



EVENT DETAILS

Launch of Knowledge Products from the Revitalising Informal Settlements and their Environments (RISE) program

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Moderator:

- **Said Zaidansyah**, Deputy Country Director, Indonesia Resident Mission, ADB

Remarks

- **Bambang Susantono**, Vice-President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB
- **Kusumawardhani**, Deputy Director for Technical Planning, Directorate Settlement Development, DGHS, Indonesian Ministry of Public Works and Housing
- **Md. Ramdhan Pomanto**, Mayor of Makassar, Indonesia
- **Rebekah Brown**, RISE Program Director, Senior-Vice Provost and Vice-Provost (Research), Monash University
- **Bronwyn Robbins**, Australian Consul General, Makassar, Indonesia
- **Rob Fenn**, Deputy Head of Mission and Consul-General to Indonesia and Timor-Leste, British Embassy Jakarta

Presenters

- **Kerrie Burge**, Project Manager (Indonesia Build), RISE Program
- **Ihsan Latief**, Indonesia Build Team Leader, RISE Program

WATER-SENSITIVE APPROACH TOWARDS IMPROVED URBAN HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

ADB VP Bambang Susantono, together with representatives from Monash University, the Governments of Indonesia, UK and Australia, launched three knowledge products generated through the Revitalising Informal Settlements and their Environments (RISE) program. To download, click [here](#).

RISE utilises a water-sensitive cities (WSC) approach to deliver urban services, improve city functioning and livability, strengthen ecosystem servicing, and transform urban health and well-being. Water-sensitive approach includes 'nature-based' solutions such as constructed wetlands, rainwater harvesting, and bio-filtration gardens.

Drawing on the experiences from the RISE

“ We congratulate the RISE communities, the RISE team, and city government of Makassar for pioneering this unique approach that offers multiple co-benefits such as flood risk reduction, health improvement, and community empowerment. This will serve as an inspiration not only within Indonesia but globally. – Rob Fenn, Deputy Head of Mission and Consul-General to Indonesia and Timor-Leste, British Embassy Jakarta

program since 2017, the three-part report is intended for policy-makers and practitioners, and showcases the possibilities, principles and best practices for applying a water-sensitive cities approach.

These knowledge products are generated and disseminated through the Knowledge Support and Technical Assistance (KSTA) on RISE which is financed through ADB's UCCRTF for Makassar, Indonesia, and through the Urban Environmental Infrastructure Fund (UEIF) for Suva, Fiji.

A UCCRTF grant is being prepared to replicate the approach to six informal settlements in Makassar that will benefit around 1,600 household members.

URBAN CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE LESSONS

- **Water-sensitive cities approach offers an opportunity to complement conventional approaches** to bring in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services to informal settlements. RISE demonstrates the proof-of-concept as to how nature-based solutions could improve urban health and well-being, and climate resilience of the poor and vulnerable sectors.
- **A community co-design process is fundamental** to ensuring the sustainability of water-sensitive cities approach. It requires the active participation of communities at all

stages – ensuring solutions are both practical and effective at a local context; empowers communities and most importantly, strengthens community's ownership of the interventions.

- **Scientific evidence plays a vital aspect to scale up solutions** to transform urban health and well-being. The RISE program supports this by collecting the first-ever rigorous scientific evidence, through a randomized control trial, of the sustainability and cost-effective benefits of a localized, water-sensitive approach to upgrading informal settlements for health and environment.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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