

Planning Laboratory on Sustainable Urban Development Urban Planning for City Leaders Workshop

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Background:

UN-Habitat is providing assistance to local, regional and national governments for sustainable urban planning through its Urban Planning and Design Lab. The lab offers parallel to the normative work of the agency, a project oriented approach to develop urban planning proposals that can be implemented locally and also can contribute in improving the planning process for cities and municipalities in Member states.

UN-Habitat has a long history of collaboration and engagement in the Caribbean region. Currently UN-habitat is providing capacity building support for Caribbean Planners Association. The lab is also supporting the Belmopan City to prepare the new Master Plan and also to identify key transformative projects for potential economic development of the city. Due to strategic priorities in the Caribbean Islands, UN-Habitat is intending to support more cities in this region on sustainable urban development issues. Thus, UN-Habitat is seeking for more collaboration opportunities with relevant city authorities and municipalities in the Caribbean region.

As a part of that effort, The Urban Planning and Design Lab of UN-Habitat intends to organize a one-day planning laboratory for Sustainable Planning and Development Options in Paramaribo. The laboratory will aim to identify key planning issues and sustainable solutions for balanced growth and development in Paramaribo. The lab would also like to use this as an opportunity to define potential resources to implement them in a later stage and replicate the model for other Caribbean cities in future.

General Objectives

The laboratory intends to achieve the following objectives

- To diagnose key planning challenges for sustainable urban development in Paramaribo
- To identify relevant planning tools and principles to address those challenges for Paramaribo
- To validate those principles with expertise and experiences from the region
- To delineate scope for key transformative projects/intervention areas to promote sustainable urban development in Paramaribo

Target group

This one day planning laboratory is expecting participation and collaboration from the following key actors

- Ministry of Physical Planning, Land and Forestry Management
- Ministry of Natural Resources
- Ministry of Transport, Communication and Tourism
- Ministry of Public Works

- Ministry of Housing and Social Affairs
- Ministry of Regional Development
- Planning Bureau of Suriname
- Paramaribo City Council
- Key Non-profits
- Private Planning Organizations
- Caribbean Planners Association
- Suriname Planners Association
- Representative from other Caribbean Islands

Programme Outline

The following are the key sessions for one day planning laboratory in Paramaribo which will take place during the Caribbean urban Forum from 16-21 April, 2016

Morning Session

Session one: Diagnosis of planning challenges

Session two: Planning principles and tools for Paramaribo/Suriname

Afternoon Session

Session three: Validation of tools and principles for Paramaribo/Suriname in contexts of other Caribbean Islands

Session four: Identify potential planning interventions/projects for Paramaribo

(Each session will be supported by interactive discussion and dialogue by different key actors)

***A more detailed programme will be shared with selected participants two weeks before the event*

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There will be a fee of US\$50 to cover expenses associated with the course payable on the day. Lunch and tea/coffee will be provided.