

## Five Southeast Asian Cities Commit to Delivering their Share of the Paris Agreement

*Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur and Quezon City agree to develop Climate Action Plans that rapidly cut Greenhouse Gas Emissions to deliver on the objectives of the Paris Agreement*

*Commitments made, in the presence of Governor of Jakarta, Anies Baswedan, at the C40 Regional Academy held in Jakarta*

**Jakarta, Indonesia (18 June 2019)** — Jakarta, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh, Kuala Lumpur and Quezon City today publicly confirmed their commitment to deliver on their share of the Paris Agreement. They join a coalition of over 70 C40 cities from across the globe committed to the bold climate action needed to meet the objectives of the Paris Agreement. The announcement was made by Governor of Jakarta, Anies Baswedan and officials from each city, at the C40 Southeast Asian Regional Academy in Jakarta.

The Academy also saw the launch of the C40 Climate Action Planning Programme for Southeast Asia to support the ambitions of cities in the region. This Programme will build capacity in the cities to develop integrated and inclusive climate action plans that address the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to the impacts of climate change, and deliver wider social, environmental and economic benefits.

The technical assistance programme was kicked off with cities sharing a common framework and best practices for climate action planning. C40 Climate Action Planning Southeast Asia Programme is made possible with the support from the UK Government and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.

### **Governor of Jakarta, Anies Baswedan, said**

"It is an honour for Jakarta Provincial Government and I to launch this important initiative; C40's Climate Action Planning Southeast Asia Programme. For us, this is an opportunity to shop for ideas and share our practices, as well as network and exchange experiences."

Governor Anies also outlined the challenges the city is facing with regards to environmental issues, which he hoped could together be discussed and sought solutions for. Amongst the challenges are increasing GHG emissions, pollution from transport, land subsidence and flooding from thirteen rivers that run through the city.

"Our challenge today is to ensure that economy is in parallel with ecology because in the past, they often don't align. When in fact, those two words have the same root - oikos nomos and oikos logos. We now commit to align them and exactly because of that, this programme is really important. We hope we can exchange ideas, open up about our issues and learn best practices to adapt." Governor Anies said.

Governor Anies also highlighted the policy and fiscal commitment to support environmental programmes in Jakarta Provincial Government. He underlined his hope that C40's Climate Action Planning Regional Academy could bring positive changes for participating cities, including Jakarta.

**Mark Watts, C40 Cities, Executive Director, said:**

"The cities of Southeast Asia are some of the fastest growing and most dynamic in the world. They are also some of the most vulnerable to the effects of climate breakdown. This commitment by Jakarta, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh, Kuala Lumpur and Quezon City is a vital step in keeping global over-heating within the limits that science tells us is safe. C40 will do everything we can to support these cities in delivering on the goals they have set today".

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**About C40 Cities:**

C40 Cities connects 94 of the world's greatest cities to take bold climate action, leading the way towards a healthier and more sustainable future. Representing 700+ million citizens and one quarter of the global economy, mayors of the C40 cities are committed to delivering on the most ambitious goals of the Paris Agreement at the local level, as well as to cleaning the air we breathe. The current chair of C40 is Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo; and three-term Mayor of New York City Michael R. Bloomberg serves as President of the Board. C40's work is made possible by our three strategic funders: Bloomberg Philanthropies, Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), and Realdania.

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**About the C40 Cities Climate Action Planning Southeast Asia Programme:**

Southeast Asia is one of the fastest growing regions for urban growth and continues to experience rapid demographic expansion.

According to the Global Climate Risk Index (GCRI), four of the ten most vulnerable nations to climate change are located here, namely: Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. The region has over 50 coastal cities, home to more than half a million residents. Moreover, it is one of the most affected by extreme weather events, such as severe heat and increasingly violent storms that bring heavy rainfall, causing catastrophic flooding. The effects of climate change are likely to seriously endanger food security in Southeast Asia, with multiple studies highlighting a significant decrease in grain and rice harvests especially. There are many more serious impacts that, if left unabated, endanger our children's future and their environment.

C40 is collaborating with five Southeast Asian cities through the C40 Climate Action Planning Southeast Asia Programme, building capacity to prepare and implement evidence-based, long-term climate action plans. This means taking transformational actions to tackle climate change by reducing emissions from buildings, transportation, energy production and waste management while strengthening the ability to deal with the impacts of climate change through adaptation.

To learn more, visit [C40's Climate Action Planning Programme Resource Centre](#).