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## APCAD Social Inclusion Marker System

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The APCAD Social Inclusion Marker System is being developed for APCAD in collaboration with the Gwangju International Center and the Chonnam National University Center for Regional Development in Gwangju, Korea. The main objective of this project is to develop a quality marker system to be used as a practical toolbox for municipal policymakers, specifically in APCAD Coalition member cities and prospective member cities, to assess their implementation of human rights, social inclusion and non-discrimination commitments. The system will additionally enable the cities to set long-term goals to guide their future actions for the promotion and improvement of social inclusion and anti-discrimination policies at local level, contributing to the fulfilment of universal human rights obligations. The establishment of benchmarks and standards for human rights, social inclusion and non-discrimination will not only provide recognition of the efforts cities have made, but support the further development of steps to strengthen and expand associated initiatives.

The marker system was developed by first conducting a desk review of the context as well as existing human rights, social inclusion and non-discrimination indicators and marker systems. Following this, a conceptual and methodological framework was established to identify the scope of the marker system and operationally feasible human rights indicators.

The marker system is structured in themes as follows: Spatial inclusion, Social inclusion, Cultural inclusion, Economic inclusion, and Political inclusion. The themes are based on a broad understanding of the notion of Social Inclusion of all residents while paying more attention to vulnerable groups. Within each theme are sub-themes, each of which has indicators reflecting Structural, Process and Outcome dimensions. The indicators have a human rights, inclusion and non-discrimination focus, and include both quantitative and qualitative data on the individual and municipal level.

The project is still in progress. As such, subsequent stages are extensive consultation with a panel of experts and municipal authorities; a test run with Gwangju City, and necessary adjustment; publication and dissemination of the marker system, companion guide and other related materials; and monitoring and assessment process.