

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE:

LOCALISING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs):

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND



DATE : 25th – 26th October 2017
VENUE : Jen Hotel, Penang, Malaysia

Organised by



Penang Women's Development Corporation

in collaboration with



Penang Island City Council (MBPP)



Seberang Perai Municipal Council (MPSP)



Penang State Government



United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



Penang Institute

Conference Background





The recent adoption of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) holds up a wonderful vision of a better, more just, more equitable and more sustainable world. They provide a roadmap for the transformation of our global and local communities. But in order to attain these goals, the response at sub-national, local government, and community levels is crucial. What are the appropriate policies, programmes, and partnerships that will help make the SDGs realisable for all of us? What local initiatives can best mirror the broader undertakings at national and regional level, to provide avenues which are responsive to the diversity of needs in our communities whilst at the same time promoting achievement of the SDGs?

Further, how are we making sure that the achievement of gender equality is integral to our approach to the SDGs? What are the relevant innovations in planning, budgeting and governance which will further the goals of gender equality at local level?

What innovations already exist within localities around the region that address our social, economic and environmental concerns? How do we reach out to every person to ensure that no one is left behind?

These are the core questions which this Conference will address. We invite policy makers, practitioners, researchers, community leaders, civil society groups and other stakeholders to come together, to share stories and exchange ideas, and help build our common capacity to act at our local levels to tackle the exciting challenges of localising SDG goals. See you there!

Conference Objectives

-  Share awareness of best practices and lessons learned at sub-national and local government level in the Asia Pacific related to the realisation of the SDGs
-  Through such sharing, to build capacity and collaboration for success across the region
-  Explore and emphasise the importance of gender equality as fundamental to the attainment of all the SDGs
-  Contribute to a better understanding of and between potential partners in the implementation of the SDGs at the sub-national and local government level and to cultivate an environment whereby inter-relationship between federal, state, local government, citizens, academia, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders can result in smart and successful local partnerships

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE	8.30 – 9.00 am	Registration & Morning Coffee
	9.00 – 10.30 am	<p>Opening ceremony:</p> <p>Opening Remarks by The Honorable Madam Chong Eng, Penang State EXCO for Youth and Sport and Women, Family, and Community Development</p> <p>Welcome Address by The Right Honorable Mr Lim Guan Eng, Chief Minister of Penang</p> <p>Keynote Address on</p> <p>Localising SDGs: Leaving No One Behind by Mr. Stefan Priesner, UNDP Resident Representative Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam</p>
	10.30 – 11.00 am	<p>Break</p> <p>Press Conference</p>
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	<p>Session 1: SDGs – The Asia-Pacific Narratives and Reflections at Sub-National and Local Government</p> <p>Q&A</p>
	1.00 – 2.00 pm	Lunch
	2.00 – 3.30 pm	<p>Session 2: Can SDGs Be Achieved Without Gender Equality?</p> <p>Q&A</p>
	3.30 – 4.00 pm	Break
	4.00 – 5.30 pm	<p>Session 3: SDGs and Road to Success at Sub-National & Local Government</p> <p>Q&A</p>
	8.00 – 10.30 pm	Networking Dinner

DAY TWO	8.30 – 9.00 am	Registration & Morning Coffee
	9.00 – 10.30 am	<p>Session 4: Partnerships - Key to implementing SDGs</p> <p>Q&A</p>
	10.30 – 11.00 am	Break
	11.00 – 1.00 pm	Session 5: Charting the roadmap for Actions at Local Level I (Breakout Session)
	1.00 – 2.00 pm	Lunch
	2.00 – 3.30 pm	<p>Session 6: Charting the roadmap for Actions at Local Level II</p> <p>(Reporting from Breakout Session)</p>
	3.30 – 4.00 pm	Break
	4.00 – 4.30 pm	<p>Closing session</p> <p>Closing Remarks by The Honorable Mr Chow Kon Yeow, Penang State EXCO for Local Government, Traffic Management and Flood Mitigation</p>

The Conference Venue: Jen Hotel

Centrally situated in the heart of the heritage of George Town, the Jen Hotel offers all the amenities and comfort of an international hotel, surrounded by the exquisite streets and cultures of this UNESCO-recognised city. A wonderful venue in a wonderful location.

The Location: Penang

Penang, the Pearl of the Orient, is one of Malaysia's 13 states and home to a wonderfully diverse geography and population. Penang's unique and inspiring multi-ethnicity has emerged from its role as a regional hub, bridging Asia's empires and Europe's colonial ambitions. George Town's listing as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site in 2008 is testament to this cosmopolitan history. Add to this its island beaches, hills, mangrove swamps and fishing villages, and an increasingly vibrant and progressive mainland Seberang Perai, and Penang offers a fascinating mix of old and new, of tradition and innovation, of rural and urban, and of harmony and history. One expression of this fusion is in its food: Penang is rightly heralded as one of the world's best food venues, with an amazing range of street and restaurant dishes enticing locals and visitors alike.



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Registration:

Places are LIMITED so _____

Conference Registration Fee: RM 200 (Malaysian)
USD 200 (non-Malaysian)

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Conference Host

Penang Women's Development Corporation (PWDC) is a Penang-state funded entity. It has an extensive programme of activities at state and local levels, including a pioneering and on-going Gender Responsive and Participatory Budgeting programme and many initiatives on women's empowerment. This conference is organised in collaboration with the Penang State Government, with the two local authorities in Penang (MBPP and MPSP), UNDP and Penang Institute.