



**FROM PLANNING TO PRACTICE: URBAN NEXUS AS A MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING THE  
2030 AGENDA  
LUNCHEON SIDE EVENT AT THE ESCAP SDG WEEK  
Bangkok, Wednesday 30 November 2016, 12:15-13:15 hours  
Public Foyer, United Nations Conference Centre**

**Hosts:** United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

**Description:**

Both the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the recently adopted New Urban Agenda support a renewed and innovative global framework for sustainable development and explicitly acknowledge the key role of cities in realizing this vision. Such agendas lay emphasis on the development of synergies and use of cutting-edge, methods and tools for the creation of co-benefits. Hence, cities will need to adopt integrated, innovative, multi-sectoral and multi-dimensional approaches for successfully implementing these agendas at the local level.

Such an approach is the “Urban Nexus” approach for the management of natural resources at the city level. Natural resource management remains one of the cross-cutting issues fundamental to the achievement of sustainability in cities and across sustainable development goals and targets. An integrated or nexus approach in dealing with the high resource intensity of the region’s economies and the levels of waste and emissions generated across the region is needed to achieve sustainable development.

The ‘Urban Nexus’ approach aims at integrated planning and management of the key sectors of energy, water and land/food in urban areas, and this can contribute substantially to the long-term sustainable development of rapidly growing cities. Specifically, this approach addresses key challenges facing cities, such as sustainable water supply, wastewater and solid waste management, urban agriculture, land use planning and management, service delivery, through integrated and innovative solutions and processes.

This event is organized in the context of the project “Integrated Resource Management in Asian Cities: the Urban Nexus” which assists cities and countries in Asia-Pacific in adopting a nexus approach and mainstreaming nexus into urban policies and plans. The project is implemented by GIZ in partnership with ESCAP and ICLEI, and with funding from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The project supports twelve cities in seven countries, namely: China, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam.

**Proposed Programme:**

The luncheon event "From Planning to Practice: Urban Nexus as a means of implementing the 2030 Agenda", will share results achieved at the local level from the afore-mentioned project. The event will present the concept of 'Urban Nexus' and how enabling factors can support the realization of inclusive, sustainable and resource-efficient cities. Drawing from practical experience from partner cities, the event will discuss the challenges and opportunities for integrating the nexus approach into urban planning and development, as a tool for localizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other relevant global agendas.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
12:15 -12:20	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	Mr. Stefanos Fotiou, Director, EDD ESCAP (Moderator)
12:20-12:30	<b>Urban Nexus and Implementation of Urban- and Resource-related Global Agendas</b>	Mr. Ahmad Hezri Adnan, Independent Consultant, ESCAP
12:30-13:00	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Ruth Erlbeck, Project Director, Urban Nexus Project, GIZ</li> <li>• Mr. Emani Kumar, Deputy Secretary General and Executive Director, ICLEI South Asia Secretariat, New Delhi, India</li> <li>• Ms. Erlinda Carrasco Creencia, City Environment &amp; Natural Resources Officer, Santa Rosa, Philippines</li> <li>• Mr. Ulhas P. Debadwar, Chief Engineer, Nagpur, India</li> </ul>
13:00 -13:15	<b>Q&amp;A and Wrap-up</b>	

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