

UNESCO: Roundtable of experts: Social Sustainability of Historic Districts

Description of event:

The increasing competitiveness of cities is very often linked to large scale events which lead to the renewal or to the revitalization of historic districts. Based on academic definitions of social sustainability proposed by researchers, a multidisciplinary panel of Mayors, city professionals, NGO's and private property developers will present various visions and perceptions of urban social sustainability in historic districts, first with demonstrative pilot cases and then by the presentation of major indicators and parameters required to ensure social sustainability

Name of organization:

UNESCO : Sector of Social and Human Sciences

Description of organization:

Within UNESCO, the social and human sciences sector has the mission to enhance intellectual knowledge, standards and cooperation to facilitate social transformations that promote universal values of justice, liberty and human dignity.

Partner organizations:

Woodrow Wilson International Centre, Universities of Louvain, Montreal, Venice, Beijing, Carleton/Ottawa, Seoul, Marrakech, Santiago(Chile); Asian Coalition for Housing Rights/Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions; World Bank Institute; ISoCaRP(International Society of City and Regional Planners); IFLA(International Federation of LANDSCAPE Architects); Private property developers firms (Hyundai, Bouygues, Skanska)

Confirmed speakers:

Keynote speakers:

Prof. Chaibong Hahm, Director of the Division of Social Sciences Research and Policies, UNESCO

Mr. Malcom Langford, COHRE

Prof. Alfonso Vegara, President of ISoCaRP and of the Metropoli Foundation

Mr. Cesare Ottolini, Habitat International Coalition Europe, Padova

Prof. Neil Smith, Director of the Graduate Center, City University of NY

Prof. Yves Cabannes, M.I.T University

Prof. Greg Andonian, Facilitator, Carleton University, Ottawa

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