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– Entry Points for Collaboration

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The ASEAN Australia Smart Cities Trust Fund (AASCTF) offers collaborative pathways for city planners or managers responsible for urban public services to help realize your local government's smart city agenda. AASCTF offers support and technical expertise to facilitate the piloting of smart digital solutions, facilitate knowledge sharing events, and provide networking and capacity-building opportunities.

HOW CAN CITIES BENEFIT FROM AASCTF SUPPORT?

Through the trust fund, local government officials from AASCTF pilot cities become part of a network of peers committed to developing and sharing best and next practice smart solutions and ideas for ASEAN cities to become more attractive, livable, and resilient. Participating cities are invited to join state-of-the-art webinars, as well as targeted workshops and training sessions on specific topics relevant to smart city development. The trust fund furthermore offers access to online platforms where cities can share challenges and solutions with peers, as well as receive support from knowledgeable experts in, among other aspects, the design and preparation of pilot intervention and demonstration projects.



TWINNING PROGRAMME

AASCTF's city twinning programme connects **recipient cities**, who are at the beginning of their smart city trajectory, with **mentor cities** who have already implemented successful smart city initiatives and strategies. These twinning activities aim to increase the capacity and knowledge of professionals in recipient cities to pursue holistic smart city initiatives and foster long-lasting partnerships between the twinned cities. Successful twinings will be considered for the development of specific pilot programs co-funded by AASCTF.

WHAT DOES THE TWINNING PROGRAMME INVOLVE?

Twinning is a mutually inspiring and creative process between equal partners for the benefit of all involved. Twinning activities will be developed between public and/or private stakeholders in selected ASEAN recipient cities and mentor cities in Australia and abroad. Activities will address smart city solutions, as well as cross-cutting themes such as social inclusivity, gender equality and women empowerment, climate change resilience and environmental sustainability. Recipient and Mentor cities commit staff time, the facilitation of study visits and participation in webinars and online events during the twinning implementation.



WHAT'S IN IT FOR RECIPIENT CITIES?

Through twinning activities, recipients:

- Increase understanding of the complexity of smart city development;
- Develop new technical skills and knowledge;
- Gain greater confidence through the exchange of best practices and lessons learned;
- Develop mutually inspiring relationships;
- Strengthen cross-cultural collaboration skills; and
- Receive support from AASCTF.



WHAT'S IN IT FOR MENTOR CITIES?

Through twinning activities, mentors:

- Solidify position as a leading global smart city;
- Increase visibility and showcase key smart city innovations, initiatives and achievements;
- Explore new markets for own service offerings;
- Develop mutually inspiring relationships;
- Strengthen cross-cultural collaboration skills;
- Provide enriching professional development opportunities for staff; and
- Receive support from AASCTF.

WHAT DOES THE TWINNING PROGRAMME LOOK LIKE?

MONTH 1-2: ASSESS

AASCTF will conduct a **NEEDS ASSESSMENT** to identify needs, interests, digital challenges and smart city priorities of recipient cities. Stakeholders from mentor cities to be invited to **ASSESS RECIPIENT CITY** challenges & priorities, and identify possible mentor agencies in the city.



COMMITMENT LETTER SIGNED

MONTH 3-4: PLAN

With support from AASCTF, recipient and mentor cities develop a 12-month **TWINNING PLAN** with specific targets and milestones.



TWINNING PLAN DEVELOPED

MONTH 4: START

Presentation and discussion of work plan, timeline, and deliverables for the next 12 months during the **KICK-OFF WORKSHOP**.



MONTH 5-16: IMPLEMENT

Twinning activities will be implemented with the support of the AASCTF. **STUDY VISITS** will be planned to understand the challenges from recipient cities and learn from solutions from mentor cities. **WEBINARS** and on-line events will complement the twinning activities. The AASCTF will **MONITOR & EVALUATE** progress.



TWINNING PLAN IMPLEMENTED

MONTH 6-18: MONITOR

Periodic **PROGRESS MEETINGS** to report on progress, give feedback, and agree on new targets/milestones; Midterm evaluation after 6-7 months; Final evaluation after 18 months.



TWINNING PLAN REPORT

MONTH 18 ONWARDS: SHARE

Recipient and mentor cities participate in **KNOWLEDGE SHARING ACTIVITIES** to exchange experiences and lessons on their twinning activities.



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