



Event Details

Title of Event

CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTING SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT FOR CITIES TOWARDS ACHIEVING SDGs

Organization Details

Organization: PLANMalaysia (Town and Country Planning Federal Department)

Organization Country: Malaysia

Summary

Sustainability assessment (SA) is a growing concern worldwide with United Nations' Agenda 2030 being implemented. As sustainability refers to the consideration of environmental, social and economic issues in light of cultural, historic and institutional perspectives, appropriate tools are needed to ensure the complete coverage of these aspects and allow the participation of multiple stakeholders. According to Sala et al. 2015, sustainability assessment is "one of the most complex types of appraisal methodologies" that entails multidisciplinary aspects and is conducted for supporting decision-making and policy development. Many tools, indicator systems and frameworks have been proposed to characterize and assess sustainability at different administration level. Measuring sustainability can also help with tracking and assessing progress, evaluating sustainability trade-offs and anticipating new requirements. Many countries had developed sustainability assessment tools prior to the adoption of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which was announced in 2015 as a substitute to Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). These sustainability assessment tools were developed based on the concept of sustainability built on 3 pillars: economic, environmental and social. Many assessment tools established are still active and relevant today and applied to measure the sustainability at different level of administration: national, local authority, city and neighborhood level. The adoption of SDGs requires countries' commitment to the implementation of 17 goals where country level SDGs (VNR) were progressively reported. Recently, city based SDG's reporting too are beginning to take place as an effort to localizing SDGs. Existing sustainability assessment tool can be improved and harmonized to the SDGs targets and indicators for this purpose. To avoid redundancy, a retrospect of existing and past sustainability assessment tools shall be done carefully before developing a new set of assessment tool in localizing SDGs. This event focuses on sustainability assessment tool developed at various scale i.e. national, local authority, city and neighborhood. The session will discuss about the content of each sustainability assessment tool, the gaps in achieving SDGs, the challenges, way forward and the potential of integrating SDGs targets into the existing tool. Malaysia will share the experience of developing MURNInets (Malaysian Urban Rural National Indicators Network for Sustainable Development) as a tool to assess the performance and sustainability level at local authorities level.

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