Integrated Neighbourhood Approach to Urban Planning and Management

Training Event (28), 12 February 2020, 09:00-12:00
Capital Suites, First Floor, CS 6
Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Center, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Integrated Neighbourhood Approach to Urban Planning and Management, the training will introduce a comprehensive set of guidelines developed by UNEP that distills existing and new urban planning and management strategies to help communities become catalysts of sustainable change in their cities. The guidelines are aimed at rapid replication of strategies on topics relevant to cities such as sustainable buildings and construction, nature-based adaptation, resource management, and energy efficiency.

These guidelines use four levers for planning:
1. Spatial planning and urban forums
2. Buildings efficiency
3. Cross systems optimizations
4. People’s behaviour.

Urban systems like transport, energy, water and waste are brought together to create synergies that result in greater efficiencies in sustainable resource use as well as financial savings, which is a key factor to consider in an increasingly resource constrained urbanization.

**Session Format**

**Presentations (10 minutes each)**
- Welcome by moderator Ms. Martina Otto, Head of the Cities Unit, UNEP (5 mins.)
- A representative from UNEP’s Science Division (TBC - will leave immediately after intervention) will provide an introduction of the state of the environment in cities. (10 mins.)
- Honorable Chiri Babu Maharjan, the Mayor of Lalitpur (10 mins.)
- Presentation of the integrated neighbourhood approach guidelines by Mr. Serge Salat, Senior Adviser, UNEP (15-20 mins.)
- Introduction of participants (10 mins.)

**Workshop (60 minutes)**
Developing a contextualized neighbourhood approach through a simulation exercise, facilitated by Kirstin Miller, Executive Director, Ecocity Builders and Sharon Gil, Programme Officer, Cities Unit, UNEP

**Presentation of group findings and comments per presentation (60 minutes)**
Maximum 5 minutes per group to present + 5 minutes for comments

**Overall expert assessment/comments to group presentations (10 minutes)**
Maximum 5 minutes per group

**Wrap up and closing (10 minutes)**
Ms. Martina Otto, Head, Cities Unit, UNEP