

Annex I

Workshop for Thought Leaders Urban Regeneration: The Way to Vibrant City

CONCEPT NOTE

Duration & Date: 5 days on 2-6 December 2019

Language: English

Participants: about 40

Preferably Mayors & Vice-Mayors. Also open to senior-level urban planning and urban regeneration officials (directors, department heads)

Introduction:

In the context of emerging city groups and greater metropolitan regions, taking for example the development of Guangdong-Hong Kong- Macau Greater Bay Area, urban renewal nowadays are at the same time empowered by better technologies and modern industries, and challenged with the need to adopt more innovative and cooperative model of development with neighbouring cities. This year's workshop brings together internationally renowned experts to share their knowledge and experiences in urban regeneration innovations. Dialogues will be conducted among scholars and practitioners to reflect on and formulate principles for action plans that enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of urban renewal system and promote liveable communities. With the participation of SCWLG, our discussion shall also be guided by SDGs on women welfare and cover an important sub-topic on *Family Friendly Urban Planning and Urban Regeneration*.



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Objective:

To identify, on the basis of peer-reviewed innovations in urban regeneration, the key principles that can guide the formulation and design of more sustainable urban regeneration policies and practices.

Provisional Program

Day 1 (2 December)	
Arrival and Registration	
18:30-20:00	Welcome Dinner
Day 2 (3 December)	
9:00-09:20	Opening Ceremony
9:20-10:20	Introduction to the Workshop on background, objectives and methodologies
10:20-10:30	Networking Coffee Break
10:30-11:15	Speech: Coordinated Urban Governance and the Development of Greater Bay Area
11:15-11:30	Q&A
11:30-12:50	Lunch
13:50-15:50	Technical Visit: Cantonese Opera Museum and Yongqing Square (urban regeneration case studies)
15:50-17:20	<p>Round Table Discussion: Expansion, Development and Capacity Building of Old Urban Districts</p> <p><i>In the tide of fast urban modernization, the development and regeneration of old urban districts has become a problem which hindered urban development. The revolutionary displacement of such districts has constitute a significant of urban development. The old districts are often deemed as a witness of urban history and the distinctive part that distinguish a city from the others. However, the blindly expansion and demolition has forced the old districts into a dilemma. How to figure out a sustainable way to regenerate and rejuvenate the old districts is a major topic in contemporary urban governance.</i></p>
17:20-17:30	Summary of the Day



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17:30-18:45	Dinner
19:30-20:30	Technical Visit: Pearl River Night Cruise and New Urban Vibrancy Tour
Day 3 (4 December)	
9:00-10:30	Technical Visit: Guangzhou Urban Planning Exhibition Centre
10:30-12:00	<p>Round Table Discussion: Modern Urban Planning/Regeneration and Citizen Experience</p> <p><i>Modern urban planning put emphasize on the balance of work, habitation and leisure. The emerging high demand of citizens for convenient, household friendly community or public space is calling for a more scientific and sophisticated urban planning. Chinese cities are all facing such challenges and found their way out through innovation and technological development. The hard ware and soft ware of urban planning are both crucial to the future of modern urban planning. With the well planned space and function of cities, our citizens could gain a new citizen experience and chase their beautiful life in the cities as well.</i></p>
12:00-13:30	Lunch
14:00-15:00	Technical Visit: Guangdong Foreign Affairs Club or Dongshankou Creative Industry Park (citizen engagement case studies)
15:00-16:30	Dialogue with Experts: New Urban Development with New Technology and New Industry
16:30-17:00	Q&A
17:00-17:10	Summary of the Day
17:10-18:30	Dinner
20:00-21:30	Media Interview
Day 4 (5 December)	
9:00-10:00	Technical Visit: Guangzhou Women and Children Medical Centre
10:00-10:45	Speech: Family Friendly Urban Planning and New Urban Vibrancy



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10:45-11:00	Q&A
11:00-12:30	<p>Round Table Discussion: Welfare and Health of Women and Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>Gender equality is always a heated topic among all the urban issues. It is not only a basic human right but also the solid foundation for world peace and sustainable development. Women should be treated equally in regard of education, health care, employment and political participation. How to empower them to get involved in the society, protect women's legal rights and help them out from the situation of discrimination are the problems to be addressed by urban governments nowadays. We are going to find out the solutions together to the empowerment of women from all over the world.</i></p>
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-16:00	<p>Group Discussion and Action Planning: Old Cities with New Urban Vibrancy</p> <p><i>Urban vibrancy is a good quality of cities which guarantees its everlasting growth either in size or in function. As the old saying goes, Rome was not build in a day. A city will always experience a very long-term sediment and accumulation to become what it is today. However, the supersession of the old by the new is a general, eternal and inviolable law of the universe. How to rekindle and enrich the images of the old cities while sustain its old spirit and quality is an emerging issues to be tackled by all the cities around the world.</i></p>
16:00-16:10	Networking Coffee Break
16:10-17:40	Group Presentation and Summary
17:40-18:00	Free Discussions
18:00-18:30	Closing Ceremony
19:00-20:00	Technical Visit: Canton Tower and New Urban Vibrancy Tour
Day 5 (6 December)	
AM	Technical Visit (TBC)
PM	Departure of Guests



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