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APCAD Inclusive City Markers Pilot Abstract

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Background

APCAD was officially launched at the “Regional Conference of Cities for an Inclusive Urban Society” held in Bangkok, Thailand, August 2006, with the support of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific, and UNESCO. The Project was relaunched in 2021, with Gwangju City as the interim chair. The long-term objective of APCAD is to provide local authorities with programs that allow more efficient implementation of policies for social inclusion of their residents in the full respect of their human rights in any field of public life. Within this goal was launch the APCAD Project, The Inclusive City Markers.

The APCAD Inclusive City Markers were developed as a system to be used by municipal policymakers, specifically in APCAD Coalition member cities and prospective member cities, to assess their implementation of human rights, social inclusion, and non-discrimination commitments; Aiming to help the APCAD coalition members to grow as inclusive cities. The system aims to additionally enable cities to set long-term goals to guide their future actions for the promotion and improvement of social inclusion and anti-discrimination policies at the local level. The main objective of the Markers is to be used as a toolbox for municipal policymakers to evaluate various aspects of their work and set long-term goals to guide future actions for the promotion and improvement of inclusion and anti-discrimination policies, contributing to the fulfilment of the universal human rights obligations and commitments.

This presentation will explain the APCAD inclusive City Markers project and process to encourage participation. The section will include the following:

- Framework of Project
- Data collection within the project
- Assessment Process
- Cities involvement and usage