

<b>WORKSHOP ON URBAN GOVERNANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA: ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR SOCIAL EQUITY</b>	
ORGANIZATION (PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS)	<b>East-West Center</b> (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	Marriot Hotel, Surabaya, Indonesia
OPEN/CLOSED EVENT	Closed
DESCRIPTION	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss key urban governance issues to enhance sustainable development;</li> <li>• Identify critical deficits in service provision including water and sanitation, health, education and in responses to natural disasters and other social exclusions in cities;</li> <li>• Discuss national policies, programs and practices to improve access of citizens to the above services and thus promote social equity;</li> <li>• Examine urban governance capacity including political and financial decentralization, capacity of local governments, and mechanisms for horizontal and vertical coordination, transparency and citizen participation;</li> <li>• Inform urban policy and programs in Asia; and</li> </ul> <p>Contribute to the HABITAT III preparatory process to delineate a transformative urban agenda for the region.</p>

