



GPN Congress
Zhenjiang, China
Oct. 31 – Nov. 2, 2008

GPN Congress Goals & Program Overview

1 Highlight critical global planning issues

- Themes:
- Urbanization
 - Poverty
 - Climate Change and Hazards

These major topics have been incorporated in the schedule by giving teams of GPN members the responsibility for organizing the plenary, followed by 2-3 breakout sessions. This allows participants to bore down on the topic as outlined by the plenary speakers. The action areas are incorporated as part of the focus for the breakout sessions. Each area organizing team would be responsible for organizing their plenary and breakouts. The following outline suggests a good number of the speakers and topics already for each team to consider. There should be consensus by the GPN after the speakers and topics are fleshed out to ensure the other goals are adequately met. A call for proposals will be sent to the entire GPN member list to generate additional proposals and speakers for final review both by the session organizers and the GPN.

2 Describe the GPN members' work and outcomes since Vancouver

A plenary session with a panel of GPN representatives will lay out the initiatives from Vancouver and describe what's happened since. This will take place during the opening.

3 Provide an opportunity for participants and GPN members to detail next steps

RTPI (Royal Town Planning Institute) will organize a team of GPN members for the closing plenary session to outline opportunities and discuss the roles for GPN collectively and give a synopsis of what was discussed and learned from the Zhenjiang Congress. This plenary session will be followed by a final discussion of the Zhenjiang Communique, the culmination of the GPN Congress to be presented at the World Urban Forum.

4 Take a planning position: “The Zhenjiang GPN Communique” to WUF

Building on the [Vancouver Declaration](#), we have agreed that a draft should be prepared well in advance of the Congress. The Friday morning and Sunday morning working groups would refine the document based on the content and discussions at the Congress. The sessions will have assigned reporters who will join a Communique team. The final document will reflect the discussions at the Congress and be completed during the Sunday Morning plenary session.

5 Ensure the program balances GPN members with Chinese speakers

The program contains presenters from the UN, GPN, Chinese government, Chinese NGO's and other countries.

Proposed preliminary schedule

The final speakers and sessions will be decided from the current possibilities, some of which are listed here, and the results of the call for papers. Speakers below are suggested but not final.

Thursday **End of GPN Member country sponsored China tours**
Oct. 30

Friday **Day One - Registration and Start of GPN Congress, Poverty**
Oct. 31

Morning Registration and Orientation Tour
Special GPN member meeting to refine statement for WUF 4

11:00– 1:00 **Welcome Remarks, Opening Luncheon**

- Dr. Anna Tibaijuka, Director, UN-Habitat
- Xu Jirong, Party Secretary of Zhenjiang

- Overview of GPN, Update since Vancouver
(Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) as previous host)

1:30- 3:00

Plenary #1: Hosted by CAP (Commonwealth Association of Planners) with support from RTPI and UN-HABITAT

Focus Area: Poverty

- Dr. Anna Tibaijuka, Director, UN-HABITAT
- Ananya Roy (Berkeley/Bangladesh) | Global Poverty or Global Equality
- Pietro Garau (Rome) | UN Millennium Development Goals – Target 11
- Others...

3:00- 3:30

Break

3:30- 5:30

Breakouts on Poverty

- Setting goals, objectives & delivery: International Roles for spatial planning
- Developing the Capacity to tackle inequality and /or poverty Outreach and Advocacy - Xiong Lei, Retired Xin hua Writer

5:30- 6:00

Reporting out on Poverty

7:00- 9:00

Opening GPN Congress Banquet

**Saturday
Nov. 1**

Day Two – Urbanization & HYOGO

8:30- 10:15

Plenary #2: Co-hosted by APA and China

Focus Area: Urbanization

- Robert Hunter, FAICP, President, APA | Moderator
- Ma Jun | *Sustainability*

- Paul Farmer, FAICP, CEO, APA | *Urban Form and Interdisciplinary Roles*
- Sun Hengzhi | *Economic Strategies and Capacity Building*

10:15- 10:30 **Break**

10:30- 12:30 **Breakouts on Urbanization**

- Sustainability and “Green Practices” - Jeff Soule, FAICP
- Capacity for managing urbanization - Wang Shiyuan, Land Ministry
- Outreach and Knowledge Development - Wang Jun

12:30- 1:15 **Buffet lunch**

1:15- 1:45 **Reporting out on Poverty**

1:45- 3:15 **Plenary #3:** Co-hosted by CIP and PIA (Planners Institute of Australia)

Focus Area: [Climate Change and Hazards \(HYOGO\)](#)

- Ron Shishido, Canadian Institute of Planners
- Sue Holliday, Planning Institute of Australia

3:15- 5:15 **Breakouts on Climate Change and Hazards (HYOGO)**

- Sustainability: Mitigation and Prevention
- Knowledge Base: Delta Urbanism Concept, Representative of Holland
- International Roles and Outreach

5:15- 5:45 **Reporting out on Climate Change**

7:00- 9:00 **Host Banquet**
Official thanks and observations from the Province

Sunday
Nov. 2

Final Day – Future Agenda and Preparations for WUF 4

8:30- 10:00

Closing Plenary: Co-hosted by RTPI, HKIP (Hong Kong Planners Institute), Francophone and other GPN Representatives

Focus Area: GPN and the Agenda for NGOs Engaged in Spatial Planning

- Knowledge Exchange : Capacity Building : GPN
- Reinventing Planning: Lessons and Opportunities - HKIP, Nicholas Buchoud, Vincent Goodstadt

10:00- 10:30

Official Closing and summary

10:30- 12:00

GPN Communiqué Team meets to complete WUF 4 preparations

Afternoon

Depart for home or WUF 4

Monday - Friday
Nov. 3 - 7

World Urban Forum 4 in Nanjing



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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 Tibaijuka - 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		