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global review and roadmap

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Dr Joe Flood

Dr Joe Flood worked with CSIRO Division of Building Research for 17 years, becoming Principal Research Scientist and Project Area Manager, Housing Research, where he performed many housing and urban projects for all levels of government.

He produced landmark studies on housing subsidies and taxation, employment and housing, internal migration, and global warming.

He was Coordinator of Housing Research and Associate Director of the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) in 1993.

From 1994-6 he was the first Co-ordinator of the Indicators Programme at UN-Habitat and was responsible for setting up the monitoring structure for the GSS 2000, collecting housing and urban indicators in 237 cities.

From 1997 he has been a consultant researcher in housing and urban issues, and an adjunct professor at the University of Canberra, Macquarie University, Melbourne University Private, and Flinders University. During the period he has also assisted countries throughout the world in developing urban indicators systems and on other governance issues on behalf of UN-Habitat, the World Bank, Asia Development Bank, the Millennium Foundation, Ausaid and Metropolis.

He was principal author of the flagship Global Report on Human Settlements 2003, "The Challenge of Slums".

Most recently has documented the decline of home ownership in Australia for AHURI, and has done theoretical work on affordability, private rental and the causes of periodic housing bubbles.

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Prof. Alan Gilbert

Alan Gilbert is Professor Emeritus at University College London. He has a first-class honours degree in social sciences from Birmingham University and a doctorate from the London School of Economics. More recently, the University of London awarded him a doctorate in Literature and he has been elected to the Academy of Learned Societies for the Social Sciences.

He has published extensively on housing, poverty, employment and urban problems in developing countries and particularly those in Latin America. He has authored or co-authored ten books, edited four others and written more than one hundred and fifty academic articles on these topics.

His research over the last five years has been concerned with the development of housing subsidies in Chile, Colombia and South Africa; on the influence of Washington on the diffusion of knowledge about development policy; on information flows among asylum seekers in the UK; on secondary housing markets in Colombia and South Africa; on the impact of globalisation on urban life in Latin America; on rental housing in informal settlements in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and improving urban governance: an evaluation of the 'success' story of Bogotá, Colombia.

He has acted as an adviser to several international institutions over the last ten years including the Inter-American Development Bank, UN-Habitat, United Nations University, UNESCO and United Nations Population Fund, the Woodrow Wilson Center and the World Bank.

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Dr Julie Lawson

Dr Julie Lawson has a long term interest in housing issues and their resolution in many different countries through her research of housing systems, explanations for their development pathways and policy alternatives.

She obtained her PhD in urban planning (University of Amsterdam), post graduate studies in Public Policy (Melbourne) and a Bachelor Degree in Applied Science (RMIT) while playing an active role in housing policy developments.

Since 1993 she has published on international developments in social housing, housing finance, performance management and systems of housing provision in Europe, Australasia, North America, Africa and Asia, via various mediums including leading scientific journals, academic and policy publishers as well as national radio documentaries.

Dr Lawson has worked for research institutes and universities (OTB TU Delft, AHURI, University of Sydney, RMIT, UNSW, Institute of Housing Studies IHS, Erasmus and University of Amsterdam), the United Nations (UN-Habitat, Nairobi), the Dutch and Australian government as well as city governments and community organizations.

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Mohamed Salheen

Mohamed Salheen obtained his BSc in Urban Planning and Design in 1993 from Ain Shams University, Cairo.

He was appointed as teaching staff at the department and later held a PhD scholarship when he obtained his PhD in Urban Design from Edinburgh College of Art, UK with a focus on Comprehensive Analysis Approaches in dealing with Urban Settings in 2001. Since then he acted as assistant and associate professor at Ain Shams University teaching and supervising multidisciplinary topics.

He has coordinated and managed several international cooperation projects with Universities in Germany, Sweden, Austria and Denmark.

He is currently an appointed member of the EU Higher Education reform Experts (HEREs) Group, contributing to various workshops and seminars on internationalization and harmonization of Higher Education.

He co-founded and is currently the Director of the Dual Master's Program titled "Integrated Urbanism and Sustainable Design" with the University of Stuttgart, Germany.

On the practice side, Salheen have worked and working with GIZ, UN-Habitat, UNEP and UNDP as well as many other National and regional organizations in the fields of strategic, environmental and integrated planning and design.

Salheen switches places between being advisor to Clients and governments managing project and services offered by third parties as well as acting as consultant himself for various Mega Projects.

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Dr Graham Tipple

Formerly Reader in Housing Policy and Development at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and now an independent consultant, Dr Graham Tipple is a Chartered Town Planner with over 30 years' experience in housing and urban development issues in developing countries at national and city level, including seven years working in Africa (Zambia and Ghana).

He has published over a hundred papers on urban policy in Africa and the developing world in general. His research focused on housing and urban issues in Africa and South Asia, particularly housing supply, user-transformation of dwellings, home-based enterprises, and homelessness in developing countries.

He is author of "Extending themselves: user-initiated transformation of government-built housing in developing countries", Liverpool University Press (2000) and co-author with Suzanne Speak of "The Hidden Millions: homelessness in developing countries" (Routledge (2009)).

Graham Tipple wrote the reports which resulted in UNCHS/ILO (1995) "Shelter provision and employment generation" and UNCHS (2000) "Strategies to combat homelessness".

He was part of the authors' team for the Global Report on Human Settlements 2005 and lead author on the UN-Habitat/Ministry of Municipalities "State of Iraq Cities Report 2006/2007".

He took part in a review of the South Africa Cities Network. He has been the international consultant on UN-Habitat Urban Housing Sector Profiles for Malawi, Ghana and Zambia. He has acted as a consultant to the World Bank, UN-Habitat, ILO, EU, DFID, CSIR (South Africa), South Africa Cities Network, Habitat for Humanity and UK companies.

Through supervising PhD dissertations (33 successful, 8 on-going), and many visits, Dr Tipple has become knowledgeable about urban issues in countries as diverse as Indonesia and Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh and China, Libya and Uganda.

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Chin Yee Wong is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and holds master degrees in Public Administration and Urban Planning from the University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles.

His work focuses on the areas of grassroots economic development, sustainable urban management, urban upgrading, and sustainable tourism development.

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Through his work in the Americas and Asia, Chin Yee has gained valuable knowledge and insights into common barriers confronted by initiatives at the national and local scales. He has undertaken detailed urban sector studies and facilitated dialogues between public officials, sector professionals, and community members in consensus building processes. He has also designed and proposed measures to enhance urban governance and management.

Most recently, Chin Yee managed two World Bank urban sector studies that examined the evolving trends of Vietnam's built and socioeconomic environment, and land and housing markets.

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