

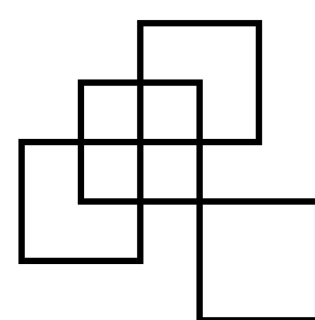


SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT MAYORS FELLOWSHIP 2021-2022

CALL FOR
EXPRESSION OF
INTEREST

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) - in cooperation with the United Nations University, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS); the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU), the United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific (UCLG ASPAC), and Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) - invite newly elected or appointed city mayors /governors in the Asia-Pacific region to join the 3rd Mayors' Academy for Sustainable Urban Development. The objective of this fellowship is to create and support a network of local leaders in Asia-Pacific committed to sustainable urban development through interactive sessions held on an annual basis coupled with ongoing peer-learning.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS
15 September, 2021
www.asiapacificmayorsacademy.org



**ASIA-PACIFIC
MAYORS
ACADEMY**



What is the Mayors' Academy?

The Mayors' Academy for Sustainable Urban Development envisions to create a network of local leaders and to establish a unique peer-to-peer learning opportunity for mayors, especially newly-elected or appointed mayors/governors in the region, through yearly intensive one-week training courses ("boot camps") and ongoing city- to-city exchanges. The Academy's core objectives are:

Provide capacity development programmes to local authorities' leaders to implement sustainable urban development and increase their leadership and technical capacities on urban sustainability issues (including e.g., financial planning and management, integrated planning, application of smart solutions, inclusive governance and stakeholder engagement, and urban resilience);

Assist mayors to become knowledgeable and committed to the global development agendas and the contributions of cities to achieving the climate and sustainable development targets and goals;

Increase the use of sustainable urban development tools, resources and technical solutions by newly-elected mayors in the region; and foster city-to-city cooperation opportunities;

Facilitate and strengthen the regional resources available to mayors and local authorities, including existing organizations, initiatives, academic institutions and the UN system, in support of implementation of sustainable urban development;

Establish a network of informed mayors and local leaders to serve as regional advocates for sustainable urban development in support of global development agendas.



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Newly-elected or appointed mayors/governors

will increase their knowledge in designing, planning and managing sustainable urban development

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An executive level, peer-to-peer learning space

will be established to support mayors, and potential subject-matter-related partnerships and collaborative actions developed

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A network of 'Mayors for Sustainability'

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WHAT CAN THE FELLOWS EXPECT FROM THE MAYORS' ACADEMY FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT?

City mayors will benefit from a robust and practical curriculum developed to provide the latest knowledge, tools and resources available to support cities, delivered by regional and global experts on urban sustainability. The Academy will draw on the multi-disciplinary expertise from the initiative's partners, including academic and research institutions, regional technical initiatives, local government networks, and the United Nations system, as well as current and former mayors. The selected mayors can expect to:

- 1 Be part of an executive level, peer-to-peer learning space to support mayors to develop potential subject-matter-related partnerships and collaborative actions;
- 2 Join a network of 'Mayors for Sustainability' to connect with regional initiatives and platforms to raise awareness, accelerate actions and strengthen regional cooperation;
- 3 Increase their knowledge in designing, planning and managing sustainable urban development, including sustainable and inclusive city growth, integrated infrastructure, adapting to climate risks, natural resources consumption, local investment plans, land and legal mechanisms for sustainable urban development;
- 4 Increase knowledge on the global development agendas and international frameworks and their relevance to Asia-Pacific cities.
- 5 Access resources supporting cities in Asia Pacific, including the United Nations system, regional networks, technical support programmes and research institutions/academia.





WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM THE FELLOWS?

For this, the city Mayors need to commit to:

Participate in “the boot camp” and peer-exchange events (trainings, meetings, discussion and research);

Collaborate with the other mayors and participate in the peer-to-peer activities of the Academy.

Be part of the follow-up and evaluation process of the “boot camp”.

Return as resource persons and expert speakers in future academies.

Promote sustainable urban development in her/his city, which will contribute to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;

Adopt sustainable urban development as a priority to be addressed through inclusive, evidence-based and integrated policies, investment plans and actions.

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY AND HOW?

ELIGIBILITY

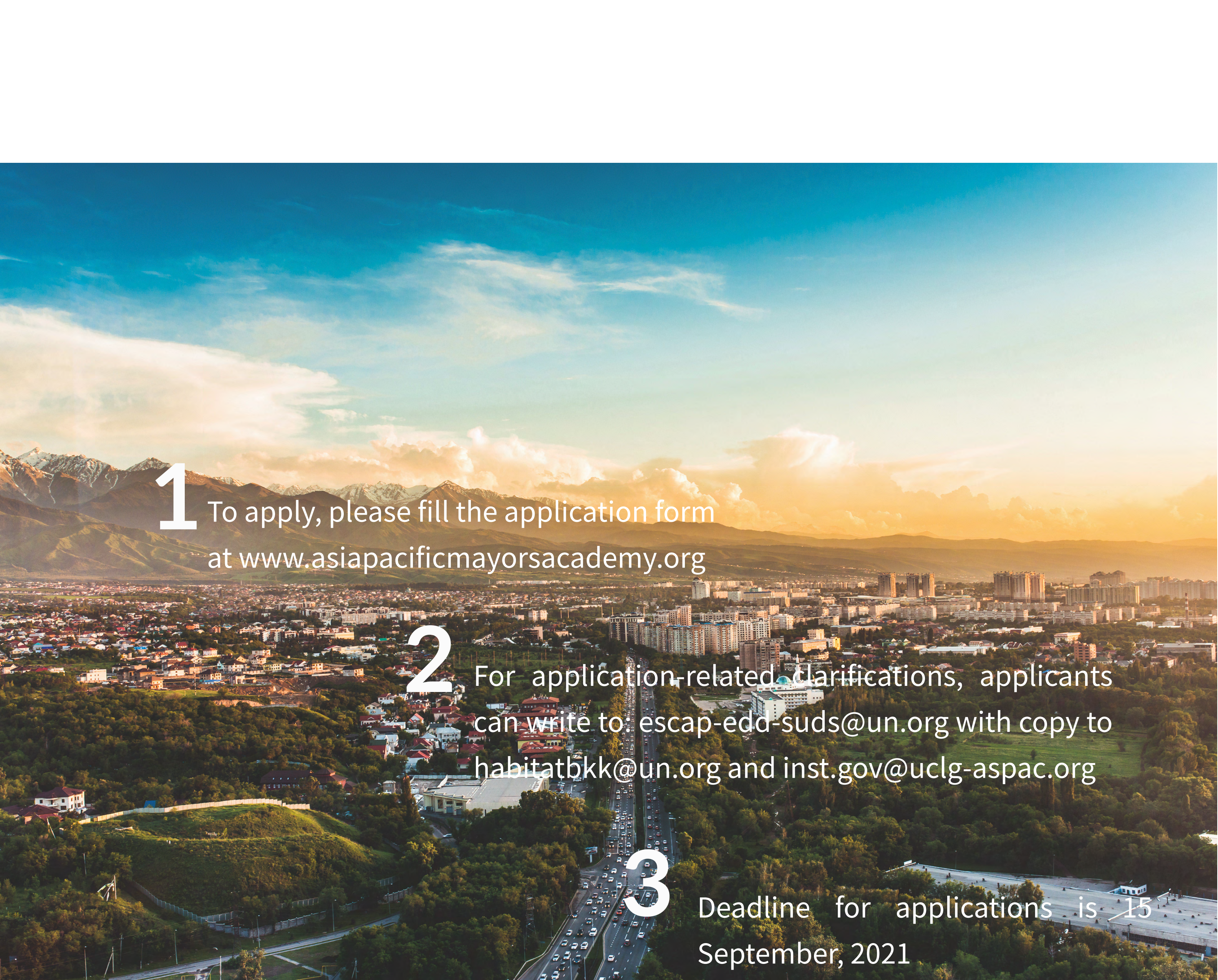
The Academy Fellowship is designed for newly-elected or appointed mayors/governors in the region. Fellows will be selected based on established criteria, including age, gender and sub-regional balance. The selection committee will be composed by UN ESCAP, UN-Habitat and UCLG-ASPAC, the United Nations University-Institute for Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) and Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES). Mentors could be identified to support in the selection process , as well as in the preparatory process of those mayors selected to be part of the Academy.

In order for a mayor/governor to be eligible, the candidate must:

- Be a newly-elected or appointed mayor/governor, typically in the first third of the term
- Must commit to attending all scheduled components of the Academy (to be determined annually for each class).
- Be located in a member or associate member State of UN ESCAP

Please note:

- Fluency in English will be considered in the selection criteria. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the majority of the sessions would be delivered virtually. If your city is able to provide the translator, it is possible to set up simultaneous translations.
- Be located in a member or associate member State of UN ESCAP
 - The fellowship includes financial support through the project for the city mayors/governors (though in-kind contributions are expected, and co-funding is welcome). Any city in the UN ESCAP region is welcome to apply on a self-financed basis.



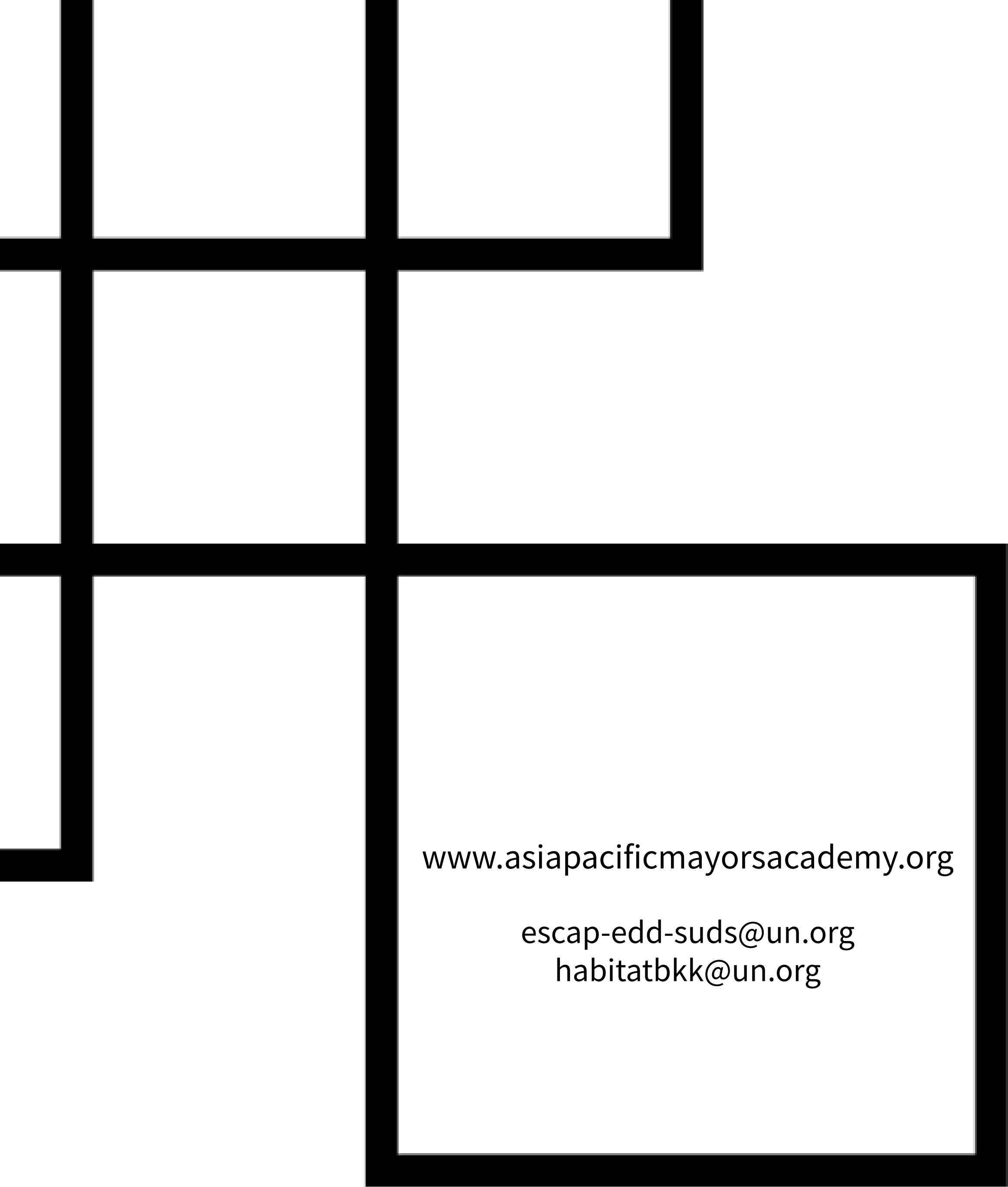
1 To apply, please fill the application form at www.asiapacificmayorsacademy.org

2 For application-related clarifications, applicants can write to escap-edd-suds@un.org with copy to habitatbkk@un.org and inst.gov@uclg-aspac.org

3 Deadline for applications is 15 September, 2021

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

LAUNCH OF THE CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST	25 August 2021
SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST	15 September 2021
ANNOUNCEMENT OF FELLOWS	September 2021
FORTNIGHTLY SESSIONS	From October 2021 to March 2022
GRADUATION	April or May 2022



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