

Spatial Planning Platform (SPP) Meeting

A need for national and regional plans is expanding in response to rapid economic growth and urbanization in the world. In this regard, Japan already received many requests for support, design and monitoring of spatial planning from countries facing such situation.

In order to meet these needs and promote our international cooperation, Japan suggested, in Habitat III, establishing a spatial planning platform which enables stakeholders to share experience and knowledge on the design and implementation of national and regional spatial plans. In fact, many countries supported our proposal.

Considering such supports and requests, we organized a Preparatory Meeting and a Side Event of the SPP taking an opportunity of World Urban Forum 9. There was a large attendance such as national governments (Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam), the international institutions (UN-Habitat, OECD and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)) and other stakeholders. The role of the SPP was intensively discussed and well elaborated in the meetings.

Following such process, we decided to hold the first meeting of the SPP on 31st July – 1st August 2018, in Fukuoka, Japan.

1. Purpose of SPP

The Purpose of the SPP is as follows.

- 1) Networking national spatial planners
- 2) Sharing experience and knowledge on design and implementation of national spatial plans
- 3) Peer to peer learning on main planning issues we are tackling
- 4) Helping each other formulate a new spatial plan

The SPP will contribute to implementing the International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning (IG-UTP), and eventually the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as the New Urban Agenda (NUA) for inclusive and sustainable growth.

2. Outline of SPP Meeting

Date & Time: Part I 31st July 2018 14:00-17:00 (3 hours)

Part II 1st August 2018 9:00-12:30 (3.5 hours)

Venue: Centennial Hall, 1st floor, All-Purpose Hall

Seinan Gakuin University, Fukuoka, Japan

Host: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan
 UN-Habitat Fukuoka Office (Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific)
 Seinan Gakuin University

Participants:

Participation in the SPP Meetings is open to representatives of national governments, local authorities and stakeholders such as non-governmental organizations, professionals, research institutions and academies, the private sector, parliamentarians, United Nations organizations, multilateral finance institutions, other international agencies and interested individuals.

Program:

Spatial Planning Platform (SPP) Meeting Part I	
14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opening Speech Vice Minister of MLIT (5 min) ● Speech UN-Habitat (5 min) ● Briefing from Secretariats MLIT (5 min) ● Comments from Participants (5 min per participant, about 2.5 hours as a whole)
Around 15:30	<Networking Break>
17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Closing Part I <p><u>Moderator</u> Dr. Toshiyasu Noda, Professor, Department of Law, Seinan Gakuin University</p>
18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome Reception hosted by MLIT @Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk 1st floor Argos Opening Address: MLIT

Spatial Planning Platform (SPP) Meeting Part II	
9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Session 1:</u> Design and Implementation of National and Regional Planning for Inclusive Growth (90 min) Leading speaker: World Bank, OECD, JICA, MLIT, Urban Renaissance Agency, Remote Sensing Technology Center of Japan <u>Session 2:</u> Policies Towards Inclusive, Safe, Resilient and Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements in Asia (90min) Leading speaker: UN-Habitat, Kyusyu University, Several central governments <li style="text-align: center; padding-left: 40px;"><Networking Break>
12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keynote Speech (5 min) Ms. Dato' Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, UN-Habitat ● Signing Ceremony / Group Photo (15 min) ● Closing Remarks
12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lunch @Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk

Note: Above program is subject to change.

<Outline of the SPP Meeting Program>

In the Part I, participants from national and local governments, non-governmental organizations, research institutions, academies and international agencies will give a short presentation on their expectation of the SPP, how they contribute to the SPP and the current situation & challenges of the spatial plans in their counties.

In the Special Session 1 of Part II, the international organizations will

introduce how they support the national and regional planning of each country in the world. Participants also share the common challenges such as monitoring of the spatial plans and their challenges including efforts made by the private sector.

Session 2 aims to explore policies that can make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable by enhancing peer-to-peer learning and knowledge sharing on various efforts that governments have been making in the face of various challenges and opportunities. This peer-to-peer review process will be facilitated through the lens of existing policy frameworks / guidance such as SDGs, NUA and IG-UTP.

After the Special Sessions, participants who support the intent to establish the SPP will sign the agreement on the SPP.