

## **2023 ASIA-PACIFIC YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

### **Commitments**

We, the youth of Asia-Pacific, convened on October 22, 2023 in Suwon, Korea for the Asia-Pacific Youth Assembly, a platform that magnifies the voices and dreams of the youth within our region. Today, we began a collective journey dedicated to a sustainable urban future, including the creation of inclusive solutions towards providing equitable access for adequate housing.

Collectively, we make the following commitments:

#### ***For Urban Territorial Planning and Policies, to—***

- Advocate for efficient land-use planning to improve and maximize natural resources management and its conservation while ensuring that cities are able to provide its residents with what they need to live a dignified life, including adequate housing;
- Meaningfully participate in urban planning and the broader policy making including active engagement with government leaders for good urban governance, and create opportunities for other young leaders to do the same;
- Address issues relevant to the infrastructure industry to highlight a safer, more inclusive and more affordable built environment for housing and other purposes;
- Organize youth-led events, campaigns and other volunteering opportunities to promote the idea of urban spaces that embrace diversity and inclusion, highlighting the importance of accessible infrastructure and community engagement; and
- Push for greater transparency and accessibility in government processes, allowing our fellow young people to influence budget allocation and project prioritization;

#### ***For Urban Finance and Technical Assistance, to –***

- Emphasize the need for financial support and investment in sustainable urban development to address environmental concerns, adequate housing, and access to livelihood and basic services;
- Urge governments and businesses to allocate funds for green urban initiatives and infrastructure projects — including adequate housing particularly for people living in informal settlements — to foster sustainability;
- Advocate for long-term investment strategies that prioritize sustainable urban growth over short-term gains;

- Promote digital simulation tools and online education packages to enhance urban planning and management, and especially to facilitate access for disadvantaged populations, including people in informal settlements;
- Encourage the adoption of common technology and regulations for urban infrastructure to streamline development efforts; and
- Emphasize the importance of investing in the younger generation – not just in technological innovation – to ensure a sustainable and prosperous urban future.

***For Inclusive Urban Digitalization and Innovation, to–***

- Bridge the digital divide between the wealthy and the poor to ensure equitable access to technology and information;
- Promote the creation of assemblies and collaborative platforms to bring city governments together for more unified and effective urban development;
- Emphasize the importance of investing in research and development for digital and innovative urban solutions; and
- Advocate for both political and financial support to drive inclusive digitalization and innovation in urban areas.

***For Urban Climate Action and Resilience, to–***

- Advocate for the expansion of eco-friendly public transportation networks — such as electric buses and cycling lanes with a particular focus on underserved areas — and more affordable in-city housing options to reduce the carbon footprint of daily commutes;
- Encourage the creation of community-based climate adaptation and resilience projects that are co-designed and managed by local residents, focusing on flood control, green infrastructure, urban agriculture, and in-situ upgrading;
- Demand comprehensive climate education in schools, emphasizing the science and impact of climate change, as well as sustainable practices that can be applied at the individual and community levels; and
- Urge governments to recognize that the most disadvantaged urban populations who are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change contribute the least to the problem and to facilitate their access to resource for climate mitigation and adaptation.

We commit to forging paths toward sustainable, inclusive, and resilient urban futures, powered by the passion and unwavering determination of our generation.