



**Concluding Session and
Closing Ceremony:**

The Tehran Communique

First Meeting of the Slum Upgrading Working Group of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD)

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We, the representatives from the Asia-Pacific governments who have participated in the first meeting of the Asia-Pacific Slum Upgrading Working Group, in Tehran, Iran, on 2–4 July 2012,

Express our appreciation and gratitude to the Ministry of Roads and Urban Development (the Urban Development and Revitalization Organization) which on behalf of the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran hosted the First Meeting of the Slum Upgrading Working Group in Tehran as well as hosting and supporting the Working Group's secretariat and its work in the region;

Recognizing the mandates set forth for the Working Group by the Delhi, Tehran and Solo Declarations and Action Plans;

Emphasizing the importance of rapid development of guidance policies for slums as a national priority in urban development programs in the Asia-Pacific region;

Acknowledging the need to transfer and propagate the experiences of the leading regional countries in urban upgrading to countries needing or requesting them;

Further acknowledging the need for localizing these experiences in each country utilizing them;

Stressing on the necessity of mobilizing and converging international regional financial resources for slum upgrading in requesting regional country through the utilization of experiences from the national institutions of leading countries;

Acknowledging the importance of an agreed regional list of indicators and benchmarks for comprehensive monitoring and reporting on slum upgrading and impact assessment of such initiatives in accordance to Tehran and Solo Declarations;

Cognizant of the importance of sustainable financial tools and resources as a main pillar of slum upgrading

And aware of the current challenges and opportunities in the region:

1. Emphasize the necessity of the expansion of the development and implementation of strategies and policies for enabling communities towards sustainable urbanization;
2. Recommend to regional countries to officially recognize slum upgrading in their urban planning and management; place it on top of their implementation priorities and in line with this to see slums as an opportunity and not a threat to urban development;
3. To Declare the formation of a regional network comprised of research and government institutions, civil societies and non-governmental bodies in order to exchange knowledge and experiences on slum upgrading and expect member countries to activate their national networks;
4. Agree to the formation and development of databases on the various areas of slum upgrading for the Asia-Pacific region and information dissemination sys-

tems, and knowledge and training networks between cities and countries through the secretariat of the Working Group;

5. Furthermore agree to the creation of a regional database on national reports and the protocol proposed by the secretariat of the Working Group, once finalized will be the basis for the preparation of the national reports;

6. Agree to proactively contribute to the elaboration of a regional list of indicators according to the agreed timetable;

7. Further agree to have the regional countries exchange their sustainable innovative methods for financial tools and mechanisms as well as their experiences, knowledge and successful examples through the coordination of the Working Group secretariat;

8. Agree to hold the second meeting of the Slum Upgrading Working Group on the sidelines of Fourth APMCHUD;

9. Endorse the enclosed action plan;

And ask the current chair of APMCHUD to support the implementation of the articles of the Communiqué with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau and the permanent secretariat of APMCHUD and UN Habitat and require the New Delhi secretariat to inform the member states about it in a timely manner.

