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#RECAPTURE2018

The year of 2018, City Alliance reached unforgettable events that conducted across southeast Asia countries, mainly Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia. First, in Bangkok, Thailand, City Alliance 'People. Sanitation. Cities' has been established by the end of October 2017; following in a few months, City Alliance also participated in the 9th World Urban Forum and BMBF workshop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; in the middle of 2018 City alliance conducted the first official meeting in Sleman Regency, Indonesia and invited all executive members.

The City Alliance 'People. Sanitation. Cities'



In October 2017, mayors, deputy mayors and representatives of municipalities, provincial and national governments as well as BORDA and its local partners in Southeast Asia met at the City Forum, to set up the City Alliance 'People. Sanitation. Cities.'

Ms Ratna Aria Laycock as new Head of Secretariat. She will also be based in Sleman, as the regency kindly provides a workspace for disposal. Mr Sri Purnomo and Ms Laycock will serve for the period of January 2018 until December 2019.



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In the beginning of 2018 - with mutual agreement of all City Alliance member - Drs. H. Sri Purnomo, M.SI, regent of Sleman Regency, Indonesia, has been appointed as first Head of City Alliance. He will be supported by



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Participating exclusively at the 9th World Urban Forum and BMBF workshop

At beginning of February (08.-09.02.2018) nearly all members met at the 9th World Urban Forum (WUF9) and the BMBF workshop (German Ministry for Education and Research) in Kuala Lumpur. This was the first time the City Alliance was presented in front of an international audience. In cooperation with the German booth at the WUF9 it was possible to launch two panel discussions with our members of the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Laos and Germany.

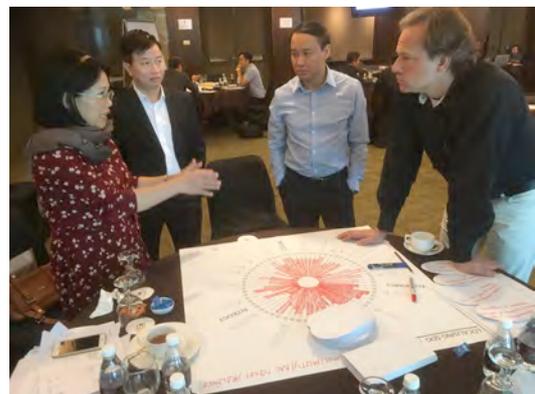
During the workshop on “Polycentric approaches for the management of Urban Water Resources in Southeast Asia” our partners from the German Universities of Cologne and Berlin were presenting the means of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and what challenges they

bring in localizing them for a country, a region or a city.

With interesting methods of group work it was possible to initiate a process of understanding individual challenges within administrative borders and in detail the urban water cycle.



But also a process of exchange and trust due to all the members who were sharing their experience of success and sometimes also struggle.



Operationalization of the Sustainable Development Goals on local level – Polycentric approaches for the management of urban waters

From 6th – 7th August 2018, the 1st City Alliance ‘*People. Sanitation. Cities*’ meeting was held in the Sleman Regency, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The event was hosted by the Head of City Alliance/Regent of Sleman Mr. Sri Purnomo. Around 90 participants from CA members, local government officials responsible for water and sanitation in Sleman Regency and local NGOs joined the meeting.

The goal of the 2 days workshop in Sleman Regency was to strengthen the cooperation process among the City Alliance member through detailed discussions concerning the knowledge exchange, the communication structures and the

best practices in the sector of integrated sanitation from the City Alliance’s member i.e. Cambodia (Kratie), Indonesia (South Tangerang and Sleman), Laos (Luang Namtha), Philippines (La Union) and Vietnam (Bac Ninh).

And the successful discussions on the exchange of knowledge among the members of the City Alliance, by:

- Summarizing the results of the recent City Alliance meetings
- Identification of specific exchange topics, capacities and frameworks
- Discussion on future dimension and members of the City Alliance ‘*People. Sanitation. Cities*’



#UpcomingEvent

The Financial Working Group of City Alliance

The officially event will be held on:

17th – 18th January, 2019

Chon Buri, Bangkok, Thailand

As a result from the 1st City Alliance meeting in Sleman 6th and 7th August 2018, and based on the common vision and understanding, that the City Alliance members committed to continue working on the implementation of the Integrated Sanitation Approach (ISA).

The following topics have been identified during working sessions for the joint cooperation:

1. Community awareness and empowerment for water and sanitation related actions
2. Exchange on possible financing mechanisms
3. Technology options/system solutions
4. Regulations and policy
5. Capacity Building
6. Stakeholder Communication

Due to the specific demand for support with financial challenges within the member cities/municipalities, BORDA has set up the working group “Financing

Mechanisms”.

Therefore, invited members of the City Alliance are kindly asked to join the working group session on 17th and 18th January 2019 in Chon Buri, Thailand.

The main aim of the a.m. workshop is to provide a deeper understanding of existing financing schemes and instruments which are currently applied within the Integrated Sanitation Approach in each City Alliance member cities/municipalities and to share those experiences with municipalities from Thailand.

In addition, invited experts from UNESCAP will provide insights on other financing instruments which have been successfully applied in the region.

Additional Information

The 4th City Alliance newsletter will be issued on 15th March 2019, then for those who would like to give some articles for the City Alliance Newsletter, would you please send it to the City Alliance Secretariat at the latest 2 weeks before the issued date.

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