

## Climate Finance for Cities: Urban-Act Training Event

12th World Urban Forum (WUF)

**9:00am – 12:00pm, Wednesday 6 November 2024**

Multipurpose Room 3, Egypt International Exhibition Centre, Cairo

### Draft Concept Note

#### Overview

Development of city-level initiatives that either generate low-carbon growth, or increase localised climate resilience, is often inhibited by a lack of accessible climate finance. However, an increasing number of international and national schemes are available to both directly finance and support the development of city level climate actions.

The training is developed in three main parts:

**Session 1** will provide participants with insights from an expert panel of international city climate finance specialists, representing a range of organizations from across the climate sector.

In **Session 2**, participants will take part in an activity to refine a suite of draft city climate initiatives from the *Urban-Act: Integrate Climate Action for Low-Carbon and Resilient Cities in the Asia-Pacific project* and its Regional Training Programme, with cities represented from across five partner countries. External participants will have the option of developing rapid project presentations for their own cities or joining one of the existing Urban-Act teams.

In **Session 3**, each team will present their project to the expert panel, gaining unique feedback and insights from both panel members and other city participants into the different considerations in developing a ‘bankable’ city climate initiative.

#### Background

The Urban-Act project is supported by the International Climate Initiative, a key instrument of the German Federal Government to support international climate action and biodiversity. The Urban-Act Regional Training Program is being led by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), supported by the University of Melbourne’s Melbourne Centre for Cities. Cities involved in the program have been selected from Urban-Act partner countries – China, India, Indonesia, Philippines, and Thailand. These cities are being supported by a number of locally-based research and education institutions, peak-bodies, and other implementing partners and entities, including national government line ministries.

A full list of project partners and additional project details are available on the [Urban-Act website](#).

Schedule	Session	Learning objectives
8:45 – 9:00	<b>Arrival &amp; Registration</b>	
9:00 – 9:15	<b>Introductions, Formal Welcome &amp; Overview of Urban-Act Regional Training Programme and Training Event</b>  Curt Garrigan, ESCAP  Heinrich Gudenus, GIZ Thailand	
9:15 – 10:00	<b>Session 1: Unlocking City Climate Finance for Asia and the Pacific: Expert Panel</b>  Facilitator: Omar Siddique, UN ESCAP  Panellists:  Maryke van Staden, Director, ICLEI - Local Govts for Sustainability Climate Center  Eglantine Marcelin, Project Manager, GIZ City Climate Finance Gap Fund  Margot De Groot van Embden, International Expert	Familiarization with city climate finance initiatives  Understanding of key criteria for project development, selection, and implementation  Awareness of internal capacity building requirements, needs, and international support mechanisms included within city climate finance entities
10:00 – 10:10	<b>Break &amp; Networking</b>	
10:10 – 11:00	<b>Session 2: City Presentation Development Activity</b>  Facilitator: Amelia Leavesley, University of Melbourne  - For Urban-Act city representatives: an opportunity to refine your capstone proposal aligned to city climate finance (panel above)  - For general participants: opportunity to build on Urban-Act proposals, or develop a rapid proposal for your own city	Ability to work with and learn from external partners to refine the appeal and legibility of city climate projects  Capacity to transfer and embed technical aspects of climate science into project proposals
11:00 – 11:50	<b>Session 3: City Climate Finance, Cities' Presentation</b>  Facilitator: Omar Siddique, ESCAP  Groups to present for 3-5 minutes outlining their urban climate resilience proposal, on climate relevance, scalability, innovation, and feasibility	Proficiency at communicating city-level climate priorities to prospective funders and technical partners  Wider understanding of different city climate needs

	Panellist and facilitators, as well as participants, will provide feedback and suggestions.	
11:50 – 12:00	<p><b>Closing Remarks, e-Module Update, 2025 Content Overview &amp; Feedback</b></p> <p>Alexei Trundle, University of Melbourne</p> <p>Alice Siragusa, ESCAP</p>	<p>g) Overview of the city climate finance e-module platform</p> <p>h) Outline on 2025 Urban-Act engagement opportunities</p>

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