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Nanning International Conference on Sustainable Urban Development - From Research to Action -

Nanning, China
9 to 11 November 2005

An event of the European Union and UN-HABITAT research initiative in support of sustainable human settlements.

The City of Nanning, China, will be the host of an International Conference on Sustainable Urban Development bringing together representatives of the scientific community and local government for evaluating research approaches and results, stimulating their take-up by local authorities and designing further scientific cooperation activities.

The programme of the conference will be based on research activities in the context of the European Union Research Framework Programme, UN-HABITAT and other organisations and institutions.

The conference will foster an exchange on projects and programmes deriving from research activities that have been carried out for and in cooperation with local governments, focusing on the following main themes:

- urban governance and sustainable management and planning;
- sustainable land-use planning; and
- sustainable housing and construction.

The conference participants will discuss and evaluate framework conditions for the exchange of research on human settlements and sustainable urban development, with a view to contribute to improving local government policies. To this end, the questions to be discussed will be, among others:

- Under what conditions can research act on and react to real local needs?
- How can local governments provide their input to the design of research?
- How can local governments be active partners in research?
- How can results of research best be transferred to the local level and find entry into local implementation?

The participants will also provide their comments and input to a set of draft recommendations targeted at decision-makers of the European Commission, national and international funders of research, local governments and their associations as well as other key players in research for local sustainability. The recommendations will give directions for better frameworks and innovative means to accelerate the diffusion and use of successful experiences and practices on sustainable urban management.

The Nanning Conference is part of a research initiative between the European Union and UN-HABITAT. It is also a component of the project RELAY – Research for Local Action towards Sustainable Human Settlements, coordinated by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability.

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