

Conference : Innovating Cities across the World

Programme

The Geneva showcase of green projects from innovating cities all over the world

All over the planet, cities are carrying out the « utopias » of Sustainable Development. Inspired by the World Environment Day slogan « Green cities, plan for the planet », Geneva is inviting innovating cities across the world to come and present their best practices.

From the 11 to 13 October 2005, the S-DEV Geneva 05 Conference will showcase innovative and participatory solutions proposed by 26 cities from all continents. Their innovations can be ingenious, simple, efficient and cost-effective. The key to success is coordination and synergy between the following four poles : sustainable technologies, new governance, active citizenship and corporate responsibility. An annual rendez-vous of Sustainable Development, S-DEV Geneva 05 focuses on the exchange of concrete solutions articulated around a Conference, Workshops and an Exhibition, bringing together local authorities, public services, enterprises, NGOs, researchers and International Organisations.

Tuesday, 11 October 2005

Opening plenary session **09:30-12:30**

AN URBAN... AND SUSTAINABLE PLANET ?

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Welcome addresses	by the Authorities, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and the United Nations
Win-win solutions for all	Bertrand PICCARD, President, Solar Impulse, Lausanne, Switzerland
Concept of the Conference Exchange, Debate, Innovations	Françoise LIEBERHERR, President of the S-DEV International Advisory Board
Cities at the heart of problems and solutions	Bernard BIRSINGER, Mayor of Bobigny, Paris, France Marta SUPPLY, Ex-Mayor of Sao Paulo, Brazil Mohamed SOUMARE, ENDA Tiers Monde, Dakar, Senegal Mireille QUIRINA, President for Europe, DuPont, Switzerland

Moderation: Daniel BIAU, Deputy Executive Director, UN-HABITAT, Nairobi, Kenya

Lunch break. Visit of the S-DEV Geneva 05 Exhibition

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SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES

Transport and Regional Planning

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Curitiba, Brazil

Smart transport towards harmony in the city

The development of an efficient transport system has been carried out, rethinking the city under all its aspects: work-habitat relations, green spaces, waste management, education, participation...

Rafael DELY, Consultant, Jaime Lerner Institute, ex-President of Curitiba's Research and Urban Planning Institute (IPPUC)

Moscow, Russia

A daring new policy for transport

The activities of organisations in Moscow in the field of implementation and exploitation of new types of cleaner fuel/combustibles in the sector of public transport.

Igor TCHOIRSINE, Head of section, Department of transports and Kirill BATARIN, Expert, International Relations Department, Moscow City Government

Zurich, Switzerland

Efficient public transportation make private cars unnecessary

Champion of «soft mobility», where the tram, bicycle and walking have become so convenient that they are superseding the use of a private vehicle: 42% of families now live without a car.

Ruedi OTT, Director of transport planning

Kunming, China

An intense dialogue with Zurich to succeed in urban transition

Close contacts between elected representatives and specialists to develop an inhabitant-friendly city, in strong contrast with the chaotic development of other Asian urban centres. Themes covered: drinking water, sanitation, transport, urbanism, old town and pedestrian zones.

Xue Hai WANG, Director, Kunming Urban Planning and Design Institute, Jianguo YE, Deputy Director, Kunming Urban Planning Administration, Markus TRABER, Head of traffic section, and Rudolf DANNECKER, Head of programme, cooperation Zurich-Kunming

Moderation: Talha KHAIRIAH, Secretary General, Eastern Regional Organisation for Housing and Planning, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Discussion: Vincent KAUFMANN, Professor, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale (EPFL), Lausanne, Switzerland

Introduction: Anthony PERL, Professor and Director, Urban Studies Program, Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, Canada

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Water and Sanitation

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Karachi, Pakistan

Self-construction and management by poor neighbourhood

Committed professionals have initiated a partnership between the authorities and the populations of poverty-stricken areas, whereby the inhabitants construct and manage their sanitation themselves.

Perween RAHMAN, Director, Research and Training Institute and Shoaib Ahmad SIDDIQUI, Secretary

Mumbai, India

The slum dwellers take in hand their rights and their destiny

Housing, latrines, water, education... nothing stops Jockin ARPUTHAM, «Jockin», a particularly active leader who also describes the international solidarity among shanty towns now spreading on three continents.

Sheela PATEL, Director, SPARC and Jockin ARPUTHAM, President, National Slum Dwellers Federation

Rufisque, Senegal

Appropriate technologies enabling poor people to manage sanitation

The set up of a low-cost semi-collective sewage system. With the support of a dynamic NGO, local users, authorities and enterprises work together in a participatory process that creates jobs.

Malick GAYE, Coordinator, ENDA TM and Siny SENE, President, City Planning Commission

Moderation: Trudy HARPAM, Professor, Urban Development and Policy, London, UK

Discussion: François MUENGER, Head of Water and Sanitation Service, SDC, Bern, Switzerland

Introduction: Sheela PATEL, Director, SPARC, Mumbai, India

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CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

Green partnerships

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Vienna, Austria

Public spending is greening industry and consumers

Through its Ecobusiness project, the administration's annual expenditure of 5 billion euros now goes to favouring the most ecological products and services. A significant actor!

Eva PERSY, Deputy Project Leader

Waste Prevention in Vienna

Vienna has developed a strategy of optimal usage of resources and in particular, an "EcoBusinessPlan Vienna". The enterprises, that apply voluntary measures to reduce their wastes, participate in it.

Ulrike STOCKER, Environmental Protection and Resources Management

Geneva, Switzerland

Reconciling a dynamic economy, a healthy environment and efficient energy in a replanned area

A whole area on the edge of town reconciles a dynamic economy, a healthy environment, soft mobility and energy efficiency, showcasing a model of reorganization incorporating a major enterprise, just a few steps away from the UN and other International Organisations.

Albane FERRARIS, Service urbanisme Ville de Genève and Olivier OUZILOU, Département de l'intérieur, de l'agriculture et de l'environnement (DIAE)

Irbid, Jordan

Measure environmental degradations to succeed one's socio-economic development

A new life into its city centre, with the redefinition of commerce, tourism, culture and history in terms of environmental cost.

Walid AL MASRI, Mayor of Irbid and Sherif Hussein BANI HANI, Director, Environment Directorate

Moderation: Nicholas YOU, Coordinator, Best Practices UN-HABITAT, Nairobi, Kenya

Discussion: Graham HAUGHTON, Professor, Department of Geography, University of Hull, UK

Introduction: Wilfred Anthony DE SOUZA, Deputy Chief Minister, Minister for Environment and Tourism, Goa, India

NEW GOVERNANCES

Participatory management tools

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Belo Horizonte, Brazil

12 years of participatory budgeting and citizen-authority interaction

This agglomeration is credited with having the best quality of life in Latin America.

Fernando DAMATA PIMENTEL, Mayor of Belo Horizonte, Cláudio GALENO DE MAGALHÃES LINHARES, Consultant, Specialised Technician and Rodrigo DE OLIVEIRA PERPETUO, Municipal Secretary of International Affairs.

Bobigny, France

Participatory democracy and struggle against inhabitant's eviction

Severely hit by unemployment, this municipality is fighting exclusion and the expulsion of people from their homes, hoping to create a spirit of social solidarity.

Bernard BIRSINGER, Mayor of Bobigny

Nam Dinh, Vietnam

An administrative revolution: one-stop-shop for all services

One-stop-shop coordinating the delivery of public services: legal documents, land certificates, construction permits, and business. The system saves money, transport and nerves.

Tien Dung NGUYEN, National Project Director and Tien Manh TRAN, National Project Manager

Dar es Salam, Tanzania

A new health policy in dialogue with the population

A policy much more effective since it is in touch with the real needs expressed by the population.

Judith KAHAMA, Municipal Medical Officer of Health and Issack VESSO, Administrator CMOH Office

Moderation: Marlene FERNANDES, Brazilian Institute of Municipal Administration, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Discussion: Françoise NAVEZ-BOUCHANINE, Professor, Ecole d'Architecture, Tours, France

Introduction: Geoffrey PAYNE, Director, Geoffrey Payne & Associates, London, UK

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CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

Enterprises and Sustainable Development : an action at local and regional levels

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Session organised by the [Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe \(CLRACE\)](#).

The role of enterprises and entrepreneurs to protect the environment, stabilise employment and the social aspects, as well as guarantying the viability of their company. The contribution of local and regional political representatives implemented in their country will be the key point of this session.

Volodymyr UDOVYCHENKO, Member of the Congress, Chairman (Mayor), City of Slavutych, Kyiv Region, Ukraine; Peter ROEHLINGER, Member of the Congress, Oberbürgermeister, Stadt Jena, Germany; Bodo HERMANN, Leader, European Department of the society of municipal enterprises, Germany; Carlos Alberto PINTO, Member of the Congress, Major of Covilha, Portugal; Valery KADOKHOV, Member of the Congress, Representative of the Parliament of North Osetia-Alania Republic to the Council of Federation of the Fed. Assembly of Russian Federation, Russia; Tamaz PETRIASHVILI, Member of the Congress, Mayor of Akhaltsikhe (Samtskhe-Djavakheti), Georgia; Joseph BORG, Member of the Congress, Councillor of Mellieha, Malta; Wim VAN GELDER, Member of the Congress, Governor of the Province of Zeeland, Holland; Jan VAN SETERS, DOW Benelux NV Terneuzen, Holland; M. Van DER LUFT, Project SMART (pending); Edmundo WERNA, Coordinator, Construction Action Programme, International Labour Organisation (ILO), Geneva, Switzerland; a representative of WBCSD (pending)

Moderation: Keith WHITMORE, Chairman of the Committee on Sustainable Development of the Congress, Manchester Metropolitan City Council, UK

Introduction: Carlo LAMPRECHT, State Councillor, Geneva, Switzerland and Anatoly SALTYKOV, Vice President of the Congress, Russia

NEW GOVERNANCES

Reshaped institutions

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Havana, Cuba

Integral recovery of the historical centre attracting jobs and tourists without evicting inhabitants

The preservation of a precious architectural patrimony, without disturbing the neighbourhood's social life.

Julio PORTIELES FLEITES, Head of International Cooperation Department and Patricia RODRIGUEZ ALOMA, Director, Master Plan

Autlan, Mexico

Ecological management of the Ayuquila watershed

An alliance between city dwellers and the rural population to preserve the water, soils and forests, and for the recycling of wastes.

Luis Manuel MARTINEZ RIVERO, Coordinator, Peter R.W. GERRITSEN, University of Guadalajara and Sergio GRAF MONERO, Fundación Manantlan para la Biodiversidad de Occidente

Koudougou, Burkina Faso

A market built with local material results in social projects and the training of small entrepreneurs

Where the market serves as a melting pot for urban activities: new social projects, training of craftsmen in innovative techniques and development of small enterprises.

Alassan KABORE, Director EPCD, Head of project ECOLOC and David BARRO, Manager

Lleida, Spain

Transforming degraded lands into green parks

Involving the local community throughout Agenda 21 to remodel old waste dumps and dams, and promote new methods of recycling.

Joseph Maria LLOP I TORNE, Deputy Mayor of Lleida and Ester FANLO GRASA, Biologist, Fundación Agenda 21

Moderation: Isabelle MILBERT, Professor, Graduate Institute of Development Studies (IUED), Geneva, Switzerland

Discussion: Adriana ALLEN, Research Director, Development Planning Unit, London, UK

Introduction: Geoffrey PAYNE, Director, Geoffrey Payne & Associates, London, UK

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SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES

Sustainable urban renewal

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Växjö, Sweden

Against climate warming, the city has reduced the use of fossil energy sources for the last 10 years

Breathing fresh air again: mobilised for the past ten years to fight climate warming, the city is methodically eliminating fossil energies thanks to an effective coalition between the authorities, businesses, trade unions, consumers and the University.

So Hie KIM-HELLSTROM, Coordinator, Agenda 21 and Lennart GARDMARK, International Business Relations

Uzice, Serbia

Modernisation of modern water supply for more responsible public services and citizens

The use of a computerized system for water distribution, gives new responsibilities to public services and citizens, while economizing on resources.

Slavko LUKIC, Municipal Councillor and Miodrag MIJOVIC, Public Water Company

Basel, Switzerland

20 years of promotion for renewable energy and energy efficiency

A policy massively accepted by the inhabitants, as well as the taxes and behaviours that this effort requires.

Thomas FISCH, Director, Department of Energy

Moderation: Mark SWILLING, Professor, Public Management & Planning, Stellenbosch, South Africa

Discussion: Alain DURAND-LASSERVE, Directeur de recherche au CNRS, Bordeaux, France

Introduction: Anthony PERL, Professor and Director, Urban Studies Programme, Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, Canada

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Cities for all

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Bogota, Columbia

Bike promotion boosts social life and public services

The bicycle is changing people's life habits with the promotion of cycle paths, bringing valuable effects on education, health, urbanism, social services and the private sector in its wake.

Ricardo MONTEZUMA, Director, Ciudad Humana Foundation and Brenda PEREZ, Strategic Development Coordinator

Nouakchott, Mauritania

Microfinance and local solidarity for integrated social housing

The improvement of the socio-economical environment within poor areas. Using local solidarity structures, combined with microcredits, the programme promotes the integration and housing of the disadvantaged.

Christophe HENNART, Head of programme Twize and Ely OULD EL HADJ, Directeur, Lutte contre la pauvreté

Rosario, Argentina

Agriculture in the town against hunger and poverty

The town turns to fields: to recover from the 2001 crash, which plunged 60% of its inhabitants into poverty, the citizens have begun to grow organic vegetables and transform the urban environment.

Custodio LEMUS and Antonio LATTUCA, Centro de Estudios de Producciones Agroecológicas

Moderation: Gordon McGRANAHAM, Director of Programme, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), London, UK

Discussion: Gustave MASSIAH, Professor, Ecole d'Architecture Paris-La Villette, France

Introduction: Sheela PATEL, Director, SPARC, Mumbai, India

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NEW VISIONS FOR LIVEABLE CITIES

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Two urban areas by the year 2100

Goa, India

«Rurbanism», a town-country vision

When «rurbanism» aims for the year 2100 to cope with the urban explosion and mistreatment of the countryside in order to make way for a harmonious coexistence.

Sanjay PRAKASH, Architect, Goa 2100, project team leader

Vancouver, Canada

Integrated economic and ecologic management for the 21 municipalities of Greater Vancouver

21 municipalities working together on a hundred years of planned growth: utilisation of space and transport facilities, energy, renaturation, governance and socio-cultural inclusion.

Raymond LOUIE, Councillor and Director GVRD and Gordon H. RUTH, Chief Financial Officer GVRD

Lessons learned from the Conference

David SATTERTHWAITE, Director Programme, International Institute Environment and Development (IIED), London, UK

The future of cities according to

Thierry PAQUOT, Professor and Director of *Revue Urbanisme*, Paris, France
 Raquel ROLNICK, Vice-Ministre des Villes, Brasilia, Brazil

Moderation: David WESTENDORFF, Senior Researcher, Centre for the Study of Modern China, Beijing, China