# The Challenge of Urban Transitions PARIS 3/4/5 November 2011

Climate change speeding up, loss of biodiversity and economic, financial, social and cultural changes on the one hand, necessary territorial cohesion and new forms of governance to strengthen on the other hand, bring the work of planners, and all cities and territories actors into the spotlight, and remind them the necessary work on basics.

In view of the challenges raised by urbanization, Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, recently called for a paradigm shift regarding conception of the city, which must be considered as an opportunity for the future of humanity, and a place for economic, political, cultural and artistic development.

2011 is the year of the centennial of the French Society of Urban Planners (SFU), the first of a series of centennials of planners' professional organizations in Europe and around the world.

For this event, the French Society of Urban Planners and its partners invite to think, debate and propose, thanks to 100 years of professional experience in urban planning, about transitions of future cities that cannot be ignored, in order to better live in it together.

The climax of these encounters, with exhibitions open to all, will held the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2011, at the Economic, Social and Environmental Council, during the "World Town Planning Days" in Paris. It will continue in France and Europe.

With what kind of urban transitions can a sustainable city propose, today better then yesterday, an opportunity for the future of humanity? How feed a strategic planning adapted to territories on collective intelligence? How can a way of life that is today predominantly urban, enable a better access to basic services, for which any human being yearns? Which professional know-how (savoir-faire) must be brought together to build new territorial cohesions?

This event is organized in partnership with the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport, and Housing (MEDDTL), the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (MAEE), the Ministry of Culture and Communication, the Ministry of Overseas, and the French Partnership for Cities and Territorial Development (PFVT). During the World Town Planning Days Paris 2011, the French Society of Urban Planners will host the 27 national delegations of town planners of the European Council of Town Planners for their General Assembly.

at the Economic, Social and Environmental Council
Palais d'Iéna 9, place d'Iéna 75016 Paris www.journees-mondiales-urbanisme.org/

## Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011

Schedule	Place	Event
p.m.	Paris	Arrivals of foreign speakers
14H30- 17H	Outside	Professional visits, "urban strolls"  La Défense district  La Seine Rive Gauche area  Greater Paris Project
17H30	Palais d'léna	Welcome cocktail





## Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011

Schedule	Room	Event
8h30	Rotonde	Welcome of participants
9h00-10h00	Hémicycle	Official opening, under the patronage of Joan CLOS, Executive Director of UN-Habitat* Allocutions The Ministre d'État, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs* The Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transports and Housing The Minister of Culture The Minister of Overseas* Joan CLOS, Executive Director of UN-Habitat* Mercedes BRESSO, President of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union* Co-presidency of the French Partnership for Cities and Territorial Development Jean-Paul DELEVOYE, President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council Joao TEXEIRA, President of the European Council of Town Planners Christian LUYTON, President of the French Society of Urban Planners
10h00- 11h30	Hémicycle	Conference 1 "Urban facts, in France and in the world, 100 ago and now" Françoise CHOAY, University Professor Nthatho MINYUKU-GOBODO, General secretary of the African Planning Association
11h30- 12h30	Hypostyle	Launch of the exhibition "100 years of Town Planning" Partners' time
12h30-14h	Salle des pas perdus	Lunch
14h00- 15h30	Hémicycle	Conference 2 "challenges of the coming century, for a renewed view of cities" Joan CLOS, Executive Director of UN-Habitat Edgar MORIN, sociologist and philosopher, Sabah Abouessalam, university professor, National Moroccan Institute of Planning
15h30- 17h30	Salles des Commissions	JMU Workshops in parallel sessions - Session 1  Workshop 1- Sustainable Cities - Major facilities and sustainable development in France (GART) - Implementation of urban projects in southern countries (UDM) - Evaluation of the social impact of the Moraccan Programme "cities without slums" (GRET) - Current context of governance and urban transitions in Tunisia ATU)  Workshop 2- Urban and Strategic Planning - Framework elements about urban and strategic planning (GEMDEV) - Urban and strategic planning and French cooperation in Phnom Penh (IAU-IDF) - Democratic process of consultation in Porto Alegre - Presentation of the work of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) commission for strategic planning (UCLG)  Workshop 3- Basic services - Implementation experience of the international Guidelines about access to basic services in Aguas Calientes, Mexico (DEXIA, VEOLIA) - Inter-actors dialogue for access to basic services in Togo (UCT) - Access to water in precarious areas and users committee, Haïti (Comité Dlo) - Place and role of local authorities in access to basic services (UCGL)  Workshop 4- Territorial Cohesion - Equalization of resources and territorial cohesion (AFD) - The Greater Paris, future global metropolis (AIGP) - Environment and urban development in India (AIU) - The federative dynamic of metropolises in Brazil (FNEM)
17h45	Hypostyle	Prize-giving: Prize for thesis on the city
19h30	Hypostyle	JMU Reception - Party







## Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 2011

Schedule	Room	Event
8h30	Rotonde	Welcome of participants
9h00- 10h30	Hémicycle	Conference 3 "the new urban know-how" Jacques BESNER, AUC, OUQ, GPN, Commonwealth Association of Planners Grand témoin: Alonzo SALAZAR JARAMILLO, Maire de Medellin*
10h30- 12h30	Salles des Commissions	JMU Workshops in parallel sessions - Session 2
		Workshop 1- Sustainable Cities - European sustainable cities (MEDDTL) - Global and ecological governance of slums (USF) - Fight against poor housing in Overseas Territories (CR OM) - Urban transitions in Vietnam (AUV)
		Workshop 2- Urban and Strategic Planning - Impact of the urban planning and environment law on strategic (IUP) - Practices of strategic planning in France and in southern countries (URBALYON) - French cooperation in Luang-Prabang (AFD) - Progressive and bottom-up approach in Nouakchott Urban Community (GRET)
		Workshop 3- Basic Services - Regional planning tools and finance institution in France (USF) - Sustainable waste management (CRIDF GDF SUEZ) - AFD's activities Bogota (AFD) - The role of decentralized cooperation in access to basic services (CUF MAEE)
		Workshop 4- Territorial Cohesion - "future city, the future of city" (Sénat France) - For a new relationship between city and countryside (Terre de Liens) - The role of citizens' enterprises - Urban policy (Politique de la ville) and territorial cohesion (Union Sociale de l'Habitat) - City in transition for a new world (Transition Network)
12h30	Salle des pas perdus	Lunch
14h00- 17h00	Hémicycle	Feedback of different works (foreign delegations; workshops) Great European Prize of Town Planners Works of town planners for the next decade "Paris Declaration" Closing addresses
17h00	Hypostyle	Ceremony, partners' time
19h30	Hypostyle	Cocktail







### Addressed issues in Workshops

#### 1- Sustainable City

The whole world is confronted to the urban fact, looking for ecological and alternative cities, raising as many questions as new themes. In the wake of the Leipzig Charter, the sustainable city has to make one with its countryside, to form an urban region whose comprehensive planning would be the first step toward a global thought of regional planning. The mutual enrichment in the world, via North-South and East-West cooperation, in search of meaning, with a cultural dimension can lead few approaches of urban transitions. Among them, let's cite: new synergy biodiversity and economy, complex city and urban governance, the town planner's responsibility, as well as the one of every actors of the city...

- 1) What do we want as future cities, to aim for a high quality of life for everybody and everywhere, and to restore life in society and access to services as basics?
- 2) What can be new approaches at the service of sustainable city?
- 3) How to think, build, and manage, right now, necessary urban transitions?

#### 2- Urban and Strategic Planning

New methods of urban planning are strategic and fed on public and private collective intelligence, looking for a shared process.

- 1) What do "strategic" regional plans bring with regards to conventional planning?
- 2) Strategic planning encourage elaboration of plans by all actors of the city (State, local authorities, professional, private sector, civil society), and associating underprivileged people: the method assumes devices of urban governance. How is the process built in southern countries?
- 3) How do plans are specified in concrete action plans?
- 4) What is the articulation with sectorial development policies: access to basic services, housing, land policies, mobility, economic development, urban security?

#### 3- Basic Services

Since the Johannesburg Summit in 2002, a global movement for the acknowledgement of right to access to basic services for all, grows. The international Guidelines on decentralization and access to basic services for all, adopted respectively by UN-Habitat in 2007 and 2009, define as basic services vital services, necessary for a dignified and decent life, fundamental for the fight against poverty: safe drinking water, energy, transports, communication, drainage system (assainissement), waste management, schools, health and public safety. Access to basic services is the necessary base to access to other services and to urban development in its economic, social and environmental dimensions.

- 1) Which new modalities of partnership governance between State, local authorities, users and services provider?
- 2) How to finance basic services in developing countries?
- 3) How to assure access to basic services in precarious areas, while integrating actors' practices (recognition of informal arrangements)

#### 4- Territorial Cohesion

There couldn't be economic and social cohesion without territorial cohesion: here is one of the objectives of the Lisbon Treaty, which means a reduction of disparities linked to geography, coherence between sectorial policies and the strengthening of links between territories. The know-how have to be gathered and adapted to build, with time, from local to global, urban transitions, especially in the following sectors: improvement of employment growth conditions, better disposition for equity, solidarity, the anticipation of migration, and refugees welcome, adaptability to economic, social and environmental changes.

- 1) How can one really implement social diversity objectives at the different space and time scales?
- 2) Which strategies for local economic development can be lead with regards to social divides, if not urban riots?
- 3) What can be development of former centres, taking into account cultural diversity and in terms of identity in cities?







### Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2011

Schedule	Room	Event
8h30	Rotonde	Participants welcome
9h-12h30	Hémicycle	Works of the European Council of Town Planners
9h- 12h30	Hypostyle	Exhibition open to all
12h30	Salle des pas perdus	Lunch
14h00-17h00	Hémicycle	General Assembly of the European Council of Town Planners
14h00-17h00	Hémicycle	Professional visits outside

### **Special receptions**

	Eve	ent		
Qualification sessions of to Urbanistes)	own planners (C	Office Professionne	l de Qualification	des
General Assembly of Urbanist	es du Monde (wor	rld urban planners)		
General Assembly of <i>Urbanistes Sans Frontière</i> (urban planners without borders)				
Works of international delegations of town planners				
Meeting of partners				

### JMU Library

Catalogue of the exhibition open to all, to diffuse from one city to another
Re-edition of the International Congress of the French Society of Urban Planners in 1923
Report of the Sénat "Future cities forecasting" 2011
Urban Planning portraits ECTP/CEU 2011
Professional books

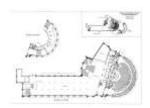






# Exhibition "From one century to another" Open to all - free entrance - November the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> 2011

Salle de l'Hypostyle, CESE Palais d'Iéna



Room	Event		
From	From one century to another: 1911-2011-2111		
	Memory of a century, emblematic pictures		
	Cities on display		
	European Works		
	To Become a Town Planner Urbaniste		
	View of cities		
Conte	ent of the Exhibition Open to all		
	Great European Prizes of Town Planning		
	Great French Prizes of Town Planning		
	National Prize of Urban Art		
	<ul> <li>Prize for thesis on the city</li> </ul>		
	Sustainable European Cities		
	• Ecocities / Eco-quarters		
	Greater Paris / Greater London		
	The Major Partners		
	<ul> <li>Centennial of the French Society of Town Planners</li> </ul>		
Partne	ers' meetings		



### Events, exhibitions in regions 2011...2013...

The exhibition will move in other cities in France and Europe

General public, school pupils, teenagers' workshops, urban and territorial plays, educative visits, numeric creations...

Aix/ Ajaccio/ Bordeaux/ La Rochelle/ Lens-Lievin/ Lille/ Lyon/ Marseille/ Toulouse/ Reims...





