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Seminar on Learning from Urban Innovation 1

Monday 8th November, 20:30 - 22:00 (GMT +8)

Context: Right now, COVID-19 is still raging across the globe, which poses a severe challenge to global urban governance. It is urgent for global leaders to have a joint discussion about promoting urban governance, urban resilience, sustainable development, and other issues in the post COVID-19 era. In 2020, the Fifth Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation (“Guangzhou Award” in short) was held as scheduled. Out of the 273 projects submitted by 175 cities, 15 shortlisted cities distinguished themselves by offering innovative solutions to urban development.

Each cycle of the Guangzhou Award invites shortlisted cities to participate in the Seminars on Learning from Urban Innovation, where the cities go through a final review and respond to questions from the audience to compete for 5 awards. The Seminars on Learning from Urban Innovation welcome urban policy-makers, managers, researchers, and media from around the world, with the aim to facilitate experience sharing and mutual learning among different cities.

The fifteen shortlisted cities are categorized into four groups, that is, Green Cities, Inclusive Cities, Innovative Cities, and Resilient Cities. This session is for group one to make their cases.

Group one: Green Cities

Global warming driven by greenhouse gas emissions is threatening global bio-security. It has also become an important issue and a key challenge in global sustainable development. An increasing number of cities view carbon neutrality and biodiversity as the objectives for future urban development. They are also protecting and improving urban environment and building a low-carbon and green city

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while seeking urban development. The theme for the first session is “Green Cities” , where Copenhagen of Denmark, Breda of Netherlands, and Saint Louis, Senegal will showcase their innovation cases in low-carbon development, environmental protection, and climate change response.

Agenda and speakers

First session: Green Cities	
Moderator: Enrique R. Silva, Director of International Initiatives, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, U.S.	
20 minutes	Addresses: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Address by an official from the Guangzhou Municipal People’s Government (TBD) 2. Address by Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments (TBD) 3. Address by Octavi de la Varga, Secretary General, World Association of the Major Metropolises (TBD) 4. Address by Sylvia Croese, Chairman, Fifth Guangzhou Award Technical Committee, South African Research Chair in Spatial Analysis and City Planning School of Architecture and Planning, University of the Witwatersrand
5 minutes	Convenor Nicholas You explains the rules of the presentation
5 minutes	Moderator introduces the group
35 minutes	Shortlisted cities present their projects. Each city will be given 10 minutes for their presentation. The cities are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Copenhagen, Denmark: Cycling Superhighways; 6. Breda, Netherlands: Urban River Regeneration through Nature Inclusive Quays 7. Department Council of Saint Louis, Senegal: Inter-municipal approach for the safeguard and enhancement of the Mangrove by the Local Authorities
25 minutes	Q&A

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