

## LOCarNet Day 2: Session 9

### Low Carbon and Resilient Cities –Showcasing the concrete Actions and Good Practices (Category: Action)

#### **Need of Linking Policy to Action**

Showcase of Cases studies of Iskandar, Malaysia; Bhopal, India; Ho Chi Minh City and Hue, Vietnam; Bogor, and BSD City Indonesia; Matale, Srilanka and Rayong, Thailand were discussed by different presenters where the local action taken by these cities were presented.

#### **Community Participation**

Stakeholder discussion, awareness building of people by 'Raahgiri' (Claiming the streets), School children 'Ecolife Challenge' programme at Kyoto and Iskandar. Awareness programmes are like low hanging fruits and yield results immediately if community adopts them. Capacity building may need to have programmes on training of trainers.

#### **Innovative Methodologies**

Only technical assessment is not sufficient for realising Low Carbon Cities. Innovative methodologies are needed depending on local conditions.

#### **Private Sector Participation**

Private Sector players are also interested in taking up the task Low Carbon Initiative. Participation of private sector needs to be recognised and promoted. Example from BSD city from Jakarta Indonesia show how private development can incorporate Low Carbon measures in the planning and development.

#### **Balancing development and Environmental concerns**

Low Carbon cannot take priority on its own. It needs to be integrated in the ongoing development initiatives of the local government.

#### **Barriers that need to be over come**

Financial, Technological, Social and Managerial barriers were discussed and it was found that these are faced differently by different stakeholders.

#### **How to overcome the barriers?**

Engage the political leaders, develop local alliance, connect with already ongoing programmes, take a bottom up approach with people participation and steps towards capacity building are needed to overcome most of the barriers.