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Around the Task Groups and Working Commissions

W110 – Informal Settlements and Affordable Housing

Introducing the New Working Commission

During its meeting in March 2005 in Madrid, the CIB Program Committee established a new Working Commission W110 on "Informal Settlement and Affordable Housing". W110 will continue with an extended Scope from the work done by former CIB TG40 on "Informal settlements". Prof. Happy Santosa and Prof. Liana de Bustillos are appointed as the Joint Coordinators of W110. It is expected that a Coordinator representing Africa will be appointed at a later stage. The Scope and Objectives of former CIB W063 on "Affordable Housing" will be considered as part of the activities of W110.

A News article on the Final Report of former TG40 is available from [here](#).

Scope and Objectives

The scope of the research on informal settlements and housing include government regulations, informal settlements and housing policies and programs, social-economic issues and people participations, housing design delivery systems, building technology transfer and guidance, land development, site planning and housing for special need groups, such as elderly, disaster victims, etc....

Further, the main issues to address are:

- How to create sustainable livelihood in the informal settlements incorporating the inhabitants participation
- How the stakeholders can transfer the technology to assist the community in the development or improvement of the settlement physical, social and economic conditions

- How to provide affordable houses that are more relevant for low-income family.

The detailed objectives are as follows:

- To investigate informal settlements, that have not previously been adequately researched and propose solutions for their improvement in order to create sustainable livelihoods incorporating people participation.
- To transfer technology, education and technical information and guidance on healthy settlements and housing and social economic improvements, from the universities and scientific institutes, the NGOs or other stakeholders to the communities.
- To create an international focal point for the collection, organization and dissemination of research results and demonstration related to enabling the provision of affordable housing and informal settlements world wide.
- To establish an information interchange network among informal settlements and housing researchers and practitioners.

Work Programme and Meetings

The envisaged will be based on research, documented observations and collected information, which address the objectives and scope of W110. Activities would partly be in the form of regional group meetings (Africa, Asia and Latin America respectively). At the main commission meetings, each continent's coordinator will present the result of their regional study. Interchanges of work progress will also be done via e-mail or internet conferences.



The following phases and activities are expected:

Phase 1

- Circulation by e-mail of the work program and intended work plan, scope and terms of reference.
- Finalization of the list of active project participants, roles and resources.
- When and if appropriate, preparation of proposal for funding. In any case, the request for funding should not be a condition for committing to actively participate into the project.

Phase 2

- Survey on existing research, documented observations and collected information.
- Establish an information interchange network among researchers and practitioners

Phase 3

- Research progress presentation and meeting.
- Report on the information interchange network.
- Agreement on way forward for the project

Phase 4

- Finalization of continent reports
- Documentation of the research reports
- Publication and dissemination (Journal, conference)
- Final commission meeting

Planned Output

- Reports will be produced as outcome of the annual meetings
- Proceedings from conference to be organized on the topic of W110
- Continent case study reports will be produced at the end of the project by mid 2006
- Publication of articles in a Journal

Meetings

Planning for the first commission meeting is still under discussion. Possible dates are for late 2005 and early 2006. More details on planned meetings will be provided in the near future.

Annual meetings will be held as is the practice with CIB commissions. W110 will aim at having joint meetings or meetings in conjunction with other CIB commissions working on related issues in building design and Sustainable Development.

Additional Information

For additional information about CIB W110 and its future meetings, please contact W110 Coordinators:
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