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## Seminar on Learning from Urban Innovation 3

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 22:30 - 24:00 (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 three to make their cases.

Group three: Innovative Cities

Technological innovation offers effective, affordable, and replicable tools for the sustainable development of cities. The use of such innovative tools provides endless fresh energy to the realization of a city’ s objectives. The theme for the third session is “Innovative Cities” , where São José dos

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Pinhais of Brazil, Quito of Ecuador, Cape Town of South Africa, and Los Angeles of the United States will demonstrate how to make better use of innovative tools to promote urban sustainable development.

### Agenda and speakers

Third session: Innovative Cities Moderator: Anjali Mahendra, Director of Global Research at WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities (TBD)	
5 minutes	Convenor Nicholas You explains the rules of the presentation
5 minutes	Moderator introduces the group
50 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"> <li><b>São José dos Pinhais, Brazil:</b> Digital Platform and Social Participation Campaign to Improve Public Health Response</li> <li><b>Quito, Ecuador:</b> Eco-Efficiency tool for the Metropolitan District of Quito</li> <li><b>City of Cape Town, South Africa:</b> Western Cape Industrial Symbiosis Programme (WISP) delivered by GreenCape</li> <li><b>Los Angeles, United States of America:</b> Open Source Tools for Action on the SDGs</li> </ol>
30 minutes	Q&A

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