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(APMCHUD)**

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**6th Meeting of the
6th Bureau of APMCHUD**

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In
Online Mode

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7th August, 2025

(Through Online mode)

The Sixth meeting of the Sixth Bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) was held on 7th August, 2025 through online mode.

A list of participants is at '**Annexure-A**'.

Mr. Kuldip Narayan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India and Chief Coordinator, APMCHUD, welcomed the distinguished members of the Bureau and the representatives of the UN-Habitat at the meeting. He informed that His Excellency, Mr. Manohar Lal, the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs the Republic of India was unable to attend the meeting due to some unavoidable circumstances, and that he had conveyed his best wishes for the success of the meeting.

Chairing the meeting, Mr. Kuldip Narayan, also stated that the last Ministerial Conference was held in 2016 at New Delhi, India, and significant follow-up actions could not be undertaken due to certain unavoidable circumstances. He emphasized on the need to initiate necessary steps to revitalise the conference and reactivating the Working Groups.

With the above initial remarks by the Chief Coordinator, the agenda items were taken up in sequence.

Item No. 1: Preparatory work for hosting of 7th APMCHUD Conference in Malaysia in October 2025

The Chair informed that the Bureau had endorsed Malaysia's offer to host the 7th Ministerial Conference of APMCHUD, with the proposed theme "**Housing as the driver for Sustainable Urban Development**". He further stated that Malaysia had informed the Permanent Secretariat of the preparatory activities initiated by them and that Malaysia has identified Penang, as the venue and 12th to 14th October, 2025 as the proposed dates for the 7th Ministerial Conference. It was suggested that Malaysia should choose the dates to ensure best participation and preparedness.

The Chair, further informed that the Permanent Secretariat and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Govt. of India have had discussions on the shared preparatory activities, especially the programme schedule proposed by Malaysia.

The suggestions (indicative and not comprehensive) from the Republic of India were as follows:

1. No major activity should be scheduled on 12th October, 2025, except for arrival, registration and welcome dinner.
2. Following may be incorporated on **Day-1**:
 - i. Framing a results framework for biennial tenure of APMCHUD Bureau.
 - ii. Deliberate upon building of the corpus fund, defining specific terms for effective utilization and ensuring timely payment of contribution by the member countries.
 - iii. Knowledge exchange framework/ mechanism to be identified.
 - iv. Governance framework, protocols and procedure.
 - v. Role, structure and financing of Permanent Secretariat
 - vi. Formation of Drafting Committee for Penang Declaration
 - vii. Plenary meeting 1 – (High Level Panel Discussion, Presentation of the Theme Paper of the 7th Conference) – by Malaysia.
 - viii. Inclusion of a session for presentation/ submission of country statements by member countries (suggested to be completed before networking lunch break).
 - ix. Plenary meeting- 2 (immediately after networking lunch) may be scheduled for discussion on the 5 **Working Groups** (activities, present status, relevance, need for change/ amendments) (List of Working Groups is placed at “**Annexure-B**”),
 - x. APMCHUD Ministerial meeting to take up Organisational Matters:
3. Following may be incorporated on **Day-2**:
 - i. Presentation of Draft Penang Declaration & Implementation Plan by the Drafting Committee;
 - ii. Adoption of the Penang Declaration
 - iii. Election of the 7th APMCHUD Bureau members
 - iv. Special Sessions (4 sessions before lunch break), the theme and the detailed scope etc. to be decided by the Malaysia.

- v. Plenary Meeting-3 (tentatively be scheduled from 14:30 to 16:00 hours)

The Chairperson then opened the floor for discussions.

Her Excellency, Ms. Norliza Hashim, the representative from Malaysia stated that Malaysia remains fully committed to hosting the 7th Ministerial Conference of APMCHUD at Penang but they are reconsidering the previously proposed dates of 12th to 14th October 2025 to avoid overlap with World Habitat Day celebrations across various countries.

The Chairperson, in response to the submissions made by Malaysia, urged them to confirm the revised proposed dates and convey the details to the Secretariat at the earliest. Accordingly, the matters pertaining to the preparatory activities could be taken up again during the next Bureau meeting, which is to be convened prior to the proposed 7th Ministerial Conference at Penang, Malaysia.

Item No. 2: Present status of Working Groups and its continuation for the upcoming 7th APMCHUD

The Chairperson requested all concerned member countries to prepare a brief status report on their respective Working Groups and undertake discussions, so that the Bureau may assess the progress during the next Bureau meeting which is proposed to be held before the proposed 7th Ministerial Conference at Penang, Malaysia. The Chairperson further suggested that the Lead countries present their findings during the upcoming proposed Ministerial Conference.

The Chairperson then invited suggestions from the Bureau members. The representative from Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan submitted that, given the significant time gap since the last held conference in 2016, the Permanent Secretariat should share the details of the Working Groups and their respective member countries, to enable the Working Group member countries to initiate discussions on the relevant theme and the related activities.

It was agreed that Permanent Secretariat would share all relevant documents with the concerned countries and also upload the same on the APMCHUD website, along with other relevant information.

There being no other agenda item, the Chairperson thanked the Hon'ble Members for their participation and acknowledged that the discussions were valuable for revival of APMCHUD. He also thanked the representatives of the

UN-Habitat, his colleagues at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India and officials of the Permanent Secretariat for their support.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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List of Participants- Annexure A

Sl. No.	Country	Officials
1	The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	1) H.E Eng. Jomana Attyat -Director General of Housing and Urban Development Corporation
2	Republic of Indonesia	1) Dr. Dewi Chomistriana Director General of Human Settlements Ministry of Public Works 2) Mr. Kuswara- along with the supporting team Director of Building and Environmental Sanitation Engineering Development, Ministry of Public Works 3) Edward Abdurrahman Director of Settlement Areas Development 4) Ms.Kristina Meitha 5) Team members
3	Malaysia	1) Ms. Norliza Hashim 2) Noor Ameera 3) Team members
4	UN-Habitat	1) Ms. Parul Agarwala 2) Mr. Srinivasa Popuri 3) Ms. Carmen Fleitas 4) Mr.Tam Hoang 5) Ms. Harshini Halangode
5	Republic of India Permanent Secretariat	1) Mr.Kuldip Narayan Chief Coordinator, Jt. Secretary HFA Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, GoI 2) Ms. Anita Meena Dy. Chief Coordinator, Director Housing Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs,GoI 3) Team members 1) Mr. Jeevan Sahota 2) Ms. Nila Pandian
6	Nairobi, High Commission of India	Mr. Neeraj

List of Working Groups- Annexure B

The details of the current Working Group themes, along with the nodal country is placed below:

Working Groups	Renamed as per New Delhi Implementation Plan (December 2016)	Lead Country
WG1-Urban and Rural Planning and management	Urban and Rural Planning and Management – Integrated Planning, Management and Governance Structure Imperatives	Republic of India
WG2-Upgrading of Slum and Informal Settlements	‘Urban Upgrading Working Group; the scope of “Urban Upgrading” to include urban regeneration, renewal, conservation, security of tenure, socio-economic rehabilitation, community capacity building, etc.; and establish means for inter-working group coordination, and collaboration across countries.	Islamic Republic of Iran
WG3-Delivery of Basic Services	“Basic Services including Energy and Mobility for Integrated and Inclusive Development”.	Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Republic of Maldives
WG4-Financing Sustainable Housing	“Financing Sustainable Housing and Urban Development including Ensuring Access to Housing and Smart City Development in the Urban-Rural Continuum”.	Republic of Korea
WG5-Urban Development with a focus on Natural and Climatic Change related Disasters	Urban Development with a focus on Natural, Man-made and Climatic Change related Disasters	Republic of Indonesia