



City to City Inception meeting: Agenda



CLOSING THE LOOP

Launch | Connect | Present | Share | Inspire

Danang, Kuala Lumpur, Nakhon Si Thammarat and Surabaya, are partnering with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to make plastic waste management more circular and to reduce the amount of plastic litter entering our marine environment.

Partners will meet online for an inception meeting at 13.00 – 16.30 on 23 July 2020 on Teams

Objectives

- **Launch** Closing the Loop with all city partners on board
- **Connect** all team members virtually
- **Present** Closing the Loop objectives and approach
- **Share** the unique plastic waste challenge of each pilot city
- **Inspire** partners about solutions for plastic leakage

Participant

- **Local government** champions in Danang, Surabaya, Kuala Lumpur and Nakhon Si Thammarat
- **Technical city partners** in Danang, Surabaya, Kuala Lumpur and Nakhon Si Thammarat
- **IGES regional technical support** team
- **UNESCAP project** team
- **Government of Japan** representative
- **Inspirational guest speakers** from South East Asia

Info

- Closing the Loop project **factsheet**
- Draft **city profiles**



Draft Agenda

- Before the meeting**
- Bilateral calls with UNESCAP to complete:
 - Template slides on national and local policy, challenges, and local successes on plastic waste
 - Personal statement from senior city representative on plastic waste

<p>13:00</p>	<p>1. Welcome and introduction (1hr) Welcome UNESCAP (5m) Opening Japan (5m) Introductions Tour de table (35m) Inspirational speaker #1 (TBC) (10m +5m Q&A)</p>	<p>Objectives Launch Closing the Loop with all city partners on board Connect all team members virtually Inspire partners about solutions for plastic leakage</p>
<p>14:00</p>	<p>2. What is Closing the Loop? (40mins) Presentation ESCAP and IGES (10m + 5m Q&A) <i>Quiz! Closing the Loop (5m)</i> Inspirational speaker #2 Interceptor (TBC) (10m +5m Q&A)</p>	<p>Objectives Present Closing the Loop objectives and approach Inspire partners about solutions for plastic leakage</p>
<p>14:40</p>	<p>Break time! (10mins)</p>	
<p>14:50</p>	<p>3. What about your city? (1hr25mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint presentation Local Government focal points (60m) The joint presentation will cover plastics Policies, Challenges, Successes, Needs (all four cities) • <i>Quiz! City contexts (10m)</i> • Inspirational speaker #3 (TBC) (10m +5m Q&A) 	<p>Objectives Share the unique plastic waste challenge of each pilot city Inspire partners about solutions for plastic leakage</p>
<p>16:15</p>	<p>Next steps and closing (30mins) Q and A Curt Garrigan, Chief of Section, Sustainable Urban Development Section, ESCAP Closing ESCAP</p>	

- After the meeting**
- Share insights from the presentations on social media
 - Report to the Project Advisory Committee





Annex

About Closing the Loop

South East Asian countries contribute to over half of land-based sources of marine plastic pollution globally. Fast growing cities with underdeveloped waste management systems in South East Asia are responsible for as much as 60% of plastic waste leakage into the environment, with 75% of land-based sources of marine plastic pollution coming from uncollected waste and 25% comes from leakages in the municipal waste management systems. Plastic pollution is also trans boundary — up to 95% of plastic in our ocean is transported by ten major rivers, eight of which are in Asia.

In response to this challenge, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in partnership with the Government of Japan are undertaking a new project which will reduce the environmental impact of cities in ASEAN by addressing plastic waste pollution and leakages into the marine environment. In support of the local implementation of the ASEAN Framework of Action on Marine Debris, as well as the commitment of G20 leaders to tackle the proliferation of plastic litter through the Osaka Blue Ocean Vision, the project aims to make municipal plastic waste management processes more circular to increase the rate of recovery and reduce the leakage of plastics into the marine environment, supporting the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals 11, 12 and 14.



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Scaling up Innovation to Tackle Marine Plastic Pollution in ASEAN Cities

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OUR APPROACH



The project adopts an innovation-led response to first understanding the scale and nature of the problem. Second, to build the capacity of ASEAN cities to plan for and manage their plastic waste using circular economy principles.

Closing the Loop has two broad objectives:



Develop an **innovative digital tool** to help local governments monitor and visualize plastic waste leakage and identify waste generation hot spots with a view to improve their management; and



Based on the application of the digital tool, engage four **ASEAN cities across a coastal basin or watershed area** to develop action plans, policies and investment strategies to address marine plastic litter. The project will share these commitments through relevant regional intergovernmental fora to accelerate action on plastic waste in ASEAN.



RESULT 1 Cities in ASEAN have the knowledge and skills to use innovation and smart technologies to monitor, assess, report on, and sustainably manage plastic waste.

- Develop a baseline assessment of the regulatory environment and plastic waste value chain for project cities which visualizes plastic material flows using sensors, drones and geospatial mapping technology and identifies public, private and consumer actors across the waste value chain.
- Develop and apply through dedicated city level and regional capacity development trainings, the digital development tool for local governments in project cities that captures data and analytics from the baseline assessment.



RESULT 2 Cities in ASEAN have knowledge and tools to develop policy and investment strategies in alignment with regional plans, to apply a circular economy approach in managing their plastic waste streams.

- Design plastic waste management policy interventions following application of tool which promote prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse of plastic waste with national government, private sector, consumers and community waste actors in project cities.
- Develop local action and investment strategies in support of the implementation of national and regional plans.
- Disseminate and advocate for more effective plastic waste management policies in project countries to support voluntary commitments to accelerate action on plastic waste in ASEAN and other regional intergovernmental fora.

This initiative is implemented in close partnership with national and local governments in South-East Asia, ASEAN, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies and other partners.

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Visit the project website: <https://www.unescap.org/projects/closing-the-loop>*