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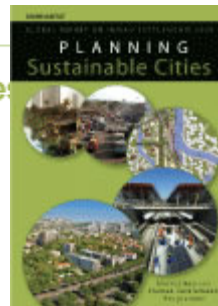
Latest Issue: Planning Sustainable Cities

This report was launched globally on World Habitat Day (5 October 2009). Its contents are as follows:

Part I: Challenges and Context

1. **Urban Challenges and the Need to Revisit Urban Planning:** This chapter outlines why urban planning is a significant management tool for dealing with the unprecedented challenges facing 21st Century cities.

2. **Understanding the Diversity of Urban Contexts:** This chapter analyses the diverse urban contexts and trends within which planning occurs.



Part II: Global Trends: The Urban Planning Process(Procedural)

3. **The Emergence and Spread of Contemporary Urban Planning:** This chapter reviews the emergence and spread of modernist urban planning, and the reasons for its persistence in many parts of the world.

4. **The Institutional and Regulatory Framework for Planning:** This chapter sets out the institutional and regulatory frameworks in which planning systems are currently situated and to which they contribute.

5. **Planning, Participation and Politics:** This chapter focuses on participation and politics as it relates to urban planning.

Part III: Global Trends: The Content of Urban Plans(Substantive)

6. **Bridging the Green and Brown Agendas:** This chapter reviews the challenge for cities to improve the built environment whilst simultaneously improving the natural environment.

7. **Planning and Informality:** This chapter identifies trends and patterns of informal development in urban areas and the implications for planning.

8. **Planning, Spatial Structure of Cities and Provision of Infrastructure:** This chapter explores the impact of infrastructure development and spatial planning on contemporary urban spatial trends.

Part IV: Global Trends: Monitoring, Evaluation and Education

9. **The Monitoring and Evaluation of Urban Plans:** This chapter examines monitoring and evaluation in the context of recent and current urban planning practice.

10. **Planning Education:** This chapter reviews the historical development of planning education and provides a global inventory of planning schools.

Part V: Future Policy Directions

11. **Towards a New Role for Urban Planning:** This chapter suggests a new role for urban planning and the changes necessary for this.

Statistical Annex

12. **Statistical Annex:** Contains key urban indicators at the regional, country and city levels.

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This report will review current conditions and trends with respect to the links between cities and climate change, and how cities can mitigate and adapt to the related impacts. The report will be organized as follows:

1. Urbanization and the Challenge of Climate Change
2. Framework for Addressing the Interactions between Urban Areas and Climate Change
3. The Contribution of Urban Areas to Climate Change
4. The Impacts of Climate Change on Urban Areas
5. Climate Change Mitigation Responses in Urban Areas
6. Climate Change Adaptation Responses in Urban Areas
7. Conclusion: Linkages between Climate Change Responses and Policy Directions
8. Statistical Annex