



HABITAT

PROFESSIONALS FORUM



3rd World Urban Forum
Networking event

Public Engagement: The Inclusive Approach

Thursday 22 June 2006 13:30-15:30
Room: MR 14

Topics and goals

The focus of this session is on public participation in planning and land management and how planning professionals (planners, architects, surveyors, landscape architects, geographers etc.) can contribute in this topic. The selected themes of the discussion include:

- interdisciplinary approach in planning
- role of citizens in planning processes
- how to support indigenous groups and minorities in the planning process
- means of empowering civic engagement
- how public engagement promotes sustainable society

Format

This is a two-hour session with 5 short introductions from the panelists representing professionals from different sectors (architects, planners, surveyors etc.) and different geographical regions. A lot of time will be given for questions and comments from the participants and dialogue with the panelists.

Speakers

Facilitator: Prof. Dr.-Ing. **Holger Magel**, Chair of the Habitat Professionals Forum and President of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)

Panellists:

- Dr.-Ing. **Irene Wiese - von Ofen**, Past President of the International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP): Public engagement and empowering civic engagement
- Prof. Dipl.-Ing. **Matthias Reichenbach-Klinke**, Faculty of Architecture, TU München, Germany: Interdisciplinary approach in planning
- Prof. **James R. Taylor**, Vice President of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA): 'Role of citizens in planning processes
- Ms. **Christine Platt**, South African Planning Institution (SAPI), South Africa: How to support indigenous group and minorities in the planning process
- Mr. **Selman Ergüden**, UN-Habitat, Chief, Housing Policy & Development Section, UN-Habitat: Attitude of UN Habitat

Organisers

Habitat Professionals Forum (www.habitatforum.org)

The Habitat Professionals Forum has been established and put on the road as a repetitive phenomenon under the auspices of UN-HABITAT on the initiative of International Society of City and Regional Planners, IsoCaRP, International Federation for Housing and Planning, IFHP, International Union of Architects UIA, International Federation of Surveyors, FIG, Centre for African Settlement Studies and Development CASSAD and Arabian Urban Development Institute AUDI. The Forum was organized under the auspices of UN-HABITAT with the enthusiastic support of Dr. Klaus Töpfer, then Ag. Executive Director of UN-HABITAT and presently United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi and is now supported by Mrs. Anna Tibaijuka, the new Executive Director of UN-HABITAT.

Goals and objectives:

The forum is explicitly aimed at interchange between professionals in the field and the government of the UN-HABITAT. It organises a direct orientation of the Forum towards the UN work. It monitors the implementation of the Habitat Agenda. Professionals from different countries, working directly for the improvement of urban living conditions, and influencing decision making in their home situations, will be able to learn from each other here, support each other and be given a common reference, to strengthen their position. It should help the Habitat Agenda to follow the spontaneous and autonomous dynamics in our societies through time and contribute to making it really living instrument for progress.

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- International Union of Architects UIA
- International Federation of Surveyors FIG
- Centre for African Settlement Studies and Development CASSAD
- Arab Urban Development Institute AUDI
- International Federation of Landscape Architects IFLA
- South African Planning Institution SAPI
- International Society of City and Regional Planners ISoCaRP
- The Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy (CASLE)
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