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SUEUAA: Strengthening University Engagement in Universities in Asia and Africa

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INSPIRING PEOPLE



The Project

- addressed a core problem in emerging economies of strengthening the **urban engagement role of universities***, and ways they contribute to **developing sustainable cities** in the context of the major **social**, **cultural**, **environmental** and **economic** challenges facing the global south.
- used a set of well-proven **benchmarking tools** as its principal method, and sought to strengthen the capacity of universities to contribute to city resilience towards natural and human-made disasters and help to address some of the social challenges faced.

*theoretically the various helix models of engagement



Themes

- In collaboration and discussion with partners the following were identified as common themes across all sites:
- **Migration** – including refugees, internally displaced people and urban/rural flows
- **Environment** – including sustainability in terms of energy, food, water and waste; and, the impact of natural disasters
- **Economy** – unemployment (youth and female), informal economy, skills and training, entrepreneurship
- **Gender** – inequality and access to health, welfare, jobs and education
- **Policy** – rhetoric or reality of university and city engagement strategies

City activities

- **Stakeholder advisory group** set up in each city comprising representatives from universities and city/municipal government
- **Benchmarking** and **interviews** undertaken in each city to examine scope and scale of university engagement and also to allow city representatives to identify possible areas of collaboration to address specific challenges in areas such as transport, waste, sustainable energy and economic development
- A mapping of **supply** and **demand** – identification of **latent demand**



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Welcome Guests and Participants

**INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON STRENGTHENING URBAN
ENGAGEMENT OF UNIVERSITIES IN AFRICA AND ASIA**

- Website – <http://sueuaa.org/>
- Thematic papers – Policy; Migration; Environment; Economy; and Gender
- City profiles for each site
- 18 Case studies of university engagement
- Academic Papers

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Outcomes

- Research collaboration on the **environmental impact of conflict and landmine clearance** between the University of Duhok and the city's Landmine department
- **Renewal of MoA** that embraces all faculties at the University of Zimbabwe and all departments at the City of Harare
- **Establishment of a MoA** concerning community engagement between Philippines Normal University and seven barangays (smallest political unit in the Philippines) and three NGOs
- **Funding for Erasmus+ ICM**
 - Development of PhD students and Staff in Education, Engineering and Medicine in Iraq and Zimbabwe (2018-2023)