Summary of Proposal

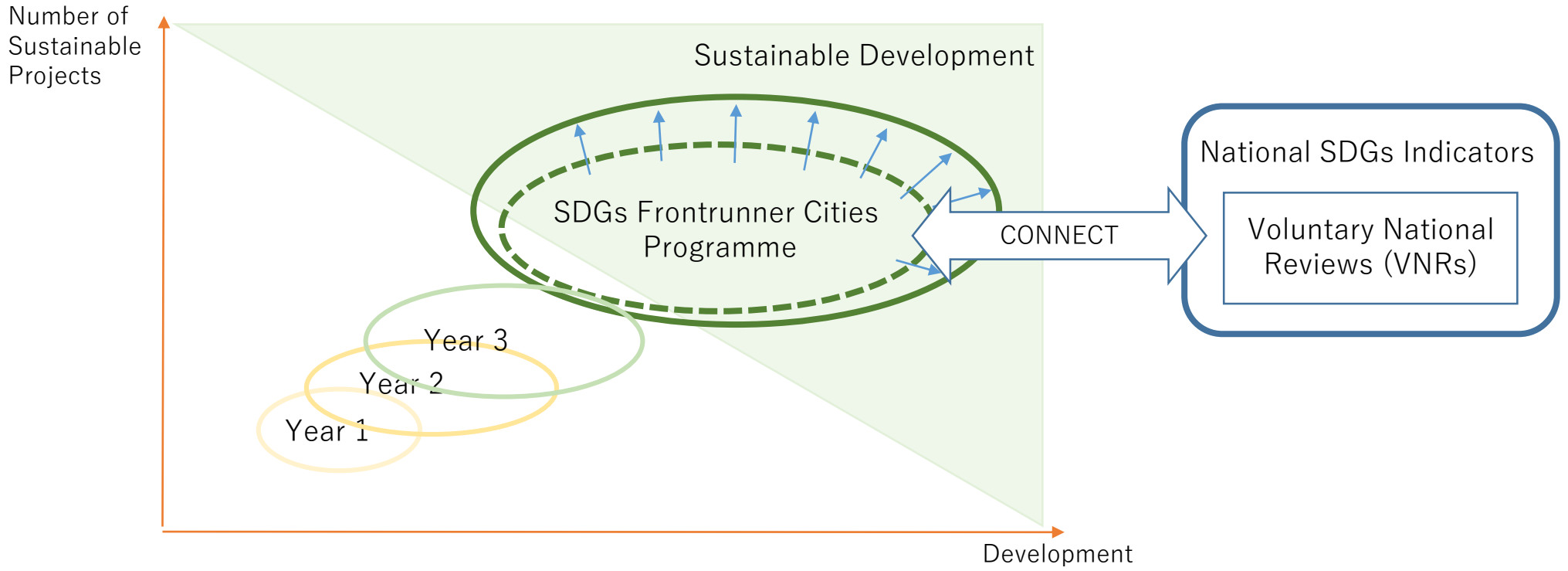
“ASEAN SDGs Frontrunner Cities Programme”
- ESC Model City Upgraded Programme -

(Funded by Japan-ASEAN Integrated Fund: JAIF)

Our Achievements and Challenges

The past three phase of ESC Model Cities Programme focused on **strengthening city-to-city networks**, **capacity building of city officials** and also **supporting and improving pilot projects.**

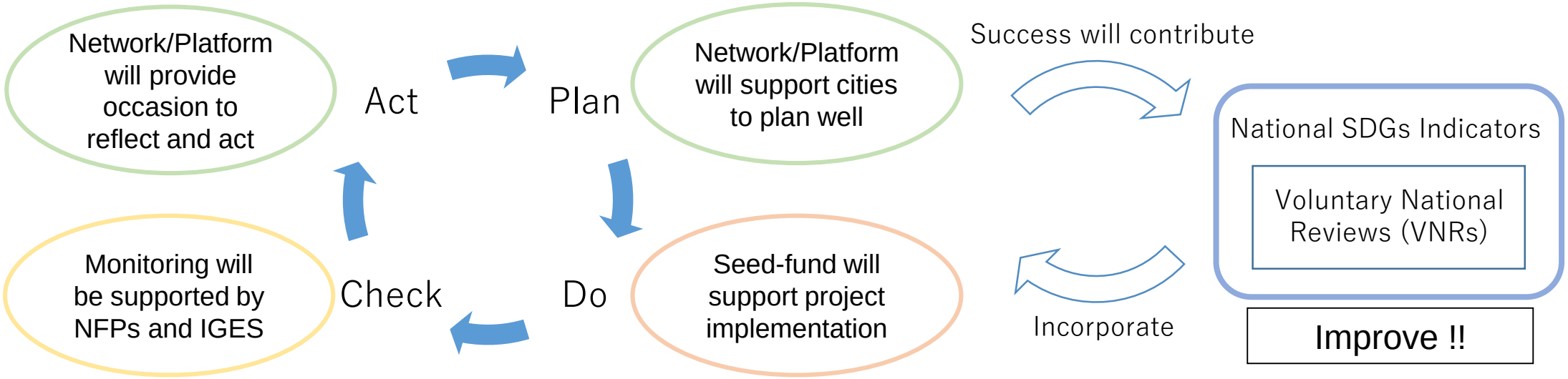
But challenge exists in **scaling up the successful pilot projects** and **improved planning and reporting** by **connecting with high-level policies and mechanisms** such as with SDGs and VNRs.



Objectives for the SDGs Frontrunner Cities Programme

This project aims to support inclusive, sustainable, resilient and dynamic development of ASEAN cities in line with ASEAN Vison 2020 by creating multi-dimensional benefit model cases and also developing capacity of next generation of frontrunner cities towards clean and green ASEAN.

Objective of this project is to boost existing and innovative local SDGs actions through connecting high-level policy and local action in one cycle and by utilizing existing city-to-city network, achieve positive flow of Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) in Frontrunner Cities. The project will contribute to the above aim also through expanding the network by supporting small scale pilot projects in smaller cities.



Good PDCA cycle project will draw attention from donors for further support !!

Major Stakeholders' Role and Criteria (Draft)

	Role	Seed Fund	Criteria
National Focal Point (NFP)	Organize national selection committee to nominate Group 1 - 3 Cities Organize at least two National SDGs Workshops and submit progress report Supervise and support Group 2 and 3 Cities Develop and publish at least one Country Report on Cities and SDGs	-	Same as Model Cities Programme but adding further role to link city initiatives to High-level Policies including alignment with VNR
Group 1 Cities	Mentor and Support Group 2 and 3 Cities during National SDGs Workshops	-	To be a mentor in national SDGs workshop.
Group 2 Cities	Implement model projects + Develop city priority SDGs Action Plan Sharing outstanding issues with other ASEAN Cities	Maximum 2 cities per country (<30K)	Have or have plan to incorporate SDG Action Plan in their City development plan, and able to conduct self assessment Committing 30% of the budget and allocating personnel for the activities
Group 3 Cities	Implement model projects	>20k (divide by cities)	Budget execution, identification of good projects

<Proposed Budget>

	Activity	Estimated Budget (USD)
1	National SDGs workshops (NFP) – 20k/country (3 workshops)	200,000
	Capacity Building and Pilot Projects (Group 2, 3) - 80k/country - Group 2 cities should receive at least 30k per city	800,000
2	Regional Seminars/Capacity Building Workshops	400,000
3	Knowledge Management, Outreach and Communications	80,000
4	Secretariat operations (incl. for M&E)	70,000
5	Human Resource and administrative costs	600,000
6	Contingency	50,000
	Total	US$ 2,200,000

67% Spent on Beneficiaries (NFPs and Frontrunner Cities)

Schedule <Timeline until approval>

Month	Key Activities			
	IGES	National Focal Point (NFP)	Frontrunner Cities Group 1, 2 & 3	Regional Events
2017				
Apr	Informal consultations	Informal consultations		**15th AWGESC Meeting**
Jul	Prepare draft proposal using JAIF format			**28th ASOEN** ☆
AUG	Refine proposals based on feedback			
Sep				**14th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME)**
Oct - Dec		ASEAN internal approval process and submit to JAIF + Get approval MOFA/JAIF Consultations with NFPs and Model Cities during the Closing Workshop		**Closing Workshop of ASEAN ESC Model Cities Year 3 (Nov 2017, Thailand, TBC)**
2018				
Jan	Preparation	Preparation by all stakeholders		
Feb				**9th High-level Seminar on Sustainable Cities** Officially announce new programme **(IN CAMBODIA)**

Schedule <Project Timeline (2 years / 24 month)>

Month	Key Activities			
	IGES	National Focal Point (NFP)	Frontrunner Cities Group 1, 2 & 3	Regional Events
2018				
Apr	Official Call for Proposals	NFPs nominate Group 1, 2 & 3 Cities. NFPs and Cities (Group 2 & 3) develop proposals		
May	Provide feedback on proposals			
Jun		Revise and enhance proposals		16th AWGESC Meeting Formal endorsement of selected frontrunner cities
Jul				
Aug	M&E			Programme Inception & 1st Regional Training WS *(IN JAPAN) (TBC)*
Sep			Group 2 Cities improve their Action Plan	29th ASOEN
Oct		1st National Inception and SDGs WS Group 2 & 3 Cities present their model projects and exchange with Group 1 & 3		
Nov			Project implementation by Group 2 & 3 Cities	
Dec				
2019				
Jan		Submission of 1st mid-term progress reports to IGES		
Feb	Submission of mid-term report to JAIF	Extra national capacity building and networking workshops (as necessary)	Project implementation by Group 2 & 3 Cities	10th High-level Seminar on Sustainable Cities & 2nd Regional Training WS *(IN JAPAN)(TBC)*
Mar-May	M&E			
Jun				16th AWGESC Meeting
Jul				
Aug				30th ASOEN
Sep				15th AMME
Oct				3rd Regional Training WS
Nov		2nd National Inception and SDGs WS Group 2 & 3 Cities present achievements and exchange with Group 1 & 3		
Dec		Submit 2nd final report to IGES		
2020				
Jan	Submit final report to JAIF	Media publicity campaign (share success stories with major news media outlets)		
Feb	Submit final financial report within 3 months to JAIF			11th High-level Seminar on Sustainable Cities & 4th Regional Training WS
Mar	publicity campaign (share success stories with major news media outlets)			
Jun				17th AWGESC Meeting

Thank you