

Joint Training Seminar by UCLG ASPAC, CDIA & Changwon City  
"Creating Livable Cities: Linking Plans to Projects"  
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Changwon, South Korea

## INTRODUCTION

The UCLG ASPAC Training Seminar "**Creating Livable Cities: Linking Plans to Projects**" will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> October, the day prior to the Executive Bureau Meeting, co-organised by UCLG ASPAC, Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA) and Changwon Government as the Host.

The seminar will be highlighting the success of Asia's Livable Cities and CDIA's Project Programming & Prioritization Toolkit.

The seminar is complimentary for UCLG ASPAC members and potential members are also invited to participate. It is a very topical issue and Local Governments in the region will gain some useful insights.

## IN BRIEF – HOST CITY and CDIA

**Changwon** is located at the far southeastern end of the Korean Peninsula, together with Masan-si and Busan-si.

As a city of history and tradition, where a prehistoric culture and Iron Age civilization once bloomed, Changwon is now the provincial office of Gyeongsangnam-do.

Changwon is a city of environmental preservation for future generations. It is a city in which not only the physical elements such as the urban hardware but also the environmentally friendliness or environmental sustainability including the related institutions, systems and citizens' way of living are maintained.

Changwon is a mecca of mechanical industry in Korea, and leads national development; a lively city of high-class refinement, Korea's first planned city; and the most representative city of Korea in achieving success in the era of industrialization.

Read More (<http://eng.changwon.go.kr>)

**The Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA)**, was established to assist Asian cities to bridge this planning - infrastructure investment gap. Within this context, CDIA uses a demand driven approach to support the identification and development of urban investment projects in the framework of existing city development plans that emphasize one or more of the following impact areas:

1. Urban environment improvement
2. Urban poverty reduction
3. Climate change mitigation or adaptation

To facilitate these initiatives at city level, CDIA provides a range of international and domestic expertise to cities that supports them in implementing their development strategies through a number of core activities.

At the Asia regional scale, CDIA interventions include support to knowledge management and dissemination of investment experience to improve environmental quality and reduce urban poverty. It also supports improvement in inter-municipal co-operation for more efficient provision of urban services.

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