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FORWARD

Cities are home to over half of the world's population. While nations' commitments to sustainability are vital, local and subnational governments worldwide are at the heart of global efforts in combating climate change and providing sustainable future for their residents.

During the 23rd UN Climate Change Conference 2017 in Bonn, hundreds of local and regional leaders at the Climate Summit of Local and Regional Leaders took one giant step further by adopting the Bonn-Fiji Commitment, signaling their pledge to work in partnership with all levels of government in delivering the Paris Agreement, and in raising global climate ambitions.

Reviewing the year of 2017, ICLEI East Asia has expanded partnerships with local governments and institutions in the region, and has welcomed new Chinese Members to our global Network.

In response to the urgent need for actions on air quality improvement, the East Asia Clean Air Cities program launched in 2016 has brought together 9 East Asian local governments. Moving into the second year of the program, a series of trainings and events have been organized under EACAC.

To support East Asian cities seeking for pathways on low carbon transition, ICLEI East Asia is leading the Building Efficiency Accelerator under the UN's SE4ALL Initiative in the region. The regional launch of the BEA was co-hosted by ICLEI East Asia and our partners in March.

East Asian cities play critical roles in driving sustainable and green local economy with rapid economic growth and decentralization. ICLEI is supporting 5 Chinese and 1 Korean jurisdictions to scale up green public procurement uptake under the 10YFP on SPP WG 1A project.

Finally, in assisting cities to explore climate adaptation solutions and to strengthen urban resilience, a training for Chinese local governments was co-hosted by ICLEI East Asia and our partners in Beijing. In 2018, ICLEI East Asia will move on to work with individual adaptation pilot cities in China to deliver in-depth training on developing integrated climate adaptation master plans.

Cities of ICLEI are leading the way towards global sustainability. We at ICLEI East Asia are committed to accelerate these efforts with the experiences and partnerships of ICLEI across the region.



Shu Zhu

Regional Director
ICLEI East Asia Secretariat

ABOUT US

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is the leading global network of over 1,500 cities, towns and metropolises with the mission to promote global sustainability through local actions.

ICLEI helps our Members to become sustainable, low-carbon, resilient, ecomobile, biodiverse, resource-efficient and productive, healthy and happy, with a green economy and smart infrastructure. Our works have impact on over 25% of the global urban population.

ICLEI East Asia Secretariat

Hosted by the Seoul Metropolitan Government, the ICLEI East Asia Secretariat (ICLEI East Asia) supports Members in Greater China, Japan, Korea, and Mongolia.

ICLEI East Asia has developed local and regional programs, and exchange platforms to accelerate sustainable and low carbon development in the region. We provide technical consulting, training, and information services to build capacity, share knowledge and support local governments in pursuing sustainable development.

In order to better assist our Members, ICLEI East Asia is expecting to open a Beijing Office in 2018.

Memberships

During the past 28 years, the ICLEI global network has grown to over 1,500 cities, towns and regions committed to building a sustainable future. ICLEI Members in East Asia has reached 94.

New Members



Located in the northwestern area of Shenzhen City, **Guangming New District** was founded in 2007. As a young district, Guangming follows the values of green, low-carbon, and sustainable development. The District looks forward to moving towards sustainable development through knowledge exchange and cooperation with cities worldwide via ICLEI's global network. The District is actively participating in the 10YPF on SPP WG 1A project (see p.17).



Established in 2001, **Yuhua District** is located in the southeastern of hundred-year-old Shijiazhuang city. The District is facing pollution and environmental degradation resulted from industrial development. In moving towards greener growth, Yuhua has joined ICLEI and is participating in the newly launched Urban Transitions Alliance (see page 18).

GOVERNANCE

ICLEI is constituted as a membership association that receives its mandate from Member cities, local and regional governments, and municipal authorities.

Global Executive Committee

ICLEI is democratically governed by its Members through a global Council. The Council adopts every three years a 6-year Strategic Plan. It has the right to amend the Charter, and to elect the Global Executive Committees (GexCom).

Chaired by the President, the GexCom is composed of up to 6 appointed members and representatives from the 9 Regional Executive Committees (RexComs), and represents ICLEI Members at the global level.



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East Asia Regional Executive Committee

The 2017 East Asia RexCom meeting was convened on 30 September in New Taipei City. RexCom members and city delegations reported their achievements in programs and membership development of the year.

Between October and December, the RexCom election process was conducted to comprise the 2018-2021 ICLEI East Asia RexCom and Council.



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January



February



March

- LC 3.22 | Beijing, China
Building Efficiency Accelerator East Asia Regional Event & The BEA Regional Launch

April

- EN 4.23 - 4.28 | Seoul, South Korea
Training on Climate Change and Air Quality Co-Control

June

- 6.1 - 6.2 | Seoul, South Korea
East Asian Cities in Action - Local Practice and Regional Synergy through EACAC
7th Northeast Asia Forum on Air Quality Improvement

- 6.5 | Beijing, China
International Forum on Urban Green Mobility: Best Practices, Challenges and Opportunities
2017 World Transport Convention

- 6.13 | Guangyuan, China
Experiences Sharing of Low Carbon Cities
CASS Forum 2017

- 6.17 - 6.18 | Guiyang, China
Green Public Procurement for Local Sustainable Development & 10YFP on SPP Project Launch
Eco Forum Global Symposium 2017

- 6.29 | Ulyanovsk, Russia
Smart and Low-carbon Cities: the Impact of Digitalization on the Urban Infrastructure
WeGO 4th General Assembly



May

- EN 5.31 | Seoul, South Korea
Tackling Urban Air Pollution: Best Practices in East Asia
EACAC Training Workshop

July



August

Shenzhen Guangming New District, China
joined ICLEI

September

Shijiazhuang Yuhua District, China
joined ICLEI

9.11 - 9.15 | Tokyo, Japan
EACAC Japan Study Tour

EN



October

LC

10.1 - 10.31 | Kaohsiung City
EcoMobility World Festival 2017

EN

10.20 | Seoul, Korea
Co-benefits of Climate Action

UR

Adapting to the Changing Climate

GE

Sustainable Procurement

Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change 2017

December

12.5 - 12.6 | Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
Asia LEDS Partnership Forum 2017

LC

12.7 - 12.8 | Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
Resilient Cities Asia Pacific 2017

UR

12.11 - 12.12 | Beijing, China
Toward Climate Adaptation – Urban Climate
Adaptation Training for Chinese Cities

UR



November

GE

11.6 - 11.8 | Essen, Germany
Launch of Urban Transitions Alliance
TWINS Conference Ruhr

EN

11.6 - 11.17 | Bonn, Germany
Climate Summit of Local & Regional Leaders
Transformative Local Actions Toward Climate
Resilient & Sustainable Cities in East Asia
Cities in Transition

EN

[German Pavilion] Advancing Climate Action on the
Local Level: Best Practices from China & Germany

GE

[Korean Pavilion] Nexus between Green Public
Procurement & Climate Change Mitigation

EN

[China Pavilion] Guangdong Province, Shenzhen
City, Zhenjiang City Side Events

UNFCCC COP23

LC

11.29 - 11.30 | Changsha, China
2nd Asia-Pacific Forum on Low-carbon Technology



CLIMATE SUMMIT OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEADERS

12th NOV 2017 | COP23 | BONN



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

UNFCCC COP23

During UNFCCC COP23, ICLEI East Asia invited numerous East Asian local governments representatives, including over 40 Chinese representatives, to actively participate in various forums, sessions and events.

Climate Summit of Local and Regional Leaders Nov.12

Hosted by ICLEI, the Climate Summit of Local and Regional Leaders is the premier gathering of local and regional governments at COP23. Gathering over 300 political leaders and 1000 representatives from around the world, it is the jumping off point for key initiatives and partnerships that support implementation of the Paris Agreement, demonstrating that when all levels of government, businesses and communities join forces, it makes climate action stronger and more effective. The **Bonn-Fiji-Commitment** was delivered as a key outcome of the summit, and was presented to the UN Secretary General.



Transformative Local Actions Toward Climate Resilient and Sustainable Cities in East Asia Nov.10

Co-organized by ICLEI East Asia, Japan, Korea, Kaohsiung Capacity Building Center, and the Asian Development Bank, the session served as a platform for East Asian cities to share their strategies and solutions in increasing urban resilience and sustainable low carbon development. On this occasion, representatives from 9 cities showcased their local actions.



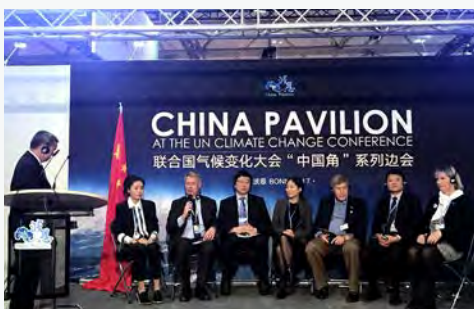
Advancing Climate Action on the Local Level: Best Practices from China & Germany Nov.13

Moderated by Shu Zhu, Director of ICLEI East Asia, the session hosted by the Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany (BMUB) examined the challenges and enablers of climate protection at the municipal level. Barbara Hendricks, Federal Minister of BMUB, and Xie Zhenhua, Special Representative on Climate Change Affairs of China gave keynote remarks; Jiangsu, Xuzhou, Zhenjiang, Heidelberg, Mannheim, and Essen shared experiences of local climate and energy actions and national framework conditions.



Nexus between Green Public Procurement and Climate Change Mitigation Nov.9

Co-organized by the Korea Environmental Industry and Technology Institute (KEITI), ICLEI East Asia, and the United Nations Economy Division, the session explored how green public procurement would contribute to climate change mitigation. The 10YFP on SPP WG 1A project (see p.17) cities were invited to present GHG emissions reduction and environmental benefits through green public procurement.



China Pavilion Side Events

Nov.10 Guangdong Province, Shenzhen City | Nov.13 Zhenjiang City
Under the framework of COP23, ICLEI East Asia supported the Chinese local governments of Guangdong Province, Shenzhen city, and Zhenjiang city hosting side events at the China Pavilion, and actively participated in these sessions as speakers and guests. ICLEI East Asia also coordinated a networking event with Chinese cities, and provided a platform for them to showcase their achievements.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

ICLEI has 10 Urban Agendas that help local and subnational governments address these challenges and advance the objectives of global sustainability frameworks, from the Sustainable Development Goals to the Paris Agreement and New Urban Agenda. In supporting East Asian cities to achieve the 10 Urban Agendas, ICLEI East Asia focuses on 4 areas of works, namely: **Nature & Environment**, **Low Carbon Development**, **Green Economy & Growth**, and **Urban Resilience**.





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NATURE & ENVIRONMENT

East Asia Clean Air Cities

Launched in 2016, **East Asia Clean Air Cities** (EACAC) is a long-term multilateral collaboration network for cities committed to tackling air pollution. 9 East Asian cities have joined EACAC. Under this framework, a series of training and events were conducted in 2017.

7th Northeast Asia Forum on Air Quality Improvement

As a co-organizer of the 7th Northeast Asia Forum on Air Quality Improvement, ICLEI East Asia hosted a session on **“East Asian Cities in Action—Local Practice and Regional Synergy through EACAC”**. With a strong emphasis on regional cooperation, representatives from Kitakyushu (Japan), Sichuan Province, Jinan (China), and Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) shared their achievements and challenges, and sought inspiring solutions from regional partners.

Tackling Urban Air Pollution: Best Practices in East Asia

A workshop hosted with the support of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition took a close look at air quality improvement policies in East Asia. Speakers from 9 international partners, including the Korea Transport Institute, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, and Clean Air Asia, and representatives from 8 East Asian cities of Beijing, Chongqing, Hunan, Jinan, Sichuan Province (China),



Kitakyushu (Japan), Seoul (Korea), and Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) participated.

Complexities of urban air pollution were highlighted in the workshop, in particular, effects on different air pollutants and their interactions with transportation use and waste management methods. Potential solutions in transportation were structured with “Avoid Shift Improve (ASI)” framework, and discussions focused on challenges faced by cities and cooperation opportunities among East Asian local governments.

Japan Study Tour for Chinese Cities

The Japanese cities’ experiences in improving air quality without hindering economic development has become a valuable reference for Chinese cities often concerned with the interlinked dynamics of economics, air quality, and public health.



In the face of a shared issue urgent to all, 13 officials from Beijing City, Shenzhen City, Guiyang City, Hunan Province, Qinghai Province, Shanxi Province, Changsha City, Shuzhou City, and Yancheng City participated in a week-long technical exchange on air quality management in Tokyo and Kawasaki mid-September. The tour was co-organized by ICLEI East Asia and the Energy Foundation China, with full support from ICLEI Japan and their two Japanese member cities. It provided a platform for Chinese cities to overview the two host municipal governments' policy approach in tackling air pollution, and served as a basis for future knowledge exchange.

The study tour packed a full program: presentations and workshops were hosted at the two cities' environmental research institutes, the Tokyo Environmental Protection Bureau, and the Institute of Global Environmental Strategies; site visits were made to two air quality monitoring stations, facilities of a specialty recycling factory, and premises of a high-performing power plant; and topics of focus included air quality monitoring, diesel vehicle policy, VOC management, and climate co-benefits.



Green Lung for Ulaanbaatar

To better understand local challenges and stimulate regional cooperation on air quality, the first EACAC joint study was set in **Ulaanbaatar**. Initiated by the Environment and Climate Fund of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia, the study is conducted by the Mongolian University of Life Sciences with seed funding from ICLEI East Asia.

The study focuses on the ger districts of **Bayankhoshuu** and **Nisekh**, defining baseline air quality data and piloting an urban greening project as a potential air pollution mitigation measure. The project planted 1000 tree saplings within 100 households of the ger districts and two tree species out of the seven planted have been identified as most suitable for future greening. In 2018, continued monitoring will allow the research to pursue quantification methodologies through modeling or field-based samplings and gauge air quality impacts.



Capacity Building Program on Climate Change & Air Pollution Co-Control

Co-organized with the Seoul Human Resource Development Center, a 5-day training on climate change and air pollution co-control was held in mid-April. Through round-table discussion, case studies presentation, and policy introduction, 11 public officials from 9 ICLEI Asian Member Cities were updated with the latest information on the topic. Site visits to the Energy Dream Center, the Mapo Resource Recovery Facility, and the Cheonggyecheon Museum were also included for hands-on learning experiences.

Knowledge Exchange

Under EACAC, ICLEI East Asia is working with the **Kitakyushu** Environment Bureau of Japan, seeking to create training opportunities on air pollution control, waste management and circular economy for EACAC cities. Although Kitakyushu once enjoyed the so-called “gray” prosperity that came along with its advanced industrial development, it has successfully transitioned away from polluting industries, and has become a model city determined to continuously improve the environment through international cooperation.

ICLEI also pledged to join **GUAPO**, the Global Urban Air Pollution Observatory, a multilateral cooperation network initiated by the Mayor of Paris and the President of the Greater Paris Metropolis. Designed to serve as a clearinghouse for good practices around air quality in cities, GUAPO will also identify and monitor progress achieved in terms of urban pollution reduction and its health and environmental impacts. ICLEI East Asia attended the launch and the first assembly of GUAPO to present our air quality initiatives and seek synergies for cooperation.



Nature-based Solutions

ICLEI East Asia has been working on the valuation and reintegration of biodiversity and nature-based solutions in cities for urban environment, and is involved in two city-centered projects on nature-based solutions.

CONNECTING Nature (COproductionN with NaturE for City Transitioning, INnovation and Governance) began in 2017 and has formed a community of cities to co-develop the policy and practices necessary to scale up urban resilience, innovation and governance via nature-based solutions. Focused on improving city planning practices by transcending silos and connecting stakeholders, it aims to accelerate the scaling of nature-based solutions.

CLEVER Cities (Co-designing Locally tailored Ecological solutions for Value added, socially inclusivE Regeneration in Cities”) led by Hamburg, London, and Milan in Europe, will co-create, implement, and manage locally tailored nature-based solutions to deliver tangible improvements to focused city districts, fostering sustainable and socially inclusive urban regeneration.

The two projects are funded by the European Commission H2020 Programme and respective work in China is primarily supported by ICLEI East Asia. ICLEI East Asia is coordinating the initiation and localization of these projects in China.





LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT

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Building Efficiency Accelerator

In the region, ICLEI East Asia plays a leading role in the **Building Efficiency Accelerator** (BEA), a global partnership program under the UN Sustainable Energy for All initiative. Over 35 global partners have joined the BEA, creating a network of support for the 30 participating local jurisdictions.

On 22 March 2017, the **East Asia Building Efficiency Forum and the BEA Regional Launch** was jointly organized by ICLEI East Asia, the China Society for Urban Studies, and global BEA partners of the World Resources Institute and Johnson Controls. 8 local government representatives and over 20 partner organizations gathered in Beijing to explore how the program would best facilitate the work of cities, and to foster conversation amongst international and domestic stakeholders.

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia joined the BEA in March 2017, and set their project plans to retrofit 88 residential buildings in the city. With the goal to achieve 40-50% heat loss reduction, the pilot project links strongly to Mongolia's Nationally Determined Contribution mitigation targets and will set a precedent for replication. ICLEI East Asia and GGGI Mongolia are cooperating to support project financing and implementation.

Under the "Ask an Expert" service provided by the Clean Energy Solutions Center, ICLEI East Asia offered technical assistance to Ulaanbaatar on

clean energy and energy efficiency, and concluded with the report "Financing the Thermotechnical Rehabilitation of Pre-cast Panel Buildings in Ulaanbaatar City" in April.

Shanghai Changning District, China is considering joining the BEA. With a strong interest in the interactions between achievement of Near Net-Zero Energy Buildings (NZEBs) and building operations management, the district is looking to pursue research in this area in parallel with two NZEB demonstration projects.





Asia LEDS Partnership

Launched in 2011, the **Asia Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) Partnership** is a voluntary regional network comprised of individuals and organizations active in designing, promoting, and/or implementing LEDS. The goal of the Partnership is to advance the development of country-led and country-specific strategic plans to promote economic growth while reducing GHG emissions in Asia. ICLEI East Asia, South Asia, and Southeast Asia have been jointly serving as the Secretariat of the Partnership since 2016.

The Asia LEDS Partnership Forum 2017: Resource Mobilization for NDC Implementation in Asia was held in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam. The 2-day forum brought together some 180 participants from across Asia to discuss aspects of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) implementation.

Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change 2017

Jointly organized by the Seoul Metropolitan Government and ICLEI on October 20, the Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change 2017 gathered around 300 representatives from cities and organizations worldwide, serving as a platform to showcase and encourage local governments to participate in the **Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy** for accelerating voluntary climate actions. In particular, ICLEI East Asia took an active role in organizing the sessions of Co-benefits of Climate Action, Adapting to the Changing Climate: Increasing Cities Resilience, and Sustainable Procurement.

Ambitious City Promises

Inspired by the Promise of Seoul, a comprehensive climate strategy adopted by Seoul at the ICLEI World Congress 2015 which embodies 10 million residents as equal partners in shaping and implementing climate actions, the **Ambitious City Promises: Commitments for low carbon urban development in Southeast Asian large cities** project was launched during the 2017 Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change.

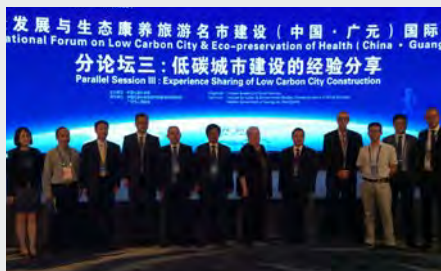
The project is funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), and implemented by ICLEI, to support cities in implementing low emissions development strategies with specific focus on community engagement for bottom-up climate actions. ICLEI East Asia is supporting the implementation of the Ambitious City Promises.

International Engagement



2nd Asia-Pacific Forum on Low-carbon Technology

During the Forum co-hosted by the Asian Development Bank and the Hunan Provincial Government, ICLEI East Asia acted as a supporting agency and mobilized the participation of Kitakyushu (Japan) and Singapore. Representatives from Kitakyushu shared the city's experiences in low-carbon international cooperation, and had a bilateral meeting with the host city Changsha as a starting point of potential partnership.



Experiences Sharing of Low Carbon Cities

During the CASS Forum 2017: the International Forum on Low Carbon and Eco-preservation of Health, Steve Gawler, Director of ICLEI Oceania, and Shu Zhu, Director of ICLEI East Asia introduced ICLEI's Integrated Planning Framework to support Chinese cities adopting low carbon cities development plans, with holistic consideration of both climate change mitigation and adaptation actions.



Smart & Low-carbon Cities: the Impact of Digitalization on Urban Infrastructure

The session was co-organized by ICLEI East Asia and Europe during the WeGO 4th General Assembly. Promising approaches and potential obstacles in smart and low-carbon urban infrastructure were explored through interactive discussions, with Chinese and European cities showcasing policies and projects implemented at the local level.



EcoMobility World Festival 2017

The month-long EcoMobility World Festival 2017 was hosted in the city of Kaohsiung. During the Festival, ICLEI East Asia assisted in facilitating the EcoMobility World Congress, and mobilized Chinese government officials and experts' engagements in the sessions of Mobility as a Service, Co-benefits of EcoMobility, EcoLogistics in Cities, and Toward Integrated Mobility and Shared Mobility.



International Forum on Urban Green Mobility

The session was co-organized by ICLEI East Asia, the China Highway and Transport Society, and the Research Institute of Highway, PRC Ministry of Transport during the World Transportation Convention. Australian, Chinese, Japanese and Korean cities gathered to exchange their local green transport policies and challenges. Topics covered include public transport lanes, pricing, bike sharing, and new energy vehicles.

GREEN ECONOMY & GROWTH

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10YFP on SPP

Green Public Procurement Tender Implementation & Impact Monitoring

The 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Procurement (10YFP on SPP) is a global framework of actions to accelerate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production through international cooperation. Under this framework, the Working Group 1A Project “**Green Public Procurement Tender Implementation and Impact Monitoring**”, jointly implemented by ICLEI Europe, Korea and East Asia, was launched in June 2017 to support Chinese and Korean local authorities to scale up GPP uptake at the local level.

ICLEI East Asia has finalized the selection process of 5 Chinese participating jurisdictions, and will move on to support **Shenzhen Guangming**

New District, Guiyang City, Tianjin Binhai New District, Tianjin Jizhou District, and the Urumqi Economic and Technological Development Zone (Toutunhe District) in procuring eco-innovative products and services, build on and strengthen the existing GPP network in East Asia, and monitor its impacts. The Korean counterpart Suwon city, has been working closely with ICLEI Korea.

Participating cities were invited to showcase their achievements and experiences at sessions hosted by ICLEI East Asia and partners during international events including **UNFCCC COP23**, the **Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change 2017**, and the **Eco Forum Global Guiyang Symposium 2017**, and were provided with opportunities to network with local government peers, research experts, and private sectors from all over the world.



Under ICLEI East Asia's assistance, the **Binhai Public Procurement Center** has identified the procurement of office furniture by the public education system for piloting GPP, and has decided to develop green supply chain management specifications for the tender in 2018 summer. The other 4 Chinese jurisdictions are preparing for internal consulting meeting, and will soon move on to finalize decisions on procurement categories.

In 2018, ICLEI East Asia will work with each pilot jurisdiction to customize tender specifications, quantify environmental performances, establish domestic/regional GPP network, and develop tailored made strategy and action plan for long-term GPP development.



Global Newsletter

ICLEI East Asia was in charge of the production and dissemination of the quarterly 10YFP on SPP Newsletter, both in English and Korean, in 2017 (Issue 8-11). The e-newsletter is to keep all 10YFP on SPP partners informed of latest events, activities, progress and plans of the program.



Urban Transitions Alliance

The **Urban Transitions Alliance** is a new initiative led by ICLEI to present an opportunity for industrial legacy cities faced with environmental, economic and social crises, to become global leaders in sustainable urban development.

8 local governments from the United States, Germany and China have joined as the founding Members of the Alliance, with the 3 Chinese jurisdictions of **Beijing Economic-Technological Development Areas (E-Town)**, **Beijing Huairou District**, and **Shijiazhuang Yuhua District** supported by ICLEI East Asia. Through the Alliance, the local governments are to create new vision for their future and, ultimately, to define their paths towards more sustainable economies.

The Alliance was officially launched during the TWINS Conference Ruhr—Cities in Climate Change in November, and was featured in the COP23 side event “Cities in Transition”.

URBAN RESILIENCE

Urban Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience

In supporting Chinese cities to explore adaptation solutions and develop action plans based on local needs, the ICLEI Urban Resilience Training “**Toward Climate Adaptation: Urban Climate Adaptation Training for Chinese Cities**” was organized in Beijing for the first time, led by ICLEI East Asia, UNISDR ONEA-GETI, and the Center for Science and Technology of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of China, gathering 50 representatives from government agencies, international organizations, research institutes, and private sectors.

Steve Gawler, Director of ICLEI Oceania, explained the differences between climate mitigation, climate adaptation, urban resilience, and their inter-linkages, and guided the participants through the ICLEI Climate Adaptive Cities methodologies, re-analyzing the climate threats of their cities.

From 2018 onwards, ICLEI East Asia will move on to work with individual adaptation pilot cities in China, to deliver in-depth training on developing and implementing integrated climate adaptation master plans.



International Engagement

Resilient Cities Asia Pacific 2017

In bridging urban resilience expertise to support East Asian cities, ICLEI East Asia engaged in the Resilient Cities Asia Pacific 2017 hosted by ICLEI, the Ministry of Planning and Investment of Vietnam, Asia LEDS Partnership, and LEDS Global Partnership in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam.

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

ICLEI East Asia continues to build new partnerships with relevant government agencies, organizations and institutes to promote global sustainability through knowledge sharing and multilateral cooperation.

Partnerships

In 2017, through constant cooperation with relevant government agencies and organizations on various activities, ICLEI has forged new Partnerships, as well as strengthened collaboration with long-standing Partners in the region with:

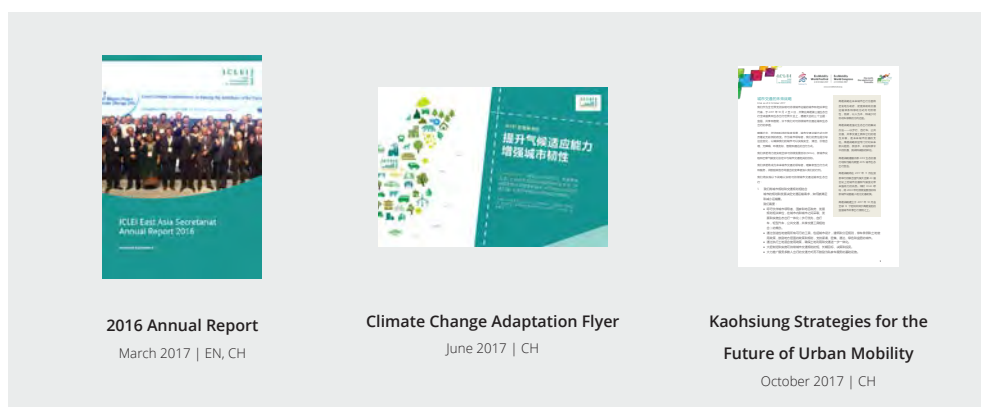


In addition to EACAC, the BEA, the 10YFP on SPP WG 1A project, and the Urban Transitions Alliance that ICLEI East Asia has actively engaged Chinese cities in participating, we have also expanded activities in China in cooperation with governments of various levels and institutions in the field of emission peaking, air quality management, public procurement, urban resilience, and transportation.

Cooperation with Seoul

ICLEI East Asia continues to deepen partnership with its host city through regular meetings, knowledge sharing, training program, and project collaborations; successful policies and programs of climate change and low-carbon actions in Seoul were also shared globally via ICLEI's city network. Major activities jointly ran by Seoul and ICLEI in 2017 include the 7th Northeast Asia Forum on Air Quality Improvement, the Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change 2017, and the Capacity Building Program on Climate Change and Air Pollution Co-Control.

KNOWLEDGE SHARING



Media

To facilitate the exchange of knowledge, experience and expertise on urban sustainability between Members, and to showcase their achievements globally, ICLEI East Asia prepares publications related to our programs and projects, with localized contents based on local and regional needs. All our publications are available at eastasia.iclei.org/resources.

In particular, the program website **EACAC.NET** was officially launched in June 2017 as a platform dedicated to support the East Asia Clean Air Cities program (see p.12). Projects, events, participating cities' profiles of EACAC could be found here.

ICLEI East Asia continues to update its work and activities with its Members and Partners through media platforms, including the website which is available in English, Chinese and Korean, e-newsletters, and social media channels.



2018 PREVIEW

2018 Asia Pacific Clean Air Partnership Joint Forum

3.21 - 3.22 | Bangkok, Thailand

Resilient Cities 2018

4.26 - 4.28 | Bonn, Germany

ICLEI World Congress 2018

6.19 - 6.23 | Montreal, Canada

Capacity Building for Local Governments on Sustainable Development

9.9 - 9.15 | Seoul, Korea

Eco-Forum Global 2018

7.6 - 7.8 | Guiyang, China

World Cities Day and Sino-German Urbanization Forum

10.31 | Chengdu, China

UNFCCC COP24

12.3 - 12.14 | Katowice, Slaskie, Poland

MEET OUR TEAM

ICLEI East Asia consists staff with good command of English, Mandarin and Korean, and equipped with knowledge on urban sustainability.

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