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UIA NETWORKING EVENT WUF 10

World Urban Forum - 10, Abu Dhabi, 8-13 Feb, 2020

Venue : Abu Dhabi Exhibition Center (**ADNEC**) on Khaleej Al Arabi Street, Abu Dhabi.
Hall -2 , Room No 11 , NE 51

Date : **Monday, 10 Feb 2020 (Afternoon 2:00 – 4:00)**

Event reference : **PUDSZZI-1 & PUXRHUI-1**

Registration : **Registration closed by 21 January. Speakers and panelist must register.** @
https://www.unhadb.org/2019_wuf10/part/fullRegistration

1. Title of event

Heritage & Culture-led development – A new paradigm towards Sustainable Architecture (a joint submission with AUA, CSU & IFLA)

2. Brief concept of the Networking Event

Current cities are expanding in a way that ignore the risks and thereby intensify the vulnerabilities. The short-term political cycles or short-sighted economic motives do not prioritize the preservation of cultural heritage in our urban development schemes.

The networking event is divided in two parts.

i) Subtitle of the 1st part (60 min Side event)

Sustainable architecture at the cross road of preservation of cultural heritage and innovation.

In 1st part our architect speakers will talk about the experience of new ideas from diverse cultural, ethnic and religious background. International union of Architects, (UIA) and The African Union of Architects, (AUA) will jointly organize this. The 5 Researchers, Academicians & Practicing architects will speak 6-7 minutes on their experiences & research on the new urban solutions. The floor will be open for interactive discussion for 20 minutes.

1st part, will focus on how to address sustainable architecture at this challenging intersection of cultural heritage and innovation. Culture is the asset of the society – art, belief, capabilities, habit, moral and behaviour. In this process the preservation of people’s lives, livelihood and cultural heritage has to be placed at the centre of our imagination. Architects and urban Designers have to meet these challenges by introducing new ideas of Heritage and culture inclusive urban solutions.



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ii) Subtitle of the 2nd part (60 min Round Table)

Urban areas are the ground for intervention of cultural heritage and market economy.

In the 2nd part there will be a round table panel discussion jointly organized by international Union of architects, (UIA), Consortium for Sustainable Urbanism, (CSU) and International Federation of land scape architects (IFLA) The panel discussion will be among the partners from other stakeholder group in the profession, in search of a

solution on the conflicting grounds of market driven development and preservation of Cultural heritage. Underlying Profit motive of market economy often undermines the value of culture, consequently creating cultural conflicts and disregards any potential discourse that comes with. Architects and other allied urban professionals play a vital role in designing and implementing any urban development. Thus to make it culture led and Sustainable, the immediate cross stakeholders discourse is imperative.

In this regard, in the 2nd part, discussants from multiple stakeholders will speak as a panel in a round table format. International Union of Architects, UIA will take lead on this part along with IFLA & CSU. UIA President Thomas Vonier will moderate the 60 min session with 5 panellists from ISOCARP, IHFP, IFLA, CSU, UN Youth Group and end with a Q & A session. The panel will scrutinize how to implement the effective long term urban development policies that tackles the profit motive while mitigating challenges of rapid urbanization that threatens to alienate culture and society in any urban settlement. Finally, we look for a quality based, heritage & culture led urban development model.

3. Key objectives

The out come of the Network event is to prepare a ground for exchange dialogue among the policy makers and urban professionals and actors in the process of implementation of the New Urban Agenda. Particularly looking through the lens of some critical issues facing cities today, including unplanned development across the developing world; informality, cultural segregation and exclusion. The ignorance of cultural identity in cities causes Placeless neighbourhood; increased number of global displaced population, ethnic conflict and urban violence. Finally it aims to narrow the gap across the stakeholders in the process of implementation of New urban agenda across the different culture and region.

4. explain how the event is relevant to the WUF theme and the selected dialogue -250

- Addressing spirit of cultural heritage preservation and also embracing the opposite, contemporary modernity through professional-political interventions.
- Quality of a city depends on the quality of spaces in city, those are socially and culturally acceptable by the citizen. Those spaces are the living room for urban poor. So the event will Identify the means of mitigation for the Challenges of urban area planning & develop expertise to implement quality living spaces for the city.
- To establish some parameter of policy decision making that can be instrumental to manage place making, combat cultural segregation and Protect cultural heritage.
- Explore the financial and legal instruments that generate and facilitate investment for culture led sustainable urban development



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5. Language of presentation : will be in English.

6. PROPOSED Panelist & Speakers:

1st Part Speakers (side event) – 60 min

Proposed Moderator – Ishtiaque Zahir, Co-Director, UIA SDG Commission

- Speaker 1: Region 1 **Martin Bacot**, Chief Architect, ARCHIPAT, CIAF
- Speaker 2: Region 1 **Geoff Rich**, RIBA, Managing partner, FCB Studios
- Speaker 3: Region 3 - **Kathleen A. Dorgan**, Ex Chair, AIA Housing and community Development.
- Speaker 4: Region 4 - **Annette Condello** – Sr.Lecturer , Curtin University, Australia
- Speaker 5: Region 5 - **Eudes Kayumba** - Vice President, African Union of Architect (AUA)

2nd Part Round table Panellist (discussant) – 60 min

Proposed Moderator - Thomas Vonier, President UIA

- i) **Lance Jay Brown**, President, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanism, (CSU)
- ii) **James Hayter**, president, International federation of landscape Architects, (IFLA)
- iii) **Martin Dubbeling**, President, International Society of City and Regional Planners, (ISOCARP)
- iv) **Regitze Marriane Hess**, Director, International federation for housing & planning (IFHP)
- v) **KATSU**, Regional Focal Point, UNMGCY - UN Youth group

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