

DELGOSEA: Final Conference – The Journey Continues

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Round Table on 'The Importance of Local Governance for the ASEAN Region – Initiatives and Next Steps'

The Round Table was chaired by:

Mr. Peter Woods, Ambassador of UCLG ASPAC

The Round Table Participants were:

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H.E. Sak Setha, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Interior, and Chairperson of the Secretariat of the National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development (NCDDS), Cambodia

Dr. Nguyen Ninh Thuc, Vice Secretary General ACVN/ Former Director of Local Government Department, Vietnam

Mr. Basilio Araujo, Ministry of Home Affairs, Head of Division for International Financial Institutions and International Organization Cooperation, Indonesia

Assoc. Prof. Woothisarn Tanchai Deputy Secretary-General, King Prajadhipok's Institute, Thailand

Mr. Un Sovannasam, Senior Officer of Legal Services and Agreements, ASEAN Secretariat, Indonesia

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The following declaration has been presented by Mr. Peter Woods as the outcome of the round table discussion. The declaration has been agreed on *viva voce* by all participants present during the conference.

That meeting should recognise the principles expressed in the three options that were before for us and recognise that they all contain a way forward for local governance in all ASEAN countries. We also recognise the need to bring to the attention of the ministers in ASEAN the necessity to assist in facilitating a mechanism for on-going dialogue and decision-making for national and transnational issues. The five associated countries and their LGAs affirm that there needs to be on-going cooperation amongst those five countries that has to be extended to the other ASEAN countries as well as interacting with other national associations in the Asia Pacific region.

In pursuing this, we would accept the proposal that the national associations of local governments utilise the congress of UCLG-ASPAC's meeting in Jakarta in October to have endorsed as a policy issue the on-going support for the principles and aspirations of the DELGOSEA partnership and that it will seek the endorsement for secretariat space and facilities to assist in promoting such aspirations. Further, the associations will seek a formal standing committee for DELGOSEA to be able to operate within the framework of UCLG-ASPAC. Further, we would urge that associations of local government within the five countries continue their interaction and cooperation with their fellow associations on an on-going basis. Further as UCLG ASPAC and the ASEAN Secretariat are both in Jakarta it makes for a strategic location for liaison and the Standing Committee of DELGOSEA within UCLG ASPAC will provide the appropriate forum for the development of an action plan to continue the work, including the interaction with ASEAN.



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