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What is The Urban Thinker Campus?

The Urban Thinkers Campus is an initiative of UN-Habitat conceived as an open space for critical exchange between urban researchers, professionals, civil society actors and decision-makers who believe that urbanization is an opportunity and can lead to positive urban transformations. It is also intended as a platform to build consensus between partners engaged in addressing urbanization challenges and proposing solutions to urban futures. The Campus will emulate platforms for urban thinkers to identify ways to implement the [New Urban Agenda](#) and agree on priority action areas, commitments and roles, actions plans and road maps.

In line with the call of WUC Urban Thinkers Campus Dhaka 2017 is proposed to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh organized by International Union Of Architects (UIA) and hosted by Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) in November 2017.



DHAKA CAMPUS:

Innovation, Identity and Designing of Intermediate Cities for The City We Need.

Lead Partner Organization: International Union Of Architects (UIA),

Co Partner:Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB).

Objectives of Dhaka Campus: Dhaka, capital and largest city of Bangladesh, is a mega city with a current population of approximately 1.6 billion people. Currently like Dhaka other developing mega cities around the globe are facing major challenges in urban environment, city infrastructure, urban space quality, urban and local governance and management sectors. The development and management of the intermediate cities as a solution for rapid urbanization in the mega cities is one of the major issues that is addressed in the New Urban Agenda.

However, many intermediate cities around the metropolitan areas of the developing countries have not been addressed to face the challenges of the national urban growth. An intermediate

city has population between 50,000 to 1 million inhabitants. But, Intermediary cities are not only defined in terms of demographic size and their specific dimensions of size, but also based on the functions they perform, such as: their role in mediating flows (of goods, information, innovations and administration, etc.) between rural and urban areas. They provide opportunity of effective governance and better quality of life. They are usual more resilient, efficient and economically viable due to their compact size, density and connectivity to larger urban centres. Intermediate cities are the linkage between urban and rural area. Developing intermediate cities is the future of developing mega cities.

In order to address the practical issues of development and management of intermediate cities and hope to decode a solution from national and international stakeholders the Urban Thinkers Campus 2.0 2017 is proposed to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh jointly organized by UIA – IAB and hosted by IAB. The UTC will be held with the following objectives-

1. Identification of prime concerns on Governance, Mobility, Affordability, Accessibility, Urban infrastructure, and lack of Public Spaces in mega cities, and smaller urban centres around the cities.
2. Understanding of the development, planning and regeneration of intermediate cities (small town) through public participation and new partnership.
3. Sharing of knowledge and ideas from similar situations in other best practices and ideas around the globe.
4. Exploit ideas of capacity building and holistic approach to strengthening local governance.
5. Formulation of a Framework for the implementation of ideas.

Programme of Dhaka Campus: The program is designed as a 3 day event. The following sessions are to be held in the CAMPUS PROGRAM:

- **Day 1, Evening-** Inauguration ceremony in the evening.
- **Day 2, Morning & Afternoon-** Roundtable discussion in 4 Parallel Sessions – Three Keynote papers in each session on **Real Issues and Real Solutions** for **designing, regeneration and success** of Intermediate Cities
 - a. *Session 1- Good Governance & Capacity Building*
 - b. *Session 2-Compactness, Density, Urban-Rural Linkage*
 - c. *Session 3- Climatic Conditions & Resilience*
 - d. *Session 4-Sense of Identity*
- **Day 2, Evening** -A Workshop on base plan of town planning moderated by an international expert engaging stakeholders and public participation.

- **Day 3, Morning and Afternoon-** Urban Lab – Half day site visit of Urban Projects at **Narayangonj**- population approx. 0.7 million, 9.2 km from city centre and **Narshindi** population approx. 1.9 million, 81.9 km from city centre.
- **Day 3, Afternoon-** Drafting and summary Sessions.
- **Day 3, Evening-** Dhaka Declaration 2017 and Closing Ceremony.

Expected Outcomes (Action Areas): The expected outcome from this campus is to address the stakeholders and their individual responsibilities and to set a priority actions plan. The event is projected to be focused on the role of individual stakeholders in developing responsible urban environments.

The campus is intended to ensure commitments and resolutions from all stakeholders in developing and managing small towns. These commitments would be in line with an action plan to be set by the local authorities which stakeholders must comply. It is intended to establish that the main implementation agency would be the local governing body from the campus. Also a dialogue is anticipated to be established between the local administrative and implementing agencies (Mayors) and the local stakeholders.

Lastly, all stakeholders must agree on a road map at the end of the campus in order to achieve the implementation goals of the New Agenda. Hence a three year action plan is to be produced from the understanding of the Campus by the local authority which must be complied by all stakeholders.

LIST OF SUB THEMES :

1. **Good Governance & Capacity Building- Municipality finance, Efficiency & Quality of Life**
2. **Compactness, Density, Urban-Rural Linkage**
3. **Climatic Conditions & Resilience- Micro & Macro Climate impact**
4. **Place making & Sense of Identity**

LIST OF PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:

Academics and Research

- a. Bangladesh University Of Engineering And Technology (BUET)
- b. Jahangirnagar University (JU)
- c. Khulna University (KU)

Government Organizations

1. Ministry Of Housing & Public Works

- a. Department Of Architecture
- b. Urban Development Directorate (UDD)
- c. Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk)
- d. National Housing Authority (NHA) Bangladesh
- e. Housing And Building Research Institute (HBRI)

2. Municipalities

- a. Dhaka South City Corporation
- b. Dhaka North City Corporation
- c. Narayngonj City Corporation
- d. Sonaimuri Municipality, Noakhali
- e. Barisal City Corporation
- f. Narshindi Municipality
- g. Mymensingh Municipality
- h. Rangpur City Corporation
- i. Gazipur Municipality

Non Government Organizations (NGO)

- a. World Vision
- b. Brac
- c. Grameen
- d. Action Aid
- e. Bapa
- f. Water Aid
- g. Water & Sanitation For The Urban Poor (Wsup)
- h. Habitat For Humanity Bangladesh
- i. Oxfam

- j. United Nations Development Programme (Undp)
- k. The World Bank
- l. Participatory Development Action Program (Pdap)
- m. Caritas-BD
- n. Work For Better Bangladesh Trust
- o. Un-Habitat
- p. Bangladesh Urban Forum
- q. Urban Study Group
- r. Bengal Institute
- s. Women With Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF)
- t. Bangladesh Munciple Development Fund (BMDF)
- u. Municipality Association Of Bangladesh (MAB)
- v. Woman Architects, Engineers And Planners Association (WAEPA)
- w. Sustainable & Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA)

Professional Institutions

- a. Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh
- b. Bangladesh Institute of Planners

Media And Communication

- a. The Finalcial Express
- b. The Daily Jugantor
- c. Ekattor TV
- d. The Daily Samakal
- e. Amader Shomoy
- f. The Daily Star