



ASEAN-AUSTRALIA SMART CITIES INITIATIVE

Australia is investing AUD30 million to support ASEAN Member States develop city systems in smart and sustainable ways.

Over the next five years, the ASEAN-Australia Smart Cities initiative will provide education, training, technical assistance and support for innovation.

Building on Australia's long history of support for ASEAN connectivity and infrastructure development in Southeast Asia, the program will run in close consultation with ASEAN Member States.



The initiative will support ASEAN's vision of sustainable development and complement the ASEAN Smart Cities Network.

It will draw on Australia's world-class expertise in green infrastructure, water governance, renewable energy, innovative technologies, and data analytics.

SUPPORT FOR ASEAN CONNECTIVITY

Through the ASEAN-Australia Smart Cities initiative, Australia is supporting the ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy, an initiative under the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025.

This will deliver:

- a strategy to assist local governments in ASEAN to advance sustainable urbanisation in their cities
- a set of toolkits outlining initial, practical activities ASEAN cities could implement, should they choose to, based on research findings
- research to inform ASEAN city planning and governance, including a stocktake of existing frameworks, strategies and initiatives for sustainable urbanisation.

PARTNERSHIP FOR SMART AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES

Australia, in partnership with the Asian Development Bank, will support cities in ASEAN Member States to implement smart planning, good governance and sustainable practices for inclusive economic growth, prosperity and improvements in well-being.

The partnership will provide technical assistance and capacity building for cities in ASEAN Member States, along with regional knowledge sharing activities to strengthen smart and sustainable urbanisation practices.

Efforts will contribute to addressing the issues rapidly growing cities face, including congestion; unreliable and costly infrastructure services; waste management; and pollution and environmental degradation.

REGIONAL SMART CITY INNOVATION ACCELERATOR

The innovationXchange based in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade will pilot a regional accelerator from 2018-2022. The AUD5 million project will address barriers to smart and sustainable urbanisation through collaboration with ASEAN city authorities, academic institutions, private investors and businesses to:

- identify and develop, support and scale future city initiatives (businesses) that will create new employment opportunities
- enhance business enabling environments, critical to supporting and developing entrepreneurs and high growth potential businesses
- increase proof-of-concept funding and private sector investment
- bring together ASEAN and Australian expertise, entrepreneurs and investors from the fields of science, technology, business and civil society.

ASEAN-AUSTRALIA SMART CITIES AUSTRALIA AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS



Ten individuals from ASEAN (one from each ASEAN Member State) have been chosen to receive ASEAN-Australia Smart Cities Australia Award Scholarships.

Students will study masters level degrees across a broad range of areas related to smart and sustainable urbanisation and will commence studies in Australia in 2019.