



CONSORTIUM FOR SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION

AGENDA

9 March 2012

High-Level Meeting on Sustainable Urbanization in Konya ,Turkey
Conference Room: E (NLB), United Nations Headquarters, New York

- 9:00 a.m. Registration at the Visitors Entrance
- 10.00 a.m. Welcome Remarks:
- Yamina Djacta**, Deputy Director, UN-HABITAT New York Office (5 min)
- Opening Remarks:
- H. E. **Ertugrul Apakan**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations (5 min)
- Keynote Address
- H.E. Tahir **Akyurek** , Mayor of Konya (15 min)
- Introduction: Ambassador. **Francis Lorenzo**, President, South -South News (5 min)
- 10.30 a.m. High Level Structured Discussion:
- Moderator; **Aliye Pekin Celik**, Ph.D. Co-Chair, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization (2 min)
- Identity: Professor **Urs Gauchat**, Dean, College of Architecture & Design, NJIT (12 min)
- Principles for change and sustainability: Professor **Lance Jay Brown**, FAIA, ACSA Distinguished Professor, (12 min)
- User Friendliness; **James McCullar**, FAIA, Past President AIA New York Chapter, Co-Chair, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization (12 min)
- International Tourism: **Sarbuland Khan**, Tourism World Tourism Organization Senior Adviser, WTO, Past Director, UNECOSOC (12 min)
- Sufisim, Rumi and its international attraction: Professor **Katherine Marshall**, Georgetown University (12 min)
- New Mindsets: Professor Dianne **Davis**, President ICCC (12 min)
- Respondent.: Prof **Birol Akgun** (5 min)
- Discussion

1.00 pm Lunch Break

3.00 pm Continuation

Prof. **Onder Kutlu** (5 min)

Mustafa Sen Director Genar (5 min)

"Ideas for Improving Tourism in Konya.. Professor **Jukka M. Laitamaki**,
Preston Robert Tisch Center for Hospitality, Tourism and Sports
Management New York University

Discussion, Brain Storming

5.00 pm Forward looking Strategies,



Speakers Biographies

Biol Akgun, PhD is Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Konya University, and Professor in its Department of International Relations. Prof. Akgun received his Ph.D. in 2000 and his MA in 1996 from the Department of Political Science, Case Western Reserve University, USA, and his BA from the Department Public Administration, Ankara University, Faculty of Political Science, Ankara, Turkey. Prior to joining Konya University, he was Associate Professor in the Department of International Relations, Selcuk University, and the Program Coordinator, International Relations Research, Institute of Strategic Thinking (SDE), Ankara, (www.sde.org.tr). From April 2004 to 2011, he served as Board Member, Strategic Research Center, Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and member of editorial board of *Perceptions: Journal of International Affairs* published by MFA. He has published numerous books and articles in Turkish and English

Lance Jay Brown, FAIA is a New York based Architect, Urban Designer, Educator, and Author. He is the Principal of the award winning studio Lance Jay Brown, Architecture + Urban Design founded in 1972. He has served as Assistant Director, Design Arts Program, National Endowment for the Arts, as Professional Advisor to the WTC Site 9/11 International Memorial Design Competition; co-Directed the 2003 NEA funded Upper Manhattan Heritage Project; served as special advisor to Mostar 2004 Urban Reconstruction Workshop, Bosnia Hercegovina and co-Directed the HUD funded “Crosstown 116: Bringing Habitat II Home From Istanbul to Harlem” and urban design workshops in Tblisis, Georgia. He is a re-elected member of The AIA NYC Board of Directors and Chair of the AIA/NYNV Design for Risk Committee. He has received the New York State AIA President’s Award for Excellence in Non-traditional Architecture. In 2003 Brown was simultaneously named ACSA Distinguished Professor and Fellow, American Institute of Architects and in 2007, he was awarded the prestigious AIA/ACSA Topaz Medallion for Excellence in Architectural Education, the highest award for an educator in the United States. He has lectured nationally and internationally and has numerous publications including the co-authored "Urban Design for an Urban Century" (Wiley. 2009). In 2011 he was elected the inaugural Chancellor of the ACSA College of Distinguished Professors.

Aliye Pekin Celik, PhD, Co-Chair of Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization was instrumental in establishing innovative participatory mechanisms to build alliances to influence momentum towards addressing some of the world’s most pressing concerns in developing countries as the Chief of Economic and Social and Inter-organizational Cooperation Branch, UNDESA. She started the book series on the High Level Segment of Economic and Social Council, worked on the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Countries Emerging from Conflicts. As the Head of NY office of UN-HABITAT, she directed the preparations for the World Conference HABITAT II, which was held in Istanbul, Turkey in 1996. She served UN-HABITAT Nairobi and New York, working on building materials, construction technologies, and sustainable urbanization, energy and gender issues. As a principal researcher in the Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey, Building Research Institute, and the Ministry of Construction and Resettlement and adviser to the State Planning Department, she worked on energy conservation and affordable adequate housing. She has degrees in architecture from Middle East Technical University, Princeton University, and a PhD from Istanbul Technical University. Celik was a Fulbright Scholar and received numerous

awards from OECD (1972), Princeton University (1979), AIA (2009, 1997, 1970) and Soroptimist International NYC (2005), where she served as President from 2008 to 2010.

Diane Davis is an international consultant and public speaker, specializes in integrated products and services for the hospitality, healthcare, built environment and educational industries. Professor Dianne Davis is the founding president of the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC), a non-profit organization established in 1994 that has Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. ICCC mission is to stimulate and identify successful strategies, creative solutions and cross-sectorial dialogues which bridge gatherings of non-traditional experts and decision-makers from government, private sector, universities and NGOs, as well as United Nations agencies to promote a *Society for All Generations*. The centerpiece of her work fosters connecting the dots for a better urban future by imagining the possible! Professor Davis received her graduate degrees from Columbia University and since 1966 has been cited in “*Who’s Who of American Women*.” Currently, she serves as an Advisory Board member of the *Digital He@lth Initiative for Technology and Innovation for Equity* and on various United Nations NGO Committees. and on the Board of Trustees of New York University Medical Center. Known as an industry catalyst, change agent, and futurist, her goal is to develop “cross over” ventures and stimulate traditional “sleeping” organizations or programs to move into the forefront of performance and impact.

Urs P. Gauchat, is the Dean of the College of Architecture and Design and Professor of Architecture, New Jersey Institute of Technology. Professor Gauchat transformed the School into an internationally recognized leader in the area of CAD (Computer Aided Design) and community development. Professor Gauchat is particularly interested in creating a bridge between the considerable resources of universities and the needs of communities. As a professional and academic he has a long standing interest and expertise in the field of housing and community building worldwide. From 1978-1998, Professor Gauchat was the President of Gauchat Architects, Inc. Professor Gauchat also served as a consultant to governmental and non-governmental agencies. Professor Gauchat holds a Master in Architecture from the Harvard Graduate school of Design.

Jukka M. Laitamaki, Ph.D. is Clinical Professor at New York University Preston Robert Tisch Center for Hospitality, Tourism and Sports Management. He has his Ph.D. from Cornell University School of Hotel Administration (USA) and M.Sc from the Turku School of Economics and Business Administration. Dr. Laitamaki is a global expert in strategy, marketing, branding, sustainability and entrepreneurship with special focus on international hospitality and tourism industries and higher education. He has 30 years of international strategic consulting and executive education experience in over 20 countries and six continents. He has worked as a strategic management consultant with Service Management Group and McKinsey & Co. and as a professor at U.C. Berkeley, Fordham University and New York University. Dr. Laitamaki’s research has been published in international conferences and journals, including the European Management Journal, the California Management Review and the Journal of Transnational Management. At Fordham University Dr. Laitamaki built and directed the Global Professional MBA (GPMBA). He is a contributor on tourism policy, crises management and global competitive strategies of tourism destinations for the text book *Travel and Tourism: An Industry Primer* by Prentice Hall.

H. E. Francis Lorenzo is the Honorary President of South-South News, an initiative launched during the Sixteenth Session of the High Level Committee on South-South Cooperation at the United Nations in New York to advance the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals. Ambassador Lorenzo leads the initiative through the sharing of best practices in the area of South-South and triangular cooperation. South-South News is a platform for showcasing programmes and building capacity in the field of e-governance, education, health, transfer of technology, renewable energy, food security, climate change, and sustainable development. Ambassador Lorenzo is also an alternate Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations, and worked with the UN Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development and the UN Economic and Social Council .Ambassador Lorenzo was the former Vice President of the Commission for Social Development and is the current vice president of the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR), which has brought together key stakeholders in the country. Under the leadership of President Dr. Leonel Fernandez, the Dominican Republic is the only country using Model UN in its public schools.

James McCullar, FAIA, is Co-Chair of the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization and principal of James McCullar Architecture in New York City. His work in community design and affordable housing has been recognized through numerous awards, including a national AIA Honor Award in urban design for the Jamaica Market and election to the AIA College of Fellows. In 2008 he served as President of AIA New York, where he led the chapter's response to Mayor Bloomberg's initiatives for *PlaNYC* which included collaborations for the *UN Forum on Sustainable Urbanization in the Information Age* and the *Greening the Iron Ribbon* Conference on the Northeast Megaregion. From 2003 to 2006 in response to the Mayor's housing initiatives, he led a forum that showcased housing design at the Center for Architecture in New York. As a founding member of the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, he has been engaged in developing collaborations for programs with UN Habitat on emerging issues. He has taught at Kansas State University and the New Jersey School Institute of Technology. He received a BA and BArch from Rice University, a Fulbright scholarship for urban design in Paris, France, and a Masters in Architecture from Columbia University where his thesis was on New York region.