



Symposium on “Building Effective, Accountable and Inclusive Institutions and Public Administration for Advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

5-8 December 2017
Songdo Convensia Conference Center
Incheon, Republic of Korea

Many governments in Asia and the Pacific have made good progress in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the United Nations in September 2015. Many have been adapting the SDG targets to their national circumstances and priorities and incorporating them in their policies and development plans. Many are mobilizing and adapting their institutions, engaging local governments, parliaments and other actors; and identifying follow-up and review structures.

The SDGs, as an ambitious integrated framework, call for whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches and many countries have been moving in this direction. Good practices, lessons and challenges are already emerging from those implementation efforts. These were discussed at the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in July 2016 and July 2017 when 65 countries carried out voluntary national reviews (VNRs). The 2017 HLPF concluded with the Ministerial Declaration, particularly calling for the need to take appropriate action towards localizing and communicating the SDGs at all levels, from the national to the community and grassroots level.

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) (Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) has already organized two regional Symposia on the theme of equipping public institutions for implementing the 2030 Agenda in March 2016 in Bolivia and in February 2017 for SIDS in the Bahamas. It is organizing a similar symposium with UNDESA's Division for Sustainable Development, UNITAR, UNDP and La Francophonie in Addis Ababa on 11-13 December 2017.

Against this backdrop, DPADM/UNDESA, through its Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), in collaboration with the Government of the Republic of Korea, will organize a Symposium from 5 to 8 December 2017 on *“Building Effective, Accountable and Inclusive Institutions and Public Administration for Advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”*.

The ultimate objective of the Symposium is to strengthen implementation efforts and public governance for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and enable governments to respond to the SDGs in innovative ways, drawing from the strategies that different countries are implementing and the related successes and challenges.

The Symposium will allow participants to identify good practices and ideas and enhance cooperation between countries, between central and local governments and among all actors. This will include discussing actions for localizing the SDGs, improving public institutions and public services delivery, engaging all stakeholders, particularly civil society organizations and the private sector, enhancing means of implementation, as well as adapting plans and policies to the SDGs and to national situations.

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Day 0 – Tuesday, 5 December 2017

Time	Agenda Item	Objective
12:00-14:00	Arrival and Registration (Oakwood Premier Hotel)	Arrival of sponsored representatives
14:00-18:00	Study Tour on Smart City Management, Incheon Metropolitan City Group I: Urban Disaster Management Emergency Warning Control Office (14:00 - 16:00) Smart City Control Center (16:00 - 18:00) Group II: Waste Treatment and Resources Recovery Environmental Corporation of Incheon (14:00 - 16:00) Waste Treatment Policy, Wastewater Terminal Processing, Sewage Treatment, Incineration and Resources Recovery (16:00 - 18:00)	

Day 1 – Wednesday, 6 December 2017

Time	Agenda Item	Objective
08:00-9:30	Arrival and Registration at Songdo Convensia Conference Center Ballroom C	Registration for all representatives
09:30-10:15	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Mr. Bo-Kyun Shim, Vice Minister of the Ministry of the Interior and Safety (MOIS), Republic of Korea Ms. Marion Barthélemy, Director, Division for Public Administration and Development Management, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DPADM/UNDESA) Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Keewon Hong, Ambassador for International Relations, Incheon Metropolitan City 	Opening of the Symposium with high level representatives in Ballroom C

Keynote Speeches		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Tan Sri Dr. Ali Hamsa, Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia, and UN CEPA Member H.E. Ms. Ismat Ara Sadique, Minister of State, Ministry of Public Administration, Bangladesh 		
10:15-10:30	Group Photo & Coffee Break	Group Photo and Networking Break
10:30-12:30	<p>Plenary Session I: Organizing, planning and mobilizing for implementing the SDGs</p> <p>Part 1: “Getting Institutions Organized for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Whole-of-Government and Whole-of-Society Approaches”</p> <p>Moderator & Remarks Ms. Marion Barthélemy, Director, DPADM/UNDESA</p> <p>Plenary Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Mr. Leonard Tampubolon, Deputy Minister, Ministry of National Development Planning / National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Indonesia Mr. Chae Gun Chung, Head of UN Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), DPADM/UNDESA Mr. Saber Chowdhury, Honorary President of Inter-Parliamentary Union, Member of Parliament, Bangladesh Ms. Kamaljeet Sehwari, Mayor of South Delhi, India Dr. Kamariah Noruddin, Deputy Director General (Macro), Economic Planning Unit, Prime Minister’s Department, Malaysia Mr. Brian Lariche, Boardmember, Asia, Aflatoun International 	<p>Opening plenary of Symposium emphasizing inter-governmental coordination, multi-stakeholder partnerships and policy harmonization for the SDGs in Ballroom C</p>
Interactive Session		
12:30-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	<p>Plenary Session I : Organizing, planning and mobilizing for implementing the SDGs</p> <p>Part 2: “Strategic planning for implementing the 2030 Agenda”</p> <p>Moderator & Special Remarks Ms. Michaela Prokop, Regional Programme Advisor for the SDGs, UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre</p> <p>Plenary Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. M. Aslam Alam, Rector, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), Ministry of Public Administration Mr. Dasho Karma Tshiteem, Chairman, Royal Civil Service Commission, Bhutan Mr. Samuel Grundler, Director of Aid, Planning & Aid Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Nauru 	<p>Understanding how national strategic plans are integrating the 2030 Agenda and reflecting on institutional leadership for the SDGs in Ballroom C</p>
Interactive Session		

15:30-16:00	Coffee break	Networking break
16:00-18:00	Plenary Session I : Part 3 - Parallel Breakaway Groups	
<p>Group I: Mobilizing Public Servants and Transforming Mindsets - Advancing a Curriculum on the SDGs Location: Room 102</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Adriana Alberti, Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer, DPADM/UNDESA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the moderator on a process and framework for curriculums on the SDGs • Mr. M. Aslam Alam, Rector, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), Ministry of Public Administration • Mr. Dasho Karma Tshiteem, Chairman, Royal Civil Service Commission, Bhutan • Amb. Young-sam Ma, Director, UNITAR CIFAL Jeju, Korea • Dr. Lan Xue, Dean, School of Public Policy and Management, Sustainable Development Institute of Tsinghua University, China • Mr. Shaleen Singhal, Professor and Head of Policy Studies, TERI University, India • Mr. Wonkyu Shin, Specialist, Division of Development Research, Korea Development Institute (KDI), Korea <p>Q&A Session</p> <p>Table Dialogues</p> <p>Wrap-up by rapporteur</p>	<p>Group II: Spearheading Whole-of-Government Approaches and Policy Integration Location: Room 104</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Jean D'Aragon, Senior Sustainable Development Expert, UN Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD/UNDESA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Kamaljeet Sehrawat, Mayor of South Delhi, India • Mr. Kalanidhi Devkota, Executive-Secretary, Municipalities Association of Nepal (MUAN) • Ms. Ma'ata Mafi, Economist, National Planning Division, Prime Minister's Office, Tonga • Mr. Mok Khemera, Director, Department of E-Government, General Department of ICT, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Cambodia <p>Q&A Session</p> <p>Table Dialogues</p> <p>Wrap-up by rapporteur</p>	<p>Group III: Engaging All Stakeholders in SDG Implementation Location: Room 107</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Sangmin Nam, Acting Head, ESCAP Sub-regional office for East and North-East Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Asha Kumari, Mayor of Chandigarh, India • Mr. Mohammad Nabi Sroosh, SDG Focal Point, Director General of Policy & RBM, Ministry of Economy, Afghanistan • Mr. Noel E. Rosal, Mayor of Legazpi City, the Philippines • Ms. Hao Cao, Viet Nam, 2030 Youth Force, (Initiated by UNDP & UNV) • Ms. Hee Jae Yoo, Director, Korea ToP Facilitation Center, Korea <p>Q&A Session</p> <p>Table Dialogues</p> <p>Wrap-up by rapporteur</p>

Day 2 – Thursday, 7 December 2017

Time	Agenda Item	Objective
9:00–10:15	<p>Plenary Session II “Localizing the SDGs – Enhancing Cooperation between Central and Local Governments and Equipping Institutions”</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Michaela Prokop, Regional Programme Advisor for SDGs, UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre</p> <p>Keynote Speech on Impact Partnerships for Local Results</p>	<p>Discussing vertical integration between levels of government to ensure greater measurable local results on the SDG targets in Ballroom C</p>

Ms. Durreen Shahnaz, Founder, Impact Investment Exchange and Foundation

Plenary Remarks

- Ms. Girlie Grace Casimiro-Igtiben, Chief Economic Development Specialist, National Economic and Development Authority, The Philippines
- Mr. Hoiseung Lee, Director General, International Cooperation Bureau, Seoul Metropolitan Government
- Special Remarks by Delegation of Mayors
 - Ms. Asha Kumari, Mayor of Chandigarh, India
 - Mr. Eloy C. Eclar, Mayor of Gerona, The Philippines
 - Mr. Suriya Yeekhun, Mayor of Prik Municipality, Thailand
 - Mr. Noel E. Rosal, Mayor of Legazpi City, The Philippines
- Mr. Arab Hoballah, Team Leader, EU-GIZ SWITCH-Asia Facility on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP)
- Dr. Lan Xue, Dean, School of Public Policy and Management, Sustainable Development Institute of Tsinghua University, China

Interactive Session

10:15-10:30	Coffee break	Networking break
10:30-12:30	Plenary Session II – Parallel Breakaway Groups	
Group I: Localizing the SDGs Location: Room 102 Moderator: Mr. Arab Hoballah, Team Leader, EU-GIZ, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Eloy C. Eclar, Mayor of Gerona, The Philippines • Mr. Kalanidhi Devkota, Executive-Secretary, Municipalities Association of Nepal (MUAN) • Mr. Chang-Soo Choe, Professor, Cyber Hankuk University of Foreign Studies • Ms. Eah Antonio, The Philippines, 2030 Youth Force (Initiated by UNDP & UNV) Q&A Session Table Dialogues Wrap-up by rapporteur	Group II: Resources Allocation between National and Local Governments Location: Room 104 Moderator: Ms. Adriana Alberti, Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer, UNDESA/DPADM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Syviengxay Oraboune, Acting Director General, Center for Socio-Economic Science and Policy Research, National Institute for Economic Research (NIER) of Lao Government, Lao PDR • Mr. Suriya Yeekhun, Mayor of Prik Municipality, Thailand • Mr. Moise Tchankoumi, Former Professor, Public Finance Consultant, France • Mr. David Kasdan, Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration, Graduate School of Governance, SungKyunKwan University Q&A Session Table Dialogues Wrap-up by rapporteur	Group III: Making Cities and Human Settlements Inclusive, Safe, Resilient and Sustainable Location: Room 107 Moderator: Prof. Young-sook Nam, Secretary General, World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Waltraut Ritter, Founder and Principal, Knowledge Dialogues • Mr. Wang Xingquan, Director of Research Center on Innovation, Institute of Information Sciences, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences • Mr. Shaleen Singhal, Professor of Sustainable Cities, TERI University, India • Mr. Hi Yong Lee, Director, Technical Operations Division, Incheon Smart City Corporation • Mr. Gerald Paragas, Representative of the Governor of Provincial Government of Pangasinan, The Philippines • Ms. Binita Karki, Nepal, 2030 Youth Force (Initiated by UNDP & UNV) Q&A Session Table Dialogues Wrap-up by rapporteur

12:30-14:00	Networking Lunch				
14:00-15:15	<p>Plenary Session III “Improving Public Service Delivery and Promoting Inclusion through Innovation and ICTs”</p> <p>Keynote Speech on Mobilizing ICTs for the 2030 Agenda Mr. Liam Maxwell, National Technology Adviser, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, United Kingdom</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Jennifer Tan, Director, Government Technology Agency, Singapore</p> <p>Plenary remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Adriana Alberti, Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer, UNDESA/DPADM• Ms. Anita Gurumurthy, Executive Director, IT for Change, E-Government for Women’s Empowerment - UNESCAP & DPADM/UNPOG joint project• Mr. Zheng Lei, Associate Professor, Public Management, Fudan University• Mr. Cheung Moon Cho, Executive Principal Researcher, Korea National Information Society Agency (NIA)• Mr. Redempto Parafina, Executive Director, CheckmySchool.org and Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in East Asia and the Pacific (ANSA-EAP) <p>Interactive Session</p>	<p>Reflecting on strengthening basic services delivery through innovations, notably using Information and Communication Technology (ICT) especially for vulnerable groups in Ballroom C</p>			
15:15-15:30	Coffee break	Networking break			
15:30-17:30	Parallel Breakaway Groups - Session III				
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Federal Affairs, Nepal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Il-han Kwon, Department of Global Cooperation / Team Leader, Korea Local Information Research & Development Institute (KLID), Korea 	
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18:15-20:00 Dinner & Cultural Event by Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City
Venue: Songdo Convensia Conference Center, Ballroom C

Day 3 – Friday, 8 December 2017

Time	Agenda Item	Objective
9:00-10:30	<p>Plenary Session IV “Review of SDG Implementation and Accountability at National Level”</p> <p>Keynote Speech on Accountability at National Level Dr. Agus Joko Pramono, Boardmember, the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Chae Gun Chung, Head of UNPOG, UNDESA/DPADM</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Saber Chowdhury, Honorary President of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Member of Parliament, Bangladesh Mr. Yeom Tae-Young, Mayor of Suwon City, Republic of Korea Mr. Mohammad Nabi Sroosh, SDG Focal Point, Director General of Policy & Results Based Management (RBM), Ministry of Economy, Afghanistan Ms. Waltraut Ritter, Founder and Principal, Knowledge Dialogues <p>Interactive Session</p>	Regional overview of SDG implementation and accountability challenges for national public governance in Ballroom C
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	Networking and building partnerships
11:00-12:30	<p>Plenary Session V “Reviewing progress at the Global Level”</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Marion Barthélemy, Director, DPADM/UNDESA</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Sangmin Nam, Acting Head, ESCAP Sub-regional office for East and North-East Asia Dr. Kamariah Noruddin, Deputy Director General (Macro), Economic Planning Unit, Prime Minister’s Department, Malaysia Mr. Samuel Grundler, Director of Aid, Planning & Aid Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Nauru 	Presentation of progress in SDG implementation from the region and data related aspects in Ballroom C

Interactive Session		
12:30-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-16:30	Action points from the Breakaway Groups and Way Forward Moderator: Ms. Adriana Alberti, Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer, UNDESA/DPADM	Presentation of key messages and action points from the break-away groups and “matchmaking” session for follow-up actions after the symposium in Ballroom C
16:30-17:00	Key messages from the discussions & closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Il-jae Kim, Deputy Minister, Ministry of the Interior and Safety (MOIS), Republic of Korea • Ms. Marion Barthélemy, Director, UNDESA/DPADM 	Concluding remarks and closing of the Symposium in Ballroom C

Symposium Speakers

Speakers (listed In order of appearance)

Bo-Kyun Shim

Vice Minister of the Ministry of the Interior and Safety (MOIS), Republic of Korea



H.E. Bo-Kyun Shim is Vice Minister of the Ministry of the Interior and Safety (MOIS), Republic of Korea. In his long and distinguished career, Mr Shim has accumulated expertise and rich experience by working for the central government, local governments, and the Office of the President. He served the Deputy Minister for Planning and Coordination of the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family until Dec 2014. Between 2014 and 2015, Mr. Shim served Vice Governor for Administrative Affairs in Jeollabuk-do. Subsequently, he served the Director General for Planning in Presidential Committee on Local Autonomy Development from Dec 2015 to Feb 2016. Upon returning to the Ministry of the Interior (MOI), he worked as the Deputy Minister for Planning and Coordination until May 2017. Recognizing his plentiful work experience and outstanding leadership, Mr. Shim was appointed as the Vice Minister of the Ministry of the Interior and Safety (MOIS) in June 2017. Mr. Shim has a BA in English Language Education from Seoul National University, an MA in Policy Science, Saitama University and a PhD in Governance, Sungkyunkwan University.

Marion Barthélemy

Director of the Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)



Ms. Marion Barthélemy is the Director of the Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. From 2007 to 2012. She served as Chief of the Development Cooperation Policy Branch of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support (DESA), supporting the Development Cooperation Forum and the General Assembly's review of UN system country-level activities (QCPR). She also served as Special Assistant to the UN Deputy Secretary-General.

Keewon Hong

Ambassador for International Relations, Incheon Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea



Keewon Hong serves as Ambassador for International Relations, Incheon Metropolitan City. Prior to working as an ambassador, Mr. Hong was a visiting Scholar, University of International Business and Economics, Beijing between 2015 and 2016. Mr. Hong also held various positions in Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). He worked as an Assistant Director in Trade Information Division from 1998 to 1999 and Asia-Pacific Trade Division from 1998 and 1999. Recognizing his excellent work, he was appointed First Secretary. He served as Counsellor in the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in China between 2010 and 2013. With a great deal of great works, he was appointed Deputy Chief of Mission, Minister-Counsellor of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Pakistan. He holds the MA in Economics from University of Washington and BA in Economics from Korea University.

Tan Sri Dr. Ali Hamsa, Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia, and UN CEPA Member



Tan Sri Dr. Ali Hamsa joined the Administrative and Diplomatic Service as an Assistant Director at the Ministry of Trade and Industry on 5 January 1981. On 22 April 2009, Dr. Ali was appointed as the Director-General of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Unit, PMD, a central agency created to spearhead PPP initiatives namely privatisation projects, Private Finance Initiatives, corridor developments and facilitation funds. As the Chief Secretary, he currently is Chairman of the Malaysian Integrity Institute, Co-Chair of the Special Task Force to Facilitate Business, and Deputy Chairman of Johor Corporation. Dr. Ali also an Advisor of Malaysia Development Berhad, Director of Bintulu Port Holdings Berhad, Member of Penang Port Commission and Member of the Board of Bumiputera Agenda Coordinating Unit.

**Ismat Ara Sadique
Minister of State, Ministry of Public Administration, Bangladesh**



H.E. Ismat Ara Sadique established the women front of Keshabpur Awami League in the year 1996 and dedicated herself in making it a well-organized party there and since then she has been working as number one member of the Executive Committee of the organization. Mrs. Ismat Ara Sadique successfully carried out her responsibilities as a member of Bangladesh Women Welfare Council for the period of 2009 to 2013 and presently she is engaged as the president of 'Shathi Samajkalayan Sangstha'a charitable organization, involved mainly in extending free medical treatment to students along with support of different types including providing them with free uniform and academic materials. On top of these, Ms Ismat Ara Sadique played laudable role during our Great War of Liberation with her husband ASHK Sadique by extending support to the freedom fighters from their official Tenement House No-1 at Elephant Road in Dhaka city. This Tenement house was one of strongholds of the Freedom Fighters. Freedom Fighters used to keep their arms and weapons in this government house. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sadique extended all kinds of support including refuge to Freedom Fighters.

**Leonard VH Tampubolon
Deputy Minister, Ministry of National Development Planning / National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Indonesia**



Dr. Ir. Leonard VH Tampubolon was born in Medan, Indonesia in 1961. He received Master Degree in Economics Development from Vanderbilt University and Doctoral Degree in Economics from Claremont Graduate University, USA. In his almost 30 years in Bappenas, Mr. Tampubolon has worked in various capacities including Director for State Finance and Director for Macroeconomics Planning. Currently he serves as Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs in Bappenas.

Chae Gun Chung
Head of UNPOG, DPADM/UNDESA



Mr. Chae Gun Chung is the Head of United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG) of the Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA). Prior to joining the United Nations, Mr. Chung was the Vice Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Korea. Mr. Chung also held various positions including the Deputy Minister of Local Administration Office and Planning and Coordination Office as well as Consul General of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Germany. In his long and distinguished career from 1983 to 2016 with the Government of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Chung has accumulated rich experience by working for the central government, cities and local governments, and the Office of the President. Mr. Chung holds a PhD in Public Administration from Daejeon University, Master of Urban Planning from University of Michigan, Master of Public Administration from Seoul National University, and a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Korea University.

Saber Chowdhury
Honorary President of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Member of Parliament, Bangladesh



Mr. Saber Chowdhury is a distinguished politician with an impressive track record in public service in Bangladesh and extensive experience in inter-parliamentary relations. He is the 28th President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Prior to his election, he served as President of the IPU Standing Committee on Peace and International Security (2010 – 2014) and, briefly, as a member of the IPU Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs (2014). As IPU President, he is also a member of the high-level group - Every Woman Every Child - a global movement to champion the health of women, children and adolescents led by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. The group's members comprise leaders from governments around the world, the international business community, philanthropists and prominent young people.

Kamaljeet Sehrawat
Mayor of South Delhi, India



Ms. Kamaljeet Sehrawat is the Mayor of South Delhi. She is presently serving the state as the President of Mahila Morcha-Delhi. She has devoted her entire life in the field of education to promote education for homeless children. She has also served as The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Assembly Candidate of Matiala in 2008. Matiala Constituency is the biggest one among all other constituencies in Delhi in terms of geographical area. BJP gave her an opportunity as a candidate to contest the Vidhan Sabha elections from this constituency in November 2008.

Dr. Kamariah Noruddin
Deputy Director General (Macro) of Economic Planning Unit (EPU), Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia



Datuk Dr. Kamariah started her career as an Assistant Director, Agriculture Section, EPU in 1984 and moved to the Malaysia Administrative Modernization and Management Planning Unit (MAMPU) in 1991. She spent a few years in the National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN) as a Senior Project Coordinator. Since 2006, she served in several sections of the EPU. She was the Head of the Secretariat for the National Implementation Directorate, was later made the Deputy Director of Human Capital for K-Economy in the Malaysian Development Institute (MDI) before serving as Director of the Energy Section, in

May 2010. As Director of Energy Section, she was involved in the implementation of the New Energy Policy for Malaysia (2010-2030) and in numerous energy-related research. She was then the Director of Services Industry in 2011. As the Director of Services Industry Section, she was actively involved in the preparation of the 11th Malaysia Plan 2016 – 2020, and was the chapter lead for “Re-engineering economic growth”.

Brian Lariche

Board member, Asia, Aflatoun International

Founder/Chief Community Strategist of Lariche Community



Brian is the Founder/Chief Community Strategist of Lariche Community, a CSR advisory and community development consultancy company. He was Project Adviser for the UNDP in HIV, focusing on leadership and capacity identification and development. He is a global trainer and monitoring and evaluation specialist. He currently runs the Head of Community Development for the Make It Right Movement (MIRM) powered by Brickfields Asia College (BAC), Law School in Malaysia) where he manages/advises over 70 community programs and social enterprises. As Asia board member for Aflatoun International, Brian supports the Asia partners in capacity building and development via various training programmes. He also works closely with the Asia Programme Manager of Aflatoun in strategizing the development and advancement of financial literacy in Asia and in recruiting new partners.

Michaela Prokop

Regional Programme Advisor, Sustainable Development Goals, at UNDP's Bangkok Regional Hub



As Regional Programme Advisor, Sustainable Development Goals, at UNDP's Bangkok Regional Hub, Michaela Prokop is responsible for supporting countries across Asia Pacific in mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs into planning, budgeting and M&E processes. Michaela is also the team leader (a.i.) for the Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development team at the Bangkok Regional Hub. Michaela has more than 15 years of experience in economic and sustainable development policy analysis, advice and strategy development in Asia Pacific. Prior to joining UNDP's regional team in 2015, Michaela was economic policy advisor in Viet Nam. Michaela started her career as an economist with the Asian Development Bank first at headquarters and then in the Afghanistan resident mission. She has also worked with the European Union and the World Bank.

Aslam Alam

Senior Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh

Rector of Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC)



Dr. M Aslam Alam is a Senior Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh and currently working as the Rector of Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), which is responsible for professional development of members of all levels of Bangladesh Civil Service. BPATC also work as a think-tank on public service and policy matters. He also served as the Secretary of the Financial Institutions Division (FID) of the Ministry of Finance, and the Secretary of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR). Prior to becoming a Secretary, he was the Director General of the Department of Land Records and Surveys, and the Director General-3 at the Prime Minister's Office. Prior to that, Dr. Alam was on lien to UNDP/UNOPS from October 2004 to July 2008, and worked as Senior Program Manager of the Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP).

Dasho Karma Tshiteem**The Chairman of the Royal Civil Service Commission of Bhutan**

Dasho Karma Tshiteem is the Chairman of the Royal Civil Service Commission, a constitutional body responsible for leading and shaping a unified, impartial and professional civil service. Prior to that, he served as the first Secretary of the Gross National Happiness Commission. He also served in various capacities in the Ministry of Finance. Outside of Bhutan, he has worked in the World Bank and also represented Bhutan in the UN Open Working Group on the Post-2015 development agenda. He currently serves as a Board Member on the Kidu Foundation, an organization established by His Majesty the King to provide support to the most vulnerable people in Bhutanese society. He also serves as Vice Chairman and faculty in the Royal Institute of Governance and Strategic Studies, the nation's premier leadership development institute.

Adriana Alberti**Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer at the Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)**

Ms. Adriana Alberti leads the division's capacity development activities. She has worked for over twenty-five years on governance and public administration issues, with a particular focus on institutional development, innovation and e-government, participatory governance, leadership and human resources capacity development, as well as reconstructing public administration after conflict. She was Chief Technical Advisor of the Programme for Innovation in Governance in the Mediterranean Region. She was a founding member of the Network of Innovators in Governance in the Mediterranean region. Ms. Alberti holds a Ph.D. in Social and Political Sciences from the European University Institute in Florence and an Executive Education Certificate on Innovations in Governance from Harvard University. She worked at the Center for Judicial Studies of the University of Bologna, and was Professor of Comparative Politics and European Union.

Young-sam Ma**CIFAL Jeju Director, Republic of Korea**

Ambassador Young-sam Ma joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1981 and served in Washington, D.C., Bangladesh and at the Mission to the UN. He worked as the Ambassador to Israel and also as the Head Representative to Palestine. His last foreign service was the Ambassador to Denmark. At the headquarters of the Foreign Ministry, he served as the Director of UN Human Rights and Social Affairs Division and the Director-General of Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau. He was elected as a Co-Chair of International Working Group on Sport and Persons with Disabilities affiliated to the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace in 2014. He retired from the Korean government in 2016 and has been serving as the third Director of the CIFAL Jeju / JITC since February 1, 2017.

Shaleen Singhal
Associate Professor at TERI University



Dr. Shaleen Singhal is an Associate Professor at TERI University with over 20 years of research and academic experience working on sustainable urban development issues in India and UK. He is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, UK and recipient of Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship 2017-18 for Yale University, US. He is an architect planner with PhD on City Competitiveness that received the Global 2009 Emerald/EFMD outstanding doctoral research award. His research work and publications lay emphasis on sustainable development, ecology based urban planning, infrastructure performance and effective governance for cities in emerging economies as India. Dr Singhal has pioneered in structuring first-of-its-kind M Tech programme on Urban Development and Management in India; and the first masters' course on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP). He is Indian Lead Collaborator of the Indian European Multi-level Climate Governance Research Networking Programme. He is a member of the Global Urban Competitiveness Project Council.

Wonkyu Shin
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Dr. Wonkyu Shin has provided research-based policy consulting and advisory services for various Korean ministries on international economic and development issues such as economic/trade cooperation (WTO/FTA), development partnership, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Before joining KDI, he was Research Professor at Center for International Development Cooperation of Kyung Hee University to conduct various studies under the theme of "Comprehensive Development Partnership." His other researchers feature in publications including World Development, World Economy, World Trade Review, Journal of World Trade, and Structural Change and Economic Dynamics.

Lan Xue
Cheung Kong Chair Professor and Dean of School of Public Policy and Management at Tsinghua University



Dr. Lan Xue has published widely in public policy analysis, STI policy, crisis management, and global governance, including Risk Governance on Climate Change, which was published in 2014 by Science Press of China, and Globalization of Science and Technology and its Influence on China's Development, which was published in 2015 by Tsinghua University Press. His many public service appointments include a member of the National Committee for Strategic Consultation and Comprehensive Review, a member of the Expert Committee on Emergency Management of the State Council of China, Vice President of China Association of Public Administration, a member of UN University Council, and a member of the academic advisory board of Blavatnick School of Government at Oxford University. Since 2012, he has been the Co-Chair of the Leadership Council of the Sustainable Development Solution Network (SDSN).

Jean D'Aragon**Senior Sustainable Development Expert at the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD)**

Jean D'Aragon has over 20 years of international development experience in research, policy advisory, capacity building, and monitoring and evaluation related to sustainable development in America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania. He worked at the UN-Habitat headquarters in Nairobi and the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) in Nagoya, linking climate change, natural disaster risk and vulnerability reduction, urban planning and governance. His expertise in post disaster/conflict led him to undertake assignments as Early Recovery Advisor and National Coordinator with the same and other UN agencies, such as UNDP, in various geographical contexts, including the Philippines, Vanuatu and Cameroon. Prior to joining the UN, he was Senior Programme Officer at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC - Canada), working on the linkages between urban poverty reduction, food security, environmental protection and resilience, supporting their integration into territorial planning policies, codes, regulations, plans and programmes.

Asha Kumari**Mayor of Chandigarh, India**

Asha Kumari is a leader of Indian National Congress and a All India Congress Committee secretary and AICC in charge of Punjab. She is a member of the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly from Dalhousie. She also served as minister of state for primary education (independent charge) from 1995 to 1998; then was higher education minister from 2003 to 2005, in HP. She is a daughter of former Madhya Pradesh chief secretary Madneshwar Saran Singh Deo, Asha Kumari was born on September 23, 1955, in Delhi. After her education in Bhopal, she was married to RK Brijendra Singh, scion of the erstwhile royal family of Chamba.

Ma'ata Mafi**Acting Senior Economist of Prime Minister's Office under the National Planning Division, Tonga**

Mrs. Ma'ata Mafi first worked as an Assistant Economist in the Central Planning Department since 2005 then Central Planning amalgamated with Ministry of Finance and called Ministry of Finance & National Planning in 2008. She had promoted to an Economist post in 2014. In September this year, she has been transferred to work in the Prime Minister's Office under the National Planning Division and received an appointment to act in the Senior Economist post. Since 2005, she has been specializing in the formulation of the National Planning whereby MDG was currently implementing and down to the formulation of the MDG Acceleration Framework for Tonga and also the preparation of Tonga's final MDG Report in 2015. Her goal is to ensure those SDGs are integrating into the Government processes through Planning, Implementation and Monitoring & Evaluation.



Mok Khemera
**Director, Department of E-Government, General Department of ICT,
Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Cambodia**

Since Aug 2013, Mr. Mok Khemera has worked in the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications. He is currently a director of Department of E-Government, General Department of ICT. He majored in Computer Science from Royal University of Phnom Penh. He obtained a Master of Computer Applications (MCA) from Sikkim Manipal University.



Sangmin Nam
**Deputy Head and Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UNESCAP-ENEA and
coordinates the NEASPEC**

Prior to taking up the current assignment, Dr. Nam served as Environmental Affairs Officer at the UNESCAP Headquarters and ENEA Office since early 2005. Before joining the UN, he taught at Hanyang University, served as expert member of the Presidential Commission on Sustainable Development and the Presidential Committee on Northeast Asian Cooperation Initiative of the RoK, and worked with Green Korea United, a leading environmental NGO, as a founding member and programme and policy manager. He also held visiting research positions at Chulalongkorn University, Australian National University and University of Washington. His co-authored books include Regional Perspectives on Sustainable Development (2014), Eco-efficiency Indicators (2009), Eco-efficiency: a practical path to sustainable development (2007), International Environmental Cooperation: Diplomacy & Politics in Asia-Pacific (2003).



Noel E. Rosal
Mayor, Legazpi City, Philippines

NOEL E. ROSAL, an undefeated politician who started his career in politics as Barangay Chairman of Barangay Gogon, Legazpi City, elected and served as City Councilor for two terms and won as Mayor in 2001; completed three consecutive terms as Chief Executive and re-elected with no opponent in 2013. He is a visionary leader whose utmost concern is the welfare of the majority, especially the marginalized sector of society and strong advocate of public-private partnership, good governance and transparency. He consistently brought Legazpi City to higher levels of social development and economic prosperity as well as wider horizons of opportunities. He obtained Master's Degree in Business Administration at Aquinas University where he also took up Bachelor of Laws.



Cao Thi Thu Ha
Co-founder and president of 2030 Youth Force in Vietnam

Ms. Cao Thi Thu Ha is co-founder and president of 2030 Youth Force in Vietnam, which is a youth organization network aims to inspire and engage youth in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. She is also working as Talent and Communications Management Lead of Microsoft Student Partners in Vietnam, seeking to develop technology students in Vietnam through training programmes and competitions. Recently, she has founded DotX, a youth organization with the mission Initiating ICT solutions to facilitate and accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Together with DotX team, she is developing SDG Hub – an interactive education website to help people approach detailed and correct information about the SDGs and contribution opportunity to the achievement of the SDGs.

Durreen Shahnaz**Founder and Managing Director of IIX and IIX Foundation**

Prof Durreen Shahnaz, a Social Entrepreneur from Bangladesh, is the founder of Impact Investment Exchange Asia (IIX), the home of the world's first social stock exchange and the world's largest equity crowdfunding platform for impact investing. Prof Shahnaz also founded IIX Foundation, an impact assessment and knowledge platform for impact investing. IIX and IIX Foundation's work has impacted the lives of over 12 million people across Asia. In addition, Prof Shahnaz's taught, conducted research and founded the Program for Social Innovation and Change at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at NUS. She currently serves on the Advisory Board of UNDP Innovation Facility, UNESCAP Trade, Investment and Innovation Division and the US\$ 50 million Start-up Fund under the ICT Division of the Government of Bangladesh.

Girlie Grace J. Casimiro-Igtiben**Chief Economic Development Specialist of the Social Protection and Integration Division of the Social Development Staff (SDS), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Philippines**

Ms. Casimiro – Igtiben joined NEDA in 2002, where she is currently serving as the division head of the Social Protection and Integration Division of the Social Development Staff. Her Division is in-charge of recommending, evaluating and monitoring policies, programs and projects related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), social protection, gender, labor welfare and employment, internally displaced persons, older persons, persons with disabilities, children, youth, solo parents, indigenous peoples and family. Ms. Casimiro – Igtiben has a Master's degree in Development Studies from the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University, The Netherlands.

Hoi Seung Lee**Director-General, International Cooperation Bureau, Seoul Metropolitan Government, Republic of Korea**

Mr. Hoi Seung Lee is very passionate and also devoted public official of Seoul city for almost 24 years. Now Mr. Lee is in charge of Social Innovation policies of Seoul, sharing economy, web-platform to listen to citizen's voices, Social innovation Park-the opening and conversion place for everyone. He has also involved in diverse projects of Policies Exhibition, the Smart Cloud Show - Sharing Economy Conference, and Social Innovation conference in 2015~2016. He has been related to the various metropolitan policies such as public communication, financial affairs, and youth policies. Especially when he took the director of Youth policies, he was particularly concerned 'Social Impact Bond' and he developed it to improve youth welfare in Seoul.

Arab Hoballah**Senior Sustainability Expert of EU-SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility**

Arab Hoballah is a Senior Sustainability Expert, currently serving as Team Leader, EU-SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility, since October 2017. From March to September 2017, he served as Executive Director of SEED, Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development. He retired from the United Nations/UNEP in December 2016, after a long career devoted to advocating for and assisting various stakeholders on understanding, mainstreaming and delivering sustainable development, with major focus on resource efficiency and consumption and production patterns.



Eloy C. Eclar
Mayor of Gerona, Philippines

Mayor Engr. Eloy C. Eclar of Gerona is winning this year's Most Outstanding Mayor in Tarlac awarded by Tarlac Media Association on Monday September 18, 2017. The award recognizes Gerona with a Seal of Good Governance for goodwill, transparency, accountability, social responsibility, and environment. He graduated from Saint Louis University in Baguio City and Gerona Junior College Gerona in Tarlac, Philippines.



Kalanidhi Devkota
Chief Executive of Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN)

Mr. Kalanidhi Devkota is leading the Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN) ever since he joined it in late 2009. He graduated from Erasmus University, The Netherlands. He has been actively working in the field of local governance for almost 15 years. As an expert of public policy, capacity development, resource and social mobilisation, he has served as a member of several task-forces and committees created by the Government as well as international organisations. As a manager, he has successfully implemented projects in South Asian cities/towns funded by the EU and other donors/partners. He is actively associated with UCLG-ASPAC, ICLEI SA, CITYNET, FCM, VNG and local government associations across South Asia and Pacific regions.



Chang Soo Choe
Professor of Public Administration at the Cyber Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (CUFS)

Dr. Choe is a Professor of Public Administration at the Cyber Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (CUFS) in Seoul, Korea and also serves as an adjunct professor of National Human Resources Development Institute (NHRDI). Before joining CUFS, he taught at Korea University for more than ten years and had worked as a Research Fellow at the Korea Research Institute for Local Administration (KRILA). He was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the Arizona State University in the U.S. in 2010. Dr. Choe has been engaged in consulting services in the area of capacity building and government innovation projects of foreign government as well as many government institutions in Korea.



Erycce Althea "Eah" Antonio
Head for External Affairs and collaborations of the 2030 Youth Force in the Philippines

Eah Antonio is a media practitioner based in Manila. She produces content for various media platforms and writes newscast about politics, business, and economy. She currently sits as the Head for External Affairs and collaborations of the 2030 Youth Force in the Philippines, a community of youth pushing for the attainment of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Since the beginning, Eah has already represented the Youth Force in several speaking engagements in different schools and youth events, and has facilitated over 30 meaningful engagements, partnerships, and collaborations of the Youth Force with various youth organizations and institutions.



Syviengxay Oraboune

Acting Director General of the Center for Socio-Economic Science and Policy Research, National Institute for Economic Research (NIER)

Mr. Syviengxay Oraboune is currently working in NIER, a government research institute mandating for providing policy advices to the government. For over 20-year working as an officer in the government of Lao PDR, he has provided a number of policy advices to the government particularly to support the national development agendas of the country including the national human development, the development toward graduation from LDC status, the implementation of MDGs as well as the current schema of SDGs. Infrastructure development is among his focus of research in which he has produced a series of policy researches on infrastructure development and also issues related to financing infrastructure projects in Lao PDR.



Suriya Yeekhun

Mayor of Prik Municipality, Thailand

Mr. Suriya Yeekhun is a mayor of Prik Municipality and Advisory Coach on The promotion of Low Carbon City across Municipalities in Celebration of His Majesty the King's 84th birthday project (LCM project). Prik Municipality has applied the concept of Sustainable Green Growth Development and good governance through partnerships under the Livable City Project. A flexible administrative style is also practiced in the municipality that integrates coaching to build up understanding, knowledge and awareness-raising. The Municipality and its communities follow the green growth strategy looking at 5 key areas that puts pressure on the environment: Energy, Transport, Water, Food, and Waste. This model can be sustainable and Prik municipality has been a "role model" for many other local governments to learn from.



Tchankoumi Moise

Former Professor, Consultant, Fiscal Decentralization

Prof. Tchankoumi Moise is a retired Professor of Economics and currently consultant in local finance, public account and fiscal decentralization. Previously, he served as secretary general of the permanent observatory of conflict in Africa, a peace Institution created by several African heads of state after the Rwandan tragedy. His main interests are peacekeeping, peace-building, the economic causes of civil war and the African economic development in general, including on corruption, violence, poverty and consequences on failed states. He has conducted field work in Congo, Rwanda, and Haiti. Prior to that, he was a professor of public accounts and local finance at "Institut Universitaire Professionnalis  " of the university of Paris X – Nanterre, Invited Faculty of public account of "Institut National du sport, de l'Expertise et de la Performance (INSEP)". Moise is member of African financial evaluation association and co-founder of the "Africa Diaspora University"(ADU).



David Oliver Kasdan

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David Oliver Kasdan's current research interests have extended to multi-disciplinary subjects, including: behavioral economics, disaster risk management, smart city governance, and broader concerns of social justice. He has been a consulting advisor for various local, national, and international governance projects. His academic articles have been published in such journals as: Administration & Society, Disaster Prevention and Management, and the Journal of Urban Affairs. He earned his doctorate degree in Public Administration with a specialization in administrative theory.



Young-sook Nam

Secretary General of World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO)

Dr. Young-sook Nam is the Secretary General of World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO), an international organization of 122 cities and 5 national ICT institutions dedicated to pursuing smart sustainable cities for all. Prior to joining WeGO, she was a Professor at Ewha Womans University's Graduate School of International Studies and held senior-level positions in the Korean government and international organizations abroad. As the Director of ICT Investment & Cooperation at the Ministry of Information and Communication (MIC) of Korea, she oversaw the Ministry's global ICT cooperation. Dr. Nam also gained vast experience in policy making, international cooperation, and sustainable development in her previous posts at the OECD, International Labor Office (ILO) and MOFAT.



Waltraut Ritter

Founder and principal of Knowledge Dialogues

Waltraut Ritter is founder and principal of Knowledge Dialogues, specializing in research and advisory services relating to information and knowledge society. She works on innovation at the intersection between universities, government and business, such as public-sector information policy and data governance. She contributes to OECD, ADB, EU and UNESCAP programme development. She is visiting faculty in the Executive Master in Digital Leadership at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, as well as guest lecturer in the M.Sc. in Innovation Management Programme at the Singapore Management University. She is a member of the International Council on Knowledge Management, the Association of Information Science and Technology, and has served on the Digital Strategy Advisory Committee (DSAC21) of the HKSAR from 2010-2017.



Wang Xingquan

Chief Expert of Think Tank "Creative Economy", and director of Research Center on Innovation, Institute of Information Sciences, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Associate Professor.

Wang Xingquan's research covers creative city and internet studies. He is author of more than 30 research papers in these fields. He published and coordinated five books, including "metropolis of design: global dynamic and Shanghai strategy" and "Report of creative Shanghai 2015". He has supervised more than 20 research projects related to film, design and digital content sectors in Shanghai, creative precincts, ranking of creative cities and smart cities. He got his PhD. on management from University of Paris I of France, and was visiting professor at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies of Korea.



Hiyong Lee

Director of Technical Operations Division in Incheon Smart City Corporation, Republic of Korea

Mr. Hiyong Lee is currently working in Incheon Smart City Corporation as a Director of Technical Operation Division from 2013. Prior to joining in Incheon Smart City, he was a manager of SI Support team at Asiana IDT Inc between 2010 and 2013. Furthermore, he was department manager of SI group in Sundosoft Inc and researcher of Urban Research Division in Korean Research Institute for Human Settlements. He majored in M.E., Urban Engineering from University of Seoul.

Gerald Paragas**Urban and Environmental Planner in Pangasinan, Philippines**

Gerald Paragas is a Filipino television producer and a licensed Urban and Environmental Planner in Pangasinan province (north of Manila), where he once served as 'konsehal' or legislator in his hometown. Prior to his current work in Pangasinan Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office under the Office of the Provincial Governor, Paragas was based in Tacloban City in central Philippines. He received last year's Urban Crises Learning Fund from UK International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) for his research on Effective Urban Humanitarian Response. In March 2015, Paragas joined the Philippine delegation to the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Sendai, Japan; and in May 2017 as a presenter in Resilient Cities 2017: The 8th Global Forum on Urban Adaptation and Resilience in Bonn, Germany.

Binita Karki**Co-Founder and leader of 2030 Youth Force in Nepal**

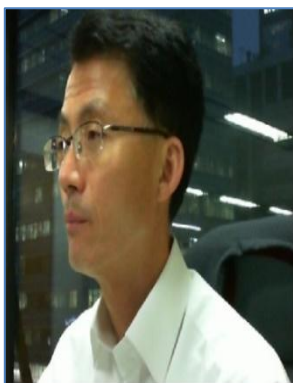
Binita Karki is a young peace builder and women's right activist. Being from a remote part of Nepal, she aspires to become a social entrepreneur to eradicate poverty and create a peaceful and inclusive society. She founded 2030 Youth Force together with 18 other young leaders in Bangkok, June 2016. 2030 Youth Force is Asia-Pacific Regional Youth Network that aims to engage youth in the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She has expanded the network in Nepal and spreading awareness regarding SDGs among Nepali youths through SDGs series. 2030 Youth Force in Nepal is working closely with UNDP in Nepal for several SDG-related activities. In 2013, she won "Nepal's Top 7 Debaters 2013" which is a reality television show with broadcast on NTV Plus.

Jennifer Tan**Director, Strategic Planning and International Government Technology Agency (GovTech), Singapore**

Jennifer is the director responsible for strategic planning and international engagement for the Government Technology Agency of Singapore. GovTech is the implementing agency for Singapore's Smart Nation and Digital Government initiatives, which works with partner government agencies to deploy digital, data science, IoT and other technologies to deliver public impact, as well as to ensure the resiliency and cybersecurity needs of government systems. Jennifer has had extensive experience in strategic planning, corporate planning and HR management across various agencies in the Singapore public sector, including at the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Workforce Development Agency and the Ministry of National Development before her current role at GovTech. Jennifer graduated from Cambridge University with a 2nd Class Upper degree in Economics.

Lei Zheng**Associate Professor, School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Director, Lab for Digital and Mobile Governance, Fudan University**

Dr. Lei Zheng's research interests include digital governance, open data, cross-boundary information sharing, mobile public services, and government use of social media. He serves as a member of the Expert Group for the UN E-government Survey, a member of the Editorial Board of Government Information Quarterly, a member of the E-government Advisory Board of China Information Society, and a member of the Expert Committee of Government Data Sharing and Opening of Shanghai Municipal Government. He holds a PhD in Public Administration and Policy from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University at Albany, State University of New York.



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Dr. Cho has worked for National Information Society Agency as a Director in charge of ICT Capacity Development for helping informatization of developing nations for more than 10 years. He got a Ph. D. from University of Maryland in majoring Sociology, also have worked as a consultant with ESCAP and World Bank in the field of ICT development of developing nations. In addition to the above experiences, he holds Vice Chairmanship of Telecommunication Development Advisory Group of ITU from 2002 to 2010. And he has been seconded to Department of Communication of South African Government as a consultant from Oct. 2008 to March 2010. Furthermore, he has participated in making ICT Development Master Plan of Myanmar, Colombia, Paraguay and Cambodia.



Anita Gurumurthy

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Ms. Anita Gurumurthy is a founding member and executive director of IT for Change, where she leads research collaborations and projects in relation to the network society, with a focus on governance, democracy and gender justice. Her work reflects a keen interest in southern frameworks and the political economy of Internet governance and data and surveillance. Anita engages actively with policy makers, practitioners, social movement activists and the academic community to expand and deepen conversations on the public policy imperatives of the intertwining of the digital in all spheres of life. She also directs and draws inspiration from the work of Prakriye, IT for Change's field centre that works towards promoting women's and girls' leadership and digital capabilities.



(Don) Redempto S. Parafina

The Executive Director of the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in East Asia and the Pacific (ANSA-EAP) Foundation, Inc.

As an international development practitioner, Mr. Redempto S. Parafina has a recognized track record in civil society networking, capacity building and advancing innovations in citizen participation in governance. With over fifteen years of experience, he is consulted on the technical application of social accountability in various fields and sectors, such as education, health, public procurement, ICT, youth/children, social protection, among others. His work has spanned the Philippines and various East Asian countries. He was also a Senior Associate at the Ateneo de Manila University's School of Government, where he has spearheaded various action researches and participatory monitoring initiatives.



Heon-jun Kim

Director of International Administrative Cooperation Bureau of the Ministry of the Interior and Safety (MOIS), Republic of Korea

Mr. Heon-jun Kim has served in numerous positions, including Director for Consulting Division of Diagnosis and Consulting Center in the MOIS, Government Attaché to Private Sector. Among his many achievements, Mr. Kim coordinated international training programs for foreign government officials in developing countries in the areas of HRD, government innovation, e-government and provided consultation on the said areas to foreign government officials. From 2008 to 2010, Mr. Kim served as Director for Public Governance Program of OECD Korea Policy Center and shared knowledge and experiences on public governance among OECD and non-OECD member countries through participating country peer reviews, hosting international conferences on e-

government, administrative simplification and etc. Following this position, Director Kim was appointed as the Counselor of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea to Canada from 2010 to 2014.

Sang-Baek Chris Kang
Director of Global Cooperation of Korea Local Information Research & Development Institute (KLID), Republic of Korea



At KLID, Dr. Sang-Baek Chris Kang is in charge of global cooperation with partner countries regarding e-government and smart city deployment. For this, he supervised Smart City Benchmarking Forum in Denmark and Informatization/e-Government/Smart City Forum for Korean local governments as well. Moreover, He co-organized diverse international conferences regarding social protection, ID policy, local governance enhancement reflecting UN SDG's goals with ADB, World Bank, UNDP, etc. Recently, he participated in the 9th CLARCIEV Summit in Buenos Aires, Argentina to share Korea's experiences regarding national ID policy and personal information protection to Latin American countries. Before joining KLID, he was a General Manager of SK C&C Middle East Office in Dubai, UAE. He had developed diverse mega ICT and Smart City projects for Middle East and North Africa. Furthermore, he also worked at GTC (Green Technology Center) in KIST (Korea Institute of Science and Technology), LG Uplus, and ETRI (Electronic and Telecommunications Research Institute) in Korea.

Bhagawan Aryal
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Mr. Bhagawan Aryal pursued his primary and secondary education in Makwanpur, graduated in Business Administration, Public Administration with specialization in taxation and rural development and management from Tribhuvan University of Nepal. In 1996 Mr. Aryal, started his civil service career with the position of Section Officer in the Ministry of Labor and Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development, as a Director of Nation Planning Commission, Various Local Government Units including Sub Metropolitan city as a Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Aryal, persistently working in the areas of public administration, Municipal Management, Urban Management under different Ministries with prominent responsibilities in Nepal. He has been involving and playing vital role in the formulation, implementation and monitoring Plan and Policies for the Local Government Units in Nepal.

Keping Yao
Governance and Public Administration Expert of UNPOG, DPADM/UNDESA



Mr. Yao has been working in UNPOG since 2013 and his areas of work include strengthening public administration capacity for advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, digital government, innovation in citizen engagement, ICT for development, government innovation, and open data for disaster risk reduction. Prior to joining UNPOG, Mr. Yao worked in UNDESA's Statistics Division and DPADM from June 2002 to January 2013. Preceding his service at UN, Mr. Yao had worked as the Deputy Chief of Economic Analysis Division in Research and Statistics Department of People's Bank of China from 1993 to 2002. He holds a PhD degree in Economics.



Hajah Norashikin binti Datuk Haji Ismail

Head of SL1M Secretariat, Training Scheme to Empower Vulnerable Groups, Prime Minister's Economic Planning Unit, Malaysia

Madam Norashikin is a Senior Management Officer with the Central Bank of Malaysia. She is now on secondment to head the One Malaysia Training Scheme (SL1M) at the Economic Planning Unit of the Prime Minister's Department of Malaysia. SL1M is a successful programme to enhance the employability of the marginalised graduates from the urban poor, rural areas and underprivileged families across the country. Since its inception in 2011 until June 2017, SL1M has assisted 120,000 graduates not only in improving their market ability, but had so to an extent improved the livelihood of their poor families. Madam Norashikin studied Law and obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Law with Honours [LL.B (Hons)] in 1994 and was called to the Bar in 1995. She also has a Master's Degree in Law with the University of Malaya in 2001.



Nazrul Islam

Country Director of Relief International, Bangladesh

Mr. Nazrul Islam currently works with Relief International, a USA based INGO, as a Country Director for Bangladesh. He has more than 10 years of experience in project development and management in areas such as, livelihoods and entrepreneurship development, human rights, human trafficking and education in South, South East and Central Asia. He is an integral member of the Technical Assistance Department of RI that provides technical assistance to RI's programs across the world. Nazrul holds a Bachelor and Master of Social Science with major in Government and Politics from Jahangirnagar University in Bangladesh, and has also completed a postgraduate program in Development Studies from Massey University in New Zealand.



Il-Han Kwon

Team Leader of Global Cooperation Department at Korea Local Information Research and Development Institute (KLID), Republic of Korea

At KLID, Mr. Il-Han Kwon has delivered several lectures on Korean smart village, carried out local informatization training programs for foreign government officials, and organized a variety of e-Government benchmarking visits to Korea for foreign national delegations. December 2016, he finished a consulting project to suggest sustainable local development strategy based on Korea's smart village (INVIL) model for Sidoarjo Regency in Indonesia. He recently co-wrote technical articles for "Local Informatization" on SDGs, Saemaeul Movement, electronic ID card, smart cities, etc. He majored in Psychology from Seoul National University, Korea, and also studied Public Policy at Graduate School of Public Administration (GSPA) from Seoul National University, Korea.



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Mr. Goyal is currently Program Manager for the Seoul Center for Financial Sector Development located in the WBG Korea Office. He moved to Seoul Center in mid-2015 to establish its physical presence in Korea in partnership with the Korean Government and financial sector related institutions. Mr. Goyal leads the Seoul Center partnership between Finance and Market's Global Practice and Korean financial sector counterparts to support delivery of WBG country programs and operations by leveraging Korean partner funding, expertise and experience. Prior to joining the Korea office, he led the Finance and Markets engagement in Vietnam from 2009-2014. Mr. Goyal holds BA Honors degree in Economics from the University of Delhi, MA and M. Phil

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Praneel Pritesh
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Artemy Izmetstiev
Policy Specialist of the UNDP Seoul Policy Centre for Global Development Partnerships

Mr. Artemy Izmetstiev currently serves as an Officer in Charge in the UNDP Seoul Policy Centre. He also works on research, as well as facilitation of policy dialogue and sharing Korea's development experience with developing countries to help them in their own efforts to cut poverty and ensure sustainable human development through UNDP networks. Artemy has worked for sustainable human development with UNDP for over ten years, supporting the coordination and management of development assistance in a number of countries in Africa, Eastern Europe and the CIS and the Arab States. His work has focused on the development of aid policies, joint development assistance programmes, aid transparency and promoting knowledge exchange for development results between developing countries.



Sylvia Okinlay-Paraguya
Chief Executive Officer of the National Confederation of Cooperatives of NATCCO

Ms. Sylvia OKINLAY-PARAGUYA is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Confederation of Cooperatives of NATCCO. NATCCO's services include the Central Fund, Information Technology, Education Training and Consultancy, Microfinance Innovation in Cooperatives and Member Relations and Networking. She is the Chairperson of CODE-NGO, the biggest coalition of NGO Networks in the country; Network Consolidated Cooperative Bank and Balay Mindanaw Foundation, Inc. She is currently a member of the Coop Sector Council of the National Anti-Poverty Commission. She has once been appointed as the Co-Chair of the Regional Development Council X; former member of the Government Panel negotiating with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. A chemical Engineer, she is a graduate of Master in Business Management of Asian Institute of Management, Makati City. She is a proud member of the Higaonon tribe of Bukidnon.



Liam Maxwell

National Technology Adviser, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, United Kingdom

Mr. Liam Maxwell is the National Technology Adviser for HM Government of the United Kingdom. Mr. Maxwell's role is to create the conditions to make the UK the best place for business to invest in technology and to ensure the civil service can make the best use of emerging technologies to deliver effective digital government. From 2012 to 2016, Mr. Maxwell was Chief Technology Officer for HM Government. His teams at the Government Digital Service established the Common Technology Services function, which delivered a range of projects from the Crown Hosting Service to the Public Services Network, the Digital Marketplace and the spend control and delivery assurance function. From 2007 to 2011, Mr. Maxwell was elected twice as a councillor and Cabinet Member for Policy at the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. Mr. Maxwell has a strong interest in education and is a founder of Holyport College, a free school.



Tae-Young Yeom

Mayor of Suwon city, Republic of Korea

Mayor Yeom Tae-Young served as an environmental activist and established Suwon Eco-Center. He founded the Council for Suwon Agenda 21, Gyeonggi Agenda 21 and Local Agenda 21 in an effort to spread Local Agenda 21. While serving as a Secretary to the President for Sustainable Development in 2005, Mayor Yeom played a central role in the government's declaration of a National Vision for Sustainable Development. In 2010, Yeom assumed his current role as Mayor of Suwon. Since taking office, he has implemented policies to make Suwon City more sustainable. Mayor Yeom is a member of ICLEI Global Executive Committee (Local governments for sustainability). He was recently elected as a member of CityNet Executive Committee (association of urban stakeholders committed to sustainable development in the Asia Pacific region).



Samuel Grundler

Director of Aid, Planning & Aid Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Nauru

Mr. Samuel Grundler is currently working in the Ministry of Finance, under the Planning & Aid Division as the Director of Aid. He joined the Planning Department in 2005 and been working there for more than 10 years. He is in charge on all development donor funded policies and projects. He works closely with Nauru's traditional donors; Australia DFAT, NZ MFAT, EU, ADB, GCF, also with other institutions. He is responsible for reviewing the progress of the SDGs and the linkages towards the NSDS. He obtained a diploma in Business Accounting and had a vast institutional knowledge and experience in Aid Management.



Agus Joko Pramono

The Board Member of the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia

Dr. Agus Joko Pramono has been a Board Member of the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia since August of 2013. Currently, he oversees audits of financial entities such as the Indonesian Central Bank, Ministry of Finance, Financial Services Authority, as well as Ministries of Trade, Industry, and Planning and Development. Prior becoming a Board Member, he was an expert staff at the Audit Board responsible in providing a review of the management policy of the state-owned, regional-owned enterprises and state property/other separated areas. Dr. Pramono holds a Master's Degree in Accounting and a PhD in Governance.

Organizing Team



Marion Barthélemy

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Ms. Marion Barthélemy is the Director of the Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. From 2007 to 2012, she served as Chief of the Development Cooperation Policy Branch of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support (DESA), supporting the Development Cooperation Forum and the General Assembly's review of UN system country-level activities (QCPR). She also served as Special Assistant to the UN Deputy Secretary-General.



Chae Gun Chung

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Prior to joining UNPOG in February 2017, Mr. Chung was the Vice Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Korea. Mr. Chung also held various senior positions including the Deputy Minister of Local Administration Office and Planning and Coordination Office as well as Consul General of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Germany. In his long and distinguished career from 1983 to 2016 with the Government of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Chung has accumulated rich experience by working for the central government, cities and local governments, and the Office of the President. Mr. Chung holds a PhD in Public Administration from Daejeon University, Master of Urban Planning from University of Michigan, Master of Public Administration from Seoul National University, and a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Korea University.



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Ms. Adriana Alberti leads the division's capacity development activities. She has worked for over twenty-five years on governance and public administration issues, with a particular focus on institutional development, innovation and e-government, participatory governance, leadership and human resources capacity development, as well as reconstructing public administration after conflict. She was Chief Technical Advisor of the Programme for Innovation in Governance in the Mediterranean Region. She was a founding member of the Network of Innovators in Governance in the Mediterranean region. Ms. Alberti holds a Ph.D. in Social and Political Sciences from the European University Institute in Florence and an Executive Education Certificate on Innovations in Governance from Harvard University. She worked at the Center for Judicial Studies of the University of Bologna, and was Professor of Comparative Politics and European Union.



Kwangwan Ko
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Prior to joining UNPOG, Mr. Ko served as an administrator at the Ministry of the Interior and Safety and Incheon Metropolitan City for 22 years. His portfolio includes government's policy responses towards evaluating policy performance and local community policies. He also served for enhancing international cooperation during 2009-2011. He earned PhD degree in philosophy from Kookmin University and master's degree of Arts in Public Administration and Public Policy at the University of Exeter in UK.



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Prior to joining UNPOG, he served as an administrator at the Ministry of Finance for the last 26 years. His portfolio includes government's policy responses towards international financial markets, regulations of domestic financial institutions on their foreign exchange transactions, financial cooperation with multilateral financial institutions, preparation of national budget of ministries and administrations, governance of public institutions including the state-owned enterprises and Quangos.



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Mr. Yao has been working in UNPOG since 2013 and his areas of work include strengthening public administration capacity for advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, digital government, innovation in citizen engagement, ICT for development, government innovation, and open data for disaster risk reduction. Prior to joining UNPOG, Mr. Yao worked in UNDESA's Statistics Division and DPADM from June 2002 to January 2013. Preceding his service at UN, Mr. Yao had worked as the Deputy Chief of Economic Analysis Division in Research and Statistics Department of People's Bank of China from 1993 to 2002. He holds a PhD degree in Economics.



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Prior to joining UNDESA/UNPOG in September 2017, Sara worked with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) on strengthening public governance for the SDGs and specifically for more efficient resource consumption and production patterns in Asian countries. Sara also worked as a local development specialist with UNITAR on capacity development and technical assistance projects to strengthen national to local governance and sustainable cities in Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe. She has also worked on financial inclusion, microfinance and gender-based research in local development. Sara has an M.A. in International Development Studies from the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University, The Hague, Netherlands, and a B.A. in Economics and International Affairs from George Washington University. She is from El Salvador, Central America.



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Nicolas Renart
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Mr. Renart is currently working at UNPOG, on special leave from his position as Senior Advisor, Strategic Initiatives, in the Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada. Before joining UNPOG, Nicolas served as a consultant with the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) in Seoul, conducting a mid-term strategic review of GGGI's Strategic Plan 2015-2020 at the halfway point of the six-year strategy. A graduate of the University of Ottawa with a degree in political science and a licenciante degree in law (L.LL), he pursued graduate studies in international humanitarian law at Université Laval, in Quebec City, Canada.



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Associate Research and Policy Analysis Expert of UNPOG, DPADM/UNDESA

Prior to joining UNPOG, she worked as Researcher at the Korea National Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea. She also interned at the Asia and Pacific Division of the Department of Political Affairs (DPA) of the United Nations. Ms. Park has a BA in International Studies from Korea University and an MSc in Global Politics from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).



Yeh-Jin Suh
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Prior to joining UNPOG, she worked as a Consultant at the World Bank. She also worked at the Presidential Committee for the G20 Summit in Seoul. Ms. Suh holds an MPA from Cornell University and a BA in International Studies from Ewha Women's University.



Eun Kyoung Lee

Meeting Services Assistant of UNPOG, DPADM/UNDESA

Prior to joining UNPOG, she worked as Intern at Ambassador Oh Joon's office of Korea Permanent Mission to UN. She also worked as liaison for the former President of Kyrgyzstan (Ms. Roza Otunbayeva) at the World Education Forum (WEF). Ms. Lee has a BA in Political Science from University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, USA, and she is currently pursuing her Master degree at Sungkyunkwan University.



Hun-Jai Lee

Public Administration Intern of UNPOG, DPADM/UNDESA

Mr. Hunjai Lee holds aspiration to contribute to promoting SDGs. Prior to joining UNPOG, he worked as manager at Future Creation Congo, international trading company in Democratic Republic of Congo. He also interned at the Vietnam Office of Merry Year International and Food Export Association of the Midwest & Northeast USA. In January 2018, he will obtain a Master degree in International Political Economy from the University of Warwick. He holds a BA in Business Administration from Sogang University.

Information Note for Symposium Participants

1. Venue and Time

The Symposium is being held at Songdo Convensia Convention Center, Incheon, Republic of Korea from 5 to 8 December 2017.

2. Entitlements

In accordance with provisions made for participants, you will receive a daily subsistence allowance (DSA) at the rate of \$254.00 per day during which participants attend the Symposium's regularly scheduled meeting. DSA shall cover hotel accommodations, meals and other personal expenses. In addition, you will receive \$152.00 to cover terminal expenses, which includes airport transfers and extra luggage fees that may be charged by the air carrier.

You will receive a 100% DSA payment on site at the Symposium venue from 12:00-14:00 at Oakwood Premier Hotel during the first agenda item for arrival and registration. For those participants not arriving on the 5th of December, please contact us to confirm your allotted time for DSA receipt on arrival.

Upon your return it is kindly required to submit your final boarding passes by email: suh@un.org.

3. Attendance

Please note that participants shall receive DSA for the actual meeting days attended. Therefore, it is requested that you sign the Attendance Sheet every day while at the Forum to facilitate processing of payment of the balance of your daily subsistence allowance.

4. Accommodation

Participants are entitled to special discount rates while staying at Oakwood Premier Incheon which is two-minute walking distance from the symposium venue. Participants are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel as soon as possible and must be booked with a credit card at the following link:

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=66991&Chain=18554&promo=UNPOG17>

Breakfast is included in the accommodation rate.

Should you prefer to stay at other hotels, kindly advise the name of your selected hotel to Ms. Yeh-Jin Suh (suh@un.org). Please note that there will be no special discount rates or transportation service provided for those staying in other hotels.

5. Transportation

AIRPORT ↔ HOTEL

Various public transportation options are available from the airports to the hotels. Depending on the means of transportation, the fee varies from KRW 4,050 (Subway), KRW 7,000 (Airport Limousine Bus) to KRW 28,000 (taxi). We recommend the limousine bus and the route and time table are as follows:



http://www.kallimousine.com/eng/guide01_en.html

Time table: Incheon Airport (Bus Stop #4A) to Oakwood Premier Incheon (Travel Time: 30min)

06:02, 06:27, 06:58, 07:33, 08:13, 08:58, 09:38, 10:23, 11:13, 12:03, 12:53, 13:43, 14:33, 15:23, 16:14, 17:03, 17:41, 18:22, 19:03, 19:53, 20:42, 21:30, 22:11

6. Facilities nearby the Symposium Venue (Convensia)

For grocery store, department store conveniences, please visit Lotte Mart to the left of Oakwood Premier Hotel. The Woori bank, currency exchangeable bank is stationed on 2nd floor of Northeast Asia Trade Tower, just next to Songdo Convensia Convention Center. In the same building, furthermore, the Songdo Neat Pharmacy is located on 5th floor.

Detail information on the location of Northeast Asia Trade Tower is available on the google map at:

[https://www.google.co.kr/maps/place/Northeast+Asia+Trade+Tower,+Songdo+1\(ii\)-dong,+Incheon/@37.3891691,126.6427947,18z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x357b77afae49f6d7:0xf22de12e8613c00d!8m2!3d37.389167!4d126.643889?hl=en](https://www.google.co.kr/maps/place/Northeast+Asia+Trade+Tower,+Songdo+1(ii)-dong,+Incheon/@37.3891691,126.6427947,18z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x357b77afae49f6d7:0xf22de12e8613c00d!8m2!3d37.389167!4d126.643889?hl=en)

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8. Miscellaneous

WEATHER

Korea has four distinct seasons - spring, summer, fall and winter. Winter lasts from December to February.

December temperatures in Incheon range between a low of 0°C and a high of 10°C. To find the current weather of Incheon, please visit the website of the Korean Meteorological Administration:

<http://web.kma.go.kr/eng/index.jsp>

TIME DIFFERENCE

Incheon uses Korea Standard Time (KST), which is 9 hours ahead of GMT (standard time).

ATTIRE

The weather in Incheon during the period of the Workshop is early winter. Participants are strongly advised to bring warm outfits.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

The voltage in Korea is 220 volts at 60 Hz.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND BANKING

The monetary unit is the Won (KRW, denoted by ₩). Korean monetary units are composed of 10, 50, 100, and 500 coins, and 1,000, 5,000, 10,000 and 50,000 notes. The exchange rate is approximately KRW 1,090 / USD 1 (as of 27 October 2016). All major credit cards such as American Express, Visa and Master Card are accepted for payment of hotel bills.

TIPPING

Tipping is not a traditional Korean custom. A 10% service charge is added to your bill at all tourist hotels and so tipping is not expected. It is not necessary to tip a taxi driver unless he assists you with luggage or provides an extra service.

MOBILE PHONE (ROAMING)

CDMA cellular systems are widely used in Korea. SK Telecom and KT are providing a SIM card roaming service to allow you to use your GSM subscription in Korea. At the International Airport, you can rent a special CDMA cellular phone which accepts your SIM card. Please check the links below for more details.

KT Roaming Service

http://www.ktfroaming.com/english/inbound/02_use/01_gsm_01.jsp

SK Telecom Roaming Service

<http://www.sktelecom.com/eng/>

USEFUL LINKS

Global Forum on Government Innovation

http://www.gov30gf.kr/2016/english/main/index_en.asp

Korea National Tourism Organization <http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/index.kto>

Korea Immigration Service:

<http://www.korea.net>

Incheon International Airport:

<http://www.airport.kr/eng/>

Gimpo International Airport:

<http://www.airport.co.kr/mbs/gimpoeng/>

Gimhae International Airport: <https://www.airport.co.kr/gimhaeeng/main.do>

Ministry of the Interior (MOI):

<http://moi.go.kr/eng/a01/engMain.do>

9. Phone Calls and Emergency Numbers

LOCAL CALLS

For local calls within the same area or city, just dial the telephone number. For another area or city, please dial the 'area code' before the telephone number. However, the area code should be dialed when using a mobile phone.

INTERNATIONAL CALLS

For international calls, first dial the international access code (001 or 002), the country code, area code and the recipient's number. Please note that we cannot reimburse for international calls made from the hotel room

landline phone.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- Police 112
 - Fire and Ambulance 119
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