

Sustainable Renewal of Financial and Economic Hubs

Programme

- 08:00 – 09:00 **Registration and breakfast**
- 09:00 – 09:10 **INTRODUCTION BY CO-CHAIRS**
Stephen Barter, Chairman of Advisory Board, Oxford University Programme for the Future of Cities
Tom Mitchell, South China Correspondent, Financial Times
- 09:10 – 09:40 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Carrie Lam, Secretary for Development, Hong Kong SAR government
- 09:40 – 10:00 **INTERVIEW**
Barry Cheung, Chairman, Urban Renewal Authority, Hong Kong
- 10:00 – 10:50 **PANEL DISCUSSION**
Urban regeneration: economic and social impact
The financial crisis is presenting planners and policy-makers already trying to cope with growing populations and the pressures on urban space with new challenges as they try to create effective and viable living and working environments that will maintain the competitiveness of their cities as financial or economic hubs. What are the main priorities for municipal governments in the current crisis? Do potentially costly energy efficiency solutions take a back seat to other, more immediate issues such as affordable housing, efficient transport, and the preservation of old buildings? Is it better to preserve the past or build for the future? How has the recent fall in real estate values, shortage of liquidity and downturn in consumer spending affected the viability of commercially driven regenerated areas?
- Panellists:**
Barry Cheung, Chairman, Urban Renewal Authority, Hong Kong
Keith Griffiths, Chairman – Asia and the Middle East, AEDAS
Liu Thai Ker, Chairman, Centre for Liveable Cities, Singapore
Peter Cookson Smith, Founding Director, Urbis
- Moderator:**
Tom Mitchell, South China Correspondent, Financial Times
- 10:50 – 11:10 **Refreshments**
- 11:10 – 11:40 **CASE STUDY (part one - Madrid)**
A number of factors – environmental, social, cultural, financial and structural -- must be taken into account in conceiving and developing successful urban renewal projects. A pioneering urban planner from a financial or economic centre discusses the obstacles to be overcome and the possible solutions, as well as the best practice models that may be applied to other developed or emerging hubs.
- Presented by:**
Ignacio Nino Perez, Chief Executive Officer, Madrid Global

11:40 – 12:30

PANEL DISCUSSION

Financing and investing in urban renewal: what is the best model?

Amid restraints on public spending and volatility in land and property prices, innovative public-private partnership solutions are needed to encourage private developers and financial institutions to take part in urban renewal. How can affordable housing, for instance, be made financially viable for investors in a market-driven system? What are the best financial models for urban regeneration given the need to meet social and environmental goals? How can the social gains from renewal be measured in any cost benefit analysis? How can good governance be assured?

Panellists:

Nicholas Brooke, Chairman, Professional Property Services Group

Alven Lam, Director, International Research, US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Bindu Lohani, Vice President for Finance and Administration, Asian Development Bank

Moderator:

Stephen Barter, Chairman of Advisory Board, Oxford University Programme for the Future of Cities

12:30 – 14:00

LUNCH

14:00 – 14:50

PANEL DISCUSSION

Low-carbon living: how green do we need to go?

The key to low-carbon urban living is how buildings, spaces, places and transport systems are planned and managed. Experts discuss their models for regenerated areas that save energy and produce less carbon, contributing to a healthier, less polluted living and working environment. What are the optimal “green” building designs? Is it enough just to have more trees to cool down urban areas or are there more complex and effective space designs that can be implemented? Should regenerated areas be designed to discourage the use of private cars? Is there a way to ensure that low-carbon developments are commercially viable and therefore a win-win solution for all parties?

Panellists:

Kevin Edmunds, Chief Operating Officer, Business Environment Council, Hong Kong

K.S. Wong, Director of Sustainable Design, Ronald Lu & Partners

Moderator:

Stephen Barter, Chairman of Advisory Board, Oxford University Programme for the Future of Cities

14:50 – 15:20

CASE STUDY (part two - Birmingham)

Presented by:

Philip Singleton, Assistant Director, City Centre Development and Design, Birmingham City Council

15:20 – 15:40

Refreshments

15:40 – 16:30

PANEL DISCUSSION

Public spaces: the key to new urban planning?

Urban planners, designers and architects often still produce areas that merely aim to satisfy basic housing, office or leisure/shopping requirements. However, there is a growing recognition that urban design should go further than basic functionality, and emphasise the broader social and environmental benefits of public spaces. What are the key requirements for the creation of successful public spaces in urban

design? What should these spaces seek to achieve to be sustainable? Is there a danger that public spaces are over-emphasised to the detriment of more commercially viable developments that will bring more wealth to the community?

Panellists:

Albert Chan, Director of Planning and Development, Shui On Land
Paul Katz, President, Kohn Pederson Fox Associates

Moderator:

Stephen Barter, Chairman of Advisory Board, Oxford University Programme for the Future of Cities

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PANEL DISCUSSION

Possible futures for Hong Kong

Given the urban challenges facing Hong Kong, a number of possible futures can be imagined for the city and the regeneration of its under-utilised areas. Leading experts from the business community, academia and civil society discuss these different scenarios and attempt to put forward a series of concrete steps to optimise Hong Kong's urban development and maintain its strength as a global financial centre.

Panellists:

Law Chi-kwong, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, University of Hong Kong
Peter Lee, Chairman, Hysan Development
Christine Loh, CEO, Civic Exchange
Chris Law, Director, The Oval Partnership

Moderator:

Tom Mitchell, South China Correspondent, Financial Times

17:30 – 17:35

CLOSING REMARKS BY CO-CHAIRS

17:35 – 19:00

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

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