

The Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda are remarkable commitments by the global community to a sustainable and better life for all.

Municipalities and other stakeholders are challenged with questions about how these global goals can be translated to local realities and how appropriate solutions and processes can be introduced.

As a contribution to the creation of liveable and water-wise cities, a number of municipalities in Southeast Asia (Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Philippines, Vietnam) and West and Central Asia (Jordan) are working together with BORDA and its partners on the management of urban waters, applying an integrated sanitation approach.



In October 2017, mayors and deputy mayors from these municipalities, provincial and national governments representatives as well as institutes and BORDA local partner organizations from Southeast Asia met at a City Forum, conducted by BORDA, and set up the **City Alliance 'People. Sanitation. Cities.'**

The City Alliance *'People. Sanitation. Cities.'* is an interest group and a **community of practice** of cities and associates that are implementing system solutions for the **management of urban waters** – as a contribution to the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda.

The mission of the City Alliance *'People. Sanitation. Cities.'* is to promote 'Essential Public Services for All' as contribution to the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda.

The vision of the City Alliance *'People. Sanitation. Cities.'* is to strengthen capacities of cities in order to support them to implement sustainable system solutions for the management of urban waters with particular focus on polycentric urban planning processes; water; wastewater; solid waste and faecal sludge management.

The objectives of City Alliance *'People. Sanitation. Cities.'* are to:

- Form an internationally linked community of practice of cities and associates on integrated sanitation
- Communicate and bring forward the interests and needs of cities towards national decision makers and regional stakeholders related to the application of system solutions
- Promote system solutions as a contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda towards local, national, regional and international stakeholders and
- **Establish a regional knowledge platform and exchange network.**



Other founding members (associates) of the City Alliance are

- Ministry of Public Works Indonesia, Directorate of Environment and Sanitation Development, Indonesia
- Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Department of Housing and Urban Planning, Laos
- Ministry of Construction, Department of Urban and Housing Development, Myanmar
- Cambodian Institute for Urban Studies (CIUS), Cambodia
- ESC (Environmental Sanitation Cambodia), Cambodia
- AKSANSI (Association of Community Based Organization on Sanitation in Indonesia), Indonesia
- BEST (Institute for Integrated Economic and Social Development), Indonesia
- LPTP (Foundation for the Development of Rural Technologies), Indonesia
- BNS (Basic Needs Services) Philippines, Philippines
- Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand
- Vietnam Academy for Water Resources and Environment (VAWR), Institute for Water and Environment, Vietnam
- BORDA (Bremen Overseas Research and Development Association) – acts as facilitator of the City Alliance ‘*People. Sanitation. Cities.*’



The City Alliance is represented by the Head of the City Alliance, supported by the City Alliance Secretariat and facilitated by BORDA. The municipality of Sleman (Indonesia) is appointed Head of the City Alliance ‘*People. Sanitation. Cities.*’ for the year 2018 – 2019.

