



**Conference on
SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION IN THE INFORMATION AGE,
Role of Infrastructure in Metropolitan Development
13 May 2009, United Nations Headquarters, New York
ECOSOC Chamber**

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 13 May

9.00 a.m. Registration

10.00 a.m. **PLENARY SESSION**

Welcome by Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Executive Coordinator, UN DESA DPADM GAID

Keynote Address by Dr. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, United Nations Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme

Address by Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developing Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States

Address by Mr. Robert Yaro America 2050 Regional Plan Association

10.30 a.m. **DIALOGUE SESSION 1**

Presentations and dialogue

Introduction: Mr. Roberto Villarreal, Chief, Socio-Economic Governance and Management Branch, DPADM, DESA, Former Undersecretary of Urban Development, Mexico

Chair: H.E. Ms. Tina Intelmann, Vice President, ECOSOC, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the UN

Moderator: Mr. Ernest Hutton, FAICP Assoc AIA, Co-Chair New York New Visions

Panelists:

Mr. Ron Thomas, former Director North East Illinois Planning Commission

Mr. Peter Woods, Secretary General United Cities and Local Governments, Asia Pacific

Respondents:

Mr. Pablo Vaggione, ISOCARP

Mr. Harvey Parker, Former President, ITA

Mr. Tom Wright, Executive Director, RPA

12.30 p.m. **Lunch hosted by Novartis (By invitation only)**

3.00 p.m. **DIALOGUE SESSION 2
Presentations and Dialogue**

Chair:

H.E. Mr. Martin Ney, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, New York

Moderator:

Professor Urs Gauchat, Dean, School of Architecture, New Jersey Institute of Technology

Panelists:

Professor Lyndsay Neilson, Director of Urban Planning, Melbourne (Australia)

Mr. James Vine, Building Social Housing Foundation (UK)

Mr. Alex Washburn, Director of Urban Design, New York City (USA)

Respondents:

Mr. Amara Ouerghi, Regional Secretary, Metropolis North America,

Mr. Patrick Lobdell, Director for Design, Novartis

Respondent: Rick Bell, Executive Director, American Institute of Architects (New York Chapter)

4.30 pm **CONCLUSION**

Chair: H.E. Mr. Hamidou Ali, Permanent Representative of Malaysia

Moderator: Mr. James McCullar, FAIA, James Mc Cullar and Associates, Past President, American Institute of Architects, New York Chapter

Panelists

Mr. Gary Lawrence, Arup, former Director of Planning Seattle, US

Ms. Sherida Paulsen, President, American Institute of Architects (New York Chapter)

Ms. Aliye P. Celik, President, Soroptimist International. NYC, Former Chief, ECOSOC and Interorganisational Cooperation Branch, UNDESA

Associated Events

6.00 p.m. **Panel on the 21st Century Park and the Contemporary City
At MOMA hosted by Forum for Urban Design**

8.00 p.m. **Dinner at Century Club (By invitation only)**

Thursday 14 May

- 10.00am Tour of Battery Park City hosted by AIA New York Chapter (By invitation only)
- 6.00 p.m. Panel on the 21st Century Park and the Contemporary City
At Century Club hosted by Forum for Urban Design
- 8.00 p.m. Reception Century Club *

Registration

For the UN event please register at RSVP. <http://aiany.org/calendar/rsvp.php?id=1024780>

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