

Urban Planning Revisited

Description of event:

Urban planning has often been blamed for not responding adequately or in time to the change in the pace and scale of urbanization, or to phenomena such as widening inequalities, rising crime or the deteriorating physical environment. Many argue that planning as a concept has been superseded by that of “good governance.” It is evident that there has been some new thinking in recent years on urban planning approaches and methodologies. What are these different approaches? Do they work? Does master planning still work? What are the advantages of “strategic planning”? How has urban planning responded to increasing diversity and multiculturalism in cities— does it simply control diversity, or accommodate it, or actually encourage it?

All these aspects will be explored during this networking event on “Urban Planning Revisited”. Planning professionals, practitioners and stakeholders will be invited to contribute to the discussion through papers, presentations and short interventions.

Name of organization:

UN-HABITAT (Urban Governance Section)

Description of organization:

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

Partner organizations:

N/A

Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Paul Taylor (Facilitator), UN-HABITAT
Mr. Gert Ludeking, UN-HABITAT Kosovo Programme
Mr. Rod Hackney, President, International Union of Architects
Mr. Andrew Borraine, South African Cities Network
Mr. Cliff Hague, Royal Town Planning Institute, UK

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