



## Commonwealth Association of Planners

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### CAP Newsletter – WUF9



Welcome to a special newsletter celebrating the CAP involvement at the United Nations Habitat World Urban Forum (WUF) 9 held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in February 2018. Many CAP members were participating both individually and representing CAP.

The theme of the Ninth session of the WUF “Cities 2030, Cities for All: Implementing the New Urban Agenda” was designed to focus on the New Urban Agenda (NUA) as a tool and accelerator for achieving Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The NUA was adopted in October 2016 at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development – Habitat III in Quito, Ecuador. It is a result of a unique consensus among all participating states. The document sets out a common vision and global standards for urban development in the coming decades.

WUF9 was focused on action oriented work for the implementation of the NUA. With more than 22,000 participants from 165 countries (including 100 Ministers and Deputy Ministers), many concrete implementation steps were debated with a key outcome being the Kuala Lumpur declaration

<http://wuf9.org/kuala-lumpur-declaration>

CAP members Malaysia Institute of Planners were part of the organising committee and should be very proud of the success of the event. CAP members presented in many sessions including:

## Planners for Climate Action

CAP and our GPN partners participated in the launch of Planners for Climate Action, coming together as a new cooperative initiative under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Marrakesh Partnership for Global Climate Action. The new initiative was publicly launched on Human Settlements Day (November 11, 2017) at the 23rd Conference of Parties (COP-23) to the UNFCCC in Bonn, and the group met and hosted several sessions at WUF9. CAP was represented by Dyan Currie, Bryce Julyan (NZPI) and Barbara Norman (PIA).



Professor Norman also shared her latest book which was formally launched the following week in Australia. Sustainable Pathways for Our Cities and Regions explores the effects of urbanisation and climate change and the need for a long-term vision, integrated planning and national sustainable development strategies – available at [Routledge.com](http://Routledge.com)



The Planning for Rapid Urbanisation Project was the focus of a session with presentations by Prince's Foundation for Building Community and New York University. Chaired by Dyan Currie, the session explored the potential implementation options for the Toolkit



Malaysia Institute Planners and Rapid Urbanisation project team talks in KL

### **Global Planners Network session – Good Governance and Good Planning**

This networking session demonstrated specific ways planning increases transparency; improves government integration; and creates a platform for public, private, and NGO collaboration. Case examples from Brisbane, Australia to Beaumont, Canada, gave the audience a great cross section of practical ideas to better serve our communities.



Eleanor Mohamed, President of the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP); Dy Currie, President of the Commonwealth Association of Planners (CAP); John Acres, President of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI); and Ric Stevens, vice chair of APA's International Division and president of ISOCARP.

## RTPI The Urban Dimension of Climate Change



- Professor Peter Head CBE, Founder and Chief Executive of Resilience Brokers called for volunteer regions to be set up across the Commonwealth as a demonstration program using the integrated modelling platform to help city regions plan their future.
- Professor Barbara Norman HonRTPI, PIA Fellow, from the University of Canberra, outlined sustainable pathways cities and regions can use to plan effectively for climate change.
- Noraida Saludin, Vice President of the Malaysian Institute of Planners, focused on how places could turn policies into action, identifying the tools required but also the need for incentives.
- Eleanor Mohamed, President of the Canadian Institute of Planners, used the experiences of indigenous communities in arctic Canada to illustrate the need for action.
- Following a question from the audience, RTPI Chief Executive Trudi Elliott MRTPI discussed the [Commonwealth Association of Planners Young Planners Network](#) and their initiative to engage with the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in London this April. She also explained how the RTPI's new strand of work on climate would help [practitioners build resilient and low carbon communities](#).

### CAP event Rapid Urbanisation

Chaired by RTPI President John Acres, the CAP session on practical examples of solutions to rapid urbanisation challenges involved presentations by Bryce Julyan (New Zealand Planning Institute), Hendrik Tieben (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Dyan Currie and Ihsan Zainal Mohktar – President Malaysia Institute of Planners. The speakers shared experiences of planning responses to rapid urbanisation issues in Malaysia, Hong Kong and the South Pacific and also pre-viewed the Prince's Foundation Rapid Urbanisation initiative and toolkit (mentioned earlier).



MIP President Ihsan Zainal Mohktar presenting in the CAP session.

CAP also participated in **steering committee meetings** for the Habitat Professionals Forum, The General Assembly of Partners, World Urban Campaign and the Global Planners Network as well as participating in multiple other panels and networking sessions.

**HRH Prince Charles, The Prince of Wales** addressed the conference saying that sustainable urbanisation is one of the great challenges of our time and we need to rethink how we plan and manage places. His video address is available at <https://www.unhabitat.org>

**CAP Past President Cliff Hague** also launched the Leading Change: Delivering the New Urban Agenda through Urban and Territorial Planning book available for free download from <https://www.unhabitat.org>

The book was commissioned by the South African Local Government Association and the South African Department of Human Settlements and UN-Habitat. In a Foreword they collectively say “We hope that this book will help national governments, local and regional authorities and their networks, professional associations, and civil society networks, across the globe, to engage with planning and use it as tool to deliver sustainable, inclusive, resilient and safe cities and human settlements.”



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A huge thank you to our Malaysia Institute of Planners' partners for their support and hosting during this event.

