

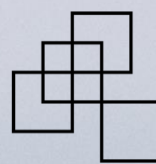
ASIA-PACIFIC MAYORS ACADEMY FELLOWSHIP ON SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT 2022-2023

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) - in cooperation with the United Nations University, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS); the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU), United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific (UCLG ASPAC), and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) - invite newly elected or appointed city mayors/governors in the Asia-Pacific region to join the 4th Mayors' Academy for Sustainable Urban Development. The objective of this fellowship is to create and support a network of local leaders in Asia-Pacific committed to sustainable urban development through interactive sessions held on an annual basis coupled with ongoing peer-learning.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
23rd December 2022**

www.asiapacificmayorsacademy.org



**ASIA-PACIFIC
MAYORS
ACADEMY**

What is the Mayors' Academy?

The Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy for Sustainable Urban Development envisions to create a network of local leaders and to establish a unique peer-to-peer learning opportunity for mayors, especially newly-elected or appointed mayors/governors in the region, through yearly training courses and ongoing city-to-city exchanges. The Academy's core objectives are:

Provide capacity development programmes to the leaders of local authorities to implement sustainable urban development and increase their leadership and technical capacities on urban sustainability issues (including e.g., financial planning and management, integrated planning, application of smart solutions, inclusive governance and stakeholder engagement, and urban resilience);

Assist mayors to become knowledgeable and committed to the global development agendas, and to enable local governments to contribute to achieving the climate and sustainable development targets and goals.

Increase the use of sustainable urban development tools, resources and technical solutions by newly-elected mayors in the region; and foster city-to-city cooperation opportunities;

Facilitate and strengthen the regional resources available to mayors and local authorities, including existing organizations, initiatives, academic institutions and the UN system, in support of implementation of sustainable urban development ;

Establish a network of informed mayors and local leaders to serve as regional advocates for sustainable urban development in support of global development agendas.



An aerial photograph of a city intersection. A tram is traveling along a curved track that runs diagonally across the frame. Several cars are visible on the roads, including a yellow taxi and a white car. The surrounding area includes buildings, trees, and pedestrian crossings. The image is used as a background for the text boxes.

1. Newly-elected or appointed mayors/governors

will increase their knowledge in designing, planning and managing sustainable urban development

2. An executive level, peer-to-peer learning space

to support mayors to develop expert-informed initiatives, collaborative actions and partnerships

3. A network of 'Mayors for Sustainability'

to connect with regional initiatives and platforms to raise awareness, accelerate actions and strengthen regional cooperation

WHAT CAN THE FELLOWS EXPECT FROM THE MAYORS' ACADEMY?

City mayors will benefit from a robust and practical curriculum developed to provide the latest knowledge, tools and resources available to support cities, delivered by regional and global experts on urban sustainability. The Academy will draw on the multi-disciplinary expertise from the initiative's partners, including academic and research institutions, regional technical initiatives, local government networks, and the United Nations system, as well as current and former mayors. The selected mayors can expect to:

1. Be part of an executive level, peer-to-peer learning space to support mayors to develop potential subject-matter-related partnerships and collaborative actions;
2. Join a network of 'Mayors for Sustainability' to connect with regional initiatives and platforms to raise awareness, accelerate actions and strengthen regional cooperation;
3. Increase their knowledge in designing, planning and managing sustainable urban development, including sustainable and inclusive city growth, integrated infrastructure, adapting to climate risks, natural resources consumption, local investment plans, land and legal mechanisms for sustainable urban development;
4. Increase knowledge on the global development agendas and international frameworks and their relevance to Asia- Pacific cities.
5. Access resources supporting cities in Asia Pacific, including the United Nations system, regional networks, technical support programmes and research institutions/academia.



WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM THE FELLOWS?

Mayors need to commit to:

Actively participate in training sessions and peer-exchange and Academy meetings.

Academy alumni are expected to return as resource persons and expert speakers in future academies.

Commitment to promoting sustainable urban development in her/his city, which will contribute to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;

Develop a local urban initiative that incorporates the learnings from the Academy, including inclusive, evidence-based and integrated policies.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY AND HOW?

The Academy Fellowship is designed for newly-elected or appointed mayors/governors in the region. Fellows will be selected based on established criteria, including commitment to sustainable urban development priorities, opportunities to localize the Sustainable Development Goals and establish local climate actions. Fellowships will consider regional balance and gender. Applications from women mayors are strongly encouraged.

The selection committee will be composed of representatives of UN ESCAP, UN-Habitat and UCLG-ASPAC, the United Nations University-Institute for Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES). Mentors could be identified to support in the selection process, as well as in the preparatory process of those mayors selected to be part of the Academy.



In order for a city Mayor to be eligible, the candidate must:

1. Be a newly-elected or appointed mayor/governor, typically in the first third of the term
2. Must commit to attending the following:
 - Bi-weekly virtual academy sessions, February 2023 to September 2023.
 - Physical sessions that will coincide with the 8th Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (APUF-8) in Suwon, Republic of Korea, October 2023. This may include financial support for the city mayors/governors (though in-kind contributions are expected, and co-funding is welcome).
3. Fluency in English will be considered in the selection criteria.
4. Be located in a member or associate member State of UN ESCAP ¹.

¹. <https://www.unescap.org/about/member-states>

1. To apply, please complete the application form at www.asiapacificmayorsacademy.org

2. For application-related clarifications, applicants can write to: escap-edd-suds@un.org with copy to habitatbkk@un.org and inst.gov@uclg-aspac.org

3. Deadline for applications is 23rd December 2022



APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

LAUNCH OF THE CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST	1 st December 2022
SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST	23 rd December 2022
ANNOUNCEMENT OF FELLOWS	January 2023
FORTNIGHTLY SESSIONS	February 2023 to September 2023
8 th ASIA-PACIFIC URBAN FORUM (APUF-8)	October 2023
GRADUATION	October 2023

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