



## **Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy 2024**

### **CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (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 fifth class of the Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy.

The Academy engages newly elected or appointed city mayors/governors in the Asia-Pacific region to participate in an annual fellowship and build their capacities to develop and implement sustainable urban solutions in their communities, in support of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**Application deadline  
10 March 2024**

[www.asiapacificmayorsacademy.org](http://www.asiapacificmayorsacademy.org)



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# What is the Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy?


The Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy creates a network of local leaders and establishes a unique peer-to-peer learning opportunity for Mayors, especially newly-elected or appointed Mayors in the region, through yearly training courses and ongoing city-to-city exchanges.

## The Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy:

- Builds capacity with the leaders of local authorities to implement sustainable urban solutions, including financial planning and management, integrated planning, application of smart solutions, inclusive governance and stakeholder engagement, urban resilience, and Voluntary Local Review (VLR) development – in support of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Establishes a network of leaders of local authorities to become regional advocates for sustainable urban development and contributors to achieving global development agendas.
- Promotes the use of sustainable urban development tools, resources and technical solutions for newly-elected leaders of local authorities in the region; and fosters city-to-city cooperation opportunities.
- Facilitates and strengthens regional resources and relationships available to Mayors and local authorities, including organizations, initiatives, academic institutions and the United Nations system, in support of sustainable urban development.
- Establishes a network of Mayors that may contribute to future Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy cohorts through alumni exchange opportunities.







## What is expected from Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy Fellows?

Fellows must be able to commit to:

- Active participation and discussion in all Academy sessions and meetings.
- Completion of assigned tasks after each session.
- Promoting sustainable urban development in their city, which will contribute to implementation of the New Urban Agenda and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Development of a local urban initiative that incorporates learnings from the Academy, including inclusive, evidence-based and integrated policies. This initiative must be completed to successfully graduate.
- As Academy alumni, return as resource persons and expert speakers in future cohorts.

## Who can apply?

The Academy is designed for newly-elected or appointed Mayors or Governors in the Asia-Pacific region.

Fellows will be selected based on established criteria, including commitment to sustainable urban development agendas and plans to implement learnings from the Academy. The Selection Committee will consider regional and gender balance. Applications from women Mayors are strongly encouraged.

The Selection Committee will be composed of representatives of: ESCAP, UN-Habitat, 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 may be identified to support in the selection process, as well as in the preparatory process for Mayors selected to be part of the Academy.

### **For a candidate to be eligible, you must:**

- Be a newly-elected or appointed Mayor/Governor, typically in the first third of the term although special circumstances may apply.
- Commit to attending bi-weekly online sessions from April to October 2024 (subject to change). The Fellowship will culminate in a physical Expert Group Meeting (EGM) and Graduation at the 12th World Urban Forum (WUF12) in Cairo, Egypt, 4 to 8 November 2024. (Note: This may include financial support for travel to Cairo, however in-kind contributions and co-funding are welcome).
- Have access to a stable and reliable internet connection.
- Be fluent in or have a high level of English proficiency.
- Be located in an [ESCAP Member or Associate Member State](#).





To apply, please complete the application form at [www.asiapacificmayorsacademy.org](http://www.asiapacificmayorsacademy.org).

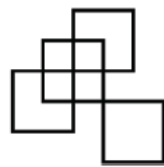
Please send applications and application-related queries to [escap-edd-suds@un.org](mailto:escap-edd-suds@un.org) and [habitatbkk@un.org](mailto:habitatbkk@un.org).

Please note the deadline for applications is 10 March 2024.



## APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Launch of Call for Expressions of Interest	February/March 2024
Deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest	10 March 2024
Announcement of Fellows	March 2024
Online Fellowship Sessions	April to October 2024
Expert Group Meeting and Graduation at 12th World Urban Forum (WUF12) in Cairo, Egypt	4 to 8 November 2024



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