| ORGANIZATION (PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS) | East-West Center  
(Government of Indonesia, UN- HABITAT, Swedish International Center for Local Democracy, The Asia Foundation, United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific (ASPAC)) |
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| DATE/TIME | July 21 – 23, 2016, 9:00a.m – 5:00p.m daily |
| VENUE | Marriott Hotel, Surabaya, Indonesia |
| OPEN/CLOSED EVENT | Closed |
| DESCRIPTION | The workshop aims to examine democratic urban governance challenges and opportunities in Asia to promote sustainable development and enhance access to urban services. Specifically, the workshop aims to:  
• Discuss key urban governance issues to enhance sustainable development;  
• Identify critical deficits in service provision including water and sanitation, health, education and in responses to natural disasters and other social exclusions in cities;  
• Discuss national policies, programs and practices to improve access of citizens to the above services and thus promote social equity;  
• Examine urban governance capacity including political and financial decentralization, capacity of local governments, and mechanisms for horizontal and vertical coordination, transparency and citizen participation;  
• Inform urban policy and programs in Asia; and  
Contribute to the HABITAT III preparatory process to delineate a transformative urban agenda for the region. |