as an organization and promote its events. The leaflet is available in three languages: English, Korean, and Chinese. It can be found on the website, at <https://citynet-ap.org/publications/report/>.



## 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
<b>Full Members</b> Local authorities in the Asia-Pacific region, with a minimum of 100,000 in its borders	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 <a href="mailto:info@citynet-ap.org">info@citynet-ap.org</a> , or visit our website at <a href="http://www.citynet-ap.org">www.citynet-ap.org</a> .
<b>Associate Members</b> Local authorities outside of the Asia-Pacific region, national-level organizations, development authorities, research/training/academic institutions, and non-governmental organizations	
<b>Corporate Members</b> Private corporations	



Ecodome located in Kebun Raya Bogor (Bogor Botanical Gardens) in Bogor, Indonesia. Founded in 1817, Kebun Raya Bogor is a major research centre for agriculture and horticulture and is the oldest botanical garden in Southeast Asia.



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