

13:40 - 15:10 Making It Happen: Engaging the Partners

1.Law No. 50,

Dr. Akram Khouri, General Director of the General Commission of Environmental Affairs, Syria

2.Form Based Codes in the Context of the New Urbanism

Dr. Dhuru Thadani

3.Assen Interactive System

Bert Smolders

15:10 - 15:30 Coffee

15:30 - 16:40 Panel review and discussion

16:40 - 17:10 Closing Session: The message for Porto

Dr. Chris Gossop / Peter Ross / Pr. Simon G. Moussalli

28 July - Damascus sub-region (Meeting point Omeyad Hotel, 9:15)

9:30 - 16:00 Study Visit

Planning the Ghouta

An examination on the ground of the issues discussed in the seminar concerning the planning of the areas surrounding Damascus, and the issues of new development planning and the protection of green areas

Traditional Urban Design, Architecture and Building

A walking tour of the Old City looking at traditional building techniques and street patterns. The tour will include entrance to a large traditional house in the course of renovation, and a visit to the studio of an artist committed to the revitalisation of the Old City.

The tour will be guided by experts in the relevant fields, and will conclude with lunch.

THE MIDDLE EAST CITY: REGENERATION FOR ENERGY SAVING

A joint ISOCARP/Regional Centre for Sustainable Local Development seminar

26 -27 - 28 July 2009

The Emir Abdelkader House, Damascus

26 July - The Emir Abdelkader House

9:00 - 9:30 Registration of Participants

9:30 - 9:50 Official Opening

H.E. Dr. Tamer Al-Haja, Minister of Local Administration, Syria
Angelina Eichhorst, Head of Political, Economic Affairs and Information Section, Delegation of the European Commission to Syria, representative of H.E. Vassilis Bontosoglou, Head of the Delegation

9:50 - 10:30 Opening Remarks and Keynote Speech

Planning Prerequisites for Sustainable Cities

Dr. Pierre Laconte, President of the International Society of City and Regional Planners, Vice-President of the Scientific Committee of the European Environment Agency

10:30 - 10:50 Coffee

10:50 - 11:30 Keynote Speaker: The Problem and the Possibilities

Dr. Chris Gossop, Technical Expert for the British Government, and General Rapporteur for the 2009 ISOCARP Annual Congress on Low Carbon Cities

11:30 - 12:00 Introduction: The Shape and Purpose of the Seminar

Peter Ross, Urban Development Team leader, MAM programme, Syria

12:00 - 13:00 Refreshment

- 13:00 - 14:45 Energy Lean National, Regional and Sub-Regional Planning**
- 1.Low Carbon Cities and Low Carbon Lifestyles - China's Inspiring Low Carbon Path, Policies and Practices**
Tom Wolters, Adviser to the Administrative Centre of China's Agenda 21, Ministry of Science and Technology, China
 - 2.Integrated Resource Management and Sustainable Development**
Dr. Mamoun Fahham, Arab International University, Damascus
 - 3.Sustainable Masterplanning Strategies in Rapidly Changing Markets**
Jan Kukula, Architect and Programme Manager, IN-VI Investment Environments, Slovakia
 - 4.Regional Planning Examples from Europe and Syria**
Dr. Detlef Kammeier, Regional Planning Expert

14:45 - 15:05 Coffee

- 15:05 - 16:50 Energy Lean City Wide Planning**
- 1.Rotterdam Plan**
Bert Smolders, Senior Urban Planner for Arcadis Company, Arnhem, The Netherlands
 - 2.Paris Area Spatial Planning Issues**
Dr. Youssef Diab, Head of the Department of Urban Planning, Infrastructures and Environment, University of Marne-la-Vallée, Paris
 - 3.Sustainable Guidelines for Damascus Master Plan**
Dr. Yassar Abdeen, Head of the Department of Urban Planning and Environment, Faculty of Architecture, University of Damascus
 - 4.Planning the Ghouta – Development Areas of South Damascus**
Dr. Natalia Atfeh, MAM Urban Planning Expert, Faculty of Architecture, University of Damascus

21:00 Gala Dinner - Al Khawali (Meeting point Omeяд Hotel, 20:30).

27 July - The Emir Abdelkader House

- 9:00 - 9:30 Review of the first day**
Peter Ross / Pr. Simon G. Moussalli, Seminar Rapporteur, Planning and Architecture Consultant, Chairman of the Department of Architecture and Planning, American University of Beirut
- 9:30 - 11:10 Energy Lean Traffic and Transport Planning**
- 1.Syrian Traffic Management Issues**
Dr. Elias Doubbaneh, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Transport Department, Al Baath University, Homs
 - 2.Syrian Public Transport Issues: Aleppo Experience**
Dr. Fatima Al-Saleh, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Transport Engineering Department, University of Aleppo
 - 3.Major Transportation Planning Initiatives in UAE**
Dr. Bill Lashbrook, Transport Planning Manager, Urban Planning Council, UAE
 - 4.Designing Local Areas for Transit Use and Pedestrians**
Dr. Dhiru Thadani, Director of Town Planning in Ayers/Saint/Gross, Architects and Planners, Charter Member of the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)
- 11:10 - 11:30 Coffee
- 11:30 - 13:00 Energy Lean Local Planning and Urban Design**
- 1.Analysis of European Experiences in Energy Lean Integration for Sustainable Urban Design**
Dr. Youssef Diab
 - 2.Climatic Responses in Architectural and Urban Design**
Dr. Safwan Al-Assaf, Director of the General Company for Technical Consultations and Studies, Faculty of Architecture, University of Damascus
 - 3.Piloting and Demonstrating Low Carbon Cities - Case Shanghai**
Tom Wolters

13:00 - 13:40 Refreshment