



**4th Asian Councils Forum (ACF),
Global Councils Forum (GCF) Conference and
Taiwan Councilors Forum (TCF) Annual Conference**

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I. Purpose

Taiwan Local Councils Representatives Community Forum (TCF)¹ has been widely recognized and supported by the international attendees of the first Global Councils Forum (GCF) since it was held in 2014. The ideas and achievements of the ensuing forums have continually drawn attention and generated discussion both domestically and abroad – from co-organizations in Taiwan to countries such as the US, European countries such as Spain and Italy, Japan, Brazil, and the Philippines.

In 2016, the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) organized the first annual conference in the name of the Asian Councils Forum (ACF). Along with over 5000 Philippine local councilors, district councilors from Hong Kong and delegations from Taiwan and Japan also attended the forum. The regional and global development strategy has thus been carried out successfully and enabled attendees to discuss affairs regarding practical interaction and democracy learning among global councilors.

As an advocate of a global local councils' alliance, TCF hosted the 2nd ACF in 2017 August as well as 2017 GCF and TCF annual conference consecutively. In addition to past attendees, invitations were sent to countries and regions such as India, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Hong Kong and Macau, so as to strengthen the connection between Taiwan local councils and the globe. TCF also devoted itself to the alliance of local councils, inviting them to be the co-organizers of the conference. The purpose is to improve the engagement of Taiwan local councilors and to achieve the goal of local democratic experience exchange and international connection.

Under the theme of “Living Together in Asia,” the 3rd ACF in 2018 was held in Tokyo, Japan, and focused on post-disaster revitalizing strategies. Not only did Japanese council representatives participate in the conference actively, but councilors from Taiwan, the Philippines, Vietnam, and Hong Kong also took part

¹ Taiwan Local Councils Representatives Community Forum has changed its name in 2019 to Taiwan Councilors Forum (TCF).

in the forum, resulting in a total of over 150 participants. At the welcome reception, Premier Shinzō Abe and other ministers of State delivered their welcome speeches, took group photos with all the attendees, and shook hands with representatives from Taiwan and other countries. Chin-Chang LIN, the founder of TCF, was invited to share Taiwan's post-disaster countermeasure experiences and issue a joint statement on ACF, promising mutual interaction between Asian regions so as to contribute to peace and prosperity in Asia and the world.

The aim of the 4th ACF, 2019 GCF and TCF Annual Conference is to exchange experiences of local democracy promotion, to create an international network for local elites, to foster outstanding political talents, and to find alternatives for Taiwan's diplomacy. Based on the achievements of the previous forums, TCF will continue to promote local representative democracy in Taiwan and foster international democracy experience exchange. The ACF this year will invite Taiwanese councilors from 22 city councils, 191 townships, county-administered cities and districts councils, as well as other officials. We are planning a prospective theme for the forum and will invite outstanding experts and scholars, as well as international attendees. The arrangement should encourage everyone to voice their thoughts and share their experience during the discussion based on the theme, local governance challenges and development trends. Moreover, in order to foster local democratic professional advisors and young professional representatives, we will send invitations to relevant departments of all universities and colleges in Taiwan. Student volunteers will be allowed to visit the forum and participate in discussions. We are also planning to recruit students from relevant departments and colleges for organizing the conference and learning from the panel discussions.

In general, the 2019 forum will be exploring the theme "Open Era & Local Revitalization". The so-called "Open Era" stands for an era of open government. Taking the US as an example, Barack Obama promoted "Open Government Initiative" actively during his presidency. After his inauguration in 2009, he signed the *Memorandum on Transparency and Open Government*; in 2011, and further signed the *Open Government Declaration* with Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Norway, the Philippines, South Africa and the UK, and established the Open Government Partnership (OGP). The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) council also agreed on the idea of open government on Dec 14th, 2017. In summary, the core value of open government shown by the international trend as mentioned above emphasizes transparency, integrity,

accountability, stakeholder participation, collaboration and inclusion.

Based on the idea of regional symbiosis and collaboration, “regional/local revitalization” works on problem solving, demand satisfaction and innovation enlightenment. It encourages people to confront social issues such as aging population, low birth rate, long-term care, local industries, and culture preservation with tolerance and collaboration. To face problems like population reduction, urban overpopulation, and rural-urban imbalance in Taiwan, the National Development Council (NDC) has focused on the management of relevant resources in local revitalization and the coordination of each government organization or relevant association. With 2019 as the first year of local revitalization, NDC assists local governments actively to promote the mission. The “Local Revitalization Program” of the Executive Yuan emphasizes the collaboration between the program and economic and industrial development, as well as the combination of local features and technology. Through thorough data analysis and utilizing statistical methods, the program promotes cross-disciplinary cooperation and creates lasting values and provides a wide range of services. Eventually, it will contribute to a balanced rural-urban development with population growth, young talents retention in rural regions and local cultural industry development.

Given this year’s theme “Open Era & Local Revitalization,” the keynote speech, international forum and panel discussion sessions will be covering local governance strategy issues such as environmental changes and value paradigms. The topics of the discussion will be focused on “Parliamentary Politics & Open Government,” “Regional Revitalization & Talent Cultivation,” “Regional Revitalization & Cultural Innovation,” “Regional Revitalization & Civil Vitality (English),” “Regional Revitalization & Industrial Development,” “Regional Revitalization & Community Governance,” “Regional Revitalization & Executive-Legislature Collaboration,” and “Preparatory Meeting for Global Councilors Forum.” Not only does the arrangement allow all participants to discuss and brainstorm throughout the conference, but we also provide simultaneous interpreting to help with immediate communication.

There are three goals of the above-mentioned discussion arrangement:

- Short-term goal – Experience exchange of local governance;
- Medium-term goal – Political knowledge exchange and networking;
- Long-term goal – Institution learning and connecting with the world.

The Global Councils Forum (GCF) will be initiated by Taiwan Councilors Forum

(TCF), the co-founder of Asian Councils Forum (ACF), after ACF has been held in 3 different countries each year and will turn into its fourth year in 2019.

Through GCF, we hope a complete and multilayer communication network can be constructed to achieve the three above-mentioned goals and fulfill TCF's founding vision and goal.

II. Date & Venue

1. Date: December 6 (Fri) – 8 (Sun), 2019
2. Venue: Taipei City Council

III. Meeting Organizers (TBD)

1. Instructor: National Development Council (NDC); Ministry of the Interior (MOI); Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
2. Main Organizer: Taiwan Councilors Forum (TCF)
3. Co-Organizer: Taipei City Council; Taipei City Government; New Taipei City Council; New Taipei City Government, Dept. of Political Sciences, National Taiwan University (NTU); Dept. of Political Sciences, Soochow University; Dept. of Public Management and Policy, Tunghai University; Dept. of Public Policy and Management, Shih Hsin University; Dept. of Hakka Language and Social Science, National Central University; Taiwan Foundation for Democracy; Global Councils Forum (GCF)

IV. Agenda

Time	Events
Dec. 6 (Fri)	
18:00-20:00	<p style="text-align: center;">International Guests Registration & Welcome Reception</p> <p>Participants include government representatives from National Development Council (NDC); Ministry of the Interior (MOI); Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) (To Be Determined, TBD)</p>
Dec. 7 (Sat)	
09:20-09:50	Registration
09:50-10:10	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Ceremony & Welcome Speech</p> <p>- Sunny-wei WANG (王威元) President of Taiwan Councilors Forum (TCF) Councilor of New Taipei City Council</p>

<p>10:10-10:50</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Keynote Speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yung-mau CHAO (趙永茂) Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Political Sciences, National Taiwan University, Taiwan ● Keynote speaker (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feng TANG (唐鳳) Minister without Portfolio of Executive Yuan - Mei-ling CHEN (陳美伶) Minister of National Development Council - Shu-cheng TSENG (曾旭正) Graduate Institute of Architecture, Tainan National University of Arts ● Topic: Open Era & Local Revitalization ● Concept: The speech will cover how the Taiwan government tackles open government issues and how Taiwan interprets and applies the value paradigm of open government era by sharing experiences of issues and cases regarding local revitalization.
<p>10:50-11:10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Break</p>
<p>11:10-12:20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">International Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yung-mau CHAO (趙永茂) Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Political Sciences, National Taiwan University, Taiwan - Chin-peng CHU (朱景鵬) Vice President & Professor of National Dong Hwa University ● Forum theme: Open Era & Local Revitalization ● Concept Speakers from different countries will discuss how their governments tackle open government issues and how they interpret and apply the value paradigm of open government era by sharing their experiences of issues and cases regarding local revitalization. ● Keynote Speaker(s) (TBD, representatives from each region are not limited to one person)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Taiwan representative: Sunny-wei WANG (王威元), President of Taiwan Councilors Forum (TCF) ◇ European representative: President of Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE) ◇ American representative: National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), National Leagues of Cities (NLC) ◇ Australian representative: (to be confirmed) ◇ African representative: (to be confirmed) ◇ Asian representative: Chairman of Japanese Local Councilors Alliance (JLCA), Chairman of Philippine Councilors League (PCL), Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Palau, Singapore, S. Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, etc.
12:20-13:40	Luncheon
13:40-15:10	<i>Session I-A: Parliamentary Politics & Open Government</i>
Panel Discussion(I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tong-yi HUANG (黃東益) Professor & Vice Chairman of College of Social Sciences, National Chenchi University - Shiouh-guang WU (吳秀光) Chairman of Junsheng Inc. Professor of Dept. of Public Administration and Policy, National Taipei University - Chin-chun CHEN (紀俊臣) Assistant Professor & Chair of Dept. of Public Affairs, Ming Chuan University ● Keynote speaker (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Da-chi LIAO (廖達琪) Professor of Institute of Political Science, National Sun Yat-sen University - Li-khan CHEN (陳立剛) Associate Professor of Dept. of Political Science, Soochow University ● Discussants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ two scholars and experts: (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yu-jen HSU (許毓仁) Legislator of Stage 9 - Yung-nane YANG (楊永年) Professor of Dept. Political Science, National Cheng

	<p>Kung University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Po-feng LEE (李柏鋒) Board Chairman of Open Culture Foundation - Kun-i LIU (劉坤億) Chairman of Taoyuan Airport MRT - Jie-shing LIN (林皆興) Professor of Dept. of Public Policy and Management, I-Shou University <p>✧ two council representatives (TBD)</p>
	<p>Session I-B: <i>Regional Revitalization & Talent Cultivation</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tsai-tsu SU (蘇彩足) Professor of Graduate Institute of Public Affairs, National Taiwan University - Chung-yuang JAN (詹中原) Minister without Portfolio of Examination Yuan Chairman of Chinese Society for Public Administration ● Keynote Speaker (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chin-peng CHU (朱景鵬) Vice President & Professor of National Dong Hwa University - Yun-jie LEE (李允傑) Director of Social Affairs Bureau, Taichung City Government ● Discussants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ two scholars and experts (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chen-yu HSIEH (謝政諭) Professor of Dept. of Political Science, Soochow University - Chien-wen SHEN (沈建文) Associate Professor & Director of Yunus Social Business Centre, National Central University - Rong-jeo CHIU (邱榮舉) Professor & Associate Dean of College of Social Sciences, National Taiwan University ✧ two council representatives (TBD)
	<p>Session I-C: <i>Regional Revitalization & Cultural Innovation</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chun-heng PENG (彭俊亨) Deputy Minister, Ministry of Culture - Ta-shu CHIANG (江大樹) Vice President of National Chi Nan University ● Keynote Speaker (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ching-ping CHEN (陳靜萍) Director-General of Keelung City Cultural Affairs Bureau - Tsung-hsiung TSAI (蔡宗雄) Director-General of Department of Cultural Affairs, Taipei City Government ● Discussants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ two scholars and experts (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sheng-lin CHANG (張聖琳) Professor of Graduate Institute of Building & Planning, National Taiwan University - Kai-hung FANG (方凱弘) Associate Professor of Dept. of Public Policy and Management, Shih Hsin University - Pao-chien WANG (王保鍵) Assistant Professor of Dept. of Hakka Language and Social Science, National Central University ✧ two council representatives (TBD)
Session I-D: <i>Regional Revitalization & Civil Vitality</i> (English)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chong-wei LIN (林崇偉) Vice President of Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages - Tzung-shiun LI (李宗勳) Professor of Dept. of Administrative Management, Central Police University ● Keynote Speaker (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pei-jun HO (何培鈞) Founder of Townway Cultural and Creative Corporation - Jun-cheng LIN (林峻丞) Founder of CAN Culture, Art & Nature - Po-chun HUANG (黃柏鈞) Founder of Taiwan BlueMagpie Tea (Former) Secretary-general of Chinese Wild Bird

	<p>Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ two scholars and experts (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Li-ya CHANG (張力亞) Assistant Professor of Center for General Education, National Chi Nan University - Wen-hsueh CHEN (陳文學) Assistant Professor of Dept. of Public Policy and Administration, National Chi Nan University - Wan-ju YU (余宛如) Legislator of Stage 9 - Chin-hsien TANG (湯進賢) Chairman of Manna Organic Life Association ✧ two international participants (TBD)
15:10-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-17:00 Panel Discussion (II)	<p>Session II-A: <i>Regional Revitalization & Industrial Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Way SUN (孫煒) Professor of Institute of Law and Government, National Central University Director of Office of University Social Responsibility, National Central University - Yuan-fung DAI (戴元峰) Director-General of Commerce Technology Application Research Division, Commerce Development Research Institute ● Keynote Speaker (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ray CHEN (陳一強) Co-Founder of B Current Impact Investment - Meng-kai CHEN (陳孟凱) Founder of TreeHope EcoHub ● Discussants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ two scholars and experts (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alex CHUNG (鍾俊彥) General Manager of Fantasy Story Inc. - Sue-ming HSU (許書銘) Associate Professor of Dept. of Business Administration, Tunghai University Director of Center of Regional Revitalization in Asia, Tunghai University - Sheng-lin CHANG (張聖琳)

	<p>Professor of Graduate Institute of Building & Planning, National Taiwan University</p> <p>✧ two council representatives (TBD)</p>
	<p>Session II-B: <i>Regional Revitalization & Community Governance</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chang-tay CHIOU (丘昌泰) Professor & Dean of College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Yuan Ze University - Min-hsiu CHIANG (江明修) Professor & Dean of College of Social Sciences, National Chengchi University ● Keynote Speaker (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chia-chan LIAO (廖嘉展) Chairman of New Homeland Foundation - Alex CHUNG (鍾俊彥) General Manager of Fantasy Story Inc. ● Discussants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ two scholars and experts (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hong-wung WANG (王宏文) Associate Professor of Dept. of Political Sciences, National Taiwan University - Chun-hao CHANG (張峻豪) Associate Professor of Dept. of Political Science, Tunghai University - Thomas C.P. PENG (彭錦鵬) Chairman of Taiwan Competitiveness Forum Associate Professor of Dept. of Political Sciences, National Taiwan University ✧ two council representatives (TBD)
	<p>Session II-C: <i>Regional Revitalization & Executive-Legislature Collaboration</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Charles (Kuang-ming) CHANG (章光明) Professor & Dean of College of Justice Administration, Central Police University - Chang-tay CHIOU (丘昌泰) Professor & Dean of College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Yuan Ze University ● Keynote Speaker

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yung-mau CHAO (趙永茂) Professor Emeritus of Dept. of Political Sciences, National Taiwan University ● Discussants (invitation order as listed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ two scholars and experts - Chia-feng LEOU (柳嘉峰) Chairperson of National Development Research foundation - Chuang-hsi CHANG (張壯熙) Associate Professor & Director of Research Center for Humanistic Education, Huafan University - José Chiu-C. CHEN (陳秋政) Chair & Professor of Dept. of Public Management & Policy, Tunghai University ✧ two council representatives (TBD) <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Session II-D: Preparatory Meeting for Global Councils Forum (English)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chin-chang LIN (林晉章) Honorary President of Taiwan Councilors Forum (TCF) ● Purpose: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review on the 4th ACF and Discussion on the host country of the 5th ACF. 2. The Preparatory Meeting for Global Councils Forum (GCF) ● Description: <p>Asian Councils Forum (ACF) has been held for 4 years consecutively by the three co-founder countries: Taiwan, Japan and the Philippines. In view of its success in the regional communication in Asia, a foundation of Global Councils Forum (GCF) with the collaboration of ACF from Asia, CALRE from Europe, NCSL and NLC from North America, and UNALE from South America can not only help bring the peace and prosperity from Asia to the world, but also improve international interaction and collaboration projects.</p> ● Participants: International representatives
17:10-17:40	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion and Conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yung-mau CHAO (趙永茂) Professor Emeritus of Dept. of Political Sciences,

	<p>National Taiwan University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Panel reports
17:40-18:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sunny-wei WANG (王威元) President of Taiwan Councilors Forum (TCF) Councilor of New Taipei City Council - Jia-chyuan SU (蘇嘉全) (TBD) President of Legislative Yuan
18:30-20:30	Dinner
Dec. 8 (Sun)	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Excursion Day</p> <p>More information and a detailed program will follow ASAP.</p>