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Dear Metropolis members from Asia and the Pacific,

I would like to request for your kind collaboration in the preparation of the **6th Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)**, to be organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) under the theme ***Empowering People and Ensuring Inclusiveness and Equality***. The event will serve as regional preparations for the upcoming UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in New York, in July 2019 and to which Metropolis will participate.

Local Authorities is one of the seventeen major groups to participate in the APFSD under the civil society organizations cluster. In order to promote a broad-based and inclusive participation, the Asia Pacific Local Government Coordinating Body (APLG) has been set up to garner and coordinate local authorities' voices and inputs. APLG comprises of eight (8) members namely: **Metropolis**, UCLG ASPAC, UCLG MEWA and UCLG Eurasia, C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, CityNet, Commonwealth Local Government Forum and ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability as members. The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), UN ESCAP, UN-Habitat, and UNU-IAS are APLG's partners, with the United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) serving as focal point. Outcomes of the Survey will not only reflect the positions of local authorities with regard to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), but also serve as foundation for the Local Authorities Major Group Statement, to be delivered by a selected representative at the Forum.

The online Survey will be open from 25 January to 15 February 2019 and can be accessed via the UCLG ASPAC website: <https://uclg-aspac.org/en/>. The Survey consists of multiple-choice questions, focusing on the six SDGs (No. 4, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17) that will be addressed at the APFSD and HLPF respectively. Please refer to the Survey web link for more details.

I strongly encourage you to take part in this important initiative which will contribute to strengthening local authorities at the global level. Should you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the focal point at UCLG ASPAC: Ms. Liz Villegas at inst.gov@uclg-aspac.org.

Thank you for your collaboration. We all look forward to receiving your inputs.

Sincerely,



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