

Session 1: Circles of Sustainability and Integrated Urban Governance
Joint session co-organized by the Metropolis Initiatives of Berlin and Melbourne

Date: 17 July 2013
Time: 14:00 – 17:30
Venue: Ballroom 2

Welcome address and introductions

Facilitator **Sunil Dubey**, Metropolis country manager for India, Faculty of Architecture Design and Planning, The University of Sydney, Australia

Opening Address

Keynote **Paul James**, Director of UN Global Compact Cities Programme

Summary

Sustainable urban development is complex, and is a legitimate focus for government in addressing the conflicting goals of promoting economic development, restricting the ecological footprint of cities, and advocating social justice.

In the face of rapid population growth, urbanisation and growing social and spatial disparities, planning for sustainable development must by definition be a priority for metropolitan authorities.

To the extent that it is possible to plan for sustainable development this will depend on reinventing existing planning structures and modalities, and replacing the contradictory efforts of multiple agencies with a collaborative, integrated strategic planning approach where the stakeholders are equal participants.

Integrated strategic planning requires both general protocols between governments and a capacity to respond to local expectations. The 'Circles of Sustainability' is a model that encourages a holistic examination of critical issues across societal domains – economy, ecology, politics and culture.

During the first part of the session practitioners from various parts of the world will present integrated urban policies and projects. Challenges, advantages, but also hindrances and pitfalls of integrated governance approaches will be discussed.

The objective of the second part of this session is to provide participants with the opportunity to assess the sustainability of their cities, using the Circles of Sustainability method, and to explore options for inclusive strategic planning and outcome-oriented integrated governance models.

Format and conduct of session

1. Co-chaired by Berlin and Melbourne.
2. Welcome address by facilitator, and MI project summaries by Berlin and Melbourne
3. Session divided into two segments:

First Segment:

Four city presentations (10 minutes each) and discussion

Second Segment:

Circles of Sustainability methodology and self-assessment

4. Summary of proceedings (Paul James, Sunil Dubey)

Session Program

First Segment

	Subject	Name	Comment
14:00	Welcome and introductions	Sunil Dubey, Metropolis country manager for India, Faculty of Architecture Design and Planning, The University of Sydney, Australia	
14:10	Welcome and presentation of the initiative's results	Barbara Berninger, Regional Secretary Europe Metropolis, Head of Division for EU and International Affairs, Senate Department for Urban Development and the Environment Berlin Mary Lewin, Metropolis Regional Secretariat Asia-Pacific, Manager International Affairs, Department of Planning and Community Development, Melbourne	
14:20	Input Africa: 'The Jo'burg paradigm – directing the development trajectory'	Yondela Silimela, Executive Head of the Development Planning Department in the City of Johannesburg	
14:30	Input Latin America: 'Mexico City's Participatory Neighbourhood Improvement Programme'	Eugene Zapata Garesché, Senior International Advisor to the Mayor of Mexico City	
14:40	Input Europe: 'Place making – safer cities as an interdisciplinary task'	Petra Warman, Certified 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' (CPTED) expert, Berlin	
14:50	Input Asia: 'Informalizing the Formal: Unthinking Inclusion'	Dr Renu Khosla, Director, Centre for Urban and Regional Excellence, New Delhi	
15:00	Summary of presentations and introduction to open discussion	Sunil Dubey, Metropolis country manager for India, Faculty of Architecture Design and Planning, The University of Sydney, Australia	
15:10	Open Discussion:	Sunil Dubey, Metropolis country manager for India, Faculty of Architecture Design and Planning, The University of Sydney, Australia	Central Question: How can we improve integrated governance models to achieve more sustainable cities?
15:30	Tea/Coffee break		

Second Segment

	Subject	Name	Comment
16:00	Keynote: The Circles of Sustainability Model	Paul James, Director of UN Global Compact Cities Programme	
16:10	Circles of Sustainability Workshop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying the critical issues • Self assessment by the cities • Analysis of self assessment 	Paul James, Director of UN Global Compact Cities Programme	Workshop with all participants
17:15	Summary of results and conclusion	Paul James, Director of UN Global Compact Cities Programme	
17:30	End of session		