Key Priority on SDGs Localisation in the Asia-Pacific Region
Localisation of SDGs continues to be priority for cities & local governments in Asia-Pacific Region

- We only have less than 10 years to attain the SDGs, and with the impact of COVID-19, it has become even more important to accelerate the work that we do, by doing it smartly, effectively, and framing this as an opportunity to build back better.

- For the past three years, UCLG ASPAC has been working even more closely with LGs and LGAs to support them in attaining the SDGs through **knowledge sharing, advocacy, research, partnerships, and project implementation** that generate tangible evidence.
UCLG ASPAC Priority #3 Put Global/Regional Agendas and National Commitments into Effective Local Implementation

- Capacitate LGs & LGAs in understanding, building coherence & internalising the various Global/Regional Agendas as well as National Commitments, in collaboration with local communities.

- Capacitate LGs & LGAs in the operationalisation of the various Global/Regional Agendas, as well as National Commitments, by supporting pilot programming, technical capacity development and establishing best.

- Build synergy and capacity through, as well as leverage on, collaboration, cooperation and integration with other global, regional, national and local agendas. This includes multilateral cooperation such as ASEAN and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, bilateral cooperation including city-to-city collaboration and sister city programmes, as well as single nation-led initiatives such as Belt and Roads Initiatives, and similar city-led initiatives such as SDG Cities and Smart City aspirations.
Key steps: Aligning LGs’ COVID-19 Response and Recovery with the SDGs

Using the opportunity of the pandemic to show the close linkages between the impact of COVID-19 to all goals of the SDGs

**Foster Knowledge Exchange**
Virtual knowledge exchange between UCLG ASPAC LGs & LGAs members and other stakeholders (including through programmes/projects)

**LGs/LGAs Solidarity**
Channel donations among LGs/LGAs members of UCLG ASPAC

**Capture Smart Practices of LGs**
Documentation and promotion of smart practices of LGs in handling and recovering from COVID-19

**Advocacy and Policy Recommendations**
Ongoing research and policy recommendations based on evidence and collective needs of UCLG ASPAC members

**Fostering Opportunities in Tapping Alternative Financing**
Match-making events at the national and international level to boost cooperation & promoting multi-stakeholder partnerships
Accelerating SDGs Attainment Post-Pandemic

Cities and LGs have taken various innovative solution to handle pandemic and impact. These approach can be beneficial when applied in planning and implementing the solutions towards rapid recovery.

Innovative and effective efforts in handling the pandemic matters in accelerating the SDGs
As the pandemic impacts all of the SDGs, handling the pandemic effectively can help to accelerate the slow progress of SDGs attainment. Identifying short and medium-term development focus to attain SDGs can be a good start.

Integrated approach to ensure co-benefit
As LGs experienced significant budget costs to handle the pandemic, an integrated approach can be efficient way to ensure multiple sectors and issue are covered and co-benefitted.

Mobilise resources through multi-stakeholder approach
LGs can’t do it alone. Mobilising resources beyond the LGs budget have never been critical than now. (Crowdfunding, Zakat, etc)

Building Back Better
Recover to normal (bounce back) does not always means the best option. The pandemic provide an opportunity to reflect on lesson learned, and to build back better and faster and stronger.