LA21 IN URBAN COMMUNITIES:
A SLOW BUT PROMISING BEGINNING OF GRASSROOT INNOVATION

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• Chapter 28
• Local authorities: Level of governance closest to the people
Partnership in Local Agenda 21

LOCAL AUTHORITY

PRIVATE SECTOR

COMMUNITY

Local Agenda 21

Partnership in Local Agenda 21
LA21 in Malaysia

Local Agenda 21 pilot projects in Malaysia beginning 2000

- Kerian District Authority
- Petaling Jaya City Council
- Kuantan Municipal Council
- Miri City Council

Locations: Kerian District Authority, Petaling Jaya City Council, Kuantan Municipal Council, Miri City Council.
Petaling Jaya as a case study

Petaling Jaya
- Capital city of Selangor state
- Area: 97.2 km²
- Population size: 620,000
Methods of study

- Structured key-expert interviews
- Data triangulation
- Document analysis
- Direct observations
Experts/professionals

Local authority

Community leaders

Community

Preliminary study

'collaborative trust'

'collaborative trust'

'communal trust'

'transformational leadership'

'transactional leadership'

'transformational leadership'
Community learning & leadership

Constant

- Same leadership
- Minimal community support and trust
- Minimal community learning
- Minimal partnership/collaboration
- Absent in innovation
Community learning & leadership

Slow progression

• Transactional leadership
• Stable community support and trust
• Minimal community learning
• Minimal partnership/collaboration
• Minimal innovation
Community learning & leadership

Regressive

- Change of leadership
- Weakening community support and trust
- Declining community learning
- Declining partnership/collaboration
- Innovation declined or halted
Progressive

- Transformational and transactional leadership
- Increasing community support and trust
- Constant community learning
- Widened partnership/collaboration
- Innovation progressing
Social integration initiatives
Green neighbourhood initiatives
neighbourhood SAFETY initiatives
entrepreneurial initiatives
Green neighbourhood initiatives
Conclusions

Grassroot community

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

PRIVATE SECTOR

CIVIL SOCIETY/NGOs
muito obrigado pela sua atenção!

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