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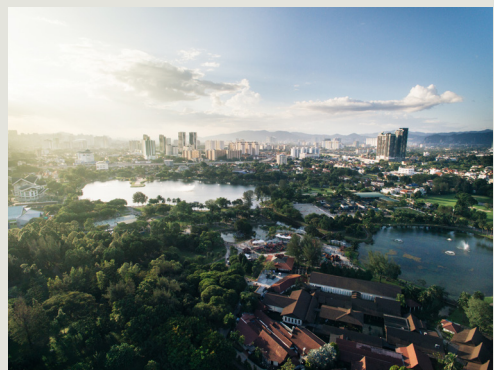
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COVER STORY

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A view of Titiwangsa Lake Garden, which recently underwent rejuvenation. It was showcased to CityNet members during the 2022 Congress. With the aim of being a "park for all," the park has been equipped, tested, and certified to accommodate disadvantaged groups such as the elderly, parents with pushchairs, and people with disabilities.

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INTRODUCTION

"Filinvest City" Alabang | Muntinlupa

FOREWORD FROM THE PRESIDENT CITY



Se-hoon Oh
Mayor of Seoul
President City

Dear CityNet members,

Sincere greetings from the Seoul Metropolitan Government, the President City of CityNet.

It brings me great pleasure to present to you the highlights of 2023. I extend heartfelt gratitude to you for your unwavering support and dedication to CityNet over the past year.

CityNet is an association of urban stakeholders dedicated to fostering sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region. Since its inception in 1987, CityNet has served as a beacon of collaboration among cities, recognising them as pivotal players in addressing urban issues. Committed to developing inclusive, community-oriented, environmentally sustainable, culturally vibrant, and globally connected cities, CityNet has spearheaded numerous notable projects.

This past year marked a triumphant milestone for CityNet as we successfully convened the 43rd CityNet Executive Committee Meeting in conjunction with the 8th Asia Pacific Urban Forum (APUF-8). CityNet's leadership and esteemed global partners came together to chart the path forward for our organisation and strengthen unity among members. Amidst this bustling atmosphere, we celebrated 36 years of partnership between CityNet and UNESCAP, culminating in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding to renew collaboration and reaffirm our shared vision for a sustainable future.

To highlight the contribution of our members in addressing common challenges and distributing urban solutions, CityNet held the 2nd SDG Awards Ceremony, an event of the Urban SDG Knowledge Platform, at the APUF-8 closing session with a grander scale. For the continuous success of the Urban SDG Knowledge Platform that was co-founded by Seoul Metropolitan Government, CityNet and UNESCAP, the 3rd SDG Awards Ceremony will be organized by Seoul and CityNet together in Iloilo City, Philippines during the 44th Executive Committee Meeting.

Seoul launched the "Going Together with the Socially Neglected" initiative as a top priority in overall policies to address inequality, polarisation, and emerging psychosocial risks, with a focus on prioritising the vulnerable at risks. As inequalities across various social areas such as health, education, and housing are arising as aggravating issues in many cities globally, Seoul will relentlessly strive to foster collaboration and solidarity among member cities and organisations to tackle these challenges together with CityNet.

With noteworthy outcomes achieved in 2023, we now step forward to make great impacts for advancing sustainable solutions and drive for building resilience as a network. With a great pride and a strong responsibility as a president city of the network with over 160 members of urban stakeholders, Seoul commits to advocate the prosperous growth of the organisation onwards.

FOREWORD FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL



Vijay Jagannathan
Secretary General
CityNet

To our beloved CityNet members,

It is with great enthusiasm that I introduce the CityNet Annual Report, documenting our collective efforts and achievements over the past year. As we reflect on our journey, I am reminded of the remarkable progress we have made together in advancing urban development and sustainability across the region.

At the 43rd CityNet Executive Committee Meeting held in Suwon City, we welcomed new members from the Asia Pacific region as well as new partners from Europe, which brought us widened perspectives and diverse experiences. With newly joined forces, we are poised to foster even greater innovation, knowledge exchange, and cooperation in developing sustainable urban solutions. Furthermore, CityNet strengthened its pillar partnership by signing an agreement with Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (RAJUK), a new National Chapter of Bangladesh, with the ambition to expand the network further in South Asia and promote active engagement from the region.

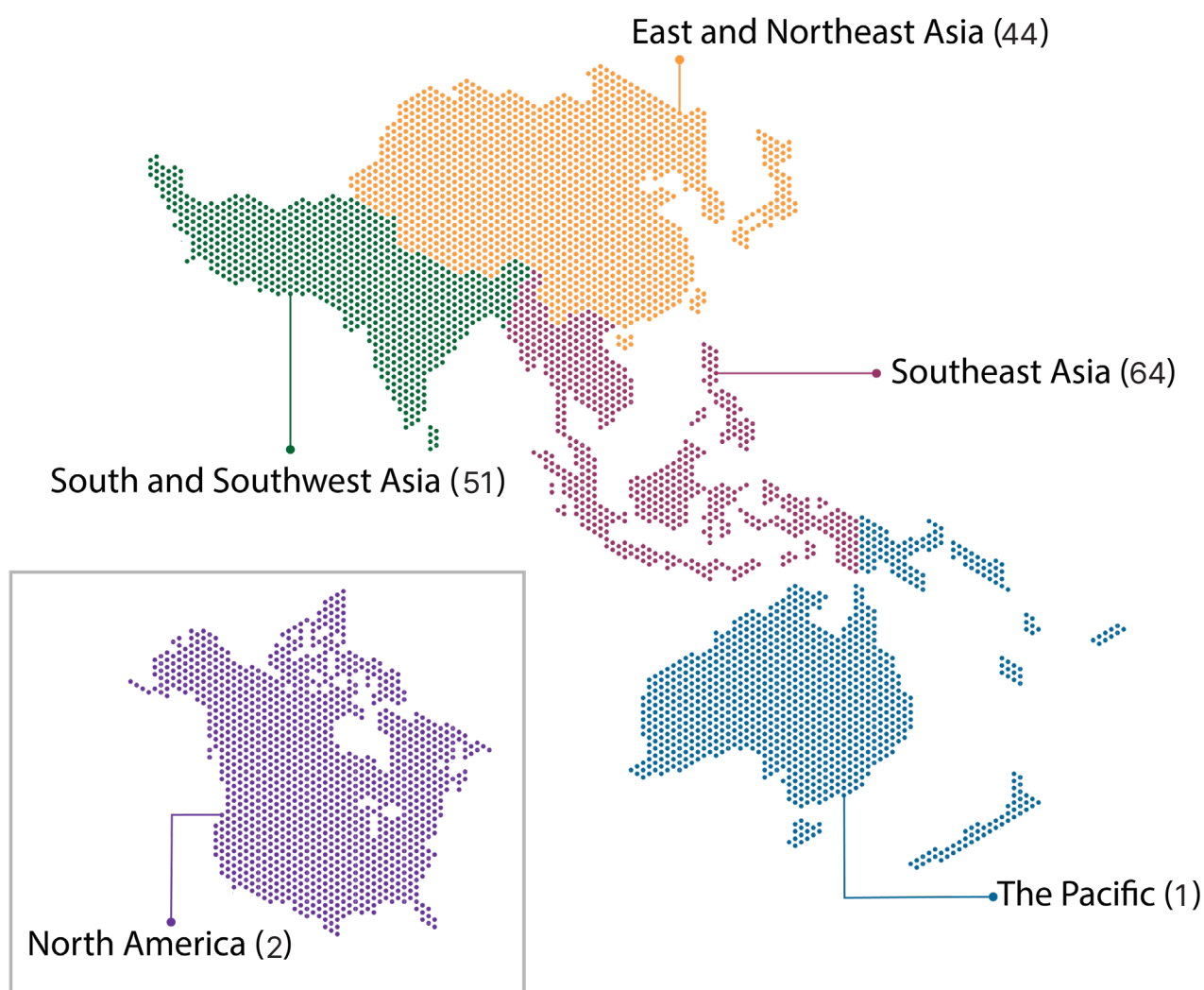
The topic of Low Carbon and Waste Management was one of the most highlighted topics at the last Executive Committee Meeting as we witnessed aggravating waste management struggles across the globe throughout the past year. To shed light on this issue and support members under challenge, CityNet reinforced its commitment to increasing the capacity of local authorities in waste management systems and building a circular zero-waste future from the grassroots level. Taking account of my appointment to the

UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board of Eminent Persons on Zero Waste, we will further promote local zero-waste initiatives through the dissemination of good practices and success stories in collaboration with international partners.

The world generates 2 billion tonnes of municipal solid waste every year, and by 2050, municipal solid waste will double to 4 billion tonnes each year. Therewith, we are standing at a critical tipping point where collective measures need to be implemented. As the largest association of local authorities in the Asia Pacific region, we are responsible for paving the way to a circular society that calls for active collaboration on a global scale. By working together as a network, we can accelerate the municipal capacity in waste management and achieve a zero-waste future.

I would like to express our deepest appreciation to the Seoul Metropolitan Government, the president city of CityNet, and to Suwon Special City, our host for the 43rd CityNet Executive Committee Meeting. Above all, I would like to extend sincere gratitude to our distinguished members and partners who have shown continuous support and commitment to our network.

ABOUT CITYNET








162 MEMBERS

106 FULL MEMBERS | 53 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS | 3 CORPORATE MEMBERS

CityNet is an 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 over 160 municipalities, NGOs, research centres, and private companies.

We connect actors, exchange knowledge, and build commitment to establish more sustainable and resilient cities. We support our members in addressing climate change, disasters, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through capacity building, city-to-city cooperation, and implementing tangible projects.

MEMBER OVERVIEW

	Full Members	Associate Members
 <p>East & Northeast Asia</p>	Busan · Dobong-gu · Dongdaemun-gu · Guro-gu · Gwangjin-gu · Incheon · Jeju · Jongno-gu · Jungnang-gu · Kaohsiung · Matsuyama · Nanchang · Nanjing · Seodaemun-gu · Seoul · Shanghai · Songpa-gu · Suwon · Taichung · Taipei · Taoyuan · Wuhan · Yokohama	Archicity · Climate Campaign · Healthy City Network of Mongolia · ICDI · ISUS UOS · KDDI Foundation · Plus Arts · SDF · Seoul Metro · SH Corporation · Seoul MC · SI · SIT · SNU · TUJ · WRI China · YOKE · YCU
 <p>South & Southwest Asia</p>	Barisal · Bharatpur · Bheemdatta · Biratnagar · Birgunj · Butwal · CDA (Islamabad) · Colombo · Dehiwala – Mt. Lavinia · Dhaka North · Dhangadhi · Dharan · Galle · Godawari · Hetauda · Kandy · Kathmandu · Khulna · Lalitpur · Moratuwa · Narayanganj · Negombo · Nepalgunj · Pokhara · Rajshahi · Siddharthanagar · Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte · Sylhet · Tansen · Tilottama	Ahmedabad Study Action Group · AILSG · CUS · DEPO · Galle Development Foundation · SEVANATHA · HUDCO · HELP · O · INSEC · Lekhnath Water Supply · Lumanti · Mumbai First · MAB · MSSS · NSET · NAST · PIEDAR · RAJUK · TDF · Unification Nepal · YUVA
 <p>Southeast Asia</p>	Baguio · Balanga · Balangan · 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 · Roxas · San Fernando · San Juan · Santa Rosa · Seberang Perai · Semarang · Sidoarjo · Sorsogon · Subang Jaya · Sukabumi · Surabaya · Tacurong · Tam Ky · Tasikmalaya · Tuguegarao	AMC · ACHR · ACVN · Freedom to Build · Gerakan Ciliwung Bersih · JBLFMU · LCP · LGA · MUKA · NMT · Think City · URDI
 <p>The Pacific</p>	<p>Full Members</p> Suva City Council	 <p>Associate Members</p> Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives · University of Victoria · Institute for Transportation & Development Policy

Corporate Members

THEMATIC AREAS

As part of the network, CityNet members can 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-LEADS: Quezon, ASAG, HELP-O, ICDI



DISASTER

LEAD: Makati

CO-LEADS: Colombo, Matsuyama, Quezon, Taoyuan, ASAG, NSET, Plus Arts



SDGS

LEAD: Kuala Lumpur, Seoul, Yokohama

CO-LEADS: AIILSG, HELP-O

NATIONAL CHAPTERS

National Chapters serve as CityNet's regional representatives in various countries. They enable members to address salient local issues with a deep understanding of their unique contexts, fostering enhanced coordination within each country. National Chapters also offer non-members a chance to access CityNet's services, even if they do not meet the criteria for full membership. Presently, CityNet operates six National Chapters.



BANGLADESH



INDIA



INDONESIA



NEPAL



PHILIPPINES



SRI LANKA



HIGHLIGHTS

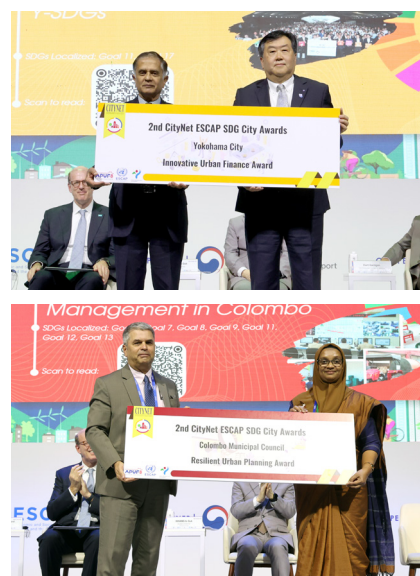
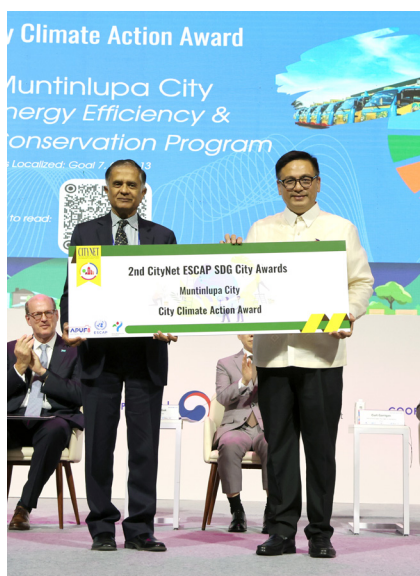
8TH ASIA PACIFIC URBAN FORUM


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2ND CITYNET-ESCAP SDG CITY AWARDS

The Urban SDG Knowledge Platform has showcased successful urban initiatives, projects, and case studies from diverse cities around the world. In order to acknowledge the commitment of members who have dedicated enlightening cases, the Secretariat organizes an annual awards programme to honour the relentless pursuit of progress toward the SDGs.

The 2nd CityNet-ESCAP SDG City Awards Ceremony took place during the closing session at the 8th Asia Pacific Urban Forum (APUF-8) in Suwon, Republic of Korea, on October 25, 2023. Last year, the Awards Committee selected four principal categories based on some of the most urgent and salient trends in sustainable urban development: Resilient Urban and Territorial Planning, City Climate Action, Inclusive Urban Digital Transformation, and Innovative Urban Finance. Among all cases submitted, five cities (Suwon, Colombo, Muntinlupa, Songpa-gu, Yokohama) were crowned as the top winners after a period of voting by the judges. The judge panel in 2023 consisted of urban experts from CityNet, UNESCAP, and Habitat for Humanity International.

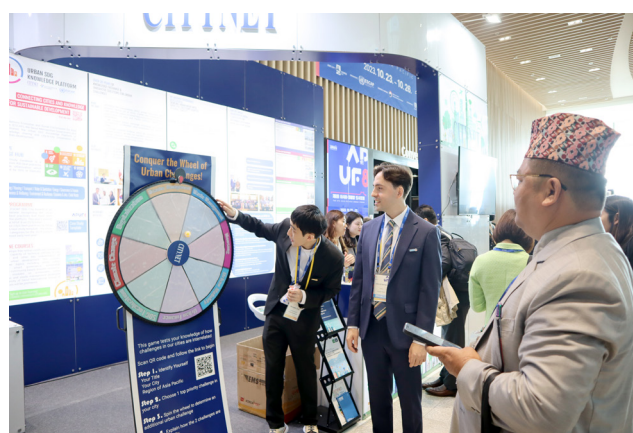



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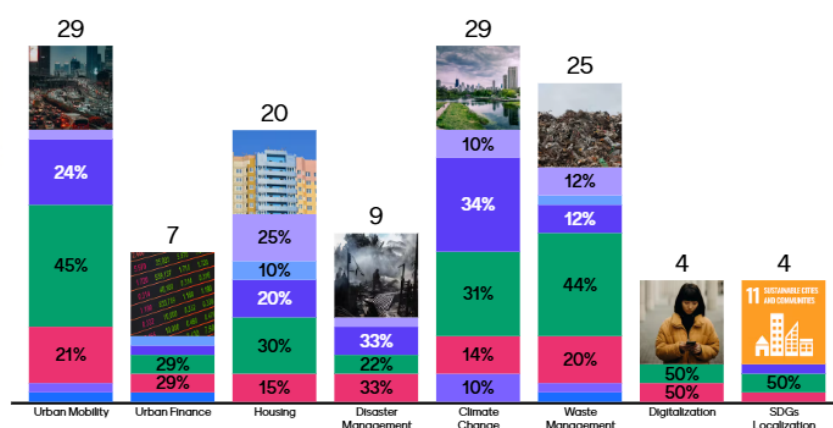
CITYNET BOOTH AT APUF-8

CityNet Secretariat organized a promotional booth at the 8th Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (APUF-8) in Suwon Convention Center as a centralised communication hub on urban challenges and innovative approaches to city-to-city cooperation and capacity building.

At the booth, the engagement activity “Wheel of Urban Challenges” was conducted to encourage the active participation of attendees and raise awareness of the organisation’s mission, goals, and achievements. The interactive activity utilized smart polling software and a spinning roulette wheel to encourage participants to select the top priority challenge in their city among 8 pressing issues: *Climate Change, Digitalization, Disaster Management, Waste Management, Housing, Urban Mobility, Urban Finance, and SDGs Localization*.



Choose 1 Top Priority Challenge in your City



Which Region of the Asia Pacific are you from?

- West Asia
- Central Asia
- South Asia
- Southeast Asia
- East Asia
- Pacific / Oceania
- Outside of Asia

The interactive activity challenged participants to think about how various problems facing their cities were interconnected and how innovative policy ideas could remedy these issues while making cities more inclusive and resilient. The responses from over 120 participants across seven different regions—West Asia, Central Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia, Pacific/Oceania, and Outside of Asia—revealed Urban Mobility and Climate Change as the most pressing urban challenges, with Waste Management following closely behind.

43RD CITYNET EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



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On 23 October 2023, the CityNet Secretariat successfully convened the 43rd Executive Committee Meeting in Suwon, South Korea. The meeting was attended by the President, President Emeritus, First and Second Vice Presidents, Auditor, eight ExCom members, National Chapters, and representatives from members and partners. The ExCom meeting harmoniously coincided with the 8th Asia Pacific Urban Forum (APUF-8).

Amidst the notable developments, the meeting commemorated significant milestones, including the Ceremony for the Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between CityNet and UNESCAP. Additionally, the Terms of Reference Exchange Ceremony marked a significant transition in host duties for the CityNet National Chapter of Bangladesh, now under the Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha (RAJUK).

In addition to the legislative meeting that took place, CityNet further enriched the discourse by organising a Parallel Session on 'PPP Innovation on Digital Transformation for Vulnerable Sectors'. Secretary General Vijay Jagannathan attended as a speaker, contributing notably to the High-Level Plenary Panel on 'Urban Finance' and other crucial sessions. The multi-stakeholder forum emphasized the importance of regional cooperation and the vibrant exchange of ideas in propelling urban development initiatives.



SEOUL NIGHT AT 43RD CITYNET EXCOM

Seoul Night, a regularly held event hosted by the Seoul Metropolitan Government as the President of CityNet, took place on the last day of the 43rd Executive Committee Meeting. The Seoul Night event serves as a celebratory gathering for the members and partners who participated in the ExCom Meeting.

This year's Seoul Night was opened with a greetings message from Mr. Se-hoon Oh, the Mayor of Seoul, who congratulated on a successful meeting and showed appreciation to all members who have shown significant contributions to the growth of network. The event was attended by distinguished representatives from member cities and organisations including Mr. Eui Seung Kim, the Vice Mayor of Seoul Metropolitan Government who greeted all delegations in person and expressed enthusiasm in expanding partnerships with newly joined members onwards.





Chairman (Seoul)



Secretary General



Chief Executive Officer



Yokohama



Kuala Lumpur



Makati



Iloilo City



Incheon



ICDI

Line 1

Ambassador for International Relations, Hong-Seok Koo (Seoul) | Secretary General, Vijay Jagannathan (CityNet Secretariat) | Chief Executive Officer, Jeong-Kee Kim (CityNet Secretariat)

Line 2

Director General, Toru Hashimoto (Yokohama) | Executive Director, Ismadi Bin Sakirin (Kuala Lumpur) | Planning Officer of Makati, Joyce Bacud Sy (NC Philippine) & Division Head, Liza Velle Ramos (Makati)

Line 3

Mayor, Jerry Trefias (Iloilo) | Seohyun Park, Team Leader of the America & Europe Team, Foreign Affairs Dept. (Incheon) & Sojung Shin, Public Officer of the Foreign Affairs Dept. (Incheon) | Executive Director, Chao Kung-Yueh (ICDI)



Deputy Secretary General

Special Advisor of CityNet

Seoul



AIILSG

Colombo

Denpasar



Lalitpur

Plus Arts

Muntinlupa

Deputy Secretary General, Aisa Tobing (CityNet Secretariat) | Special Advisor, Mary Jane C. Ortega (CityNet Secretariat) | Director of International Development and Cooperation Division, Hyoung Sun Na (Seoul)

Deputy Director General, Ravi Rannan Kumar (AIILSG) & Project Director, Harish Sharma (AIILSG) | NC Focal Point, Thamara Mallawaarachchi (NC Sri Lanka) & Municipal Commissioner, J M Bhadrane Jayawardhana (Colombo) | Head of Planning and Development Office, I Putu Wisnu Wijaya Kusuma (Denpasar)

Deputy Executive Director of NSET, Ganesh K Jimme (Representing Lalitpur) | Director, Hirata Kendra (PlusArts) | Executive Mayor, Ruffy Biazon (Muntinlupa)

NEW MEMBERS OF 2023

CityNet is excited to welcome seven new members to the family. Out of the seven new members approved at the 43rd Executive Committee Meeting, CityNet is welcoming four full members and three associate members from East & Northeast Asia, South & Southwest Asia, and Southeast Asia.



Roxas City Government *Southeast Asia | Full Member*

Roxas City, situated on the east of Panay Island's north-central coast, is acknowledged as an agricultural and seafood hub. Roxas City is presently undergoing a comprehensive process of urbanization, emphasizing inclusivity, resilience, and sustainability. Concurrently, it maintains its distinguished role as the provincial capital of Capiz.



City of Tacurong *Southeast Asia | Full Member*

City of Tacurong, strategically located at Mindanao's crossroads connecting major cities, is the inaugural component city of Sultan Kudarat Province. City of Tacurong aims to be a lively centre in the South, with a strong economy, safety, and empowered residents working together under responsible leadership.



Dongdaemun-gu *East & Northeast Asia | Full Member*

Dongdaemun-gu, an autonomous district in Seoul, is dedicated to improving resident happiness through enhancements in living conditions, traffic infrastructure, and addressing old housing issues. The strategic goals of Dongdaemun-gu are to improve convenience, expand living spaces, increase healthcare access, and enhance local infrastructure for resident safety.



Tilottama Municipality *South & Southwest Asia | Full Member*

Tilottama Municipality, known for its remarkable diversity with a multi-linguistic, multi-cultural, and multi-religious population, is dedicated to enhancing democracy, guided by the inspiring slogan: 'A well-governed, touristic, and prosperous Tilottama Municipality.'

ARCHICITY

Archicity - ASC Science Popularization Center *East & Northeast Asia | Associate Member*

Archicity-ASC Science Popularization Center is an academic institute under the Architectural Society of China (ASC) constituted by professionals of architectural science and technology in China. Archicity-ASC Science Popularization Center was established to promote the globalization of China's urban development through a local approach.



Unification Nepal (UN Nepal) *South & Southwest Asia | Associate Member*

Unification Nepal (UN Nepal) is a non-governmental social organization registered in the District Administration Office Gorkha in 2009 and affiliated with Social Welfare Council. It is a humanitarian and developmental organization formed by professionals for sustainable development across the country.



Disaster Education Promotion Office (DEPO) *South & Southwest Asia | Associate Member*

Disaster Education Promotion Office (DEPO) is a non-profit organization with a clear vision, mission, goals, and activities to promote disaster education and preparedness in Nepal. DEPO has a team of professional experts in disaster risk management, climate change adaptation, environmental protection, education, and various research areas.


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CITYNET-UNESCAP MOU SIGNING

CityNet and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) reinvigorated the partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on October 23rd. The signing ceremony took place during the 43rd CityNet Executive Committee meeting in Suwon, South Korea.



Vijay Jagannathan, the Secretary General of CityNet, and Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, the Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Executive Secretary of UNESCAP signed the MOU as representatives of the two parties. The MOU outlines a commitment to collaboratively strengthen the capabilities of national and local governments, with the overarching goal of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

The memorandum emphasised actively supporting the exploration of sustainable development solutions tailored to each region and city, facilitated through the Urban SDG Knowledge Platform for the sharing of exemplary urban policies and knowledge. Key focus areas include the expansion of the Urban SDG Knowledge Platform, the organization of programs to recognize best practices of sustainable urban development, and the development of joint trainings and capacity building activities.

CITYNET SERVICES



SEOUL SMART RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

CityNet organized the 'Seoul Smart Resource Management Program for Urban SDGs Action' in Seoul, Republic of Korea for a delegation of civil servants from Sidoarjo Regency. The primary objective was to enhance their urban planning capabilities by introducing innovative smart city practices. With a specific emphasis on optimising waste and water management systems, the delegation acquired transformative insights into successful smart city strategies, civic engagement in urban initiatives, and technological innovations.



This activity was conducted through CityNet Services which is CityNet's member-focused programme that aims to provide tailored learning opportunities upon members' needs. Responding to Sidoarjo Regency's interest in learning from Seoul's smart city practices—particularly in waste and water management—CityNet organized a series of activities including lectures, briefings, and field visits to locations such as the Mapo Resource Recovery Center, Ddukdo Arisu Water Purification Center, and Seoul Smart City Center. These visits allowed the delegation to witness sustainable waste management solutions in action, gain insight into Seoul's extensive water purification process, and explore the city's digital infrastructure with citizen-centric services.

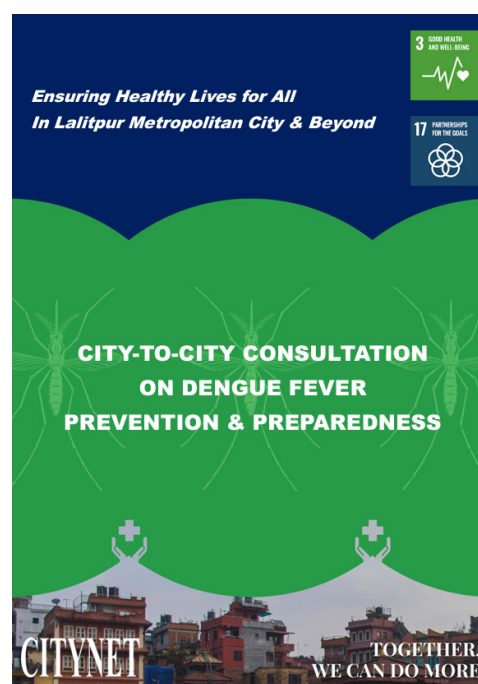
"CityNet Services was very helpful and we hope to further our cooperation with CityNet"

-Mr. Ahmad Muhdlor, Regent of Sidoarjo



C2C CONSULTATION ON DENGUE FEVER

CityNet organized a series of city-to-city (C2C) cooperation sessions on Dengue fever prevention and preparedness at the request of Mayor Chiri Babu Maharjan of Lalitpur. These sessions connected Lalitpur Metropolitan City with the City Government of Makati and the Colombo Municipal Council. Contributing their expertise were the National Society for Earthquake Technology - Nepal (NSET) as the host of CityNet Nepal National Chapter (CNNC) and CityNet-Plus Arts Center for Creative Partnerships. Three sessions were held from February to March, culminating in a concrete action plan drafted in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO).



This activity was conducted to increase the institutional capacity of Dengue prevention in Lalitpur through knowledge exchange and drafting an action plan for 2023, guided by the WHO Nepal.

To summarize the highlights of each city's practices gathered throughout the consultation sessions, the Secretariat released the final report, "City-to-City Consultation on Dengue Fever Prevention and Preparedness." The design of this C2C project is expected to be replicated for other CityNet members as well. Through these C2C sessions, the cities built strong cooperative relationships that led to joint initiatives. These include study visits to Makati, Colombo, and Bangkok, as well as the formation of a Dengue Task Force comprising Lalitpur, Makati, Colombo, and the International Climate Development Institute (ICDI).





OTHER PROGRAMMES

Mayor, Jerry Treñas (Iloilo) | Chief Executive Officer, Jeong-Kee Kim (CityNet Secretariat) |
Secretary General, Vijay Jagannathan (CityNet Secretariat)



AND ACTIVITIES

Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the UNESCAP, Armida Alisjahbana (UNESCAP) | Ambassador for International Relations, Hong-Seok Koo (Seoul) | Executive Director, Ismadi Bin Sakirin (Kuala Lumpur)

Urban SDG Knowledge Platform Online Courses

The first round of self-guided online courses was released on the Urban SDG Knowledge Platform. The online courses have been developed to help expand the knowledge of technical level officers in city governments and other key stakeholders of sustainable urban development.

Partner URDi, CityNet Plus Arts Center, STO, Think City

CYO Seminar: Youth SDG Action Plan

The CityNet Yokohama Project Office (CYO), collaborating with the City of Yokohama, hosted an SDGs seminar in Yokohama. During the seminar, students from Ulaanbaatar No.23 School in Mongolia and Yokohama Municipal Minatomirai Honcho Elementary School presented their school's SDG introduction programs. Additionally, university student teams from Japan, the Philippines, Nepal, and the Republic of Korea respectively presented their Youth SDG Action Plan projects.

Partner CYO, CLAIR, City of Yokohama

International Urban and Regional Cooperation(IURC) Study Visit from Seoul to Dublin

Through the EU funded International Urban and Regional Cooperation (IURC) project coordinated by CityNet, Seoul officials visited Dublin to learn and discuss pilot project on Urban Greening and Walkable City. During the visit, the Letter of Intent between two cities were signed at the Lord Mayor's Mansion.

Partner EU, Seoul Metropolitan Government, Dublin City Council



January



February



IURC Meeting with Sejong Technopark and Sofia Tech Park

Sejong Technopark and Sofia Tech Park met online to discuss further collaboration focusing on biotech, health, high performance computing, and simulation of big data. This was a cooperation between Sofia Tech Park and Sejong Technopark, branched out from the IURC project conducted by CityNet.

Partner EU, Sejong Technopark, Sofia Tech Park

ICP-AGIR Study Visit to Taichung

Through the EU funded International City Partnerships: Acting for Green and Inclusive Recovery (ICP-AGIR) project coordinated by CityNet, Prato conducted a study visit in Taichung where Taichung's best practices on urban greening and circular economy in textile industries were showcased.

Partner EU, City of Prato, Taichung City Government

Workshop on Sustainable Mobility with Kaohsiung and ICDI

CityNet shared experiences with sustainable urban mobility at a workshop on Green, Smart, and People-Oriented Urban Mobility Services organized by ICLEI Kaohsiung Capacity Center (KCC), Kaohsiung City Government, IBA Kaohsiung, and ICDI.

Partner ICLEI KCC, Kaohsiung City Government, IBA Kaohsiung, ICDI

Meeting with the President City and Korean Partners

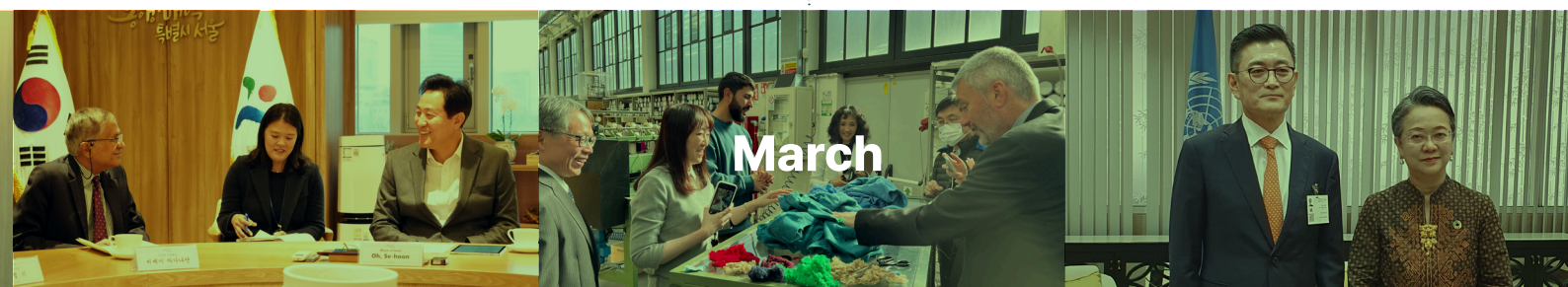
The Secretary General of CityNet visited Seoul to solidify the partnership between CityNet and its partners in the Republic of Korea. During this visit, the Secretary General met with key figures, including Mayor Oh of the Seoul Metropolitan Government and Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations. These meetings were instrumental in reaffirming the long-standing commitment between Seoul and CityNet to their enduring partnership.

Partner *Seoul Metropolitan Government, University of Seoul, Kookmin University, Ban Ki Moon Foundation*

10th APFSD: Integrated Climate Action for Low Carbon Cities Session

At the 10th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, CityNet co-organized a side session titled "Integrated Climate Action for Low-Carbon and Resilient Cities in the Asia-Pacific." The session focused on the newly established Urban-Act regional partnership and discussed the potential of localising low-carbon and climate-resilient policies.

Partner *UNESCAP*



ICP-AGIR Study Visit to Prato

The follow-up study visit from Taichung to Prato through ICP-AGIR, the EU funded project, was conducted under the theme focusing on textile recycling and sludge treatment.

Partner *EU, City of Prato, Taichung City Government*

Smart City Summit & Expo

The CEO of CityNet, delivered Opening Remarks at the Smart City Summit & Expo (SCSE), aimed to gather more people together than ever before to talk about sustainability, smart cities and net-zero actions.

Partner *ICDI, Kaohsiung City Government*

ICP-AGIR Study Visit to Taoyuan

The delegates from Braga Municipality visited Taoyuan to discuss cooperation on green mobility and renewable energy. During the visit, MoU was signed between YuanZe University and the University of Minho.

Partner *EU, Taoyuan City Government, Braga Municipality*

6th Asia Cities Summit

CityNet organized a session at the 6th Asia Cities Summit titled 'Public Private Partnership (PPP) Innovations on Resilience Building' which highlighted the work of Mumbai First and Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) in India.

Partner All India Institute of Local Self-Government

CityNet - SHRDC Online Training Programme on Low Carbon Built Environment and SDGs

CityNet and SHRDC organized annual training programme for CityNet members focusing on Low Carbon Built Environments and Sustainable Development Goals, showcasing some of the best practices in low carbon initiatives and urban innovations implemented by Seoul Metropolitan Government and cities in the Asia Pacific.

Partner Seoul Human Resource Development Center

City Benchmarking on Public-Private Partnerships for the SDGs

CityNet organized the 'City Benchmarking on Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)' in collaboration with the Seoul Metropolitan Government. The PPP programme gave a platform for cities to improve their local PPP implementation and further raise the engagement of the private sector to help fund public goods.

Partner Seoul Digital Foundation, Seoul Metropolitan Government



ICP-AGIR Final Conference

CityNet organized the ICP-AGIR EU-Asia Final Conference in Incheon, with a focus on key themes: energy transition, air quality, circular economy, and migrant and refugee integration. Six pairs of cities participated in the final conference to showcase the outcomes of the 2-year-long programme: Incheon-Berlin, Incheon-Almeria, Gwangju-Athens, Taoyuan-Braga, Taichung-Prato, and Singapore-Milan.

Partner EUD, ICP-AGIR, IURC, Ramboll

Expert Group Meeting on Metropolitan Solutions

Secretary General of CityNet participated in the Expert Group Meeting on Metropolitan Solutions in Barcelona, Spain as a panellist of the Panel 3: Good Practices of Metropolitan Solutions: Case Studies: Learnings and Transferability (I), where he shared about localization of the SDGs and multilevel governance.

Partner Barcelona Metropolitan Area (AMB), UN-Habitat

Meeting with ROK's Ministry of Environment

The CityNet's Secretary General, Chief Executive Officer, and the Head of the Net Zero Green Growth Research Center at Kookmin University met with the Republic of Korea's Minister of Environment to explore cooperative opportunities for expanding city-level efforts on Zero Waste and Climate Change mitigation and adaptation across the Asia Pacific region.

Partner ROK Minister of Environment,
Kookmin University

Outreach Visit to National Chapter Bangladesh

CityNet visited Dhaka, Bangladesh to raise further prospects for sustainable city-to-city exchanges with cities in Bangladesh. During the visit, CityNet met with the new National Chapter host, Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha (RAJUK) and Mayor Antiquil Islam from Dhaka North City Corporation.

Partner Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha,
Dhaka North City Corporation



15th CityNet Disaster Cluster Seminar

The 15th CityNet Disaster Cluster Seminar was held by Makati City to promote climate change awareness and sustainability and forge relationships with member cities around the globe in creating disaster risk reduction (DRR) solutions and initiatives.

Partner Makati City

Urban Safety Masterclass

The 'How Safe is Your City? A Masterclass on Urban Safety' online course was jointly organized by CityNet, Think City Institute, and Safetipin, to provide exclusive training to CityNet members, including local authorities, city planners, and stakeholders involved in urban development and safety.

Partner Safetipin, Thinkcity

International Career Fair 2023

CityNet participated in International Career Fair 2023 held in Seoul City Hall, which was co-hosted by the Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Korea (MOFA) and sponsored by the World Federation of United Nations Association (WFUNA).

Partner Seoul Metropolitan Government
and ROK's Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Indonesia National Chapter Congress and Workshop

The CityNet Indonesia National Chapter Congress and Workshop was held in Indonesia attended by over 120 delegates from Indonesian cities and organizations. The event included 7 workshop sessions on topics such as localizing the SDGs in cities, sustainable investing according to ESGs, and improving the capacity of local leadership.

Partner CityNet Indonesia National Chapter (NCI), Sidoarjo Regency

7th Climate Leadership Programme (online)

The 7th Climate Leadership Programme (CLP) aims to increase the capacities of climate change practitioners in the Asia Pacific was held. This year's CLP was organized with two sessions led by ICDI and HELP-O under the themes "Climate Change and Public Health: Understanding the Climate Health Nexus" and "Climate Change and Solid Waste Management in Developing Countries"

Partner Jakarta Metropolitan Government, Quezon City Government, ICDI, HELP-O, ASAG

3rd Low-Carbon Cities Forum

CityNet participated in the 3rd Low-carbon Cities Forum hosted by UNESCAP and Incheon Metropolitan City. The forum was an exploration of diverse approaches to achieving low-carbon cities and provided a platform for building partnerships with pre-existing networks focused on low-carbon, sustainable, resilient cities, and scale-up capacity-building initiatives.

Partner UNESCAP, Incheon Metropolitan City

3rd International Forum on Low Carbon Cities:

City-led climate actions in North-East Asia
29 August 2023
Premier Ballroom A, Songdo Convention Incheon, Republic of Korea



August

Benchmarking Workshop on Disaster Management in Kobe

CityNet – Plus Arts Center for Creative Partnerships held Benchmarking Workshop on Disaster Management in Kobe to foster learning and knowledge-sharing opportunities in disaster management between Korean and Japanese cities. Four officials and researchers in charge of disaster response system at Dobong-gu, Jongno-gu, Seoul Institute and Seoul Institute of Technology attended this workshop.

Partner CityNet – Plus Arts Center, Dobong-gu, Jongno-gu, Seoul Institute and Seoul Institute of Technology

September

Outreach Visit to National Chapter Nepal

CityNet visited Nepal to engage with Nepalese members and lead the National Chapter Nepal meeting. CityNet was welcomed by the Mayor of Kathmandu and attended the Indraajatra Festival together with representatives from cities and organisations from Nepal, China, and the US. Additionally, CityNet met with the Mayor of Pokhara Metropolitan City and the Mayor of Lalitpur Metropolitan City to explore specific pathways for deeper collaboration on CityNet activities and events.

Partner Kathmandu Metropolitan City, Pokhara Metropolitan City

43rd Executive Committee Meeting

CityNet held the 43rd Executive Committee Meeting in Suwon, Republic of Korea in conjunction with APUF-8. During the event, CityNet signed MoU with UNESCAP, the founding member of CityNet, and held 2nd SDG City Awards with UNESCAP where five members were awarded.

Partner Suwon Special City

8th Asia Pacific Urban Forum

CityNet joined as a strategic partner to co-organize APUF-8, convened by UNESCAP, bringing together thousands of stakeholders from the region to discuss sustainable urbanization. The forum also marked the release of the flagship publication "Crisis Resilient Urban Futures: The Future of Asia-Pacific Cities."

Partner UNESCAP:
Suwon Special City

Outreach Visit to Spain and Portugal

CityNet conducted a full-scale high-profile mission in Spain and Portugal in a series of strategic outreach missions primarily to promote CityNet and its member-cities outside Asia Pacific and learn urban solutions from peers. The CityNet Mission to the EU was the first of its series of strategic outreach programs and city diplomacy that is aimed to further strengthen the institutional profile of CityNet in the EU, with the objective to become the bridge between cities in Asia and the EU.

Partner Barcelona Metropolitan Area (AMB), Madrid City Hall, Metropolis, Granada Municipality, Braga Municipality, Municipality of Matosinhos, LIPOR, Lisbon City Council



12th Asia Smart City Conference

The CityNet SDGs Cluster Seminar took place in conjunction with the 12th Asia Smart City Conference at PACIFICO Yokohama North, Japan, with a pivotal focus on the potential expansion of Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs). The session encompassed presentations by CityNet member cities, along with contributions from international organisations, private companies, and elementary school students from Yokohama City.

Partner City of Yokohama, Kuala Lumpur City, Da Nang City

Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC)

As the supporting partner of the Smart City Expo World Congress for five years, CityNet participated in this year's event. During the days of the event, CityNet conducted side meetings with potential partners and members.

Partner Barcelona Metropolitan Area (AMB)

7th Climate Leadership Programme (on-site)

The 2023 Climate Change Cluster workshop was co-organized by ICDI with attendees from Quezon, Jakarta, Kaohsiung, and Taipei. During the workshop, local climate actions from members were shared and future activity plans for 2024-2026 were discussed.

Partner ICDI, Quezon City, Jakarta Capital City Government, Kaohsiung City Government, Taipei City



PUBLICATION

CITYNET LEAFLET



CityNet updated its leaflets to better promote CityNet as an organization. The leaflet is available in seven languages: English, Korean, Chinese, Japanese, Bahasa Indonesian, Bangla, and Nepali. It can be found on the website, at <https://citynet-ap.org/20-2/who-we-are/>.



C2C WITH THE EU BROCHURE



The City-to-City Cooperation with the EU is a brochure of the city partnership projects that CityNet implemented with support from the EU. The brochure is available at <https://citynet-ap.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2.-CityNet-EU-Brochure.pdf>.



CITYNET SERVICES LEAFLET



The CityNet Services Leaflet provides a brief information about two types of CityNet Services and instructions on how it can be applied. The CityNet Services Leaflet is available at <https://citynet-ap.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/3.-CityNet-Services-Info-Guide.pdf>.



2022 ANNUAL REPORT



CityNet publishes a report annually that covers the key events, programmes, and projects implemented by the Secretariat throughout the previous year. Annual reports are available at <https://citynet-ap.org/publications/annual-report/>.



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



CityNet newsletters are distributed once a month and offer information on CityNet announcements and network news. The HTML archive of monthly newsletters is available on our website, at <https://citynet-ap.org/news/monthly-newsletter/>.



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

Full Members

Local authorities in the Asia-Pacific region, with a minimum population of 100,000 in its borders

Associate Members

Local authorities outside of the Asia-Pacific region, national-level organizations, development authorities, research/training/academic institutions, and non-governmental organizations

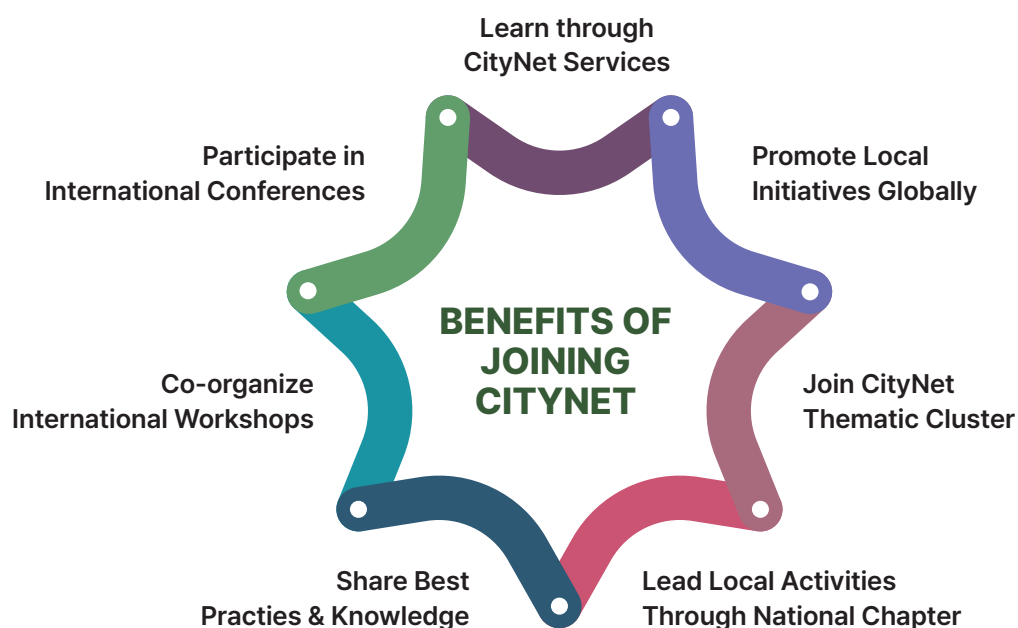
Corporate Members

Private corporations

Membership Fee

Upon approval by the 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 info@citynet-ap.org, or visit our website at www.citynet-ap.org.

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CityNet, in collaboration with Seoul Digital Foundation, held the 'City Benchmarking on Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)' Workshop in Seoul, Republic of Korea from 23-25 May.



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