

Call for Proposals

Participatory Community Planning and Design in the Pacific Rim, a networking event
United Nations World Urban Forum III
June 19-23, 2006
Vancouver, BC, Canada

Deadline for proposal submission: May 1, 2006

We invite you to submit a proposal to present a case study or experience of participatory community design at the UN World Urban Forum, as part of the conference sub-theme of 'Social Inclusion and Cohesion.'

This networking event, sponsored by the Pacific Rim Community Design Network, seeks to expand an existing network of practitioners and researchers focusing on participatory community planning in the Pacific Rim. Specifically, it seeks to involve individuals and organizations from the developing countries in the region and beyond.

The event will feature 5 to 6 presentations followed by 90 minutes of open small group discussions on experiences, techniques, and strategies – and to identify shared interests and a collaborative agenda among the participants in the event.

Interested groups can also submit a poster for exhibit during the event. These visual displays of a program, paper, or project will be on display throughout the presentations and small group sessions, and will inform the discussion topics.

About the Conference

Our Future: Sustainable Cities – Turning Ideas into Action

The World Urban Forum was established by the United Nations to examine one of the most pressing issues facing the world today: rapid urbanisation and its impact on communities, cities, economies, and policies. It is projected that in the next fifty years, two-thirds of humanity will be living in towns and cities. A major challenge is to minimize burgeoning poverty in cities, improve the urban poor's access to basic facilities such as shelter, clean water and sanitation, and achieve environment-friendly, sustainable urban growth and development.

The World Urban Forum is a biennial gathering that is attended by a wide range of partners, from non-governmental organisations, community-based organisations, urban professionals, academics, to governments, local authorities and national and international associations of local governments. It gives all these actors a common platform to discuss urban issues in formal and informal ways and come up with action-oriented proposals to create sustainable cities.

[Read more about the World Urban Forum](#)

About the Event

Participatory Community Planning and Design in the Pacific Rim

Community participation in local planning has become a common practice in democratized societies around the Pacific Rim. To various extents, it has contributed to a more inclusive approach in local planning and urban governance. The purpose of this event is to connect professionals and scholars in participatory community planning to share insights and compare experiences of how participatory planning is conducted at the community level and in different social and institutional contexts. Through presentations of cases and roundtable/group discussions, the event will examine the following:

- *how participatory community planning responds to rapid social and economic changes in the region;*
- *how participatory practices address the increasing diversity and complexity of actors, identities, interests, and values in the planning of urban communities;*
- *And how examples of participatory practices reflect specific local social and cultural practices.*

[Read more about the Pacific Rim Community Design Network](#)

Submission Guidelines

Each presenter must register independently for the conference. The event organizer cannot pay presenters honoraria or reimburse expenses (e.g. travel, lodging or copying).

Please note that conference registration is free and open to all, so potential presenters are encouraged to register early. Please see the conference website for registration, transportation, and accommodation information.

Please submit by mail or email by May 1:

- Contact information for you and any co-presenters
- Short, one paragraph, narrative bios for you and any co-presenters
- Title and abstract or summary for proposed presentation or poster (250-400 words)

Each presentation will be 15 minutes, including brief Q and A. More in-depth discussions will take place during the small group discussions and activities that follow the formal presentations.

Posters should be A1 size or 24"x36". The event organizer can assist with printing and transportation of posters to the conference if necessary.

Those submitting proposals will be contacted during the week of May 8, 2006. Support needs (computers, projectors, handouts, etc) will be discussed with the selected presenters at this time.

Specific event date and time will be made available as soon as possible.

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