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Policy Makers and Civil Society in Southeast Asia discuss Replication of Best Practices in Local Governance

Vietnamese policy makers and representatives from civil society organisations came together today (27/4) in Hanoi to discuss best practice replication in local governance. The event is part of a series of seminars organised by DELGOSEA – a regional project supporting best practice exchange in local governance – implemented by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. The seminars in Manila (The Philippines), Jakarta (Indonesia), Bangkok (Thailand) and Hanoi (Vietnam) were held between March and April 2012.

Focus of the discussion in Hanoi was the results of the replication process in three pilot cities: Danang, Vinh City and Tra Vinh City. The draft policy recommendations for better local governance were finalized during the seminar, as well as a roadmap on advocacy for the implementation of these policy recommendations.

The development of a strategy for sustainability of the best practice transfer, DELGOSEA website and its secretariat were other important topics on the agenda to ensure a continuous transnational platform for knowledge and information exchange within Southeast Asia.

“This workshop is very important for Vietnam cities. While the best practice replication is ongoing, it is now the time to focus on sustainability. The best way to achieve sustainability is through a coherent framework, connecting the different stakeholders and conferring with the central government. As Vietnam has made great progress in the field of local governance in the past decade, there is no doubt that the outcome of this workshop will be embedded in a future policy dialogue. ACVN is very proud to be a part



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of this process towards better local governance in Vietnam", said Prof. Dr. Nguyen Lan, General Secretary of ACVN.

Participants in the workshop included policy makers (namely the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Culture & Sport and Tourism) and strategic partners of the DELGOSEA network: LGAs, representatives of the pilot cities, civil society organizations, academia and media, as well as the Delegation of the European Union.

DELGOSEA is a network of 32 cities from five Southeast Asian countries – Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia, The Philippines and Thailand – aiming to share knowledge and replicate best practices on good local governance for improving living conditions of the people. This network is supported by 11 LGAs, five partners and other stakeholders from government, civil society, academia and media. They all play a crucial role to make the process of replication a success. The network is managed by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, with financial support from the European Union and the German Ministry of Development Cooperation.

Results of the workshop will be available on the DELGOSEA website: www.DELGOSEA.eu

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