

“We want people to change how they do things, to ensure their lives are sustainable and not contribute to climate change,” she said.

She said APUF7 saw more than 6,000 participants where 100 forum sessions were held with 600 speakers on topics related to sustainable development.

“We have gathered the outcome from this forum and the action plans declared today will need to be implemented by all local governments,” she said.

In his closing speech, Penang Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow said the APUF7 is a fitting platform for various cities in the Asia Pacific to share their successes in sustainable urbanisation while ensuring the need to include grassroots communities in the process of policy making.

“Penang has always believed in stakeholders’ engagement. We believe this is the way forward for governments to work with the people in policy making so that they will take ownership of the programmes that we introduce,” he said.

The Penang Platform for Sustainable Urbanisation (PPSU) was also launched in the closing ceremony.

The PPSU serves as a platform for cities, stakeholders and communities to collaborate, integrate good practices, transform and increase political will for sustainable urbanisation across the region.

Various cities including Penang declared their action plan for the PPSU, including by Penang Island City Council’s (MBPP) Mayor Datuk Yew Tung Seang today.

Chow said the next step is for all cities to work together to realise the SDGs and action plans declared under the PPSU.