



United Nations

— HABITAT III —
NETWORKING EVENT REPORT

Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of lead organization	Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA)
City and country where lead organization is based	Manila, Philippines
Title of the event	Linking Cities to Finance: Assisting Cities to Finance their Priority Urban Infrastructure Investments
Date of Networking Event	10/19/2016
Networking Event room number	12
Name of partner organizations with city and country where these organizations are based	Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines UN-HABITAT, Bangkok Office, Thailand UCLG-ASPAC, Jakarta, Indonesia
Number of participants	80
Percentage of women participants	60%
Background information on Networking Event (themes, issues, context).	This networking event provided a platform to exchange views and experiences on the strategies required to ensure cities have the funds for their priority projects and contribute to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed.	Participants discussed and reflected among others on the following questions: - What are the most pressing challenges for financing local infrastructure? - Which good practices to address these challenges can you share to inspire others? Besides these 2 core questions, participants worked on case-studies and identified financing options for priority infrastructure investments.
Recommendations emerged from discussions at the Networking Event .	One of the program elements was to provide suggestions for a concrete case on how to link a city to financing for a priority infrastructure investment. The Mayor from Jayapura, Indonesia, shared his idea on slum improvement and the group provided him many ideas on how to identify financing for this project.
Full name, title, and organization of the 1st speaker	Since this was a networking event, no formal speakers were assigned to the program. Instead, the program was designed in such a way to facilitate a dialogue between participants in the event.