

Commission 2: Managing Urban Growth

Second Commission Meeting

6 October 2010

Barcelona Urban Planning Directorate

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Commission's governance arrangements

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Member cities

Addis Ababa, Ahmedabad, Bamako, Bangalore, Barcelona, Belo Horizonte, Berlin, Brazzaville, Cairo, Dakar, Douala, Esphan, Gyeonggi Province, Istanbul, Jamshedpur, Kolkata, Madrid, Manila, Mashhad, Melbourne, Mexico (State of), Moscow, Mumbai, New Delhi, Paris Ile-de-France, Pune, Shiraz, Sao Paulo, Tabriz, Tehran, Udaipur, Vancouver

Participating organisations

- Urban Age Institute (an affiliate of the World Bank)
- Regional Vancouver Urban Observatory (RVu)
- Global Cities Institute (RMIT University)
- UN-HABITAT
- ARUP Australia (Melbourne office)
- UCLG

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The context

- Rapid urbanisation
- Projected growth

Objective

- Explore the impact of rapid urbanisation
- Support member cities in meeting the challenges

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Key themes

- Essential infrastructure
- Competitiveness in a globalised economy
- Inequities and social inclusion
- Governance and the role of government

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First Commission meeting

New Delhi – 3-5 December 2009

The message:

“Social inclusion: an integral to strategic planning”



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Urban management and inclusiveness

- Exclusion is a problem in all cities
- The multi-dimensional face of exclusion
- Inclusive strategic planning is a governance priority



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Commission's report

Issues and challenges in achieving the goal of the 'inclusive city'

- Urbanisation and governance
- Infrastructure and services
- Inequities and social inclusion
- Local, regional and global economy
- Environmental resources

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Commission's report – lessons learnt

- **Urban growth is manageable**
- **The role of leaders cannot be under-estimated**
- **Technology is often mistaken in urban development**
- **Promoting urban growth can be an unsustainable treadmill**
- **The most 'liveable' cities are not the most sustainable**

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Commission's report – lessons learnt (cont'd)

- **There are still massive gaps in urban infrastructure and services**
- **Social inclusion and local empowerment mark successful urban growth management**
- **No one form of governance best provides for urban growth management**
- **Cities that learn from others manage growth better than cities that go it alone**

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See you all in Cairo – 4-7 April 2011

