

Asia Pacific Group
Mainstreaming EMP at national level (30-6-2005)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Country	Area for improvement	Good practice in aim of the EPM mainstreaming area
Indonesia	EMIS net work database training	-Clean and green city programme. -Decentralization of law on going / Capacity Building on going.
China	Establishment of effective functional mechanisms ex: Stockholder's mobilization	-Effective functional mechanisms at pushing forward LA21 (LA21network), Institutional organization structure Ex: Information centers/net work within the country and international cooperation network. -China Sustainable Communities / Effective physical and information network; 6 different regional information centers in process of development. -International cooperation network (SCP/aiming disseminate the information to all provinces in the network)
Nepal	Dilemma encountered in policymaking, lack of technical planning capacity of the local bodies.	-Provision in the law Ex: local self-governance act of 1998.
PNG	Area of improvement, lack of proper coordination and framework for implementation Ex: Central-local government related	-Policy and legislative framework (National urbanization policy, responsible ministries identified, medium term development strategy, budget allocation constraints for policy changes regarding environmental concerns)
Mongolia	Identify national strategy and visions, and strengthen of capacity building mechanisms.	-National guidelines and tools (CDs programmes in three cities)(GIS, GPS). -Developing a basic information database to enforce new programmes.
Philippines	Capacity building for national institutions and cities (training managerial capacity & competences)	-National legislations/policies containing EMP principles Ex: Local government code
Sri Lanka	Development of strategies and implementation at the local level Ex: expanding replicating SCP for more cities	Introducing legislative measures on urban governance and capacity building -White paper good governance -Introducing amendments to existing legislations -National capacity building strategy for local governance -Localized integrated SWM strategies for cities in line with national strategy -Partnership with national TI to disseminate EPM practices
Thailand	Mechanisms like training institute or curriculum development, which can fit in the existing channels & frameworks. Also technical support in EPM and inter local cooperation	-Environmental action plan & regulation with funding Thailand Ex: training institutes that could mainstream.
Korea	Value conflicts in installation of environmental facilities	Guidelines national level/ guidelines for local implementation A21 Proactive involvement of NGOs and stake holders in the policy plan and projects environmentally friendly urbanization tools (Sensitivity analysis / developing information system ---Ministry environment. Private sector /public partnerships, environmental assessment policy and projects)

- Establishment of task force to ensure implementation at local level for good governance EPM process.
- Provide necessary support for Capacity-building; Localizing & developing new partnerships , Involving communities actively, changing to more environmental oriented practices, having decentralization as a final purpose involving grassroots.

Mainstreaming EPM at the Global Level

Examples of contribution to global environmental debate

Indonesia	Cities in Indonesia are not contributing to the debate because the global initiative s is assumed by the central government.
Sri Lanka	Through participation of regional urban networks such us city nets. Localizing MDGs, air quality control, and national plan for marine pollution.
Korea	National diversity action plan, LA21 demonstration projects .
China	Many processes are negotiated by central government but some cities are involved in CMD mechanisms.
Nepal /India	Urban growth management policy, urban transportation policy
Philippines	Cities are not represented in national mechanisms to feed into Global mechanisms thus LCP should be a member.
P NG	Carbon trade policy (Policy that addresses key issues on sustainable development in the country-strategy for five years term)
Mongolia	Contribute by replacing technology to reduce air & soil pollution. It helps for reducing GMG and contribute to solve problems such us climate change. (Unplanned settlement\ planned settlement)

Examples of EPM contribution to implementation of international instruments and mechanisms

Philippines	In the implementation of global agreements, EPM tools & mechanism can be used, Ex: E. G, BHG inventories & mitigation, adaptation and planning.
Sri Lanka	Habitat global agenda Istanbul, UNSED (Rio) LA21 regular documentation and global sharing of local implementation lessons .
PNG	Developing conventions and treaties on the EPM lessons .
Indonesia	Mainstreaming the EPM lessons of the experiences of the country in global agendas, conventions etc.
Korea	Biodiversity management agreement. Developed countries working in partnerships with developing ones .

Ways to mainstream EPM lessons in global agendas conventions and fora

Philippines	Link lessons to specific issues being negotiated in the various MEAS. Ex: Capacity building, provision of new and additional financial resources and transfer of technology.
Sri Lanka	Cities should be given opportunity to share lessons learned at the global conventions through mid term review.
PNG	Documenting standards at the global level.
Indonesia	Documentation, development of standards of the lessons, dissemination and/or facilitation for comparative studies of the EPM experiences .

Changes in support from SCP/LA21 to address issues

Korea	Regional SCP networks, joint agreements between EPM and multilateral environmental agreements, To develop EPM tool relevant to urban biodiversity To support capacity building center for biodiversity and global warning at the regional net.
Philippines	Provision of more technical knowledge on the MEAs competency building on negotiation skills. Setting up of global strategy anchored on SCP/EPM expert consultant/ and regular expert exchange.
Indonesia	SCP/LA21 should support the government empowering the local city governance.
Nepal/India	Expand SCP/LA21 program to more countries .
Mongolia	Technical and financial support from SCP/LA21 especially in human resources. Good governance of municipalities, regional sustainable development of the cities.
Sri Lanka	Assistance to document and network. To share experiences with other global partners. Capacity building of the local level officials for documentation.
India/Nepal	SCP provides more opportunity for cities to link global activities to local agendas.
PNG	Awareness coordination capacity building in PNG.
Thailand	Integrate the EPM frame onto some global issues and big programme Ex: biodiversity, natural resources sustainability and management.

The Group concluded the following necessary common actions during plenary feedback:

- Strengthen international donor and programme coordination.
- Support the integration of EPM within country UNDAF, PRSP and MDG frameworks,
- Increase city/national-level understanding of MCAs, their objectives and which countries have signed what commitments;
- Help strengthen linkages between sectoral Ministries responsible for MCA implementation and national EPM-partners to build understanding in the role that cities can play
- Support cities to play a role in the discussion, negotiation, monitoring and implementation of MCAs.