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REDEFINING THE CONCEPT OF URBAN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: THE ROLE OF URBAN PLANNING

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At a time of growing concerns for resource depletion, in particular fossil fuel, energy price increase and economic slowdown, an innovative approach to sustainable urban planning and development makes sense.

It includes lower energy consuming urban forms, lower requirements for motorized transport, achieved through higher density urban forms and shorter distances between activities, telecommunication networks as partial substitute to physical movement and emphasis on quality of life.

The presentation will illustrate these concepts through a number of innovative cases histories from different continents.