# Targeting City Clusters in ADB's Urban Operational Plan

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The UOP calls for engagement with "urban regions", "city clusters", and "geographically coherent areas"...but does not define them.

This presentation, based on a study of four Asian city clusters recently conducted for RSDD's Sustainable Infrastructure Division, suggests some key definitions and modes of engagement. what are 'city clusters'?
dynamics of metropolitan regions

- four Asian case studies
- lessons learned
- ADB engagement with metropolitan regions

# What are "city clusters"?



### from towns to megacities to megalopolis

need to understand spatial scales to better target UOP



### **Scale 1: Human Settlements**



### **Scale 2: Settlement Regions**



Scale 3: Regional Urban Systems



### **City-centered Region (CCR)**

typically anchored on railway line and/or navigable waterway

principal central city is Metropolis (1 mn - 4 mn)

primary zone of influence principally defined by road network linking small cities and intermediate cities to the Metropolis; extent of zone tightly constrained by road network and topography; high concentration of towns and villages in arable lands around and between cities; maximum one-way travel time to Metropolis of two days

secondary zone of influence largely indeterminate; contains dispersed towns, villages and hamlets; likely areas with lowest levels of rural poverty

### radius of 100-300 km e.g. Seoul, Bangkok

**RUS: City-centered Region** 



Seoul

Bangkok

**RUS: City-centered Region** 



### **Clusters (CL)**

anchored on railway line or navigable waterway, but road network looped and radial, providing for greater interconnection between cities

although cluster has at least one metropolis or large city, no single city has (as yet) become prime central node

primary zone of influence more tightly delineated than in CCRs; network of large, intermediate, and small cities with myriad towns and villages in wider, more contiguous area of arable land; maximum one-day travel time from farthest city in cluster

secondary zone of influence more determinate than in ccrs, largely due to higher concentration of other regional urban systems in close proximity

### radius of 100-300 km e.g. Shandong, Henan Clusters

### **RUS: Clusters**



### **Shandong Cluster**

### **Henan Cluster**

**RUS: Clusters** 



#### **Regional Corridors (COR)**

central spine of Corridor formed by major railway, navigable waterway, and/or coastline; generally in conjunction with expressway or highway

as in Clusters, at least one Metropolis but many Large, Intermediate and Small Cities; no single city is central economic node

primary zone of influence extends approx. 100 km from central spine; high densities; high concentration of towns and villages; maximum two-day one-way drive between cities along corridor

secondary zone of influence generally as determinate as in Clusters

### radius of 100-300 km e.g. East Java, Ahmedabad-Mumbai Corridors

### **RUS: Regional Corridors**



### East Java Corridor

### Ahmedabad-Mumbai Corridor

**RUS: Regional Corridors** 



Tokaido Megalopolis

Yangtze Delta Megalopolis

Pearl River Delta Megalopolis

### **RUS: Megalopolis**



### Yangtze Delta Megalopolis

Tokaido Megalopolis

**RUS: Megalopolis** 

Regional Urban Systems are too big and complex for meaningful and manageable interventions in the medium term by governments ... and ADB.



### Focus on Metropolitan and Extended Metropolitan Regions



**Generalized Spatial Model of Metropolitan Region** 



Extended Metropolitan Regions: 2-3 hour drivetime to central city

Daily supply of food, construction materials, intermediate inputs (e.g. auto parts)

**Generalized Spatial Model of Extended Metropolitan Region** 



# Karachi 13.1 Lahore 21 Donggu Chittagon in Asia (2010)

# •857 million in 2010 144 million more than in 2000 • 2 X Asia's total pop. growth rate last decade

**Recent Urbanization Trends in Asia** 



### Global Urbanization: 1950-2030



Urbanization Trends in Asia: 1950-2030



# blue areas: population loss during past decade



### shift to larger cities in PRC

# Urban Built-up Land Hangzhou and Ningbo sprawl



Source: Nelson Institute's Center for Sustainability and the Global Environment at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (2013) World Bank

Urban Built-up Land

### Chengdu sprawl



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blue and purple areas: loss in share of Philippines' population during past decade

Manila Metropolitan Region is principal magnet for migrants and firms

Source: Chreod Ltd. 2014. Study on Dynamics of City Cluster Development. Consultant Report to Asian Development Bank

### **Urbanization Trends in Philippines: 2000-2010**



### **Urbanization Trends in Republic of Korea: 1997-2012**



blue areas: loss of share of Vietnam's population during past decade

HCMC and Hanoi Metropolitan Regions are principal magnets for migrants and firms

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### **Urbanization Trends in Vietnam: 2000-2010**

Metropolitan agglomeration economies are stronger than decentralization policies.

Whether we like it or not, people are moving to metropolitan regions across Asia. Case Studies of Four Extended Metropolitan Regions in Asia



Seoul growth management and densification compared to Manila and Chengdu sprawl.

Source: Chreod Ltd. 2014. Study on Dynamics of City Cluster Development. Consultant Report to Asian Development Bank



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Spillovers of agglomeration benefits to suburban cities and towns, mostly within one hour drivetime.



## No spillovers from Chengdu: size and density matter.



**Agglomeration Dis-economies** 

PM10 levels five times **WHO** guideline in Seoul, HCMC and Manila, more than ten times in Chengdu. PM2.5 levels in Chengdu more than ten times WHO standard. Much pollution from vehicular emissions.

Congestion costs: US \$6.8 billion per year in Seoul US \$4 billion per year in Manila

In HCMC, average travel speeds dropped from 18.2 km/h in inner core in 2002 to 14.3 km/h in 2010 and from 50 km/h to 36.4 km/h in suburban areas

Sixty per cent of average travel time is delay in HCMC

# Key Lessons from Case Studies

**1. Metropolitan** agglomeration economies can change national territorial andscapes; stronger than decentralization policies.

2. Size and density **matter:** spillovers fewer in smaller and less dense metropolitan regions (Chengdu, HCMC).

**3. Strengthening** connectivity in and between EMRs is critical: Seoul public transport as worldclass example of regional commuter rail, metro, bus, BRT.

4. Convergence across **EMRs is essential:** infrastructure services, public services, housing standards, land markets

5. Integrated planning across jurisdictional **boundaries** is critical to facilitate agglomeration economies and their spillovers, and to minimize diseconomies.



integrated strategic planning process needs to be highly participatory of all key stakeholders in the MR, including civil society and the private sector. 6. Integration of economic and territorial planning is important: planning should try to predict market demand for urban development (land, transport, infrastructure).

7. Integration of land use and transport planning is essential at the MR scale: again, Seoul as world-class example. 8. Urban growth management can be done without impeding economic development: again, Seoul as example.

9. Plans are not enough: they need to be supported by realistic implementation and management instruments.

**10. Economies of scale** need to be realized through regional delivery of area-wide infrastructure and public services.

11. Strong systems of laws and regulations are essential for development of metropolitan regions. **12. Equal enforcement of** laws and regulations across a metropolitan region is essential: e.g. lack of enforcement in Manila and HCMC EMRs.

13. Strong institutions are needed to attract and sustain PPP: MRs' needs are far beyond what can be financed only by public finance. How could ADB engage with Metropolitan and Extended Metropolitan Region Scales?

### • Lending:

based on national urban assessments, identify strategic metropolitan regions as long term clients; prepare medium and long term investment programs that grow, converge services, connect towns and cities.



### • Institutional Strengthening:

- 1. metropolitan planning and management
- 2. disaster and climate change risk management at MR scale
- 3. strengthening local governments in smaller centers.

## Research and Knowledge Exchange on Metropolitan Regions:

- 1. defining metropolitan regions
- 2. promoting agglomeration benefits
- 3. addressing needs of vulnerable populations
- 4. managing spatial structure of metropolitan regions
- 5. managing risks
- 6. governing and managing metropolitan regions

### Next Steps?

1. assess feasibility of conducting pilots in 2-3 metropolitan regions

2. design a research and knowledge exchange program on metropolitan regions in Asia