How the region can take advantage of the opportunities created by COVID-19 recovery and the MTR-SF to further accelerate the implementation of the priorities on the Sendai Framework and ensure more inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction?

Distinguished panelist and participants,

COVID-19 pandemic has already demonstrated that a narrow focus on a small set of hazards, by one or two government agencies, is not enough to prevent or even respond to complex disaster risks. Local Government is known as front liner in response to crisis. We must use our efforts and commitments to accelerate or speed up the achievement of each Sendai targets as mentioned earlier on the mid-term Sendai Reporting.

UCLG ASPAC, as local authorities’ stakeholder representative, commit to accelerate the key priorities area in DRR by:

- Fostering the creation of an enabling environment through advocating for national legislation and policies to strengthen the vertical integration in disaster risk reduction planning and implementation.
- Encouraging UCLG ASPAC city members to join the MCR2030 in collaboration with regional stakeholders and national disaster management agencies.
- Leveraging the learning on DRR as local knowledge exchange for committed MCR2030 cities in the most vulnerable areas in collaboration with local governments associations.
- Mobilising the potential financial mechanism to speed up the COVID-19 recovery and integrating climate resilient sensitive planning by providing managerial and technical assistance to local governments to equip them with the capacity to meet local targets of Sendai Framework.
- Collaborating with the UCLG alliance (Territorial Prevention and Crisis Committee) to establish solidarity work in post disaster and post COVID-19 pandemic.

The recovery process offers various opportunities to rebuild and reshape risk-informed socio-economic development processes. We need a strong alliance to achieve the global 2030 agenda in line with national and local strategy in post pandemic to reduce the impact and loss.

Thank you.