Title of the Event

Heritage & Culture - Led Development – A new paradigm towards Sustainable Architecture

Joint Collaboration
International Union of Architects, (UIA)
Africa Union of Architects, (AUA)
Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, (CSU)
International federation of landscape Architects, (IFLA)

Participating Organization
International Society of City and Regional Planners, (ISOCARP)
UN Youth Group, (UNMGCY)
International Council of Design (ico-D)
City of Copenhagen
International Council of French Architects, (CIAF)
American Institute of Architects, (AIA)
Royal Institute of British Architects, (RIBA)

Summary of the 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 the 1st part our architect speakers will talk about the experience of new ideas from diverse cultural, ethnic and religious background. UIA and AUA will jointly organize this. The 5 Researchers, Academicians & Practicing architects will speak on their experiences & research on the new urban solutions. The floor will be open for interactive discussion for 20 minutes. The 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 behavior. 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.

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 UIA, CSU & 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. The 5 panelists from ISOCARP, City of Copenhagen, IFLA, CSU, ico-D, UN Youth Group and end with a Q & A session. The panel will discuss 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.

Side Event Speakers:
Region 1 - Europe
Martin Bacot, Chief Architect, ARCHIPAT, CIAF

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Geoff Rich, Managing partner, FCB Studios, RIBA

Region 3 - America
Kathleen A. Dorgan, Ex Chair, AIA Housing and Community Development.

Region 4 - Asia Pacific
Annette Condello, Sr.Lecturer, Curtin University, Australia

Region 5 - Africa
Eudes Kayumba, Vice President, Africa Union of Architects (AUA)

Round Table Panelist:
i) Lance Jay Brown, President, CSU
ii) James Hayter, President, IFLA
iii) Martin Dubbeling, President, ISOCARP
iv) David Grossman, The past president, ico-D
v) Lykke Leonardsen, Head of Program, Resilient & Sustainable City Solutions, City of Copenhagen
vi) KATSU, Regional Focal Point, UNMGCY

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