



CALL FOR PAPERS:

GLOBAL PLANNERS NETWORK CONGRESS ZHENJIANG, CHINA OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 2, 2008

Global Planners Network (GPN) is a network of national planning associations formed to share planning ideas, approaches, and good practices in an effort to build the capacities for planning across the globe. GPN was formed in 2005 in preparation for the World Planners' Congress in Vancouver in 2006, where 13 national institutes became signatories to the Vancouver Declaration. The network is supported by other international organizations and networks such as the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) and the Commonwealth Association of Planners (CAP).

The World Planners Congress in Vancouver produced a number of documents, including an action plan and a think-piece, *Reinventing Planning*, which outlined the changing goals and new principles that must underpin planning thought and practice today.

The next GPN Congress will be held in Zhenjiang October 31–November 2, 2008, just prior to World Urban Forum 4 in Nanjing November 3–7, 2008 (for details see www.unhabitat.org). This congress will take the discussion forward to focus on lessons learned, opportunities, constraints, and challenges in applying the principles of *Reinventing Planning-II*. The *Zhenjiang Communique* will be the main outcome of the Congress, outlining the agenda for planning in the future and raising critical issues for discussion with a wider audience at the World Urban Forum.

1. CONGRESS DATES: Friday, October 31, to Sunday, November 2, 2008. **NOTE:** The congress immediately precedes the World Urban Forum 4, which is scheduled for November 3–7, 2008, in Nanjing.

2. CONGRESS VENUE: The venue is provided in cooperation with the Party Secretary and mayor of Zhenjiang, a historic city 70km from Nanjing, the venue of the World Urban Forum. The conference will be held at the Zhenjiang City Official Conference Center and Hotel.

3. DEADLINES AND KEY DATES

July 31, 2008	Deadline for submission of abstracts
August 31, 2008	Confirmation of acceptance of selected papers
October 15, 2008	Deadline for submission of papers
October 31–November 2, 2008	Congress dates

4. CONGRESS THEMES

Urbanization

On average, urban areas are expected to double in size over the next 10-15 years. Urban growth rates are between 3 and 6 percent a year in many countries. Are we preparing the receiving environment to accommodate in a sustainable way the population that will be coming to urban areas? Are we preparing the economic foundations to let them participate in the urban economy? This issue is reflected in the theme for UN Habitat Day on October 2, 2006, which was “Cities: magnets of hope.” The plenary and breakout sessions for this theme will be organized by the American Planning Association and its collaborative Chinese host team.

Poverty

Evidence shows that urban poverty has been underestimated. New slum formation is outstripping slum upgrading, with significant implications for political stability, health, youth, and gender issues. Without a change in current trends and policies, it is projected that the number of slum dwellers in the world will double from 1 billion to 2 billion over the next 30 years. Comprehensive planning looks at ways to integrate economic and social issues of poverty within a spatial and urban design context. The Poverty plenary and its breakout sessions will be organized by the Royal Town Planning Institute with advice by the Commonwealth Association of Planners and UN Habitat.

Climate Change and Disasters

Global warming and the impacts of higher energy costs are rapidly becoming areas of concern. The poor are disproportionately vulnerable to the local impacts of climate change because they typically live in the most hazardous locations. Are we creating spatially sustainable new settlements and cities? Are we considering what the likely impacts of climate change are going to be on existing urban settlement? Climate change is likely to speed up the rates of urbanization within some countries. The UN

predicts that there could be 150 million climate change refugees within the next 50 years. What is the role of planning in responding to climate change and to both natural and man-made disasters? The Climate Change and Disasters theme plenary and breakout sessions will be organized by the Canadian Institute of Planners and the Planning Institute of Australia.

5. PLENARY AND PARALLEL SESSIONS

Keynote speakers for the plenary sessions will be high-profile international experts in their respective fields. The organizers will specifically target speakers who provide thought-provoking global leadership in relation to the core themes of the congress. Respondents to this call for papers may be requested to present their papers in either the plenary or parallel sessions. Speakers for the conference will be drawn from the member organizations know pool of experts and be supplemented by proposals submitted through the call for papers.

The congress will close with a plenary session to debate *The Zhejiang Communique*, which will be sent to the World Urban Forum following immediately after the congress.

6. THE CALL FOR PAPERS

The Global Planners Network Congress Organizing Committee would like to encourage papers that are relevant to, or have potential application in, the priority issues as reflected in the three themes and which:

- emphasize lessons for making planning real, addressing opportunities, challenges and constraints, with particular reference to the role of planning and planning capacity, vis-a-vis each theme;
- are reflective and will promote learning and discussion;
- represent ideas and practices that are transferable;
- communicate clearly and use simple language, devoid of jargon;
- utilize examples and visual instruments.

Interested parties are invited to submit either a full paper or a short practice paper abstract.

Full Paper Abstract

An abstract (300-500 words) that summarizes the content of a full conference paper of between 8 and 12 pages. These abstracts are required for a full paper on the conference themes.

Short Practice Paper Abstract

An abstract (300-500 words) that summarizes the content of a short non-scientific / technical paper of between 3 and 5 pages on planning practice related to any of the themes. These papers will typically deal with a case study or a collection of case studies, highlighting best practice where appropriate, focusing on issues emerging from practice and concluding with lessons learned.

7. ABSTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Please follow these guidelines when creating your abstract:

- The official languages of the conference are English and Chinese.
- The abstract must be 300 to 500 words, typed in Times Roman font, size 12, with the heading in Times Roman, size 12, bold.
- The heading must include one of the three selected theme categories, abstract title, author(s) full names, organization / institution, contact telephone and cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses.
- The abstract should be a clear but concise and state the specific objectives of your proposed paper and the issues to be covered.
- Do not include references, tables, diagrams, or footnotes in the abstract.
- At the end of this document you will find a submission form for your convenience.

8. SUBMISSIONS

Abstracts must be submitted as a separate attachment via e-mail to the following:

Theme 1: Urbanization

American Planning Association
Jeff Soule: jsoule@planning.org

Theme 2: Poverty

Royal Town Planning Institute
Judith Eversley: judith.eversley@rtpi.org.uk

Theme 3: Climate Change and Disasters

Planning Institute of Australia
Di Jay: ceo@planning.org.au

By the end of July 2008:

- All received abstracts will be acknowledged.
- All received abstracts will be submitted to a selection committee for review.
- Participants will be notified in writing if their submissions have been accepted or not by August 31, 2008.
- Successful candidates will be requested to submit papers in accordance with the requirements for full papers or short practice papers. Complete instructions covering the required the paper format, length and time available for presentation slot in the parallel sessions will be sent to successful candidates.
- Full papers will be refereed and edited if required.
- The deadline for the submission of papers is October 15, 2008.
- Selected authors understand that they will personally present their paper at the conference. Successful authors must register *and pay the registration fee for the congress by October 1, 2008.*
- Final presentations will be required by October 15, 2008, and will be published on a CD-ROM for distribution at the congress.
- Equipment requirement forms and final details relating to onsite procedures at the conference will be circulated to presenters well before the conference.
- Presenters wishing for their papers to be reviewed by a peer review panel and published on the conference website will be asked to indicate their intentions when submitting their papers.

9. REGISTRATION FEES

A registration fee is being determined on a cost recovery basis and is not expected to exceed \$200. This fee will cover:

- Access to the conference plenary sessions and parallel sessions for 2 1/2 days
- All conference teas and lunches for 2 days
- 1 Ticket to the Welcome Cocktail Function
- 1 Ticket to the Conference Gala Dinner Function
- Conference orientation tour, delegate bag, registration material, and CD-ROM of the proceedings

Travel and lodging will be separate. A conference hotel package will be offered to all participants.

10. PRESENTER REGISTRATION POLICY

- The Congress unfortunately is not in a position to offer complimentary registration to participants.
- Should you be chosen to present, you must pay for your own registration to attend the conference.
- If registration and payment have not been made by the registration deadline, the presentation will not be listed on the conference program. The organizing committee has adopted this policy to minimize the risk of "no-shows."



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Sharing new ideas about communities across the world

Global Planners Network Congress

Oct 31- Nov 2, 2008

Zhenjiang, China

Conf. Day	AM, including a 15 min coffee break		PM, including a 30 min coffee break		Evening events	
Day 1 Friday Oct 31	(0830-1030) Registration & Orientation Tour Special GPN member meeting to refine statement for WUF 4	(1100-1300) Welcoming Remarks, Opening Luncheon • Dr. Anna Tibajuka - Overview of GPN - Update since Vancouver	(1330-1500) Plenary 1 Focus: Poverty (hosted by CAP in assoc. w/ RTPI & UN-HABITAT)	(1530-1730) Breakouts on Poverty (1730-1800) Reporting Out on Poverty	(1900-2100) Opening GPN Congress Banquet Dinner	
Day 2 Sat Nov 1	(0830 – 1015) Plenary 2 Focus: Urbanization (co-hosted by APA & China)	(1030 – 1230) Break-outs on Urbanization	(1230-1315) Buffet Lunch (1315-1345) Reporting Out on Urbanization	(1345-1515) Plenary 3 Focus: Climate Change & Hazards (hosted by CIP & PIA)	(1515 – 1715) Breakouts on Climate Change & Hazards (1715-1745) Reporting Out on Climate Change & Hazards	(1900-2100) Host Banquet With Official Thanks & Observations from the Province
Day 3 Sun Nov 2	(0830-1000) Closing Plenary Focus: GPN and the Agenda for NGOs Engaged in Spatial Planning	(1000-1030) Official Closing and Summary	(1030-1200) GPN Communique Team Meets to Complete WUF 4 Preparations	(Afternoon) Internal meetings, departure, etc. WUF 4 starts Monday, Nov. 3		

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CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS COVER SHEET

Presentation Type	<i>Full Paper</i>		<i>Short Practice Paper</i>	
Conference Theme	<i>Urbanization</i>	<i>Poverty</i>	<i>Climate change / disasters</i>	
Title of Paper				
Author(s)				
Organization Affiliation				
Postal Address				
Telephone Number		Cellular Number		
Facsimile Number		E-mail Address		

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