

The +30 Network

The +30 Network is a peer learning Network of cities engaged in long-term planning for sustainability. The Network was launched at an inaugural conference and professional development seminar at the University of British Columbia in March 2004. As of the publication of this newsletter, 12 cities are members of the Network:

- Calgary, Canada
- Curitiba, Brazil
- Dakar, Senegal
- Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- Edmonton, Canada
- eThekweni (Durban), South Africa
- Matamoros, Mexico
- Porto Alegre, Brazil
- Salvador, Brazil
- San José, Costa Rica
- Ulaan Bataar, Mongolia
- The Greater Vancouver Regional District, Canada.

Bucharest, Romania and Adelaide, Australia are in the process of signing MOU's. This newsletter is intended to update members of the Network and the wider public on Network events and activities, website features, and sustainability highlights of member cities.

The Partners

The +30 Network Partners serve as the management committee for the Network, serve on the selection committee and on the International Panel of Advisors. They are:

- The International Centre for Sustainable Cities (ICSC)
- ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI)
- The Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD), and
- The University of British Columbia's Design Centre for Sustainability

Key Secretariat Personnel

The International Centre for Sustainable Cities (ICSC), a non-government organization based in Vancouver, Canada is the secretariat of the +30 Network. For more information on ICSC, please visit our website at www.icsc.ca.

Dr. Nola-Kate Seymoar, President and CEO of the International Centre for Sustainable Cities, Chair, Management Committee, International Panel of Advisors

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International Panel of Advisors

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- Difficulties of engaging the public and need to follow through on incorporating stakeholder and public suggestions into the plans
- A very interesting back and forth on the value of long-term planning, particularly since the issue was raised because in one of the cities, a 100-year time frame was rejected by the public as unrealistic in their public planning process
- In response to the recognition of the difficulty in being able to truly engage a wide cross-section of the public and getting stakeholders involved who are not "the usual suspects", a suggestion that instead of trying to reach city residents in their homes, planners try to engage people at their workplaces in partnership with employers to discuss public and planning issues
- "Long-term planning requires large-scale thinking about a world that does not yet exist. Can we do that from the safety of what we've always done in the past in terms of public participation?"

Current Events

The +30 Network conducted its first peer-to-peer city consultation November 27-December 7, 2004, to Ulaan Bataar. Ulaan Bataar's Mayor also formally signed the MOU with the +30 Network. Secretariat staff Alison Ritchie and Network resource person Emil Bolleter worked closely with Mr. Bat, the Chief of City Development, Strategic Policy and Planning, and city staff from the Urban Planning Research and Design Institute on identifying Ulaan Bataar's needs with regards to their long-term planning process.

The +30 Network held its second web dialogue January 12-21 on stakeholder and public participation. Some highlights included:

- A description of public participation and stakeholder engagement in eThekwini, San Jose, Matamoros, and the GVRD

A second peer consultation workshop was held in Dar es Salaam January 27-28. The workshop was chaired by Professor Bituro Majani and organized by Dar es Salaam city planner Julius Maira. Vancouver City Councilor David Cadman, eThekwini city planner Sogen Moodley and +30 Communications Manager Samantha Anderson along with Dar es Salaam city staff, National government representatives and representatives from several UN agencies participated in the workshop which addressed issues of long-term planning, Dar es Salaam's strategic plan, public participation processes and forecasting and backcasting techniques.

Director of Programs Jane McRae attended Calgary's external review of their long-term planning workplan imagineCALGARY February 9-10.

Jane McRae visited Porto Alegre to provide an overview of the +30 Network to the Mayor and new municipal administration February 15-16.

+30 representative, *Stella Bastides* and *Elisa Campbell* from the University of British Columbia participated in a peer consultation workshop in San José February 21-22.

Upcoming peer consultations will take place in Dakar March 16-17 and in Bucharest (dates to be determined).

Sustainability Highlights

Cato Manor Redevelopment, eThekweni (Durban), South Africa

(this account is largely taken from eThekweni Municipality Portfolio of Best Practices and from the Cato Manor Development Association website at www.cmda.org.za)

Greater Cato Manor encompasses an area of 2000 hectares of which 900 hectares are suitable for development. It is strategically located seven kilometres to the west of the Central Business District of Durban, the largest city in KwaZulu-Natal and third largest in South Africa.

Cato Manor used to be a vibrant, high density residential area for Indian and African communities, but in the 1950's, the cumulative effects of hostility and neglect, overcrowding and deteriorating living conditions, led to a wave of inter-racial violence. The apartheid government forcibly evicted 100,000 people and declared the area officially "white". Even though the area encompassed prime real estate, it was never resettled and for the next 30 years Cato Manor remained largely undeveloped, neglected and under-utilised. Informal settlements developed in the late 1980's as rural migrants or people fleeing political unrest were attracted to the central location. In the early 1990's the Cato Manor complex was identified as one of the region's prime development opportunities. Its potential to contribute to a post-apartheid urban reconstruction development process through the creation of a productive and sustainable

community for poor and previously marginalized residents was recognised by the region's key stakeholders.

Spatial planning began in 1994 and large-scale infrastructure construction began in 1997. 20.23 km of roads were constructed, as well as 4051 housing units, with 4576 sites for housing established resulting in a stable community of home-owners and the elimination of land invasion. Green spaces, parks and playgrounds, educational and sports facilities, clinics, a cultural centre and a hospital have all been built. Throughout the development ecologically sensitive lands were protected. Social infrastructure was addressed as well with the development of AIDS awareness and employment services.

We would like to highlight a best practice urban sustainability initiative in each of the Network's cities. Please contact Samantha Anderson sjanderson@icsc.ca 604-666-5505 with suggestions for future sustainability highlights.

Web Features

Calendar of Events

Network Members are invited to post events on the website that they think would be of interest to the Network. In order to do so, first log in, then click on Event Calendar under Your Resources (the yellow box) on the left hand side of the page. This will take you to the Event Calendar. In order to submit an event, click on Submit Event in the upper right hand corner of the Calendar. Write in the title, location and any relevant information on the event, including the date it is occurring, time and duration, if known. Unfortunately, the software does not support multiple dates, therefore if your event occurs over two or more days, you must make separate



entries for each day. When you have filled in all the information, click submit. The event will be reviewed by the web administrator for typos and then posted. The web administrator only checks for web related submissions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (PST), so please allow enough time for your event to be posted.

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