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Governance
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1030– 1100
Tea Break
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1230– 1400
Lunch
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Regenerative Townships of Tomorrow
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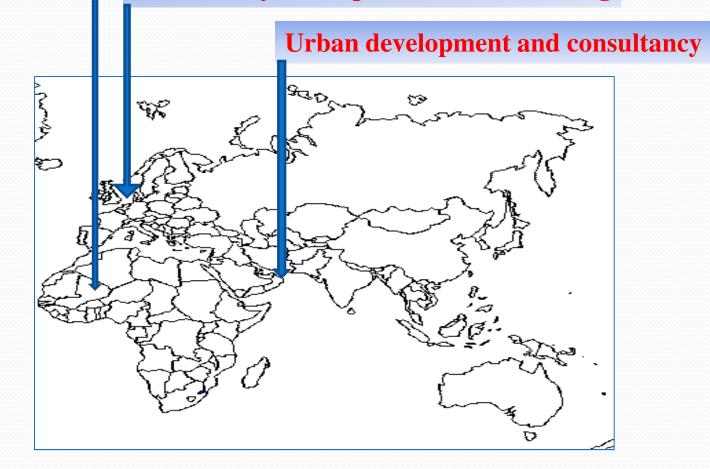
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- **Sustainable development**

- **Community participation**
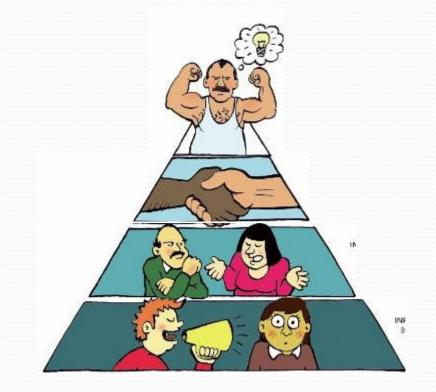

- **Environmental awareness**

Governance

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Citizens do not feel responsible for their community.

- Behavior
- Rules and regulations
- Distanced

Governance

- Strong civil society

- Co-production

- Interaction and dialog

- Information

Community governance

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Governance Background

- Laith Wark is a Registered Landscape Architect and a member of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA).

- Thirteen (13) years professional experience total; four (4) years in Australia, nine (9) years in The Gulf.

- Co-founded Verdaus Landscape Architects in 2004. Now Projects Director.

- Responsible for landscape scope on over two hundred (200) projects in Australia, the Middle East, and India.

- Has experience on devlivering landscape and water integrated solutions on real projects.

- Projects include: New Parliament House of Oman, Sohar University, Navi Mumbai Special Economic Zone, Veneto East in Dubai Waterfront.

Governance
Case studies

- There are many examples of good governance that contribute towards more sustainable cities. However "regenerative" cities is a more sophisticated concept yet to be adopted.

- Examples of beneficial policies and guidelines include:

- City of Melbourne WSUD Guidelines.

- More to follow....

Governance Issues

- How to get urban design issues high on the political agenda, and keep them there?

- Ownership, accountability and responsibility in government are key to successful governance. Will these increase or decrease?

- Will the demands of the rising middle class produce better quality urban development, in particular a better quality public realm?

- What are the national, regional, and local characteristics that threaten or benefit the development of regenerative townships?

- How to improve integration and the policy and adminstration levels?

- How to make broad policy that also addresses the needs of spefic locations, sites and projects?

Governance Solutions

- Educate, lobby, and advocate for integrated approach to land development.

- Provide an accountability framework to incentavise governmental performance towards an integrated approach to land development.

- Ensure spinoff benefits from the demands of the rising middle classes for better quality of life remain with the public realm.

- Increase and improve policy for integrated design. Get this into legislation.

- Develop a broad policy that allows for flexibility to deal with specific locations, sites and projects. Ensure the key outcomes are achieved.

- Inform key stakeholders of the land plannding and design processes.

- Allocate appropriate land for multifunctions including stormwater management, recreational openspace and moblity.

Auroville Green Practices Conference 2011
Regenerative Townships

Name of Workshop: Governance

Name of presenter: Robin King

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Background and Experience

List of projects that the presenter has been involved with (as a professional or as a student)

Name of project: Links between Shelter, Mobility, and Livelihoods, Bangalore, India, 2010-ongoing

Name of project: Professor of Latin American Political Economy, Georgetown University, Washington, DC USA

Name of project: Accommodation or Defiance: Mexico's Balancing of External and Internal Pressures in the Face of Debt Crisis and Structural Adjustment

Critical issues

List of issues that the presenter is aware of in the workshop topic

Issue: Low inclusiveness
Brief description of issue: Policy decisions made without sufficient and/or effective consultation with citizens.

Issue: Insufficient transparency
Brief description of issue: Lack of information provided to the public about policy decisions that will affect them

Issue: Poor quality of press coverage of such issues
Brief description of issue: Press coverage of governance issues does not promote productive discussion – on the one side it is focused on "gotcha" while on the other it merely repeats what sources (be they government, industry, or civil society) – without providing useful context, sources of data, or even juxtaposing different views/data/opinions.

Solutions to Critical issues

Possible solutions to the issues presented in the previous slide

Issue: Low inclusiveness
Solution to the issue: More participatory processes for key policy areas (budgeting, for example)

Issue: Insufficient transparency
Solution to the issue: Pro-active requirement to provide information (not reactive like RTI) in effective way (multiple languages, media, timings)

Issue: Poor quality of press coverage of such issues
Solution to the issue: Training courses for press to increase their awareness/understanding of substantive areas of coverage

Thank you

Without good governance, no sustainable cities

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Personal background & publications

- 2011 -   Freelance writer and lecturer; Founder, DOCHAKUKA - For a more decent world
- 2006 – 10 Coordinator and Chair, Marrakech Task Force on Sustainable Buildings and Construction; UN-led initiative of the Ministry of the Environment of Finland
- 2009   Ph.D. (Urban Studies), Helsinki University of Technology (now Aalto University)
- 2005 – 06 Guest professor (Sustainable Urbanism) at Chalmers UT, Gothenburg
- 2004 –   External expert, Holcim Foundation, Zurich holcimfoundation.org
- 2004   Immediate Past Chair and Senior Advisor, ICLEI World Secretariat, Toronto
- 2000 – 03 Chair of ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability
- 1993 – 03 Executive Director, Building Control Department, City of Helsinki
- 1992 – 93 Deputy City Architect, Department of Public Works, City of Helsinki
- 1988 – 91 Editor-in-Chief, ARKKITEHTI, the Finnish Architectural Review
- 1985 – 88 Own practice as an architect in Helsinki
- 1973 – 84 Design architect in architecture offices in Zurich, Helsinki and New York
- 1982   M.Sc. (Historic Preservation), Columbia University, NY
- 1973   M.Sc. (Architecture), ETH-Zurich

SELECTED MOST RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- 2010   *Sustainable Buildings and Construction in Africa.* (co-editor) Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany, (www.ymparisto.fi/download.asp?contentid=122031&lan=en)
- 2010   Financing as risk management in a sustainable building process. Chapter in *Sustainable Building Process*, VTT research project
- 2010   Finland took buildings and construction to the Marrakech Process. *POINTS,* Newsletter of the Env. Ministry of Finland, Points on the Marrakech Task Force on Sustainable Buildings and Construction with Finland as lead country 2006-2010
- 2010   Buildings and construction as tools for promoting more sustainable patterns of consumption and production. *Sustainable Development Innovation Briefs*, Issue 9, March 2010. UN DESA DSD, New York, un.org/esa/dsd/resources/res_pdfs/publications/ib/no9.pdf
- 2009   *Cities for Sale. How economic globalization transforms the local public sphere*. Doctoral thesis. Helsinki University of Technology. Espoo. lib.tkk.fi/Diss/2009/isbn9789522480491/isbn9789522480491.pdf

Sustainable cities require…

- Integrated land use and mobility planning

- Decent housing and transport for all

- Decent work for all

- Sustainable urban infrastructure(s)

- Energy consumption reduction targets

- Investment in renewable energy production

- Sustainable public (and private) procurement

- Sustainable financing!

- And to be able to accomplish all that, accountable, participatory and transparent governance.

Critical issues specific to governance

- Corruption
- Good policies but missing enforcement
- Neglecting the needs of the poor

Solutions or suggestions for the issues

- Corruption
  - Decent pay for civil servants
  - 0-tolerance on bribery
  - Corruption at all levels is a crime to be punished
- Good policies but missing enforcement
  - Eradication of corruption
- Neglecting the needs of the poor
  - Political will to create an inclusive society and equity
  - Empowerment, introduction of deliberative practices of decision-making, such as participatory budgeting
  - Funded programmes and micro-loans to support creation of decent housing and decent employment