

The 2nd Asia-Pacific Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation & 16th International Convention on Melaka Twin Cities

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**Resilient Cities
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Session P5 - Youth and Urban Resilience

Organized by: Indonesian Government, Melaka State Government, ADB and UN Habitat.

Date and Time: Thursday 3rd March 2016 **2pm – 3pm**

Venue: Hotel Equatorial Melaka (<http://resilientcitiesasiapacific.iclei.org/venue.html>)

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Highlight the critical role young people offer as catalysts for resilient and sustainable urban development in Asia and the Pacific over the next 15 years.
- Building upon the outcomes from the first Asia-Pacific Urban Youth Assembly at APUF-6 (APUFY), identify key recommendations and practical steps for engaging youth in building inclusive, safe and resilient cities and human settlements, contributing to Habitat III (the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development) and beyond.

SESSION OUTLINE:

Introduction (5 minutes)

Panel Discussion: 'Talk Show Style' (40 minutes)

Q & A (10 minutes)

Summary and wrap up (5 minutes)

PANEL SPEAKERS:

Moderator: Mariko Sato – Chief, UN-Habitat Bangkok

Chair: Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron - Chief Minister of Melaka; President, World Assembly of Youth; and Member of Malacca State Legislative Assembly.

1. **Alfrence Ingoa Fatai**, Lord Mayor of Honiara City Council, Solomon Islands.
2. **Ms. Marikris de Guzman** Youth Representative, National Youth Commission, Republic of Philippines.
3. **Mr. Anil Tuladhar**, Bachelor of Architecture, Institute of Engineering (IOE), Lalitpur, and Initiator/Active Member: 'Youth For Rebuilding' Campaign following April 2015 Earthquake.
4. **Ms. Felicity Cain**, APUFY and APUF-6 participant; Ambassador, Architecture for Development; and Volunteer for Emergency Architects, Australia.
5. **Mr. Muhammad Rafi Al Hariri Nasution**, Delegate of Asia-Pacific Urban Youth Assembly (APUFY), delegate of 'Be A Young Hero on Disaster' (BEYOND) ASEAN 2015.

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METHODOLOGY:

This plenary session will offer an interactive discussion between panelists, led by session moderator in a “talk show” style with an opportunity for questions and answers.

OBJECTIVE:

Young people in Asia and the Pacific are at the forefront of rapid urbanization, and are increasingly exposed to the effects of climate change and disasters as well as taking actions to help their communities and cities become resilient¹. By 2025, an additional one billion people will live in Asia-Pacific cities, compared to population levels in 2000². This rapid urbanization, combined with the effects of a changing climate, necessitates actions that build resilience for all people in cities across Asia-Pacific. Young people in the region are on the move because they are migrating from rural to urban areas in ever greater numbers as well as in terms of changing lifestyles and values.³ To build resilience across this region particularly in densely populated urban areas, it is imperative that current inequalities be addressed and that the capabilities and insights of the next generation are harnessed and supported.

The 700 million young people⁴ in Asia-Pacific are also recognized agents of change,⁵ as articulated recently at the inaugural Asia-Pacific Urban Youth Assembly at APUF-6 (APUFY) organized by the government of Indonesia in partnership with UN-Habitat, ADB and youth-led organizations. APUFY was the first platform for emerging leaders across Asia-Pacific to articulate urban issues and offered fresh perspectives for the global “New Urban Agenda”.

Linked to the outcomes of APUFY, this plenary session highlights the benefits of building effective and inclusive partnerships with young leaders; empowering these important groups of stakeholders as equal partners in sustainable and resilient development. The session will offer a unique opportunity for dialogue from both sides – among today’s city leaders and decision makers and tomorrow’s new urban champions to discuss the potential of youth to build urban resilience across Asia-Pacific and contribute to global debates on sustainable urbanization.

¹ 60% of all countries hit by extreme weather events in the past two decades are in the Asia-Pacific region. United Nations (2015), *Switched On: Youth at the Heart of Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific*, a report by the Regional Coordination Mechanism - Asia-Pacific Thematic Working Group on Youth.

² UN Habitat (2015) *The State of Asian and Pacific Cities 2015*, United Nations.

³ United Nations (2015), *Switched On: Youth at the Heart of Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific*, a report by the Regional Coordination Mechanism - Asia-Pacific Thematic Working Group on Youth

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⁵ The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015) *Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030*, United Nations.

