

Action towards Resource-efficient and Low Carbon Cities in Asia

Seminar on Low Carbon Initiatives of Cities for GHG Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change

16-17 May 2011

Sofitel Centara Grand Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand



Tentative Program

Day 1: May 16/Monday	
08:30-09:00	Registration of Participants
09:00 - 09:45	Session 1: Inauguration Session
09:00-09:10	Inauguration and Welcome address by Dr. Joydeep Dutta , Vice President Academic Affair, AIT
09:10-09:25	AIT: Introduction and an update of the status of AIT's initiatives with support from ADEME, Prof. S. Kumar
09:25-09:45	ADEME: ADEME's role in promoting low carbon cities by Dr. Dominique Campana
09:45 - 10:15	Coffee / Tea Break and Photo session
10:15 - 12:20	Session 2: European Climate and Energy Plan Experiences Sharing of knowledge towards low carbon society through improved resource efficiency and promotion of environmental sustainability with specific case studies from Europe
	Chair: Mr. Adnan H. Aliani
10:15 - 10:50	Paris: Initiating low carbon initiatives within Paris Municipality, Mr. Yann Françoise Discussion
10:50 - 11:25	Paris: Involving stakeholders participation to achieve territorial goals, Mme. Anne Ged Discussion
11:25 - 12:00	Mulhouse: Experiences and lessons learnt, Ms. Elodie Thuet Discussion
12:00 -12:20	Experiences from Europe, Mr. Fouzi Benkhelifa
12:20 - 13:20	Lunch
13:20-15:30	Session 3: Focused Group Discussion: Collaboration and Moving forward to Low Carbon Cities This session will highlight issues and challenges related to climate change adaptation and mitigation in European and Asian cities. It will provide possible partnership and collaboration between European and Asian cities towards low carbon initiatives.
	Chair: Dr. Brahmanand Mohanty <i>Rapporteurs: Ms. Sirirat Muneesawang and Mr. Nikhil Kolsepatil</i>
13:20 - 13:40	Lead presentation 1: UNESCAP: Challenges and prospects to low carbon cities in Asia Mr. Adnan H. Aliani
13:40 - 14:00	Lead presentation 2: ICLEI: Cities for climate protection: experiences and lessons learnt from Asia Ms. Mahallah Adalia
14:00 - 14:10	Logistics for Group discussion
14:10 - 15:30	Group Discussions (2 groups) led by lead presenters
15:30-15:45	Coffee/Tea Break

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15:45 – 16:15	Session 4: Plenary Session
	Reporting by groups
16:15 – 16:45	The plenary session will bring all the participants to discuss and consolidate analyses of the individual groups. It is expected that a few topics with details of activities and interest groups will be generated to promote low carbon society in Asia. Conclusion
Day 2: May 17/Tuesday	
09:00 -10:30	Session 5: Current Low Carbon City Activities in Asia
	In this session, presenters will discuss on-going activities and initiatives in Asian cities which promote low carbon green growth. Participants will learn about the activities, problems faced and addressed for replication and upscaling.
	Chair: Ms. Cecile Faraud <i>Rapporteur: Dr. P. Abdul Salam</i>
09:00 -9:20	Presentation 1: UNHABITAT: Low carbon green-growth initiatives in different cities in Asia Dr. Bharat Dahiya
9:20 – 9:40	Presentation 2: IGES: Kitakyushu initiative for low carbon cities in Asia, issues & challenges Ms. Shom Teoh
9:40 – 10:00	Presentation 3: DEM: Clean Development Mechanism in Southeast Asia Mr. Karsten M. Holm
10:00 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 10:50	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
10:50- 12:15	Session 6: Funding for Low Carbon City Initiatives
	This session will bring sponsors and donors involved in funding low carbon initiatives in the region. They will present the funding mechanisms and opportunities available for assisting cities to promote low carbon green growth.
	Chair: Ms. Mahallah Adalia <i>Rapporteur: Dr. Charles O.P. Marpaung</i>
10:50- 11:15	Presentation1: AFD: Financing low carbon cities in Asia Ms. Sylvie Margat
11:15- 11:40	Presentation 2: ADB: Capacity enhancement for coping with climate change Mr. Sumit Pokhrel
11:40-12:15	Discussion
12:15-13:15	<i>Lunch</i>
13:15 – 15:00	Session 7: Next steps
	This session will bring together the discussions and presentations in sessions 4, 5 and 6, namely, issues/activities to be dealt with in the cities, and taking note of the current activities and funding opportunities for low carbon growth. Participants will consolidate the inputs from these earlier sessions and provide inputs and suggestions so that well documented proposal(s) will be ready for submission to potential sponsors in the future by the LCC group.
	Chair: Prof. C. Visvanathan
13:15 – 15:00	Moderated discussion:
15:00 – 15:15	Closing of Seminar
15:00- 15:15	<i>Coffee/Tea Break and Departure</i>