

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
LO13-26

Dear CITYNET Member,

*Announcement of CITYNET Seoul Congress 2013  
CITYNET in Seoul: Our Vision and Way Forward*

We cordially invite you to the CITYNET Seoul Congress 2013, to be held from November 3-6, 2013 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The Congress meeting is a unique opportunity to voice your cities' concerns, challenges, and solutions, as well as to network and form partnerships with other CITYNET members, partners, and business leaders.

The Seoul Congress will focus on the theme of *CITYNET in Seoul: Our Vision and Way Forward: Innovative Solutions for People-Friendly Cities* and will host forums, sessions, and site visits to tackle and discuss emerging trends in urbanization. The Congress will include three CITYNET legislative meetings and a Mayors' Forum:

- Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>: 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Committee (*Current Executive Committee*)
- Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup> General Council (*All CITYNET Members*)
- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>: Mayors' Forum (*Plenary Session*)
- Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>: 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Executive Committee (*Newly-Elected Executive Committee*)

At the General Council, elections will be held for the President, Vice President (two), Executive Committee (nine, including five full members), Secretary General, Auditor, and Election Committee (maximum four). We ask all CITYNET members to join the General Council and invite all Mayors to the Mayors' Forum.

**We would appreciate receiving your confirmation of participation on or before July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

The Congress host, Seoul Metropolitan Government, will sponsor accommodations for one representative from each member city/organization and local transportation to/from the airport in Korea. Upon request, CITYNET may be able to sponsor the lowest, economy-class round-trip airfare for the head of a delegation, for developing countries only. The above sponsorships can only be received if the City Mayor or the Head of Organization attends as representative and all annual membership dues have been paid in full.

Online registration is available at <http://www.seoul2013.citynetcongress.org> from **June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. Please use the registration code "**cncongress2013**" to access registration.

While this event is invitation only, interested parties should contact the Secretariat for more information. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Youngmin Chang ([ychang@citynet-ap.org](mailto:ychang@citynet-ap.org)) or Ms. Brenna Foster ([communication@citynet-ap.org](mailto:communication@citynet-ap.org)).

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in Seoul.

Sincerely,



Mary Jane C. Ortega  
Secretary General  
CITYNET





# CITYNET **Seoul Congress 2013: Our Vision and Way Forward**

**November 3 - 6, 2013 Seoul, South Korea**

[www.seoul2013.citynetcongress.org](http://www.seoul2013.citynetcongress.org)

**Join the CITYNET Seoul Congress for the opportunity to collaborate and connect with city leaders, urban innovators, civil society practitioners and experts across Asia Pacific and beyond.**

- *Build disaster resilient cities*
- *Confront infrastructure challenges*
- *Identify sustainable development strategies*
- *Partner with public and private sectors*
- *Innovate to promote green growth*
- *Enhance city inclusiveness*

- Mayors' Forum
- Capacity Building
- Best Practices
- City Networking
- Cluster Dialogues
- Case Studies
- Site Visits
- Research Sharing
- Partner/Donor Matching

***"I invite you to Seoul to brainstorm innovative solutions to common challenges that Asia Pacific faces."***

**- Mayor of Seoul Park Won Soon**

CITYNET is a network committed to helping local authorities improve the lives of citizens and promote urban sustainability. With 130 members - consisting of 84 cities and urban stakeholders mainly in the Asia Pacific - and 25 years of history, CITYNET is the largest network of its kind in the Asia Pacific region.

## CITYNET Seoul Congress 2013

Draft Schedule

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2013 | Seoul City Hall | Seoul Global Center

Sunday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
09:00-18:00 Global Center	30 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Committee of CITYNET
18:00-20:00	Welcome Dinner

Monday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>				
08:30-09:00	Registration			
09:00-12:45 Seoul City Hall 8F	General Council	09:00-09:20	Opening Speech and Welcoming Remarks <i>CITYNET President and Seoul City Mayor</i> Agenda Approval: <i>2009 6<sup>th</sup> Congress Report Approval</i>	
		09:20-10:20	1) Review 2009-2013 CITYNET Activities 2) Financial Audit Report	
		10:20-11:00	CITYNET Elections: <i>President, Vice President, Executive Committee, Secretary General, Auditor</i>	
		11:00-12:45	1) Approve Host City and Schedule for 2017 Congress 2) Review Medium Term Plan 2014-2017 3) Presentation: CITYNET's Vision and Development	
12:45-13:00	Seoul Declaration			
13:00-14:00	Lunch - Launch of Quick Guide for Pro-Poor Urban Climate Resilience			
14:30-16:00 Global Center	Cluster Dialogues	Session 1 Millennium Development Goals	Session 2 Infrastructure Management	Session 3 Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Change
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break			
16:30-18:00	Cluster Dialogues <i>(continued)</i>	Session 1 Millennium Development Goals	Session 2 Infrastructure Management	Session 3 Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Change
18:30-20:30	Welcome Reception			

<b>Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup></b>			
<b>09:30-10:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>		
<b>10:00-11:40</b>	<b>Mayors' Forum: Innovative Solutions for People-Friendly Cities</b>		
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:00-14:00</b>	<b>National Chapter Working Lunch</b>
<b>13:00-14:30</b>	<b>Innovative Solutions for People-Friendly Cities: Case Studies and Presentations</b>		
	<b>Pro-Poor Urban Climate Resilience (UNESCAP)</b>	<b>Best Practices: Case Studies in E-Governance and Transportation</b>	<b>Donor and Partner Matching</b>
<b>14:30-15:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>15:00-16:30</b>	<b>Urban Nexus (UNESCAP)</b>	<b>Best Practices: Case Studies in Natural Farming, Urban Agriculture, Women-Friendly Seoul Project</b>	<b>Donor and Partner Matching (continued)</b>
<b>16:30-17:30</b>	<b>Closing Session</b>		
<b>18:00-20:00</b>	<b>Farewell Dinner and Cultural Celebration</b>		

<b>Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup></b>			
<b>09:30-12:30</b> Global Center Conference Room 9F	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee Session</b>	<b>Sustainable Planning for Low Carbon Eco-City Development in Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)</b>	<b>International Social Economic Forum</b>
<b>14:00-17:00</b>	<b>Technical Visits</b>		