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SOCIAL & SUSTAINABLE REVITALISATION
OF HISTORICAL URBAN AREAS IN INDIA
School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi

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Background

All over the world cities redevelopment is facing major trends, such as increased urban poverty, complexity of migration flows due to the international economic and financial crisis, and the unplanned impacts of climate change. Since 1996, UNESCO has been promoting the flagship principle of “Humanizing the City” in close cooperation with UN-HABITAT Global Urban Governance Campaign in view of jointly contributing to the *Copenhagen Social Summit of 1995 on Inclusive Societies*, the *Istanbul Declaration on Human settlements* ratified in 1996 by United Nations member states, as well as the *Millennium Development Goals*.

Within the framework of the UN Human Rights Approach proposed in September 2005 by the UN General Secretary, UNESCO Urban Development Programme has contributed to create urban public policies which respect, protect and promote inclusiveness, social cohesion and local democracy. This work is based on the development of multi-disciplinary knowledge and comparative research, and on capacity-building of urban professionals and civil society while focusing of national and local governments awareness rising.

Objectives

The main objective of the workshop is to test the forthcoming UNESCO – UN-HABITAT publication for city professionals: *Historic Districts for All: A Social and Human Approach to Sustainable Revitalization - A Guide for Urban Actors in India*. The *Guide* is an offshoot of a global version launched in 2008 in Nanjing, China, during the 4th World Urban Forum. A partial draft was first analysed during a peer-review meeting, organised at the Institute of Social Sciences of New Delhi in February 2009, where eminent Indian urban professionals contributed to enhance the version that is going to be tested during this workshop.

The *Guide* and its brochure, which make up a useful toolkit to help Indian municipalities become aware of the role of political will and the need to preserve the socio-economic fabric of historic areas in the implementation of urban regeneration programmes. Local authorities and decision makers should be in a better position to:

- Ensure a sustainable and integrated approach to revitalise historic districts in their own city;
- Understand the importance of building new forms of social cohesion in cities through people-centred urban projects;
- Manage to keep a balance between economic competitiveness and harmonious urban development.

A holistic approach towards the design of pro-poor urban policies is advocated.

Expected outcomes:

1. Updated and improved version of the *Guide* and the *Brochure*
 2. Exchange of experiences and best-practices for urban revitalisation in India
 3. Establishment of research networks and financial partnerships, creation of cooperation between universities and cities on specific case studies
 4. Organization of city professionals' trainings
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Target audience

Senior Professionals in the field of Urban Development:

- Public officers
 - Local experts
 - Decision-makers
 - Researchers and professors
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Workshop programme

Session 1 - Presentation of the toolkit for social and human revitalisation of historic urban areas in India

Specific aspects of revitalisation processes taking place in Indian cities and major trends affecting historic districts revitalisation in India will be introduced. How to apply UNESCO principles for sustainable urban revitalisation on specific Indian case studies will also be addressed.

This session aims to give a general overview on the *Guide* content:

- Objectives, principles, methodology;
- Social and human challenges faced in revitalization of historic areas in Indian cities.

Session 2 - On-site visit and focused group discussion

- Exploration of the *galis* (narrow lanes) of Ballimaran, Shahajahanabad (Old Delhi) to cover a wide range of specificities (political, technical, social, cultural and economic) linked to sustainable urban revitalisation and to test the relevance of the *Guide*.
- Specific aspects of the area's revitalisation process will be presented in a focused group discussion at the Town Hall by managers and politicians of Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

Session 3 – Multiple City Experiences

Participants will present their own experiences, focusing on specific characteristics of Indian revitalisation process.

Session 4 – Testing UNESCO Guide for Urban Actors and Restitution Session

- Restitutions by the participants on what they have learned from the site visit and from contacts with its inhabitants
- What is missing in the UNESCO DRAFT toolkit
- Recommendations on how to upgrade the training workshop, the *Guide* and the *Brochure*
- Evaluation of the experimental session by participants

Closing Session

- Workshop synthesis
- Conclusion

WORKSHOP AGENDA – Wednesday 30 September 2009
(Draft as of 17 August 2009)

8.30 – 9.00	Registration – School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) – Urban Planning Department
9.00-9.30	<p>Session 1 – Presentation of UNESCO/UN-HABITAT Toolkit for Social and Human Revitalisation of Historic Urban Areas and introduction of the sample area to be explored during the on-site visit</p> <p><i>Brigitte Colin</i> – Programme Specialist, International Migrations and Multiculturalism Section, Architecture and Cities, Division of Social Sciences, Research and Policy, Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO</p> <p><i>Marina Faetanini</i> – Programme Specialist, Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO New Delhi</p> <p><i>Sanjukta Bhaduri</i> – Head, Department of Urban Planning, School of Planning and Architecture (SPA)</p> <p><i>Rapporteurs: xxx (UNESCO) and xxx (SPA)</i></p>
9.30	Departure by bus to Ballimaran, Old Delhi
10.00 – 12.30	<p>Session 2 – On-site visit to Ballimaran, Old Delhi followed by Focused Group Discussion at Town Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site visit to Ballimaran coordinated by Department of Urban Planning, SPA Route: Ajmeri Gate – Kucha Pati Ram – Hauz Qasi Chowk – Chawri Bazar – Ballimaran – Chandni Chowk – Town Hall • Focused Group Discussion at Town Hall with Municipal Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Vijay Singh</i> – Deputy Commissioner of City Zone: What Challenges for Old Delhi? - <i>Renuka Gupta</i> – Ballimaran Municipal Councillor: Ballimaran Municipal Experience - Questions and Answers
12.30 – 13.00	Departure by bus and return to School of Planning and Architecture (SPA)
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch at School of Planning and Architecture (SPA)</i>

14.00 – 14.30	<p>Welcome Address: <i>Ranjit Mitra</i> – Director, School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) <i>Warren Mellor</i> – Director , UNESCO New Delhi Office <i>Paul Taylor</i> – Chief, Office of the Executive Director, UN-HABITAT</p>
14.30 – 15.30	<p>Session 3 – Multiple City Experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delhi: Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Project (Vijay Singh, Deputy Commissioner of City Zone) • Pune: Poverty Mapping in Lohiya Nagar Slum, Bhavani Peth (Pratima Joshi, Shelter Associates) • Moradabad: Shanti Sena (Niru Vora, Convenor, Swaraj Peeth Trust/UNESCOCat - International Network on Religions and Mediations in Urban Areas) <p>Group discussion Moderator: xxx (xxx) <i>Rapporteurs: xxx (UNESCO) and xxx (SPA)</i></p>
15.30 – 16.00	<p><i>Tea break</i></p>
16.00 – 17.00	<p>Session 4 – Testing UNESCO Guide for Urban Actors - Restitution Session</p> <p>Group discussion Moderator: xxx (xxx) <i>Rapporteurs: xxx (UNESCO) and xxx (SPA)</i></p>
17.30 – 18.00	<p>Closing Session: workshop synthesis and final recommendations</p>