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NETWORKING EVENT REPORT

Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of lead organization	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
City and country where lead organization is based	, Japan
Title of the event	Enhancing National and Regional Urban Policy and Planning Frameworks for Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Human Settlements
Date of Networking Event	10/17/2016
Networking Event room number	MR5
Name of partner organizations with city and country where these organizations are based	OECD, Paris, France, UN Habitat, Nairobi, Kenya, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Tokyo, Japan
Number of participants	100
Percentage of women participants	50%



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**Background information on Networking Event (themes, issues, context).**

Recognizing the realities of continuing rapid urbanization, which is one of the twenty-first century's most transformative trends, urban policy and planning now embraces a scope that reaches beyond the traditional city-scale. In order to answer the challenges of such urbanization and to capitalize on its opportunities, territorial plans including city-region plans must address wide ranging questions, all of which require a higher level of vertical and horizontal coordination of urban policies. In this reality, it is necessary for Member States to enhance their mechanisms of coordination in establishing and implementing territorial plans with support of international organizations and other stakeholders. The recently released 2016 UN Habitat World Cities Report identifies a National Urban Policy (NUP) as one of the key components to support Member States for their implementing territorial plans. Moreover, in the Zero Draft of the New Urban Agenda, a NUP was recognized as of the key overarching tools which could be used to enhance vertical and horizontal coordination and core means to facilitate the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. The expert group that composed Habitat 3 Policy Unit 3, National Urban Policies recognized the transformative power of NUP, and highlighted that a NUP can lead to: 1. Increasing the coherence of national and local policies 2. Contributing to empowerment of local authorities and communities 3. Improving investment in cities by improving the business environment 4. Enhancing co-operation and collaboration across jurisdictions 5. Improving quality of life and wellbeing NUP can be transformative both as a process and a product. There are a variety of tools which can support the development and implementation of effective and evidence-informed NUPs. The development of National and Regional Spatial Strategies, for example, is an important instrument to inform and support the development of a NUP which allows for the strong consideration of spatial components. This session will discuss how National Urban Policies must be supported by the use of key tools, such as the National and Regional Spatial Strategies (NSS/RSS), UN Habitat's International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning, OECD's Urban Policy Reviews and others, all of which support the development and implementation of transformative urban policy at regional, national, sub-national and local level.



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<p><b>Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed.</b></p>	<p>The session took the form of a panel discussion which began with the presentation of work done to date on supporting mechanisms for the development of NUPs, followed by the presentation of key tools for the implementation of transformative NUPs that can aid with the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, including the development of NSS/RSS, the IG-UTP, and OECD Urban Policy Reviews. This was followed by the presentation of experiences with NUP development and the use of other key tools by representatives from Member States, including Least Developed Countries. Key Objective 1 Increased recognition and understanding of key tools for the design of transformative NUPs that will support implementation of the New Urban Agenda. The review of key tools such as NSS, the IG-UTP (UN Habitat) and Urban Policy Reviews (OECD) etc, will ultimately result in an increased understanding of how these tools can work together to support the development and implementation of NUP . Key Objective 2 Increased understanding of the experiences and needs of countries regarding the development of NUP and their use of highlighted tools in order to develop transformative and evidence-informed NUPs. Key Objective 3 Opportunities for peer learning through the sharing of country experiences, as highlighted above. In order to facilitate this peer learning opportunity, the networking event will very much focus on the presentation of experiences with the use of key tools in various country contexts, how these uses contribute to the development of transformative NUP, and ultimately how this can aid the implementation of the New Urban Agenda at country level.</p>
<p><b>Recommendations emerged from discussions at the Networking Event .</b></p>	<p>Japanese government plans to take an initiative to develop an international platform to this end in cooperation with other countries.</p>
<p><b>Full name, title, and organization of the 1st speaker</b></p>	<p>Mr. Luiz de Mello, Deputy Director for Public Governance and Territorial Development, OECD</p>
<p><b>Full name, title, and organization of the 2nd speaker</b></p>	<p>Dr. Remy Sietchiping, Head of Regional and Metropolitan Planning Unit, UN-Habitat</p>
<p><b>Full name, title, and organization of the 3rd speaker</b></p>	<p>Mr. Hiroshi Kato, Vice-president, Japan International Cooperation Agency</p>
<p><b>Full name, title, and organization of the 4th speaker</b></p>	<p>Dr. Arifin Rudyanto, Indonesia, Deputy Minister for Regional Planning Ministry of National Development Planning/National Development Planning Agency</p>
<p><b>Full name, title, and organization of the 5th speaker</b></p>	<p>Mr. Lakviaya Sagara Palansooriya, Sri Lanka, Chairman, National Housing Development</p>



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<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 6th speaker</b>	Mr. Clark Somerville, President, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 7th speaker</b>	Dr. Se Hoon Park, Director, KRIHS
<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 7th speaker</b>	Mr. Atsushi Koresawa, Deputy Secretary General, HABITAT3 Supporting Committee of Japan