

The Role of Technology

Implementing the New Urban Agenda to Achieve Sustainable Development

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PROGRAMME

9.00 AM REGISTRATION

10.00 AM OPENING SESSION

Moderator: Aliye P.Celik, PhD, President CSU

Ms. Zena Ali-Ahmad, Director, Regional Office for Arab States, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Mr. Carl Elefante, FAIA, President, American Institute of Architects

Mr. Guy Geier, FAIA, President, AIA New York

H.E. Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, PhD, C.E.O., The Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization, Senator

KEYNOTE:

Mr. David A. Lubin, PhD, Co-Chairman and Managing Director, Constellation Research & Technology, Inc.

11:00 AM DIALOGUE SESSION 1: **Emerging Technology**

Chair: H.E. Mr. Michal Mlynar, Permanent Representative of Slovak Republic to the United Nations

Moderator: Prof. Urs Gauchat, CSU, Dean Emeritus, NJIT College of Architecture and Design

Panelists

- **Mr. John Paul Farmer**, Director of Technology & Civic Innovation, Microsoft
- **Mr. Jason Whittet**, Associate Director in Innovation in Urban Data and Technology, Rockefeller Foundation
- **Prof. Sarah Williams**, Associate Professor of Technology and Urban Planning; Director, Civic Data Design Lab, MIT School of Architecture and Planning
- **Prof. Mahesh Daas**, Ed.D, DPACSA, ACSA Distinguished Professor, Dean, School of Architecture & Design, University of Kansas, Lawrence
- **Prof. Philip Bernstein**, FAIA RIBA LEED AP, Associate Dean and Senior Lecturer, Yale School of Architecture

12.30 PM **DIALOGUE SESSION 2: Technology as Means of Implementation in the Arab Region: Network 11 Initiative**

Chair: H.E. Dr. Talal Abu Ghazaleh, C.E.O., The Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization and Senator

Moderator: Prof. Lance Jay Brown, FAIA, CSU, ACSA Distinguished Professor, CCNY Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture

Panelist

- **Ms. Zena Ali-Ahmad**, Director, Regional Office for Arab States, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

1:00 PM **LUNCH BREAK**

The UN Cafeteria will be open to all participants during the noon break

3.00 PM **Mr. Thomas Vonier**, FAIA, President, Union of International Architects;
Immediate Past President, American Institute of Architects

DIALOGUE SESSION 3: Technology and Cities

Chair: H.E Mr. Feridun Sinirlioglu, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations

Moderator: Prof. Feniosky Pena Mora, CSU, Edwin Howard Armstrong Professor of Civil Engineering & Engineering Mechanics, Columbia University

Panelists

- **Ms. Marion Barthelemy**, Director, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Office for Inter-governmental Support for Sustainable Development
- **Ms. Fiona Cousins**, Principal, ARUP
- **Mr. Marcos Diaz Gonzalez**, Senior Vice President, Metro New York, AECOM
- **Dr. Fritz Rettberg**, Chief Innovation Office, City of Dortmund, Germany
- **Ms. Hélène Chartier**, Senior Advisor and Reinventing Cities Project Manager C40 Cities

4.15 PM **DIALOGUE SESSION 4: Political Will and the Future of Cities**

Moderator: Mr. Rick Bell, FAIA, CSU, Executive Director of Design & Construction Excellence, NYC Department of Design & Construction

Panelists

- **Ms. Michele Zaoui**, Chief Architect, City of Paris, France
- **Mr. Alejandro Restrepo**, Director of Strategic Urban Projects for Medellin, Colombia
- **Ms. Purnima Kapur**, Executive Director, New York City Department of City Planning (DCP)
- **Mr. Navid Hanif**, Director, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN DESA
- **Dr. Juana Lopez Pajan** Director of international Affairs of the Spanish Federation of Municipalities Ana Regions, UCLG

5.30 PM **CLOSING**

Dr. Aliye P. Celik, President, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization (CSU)

Mr. James McCullar, FAIA, Vice President, CSU; Principal, James McCullar Architecture