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CAP Newsletter

Welcome to the July CAP Newsletter sharing news of activities by our members around the world.

The CAP Executive is very excited to announce that 3 new member institutes have joined our association.

Welcome to the planners from the Zambia Institute of Planners, St Lucia Institute of Land Use Planners and the Planner's Association of Dominica. We look forward to working with you and hearing about planning in your country.

In other news, preparations continue for United Nations Habitat 3 in October in Ecuador and details of the CAP 2016 Business meeting and Planning for Sustainable Development Conference in collaboration with the New Zealand Planning Institute have been announced for 7-10 November in Fiji (details below).

It's also been conference season around the world so updates from Canada, Caribbean, South Africa and the United Kingdom are included

Please contact us if you have information to share or questions about CAP activities.

Habitat III preparations are continuing well

Habitat III (17-20 October 2016) preparations continue. CAP and its members are part of multiple working groups including the Global Assembly of Partners (GAP). This particular group has a combined outreach of approximately 1 billion people. The GAP has membership of 900 organisations and direct contact with approximately 1200 associations and individuals. If you are keen to know more you please visit the [Global Urban Commons](#) website to see a world map and listing.

CAP is also working with the [World Urban Campaign](#) with updates available here.

The latest material from the Habitat 3 team and the working groups is available now with the latest draft of the [New Urban Agenda](#) available and the release of the [Partnerships for the New Urban Agenda](#) - the publication of the General Assembly of Partners work- a consensus document listing principles, enabling factors and six ideas for stakeholder engagement post Habitat III. CAP has been part of both of these activities.

Zambia Institute of Planners

We are a membership organisation responsible for regulating, maintaining and promoting professional standards and accrediting planners, students of planning, learning institutions offering planning and firms practicing spatial planning in Zambia.

"...continued professional development of our members is at the heart of everything we do. We just don't believe in change, we want to grow this body of knowledge that inform change by responding and providing solutions that really work for our citizens".
Cooper Chibomba (MZIP), President

Our Vision: Creating Livable spaces through Quality Professionals with quality practice in public interest

Our Mission: Advancing the science of spatial planning to achieve inclusive sustainable development through professional self-regulation of Planners and the allied professionals in public interest.

Our Commitment: is to give the Zambian people a real say in shaping the inclusive places where they live, play and work. We champion sustainability.



Planner's Association of Dominica



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The Planners Association of Dominica was founded in June 2015, less than one year ago. We are a very small Association and our current focus is public education and awareness.

St Lucia Institute of Land Use Planners

The St Lucia Institute of Land Use Planners was established in 2015 and joined CAP in June this year. The President of the Institute is Joanna Raynold Arthurton, Permanent Secretary in the St Lucia Ministry of Physical Development, Housing and Urban Renewal.

Canadian Institute of Planners update

CIP's National Conference was a Great Success



On July 5-8, 2016 planners from across Canada and abroad congregated in Quebec City for the CIP/OUQ's Accent on Planning 2016 Conference. The conference was attended by over 600 delegates and featured three keynote speakers and over 200 presenters. The conference programming centered around the themes: shared responsibility among stakeholders, smarter cities, and responsible water cycle management. CIP is grateful to OUQ for being a wonderful provincial host.

Looking to 2017, CIP is also pleased to announce next year's conference will be hosted in partnership with the Alberta Professional Planners Institute and will take place in Calgary, Alberta, from June 17-21, 2017. Be sure to visit and bookmark cip-icu.ca/Resilience2017 for conference updates.

RTPI update

The annual RTPI Planning Convention was held in June with President Phil Williams making an impassioned plea to politicians to value the role of planners and planning particularly post the EU Referendum result.

Nearly 400 professionals packed the convention as they heard from a range of national and international experts on how planning requires leadership and clarity as well as the importance of strategic planning. Highlights included Alfonso Vegara, a briefing from the Planning Inspectorate, planner turned MP Helen Hayes and the CEO of the National Infrastructure Commission. [More information available here.](#)

South African Planning Institute (SAPI) 20th anniversary and Conference

On 4 to 6 July 2016, the 7th Planning Africa conference of the South African Planning Institute (SAPI) was held in Johannesburg. Close to 400 delegates deliberated 126 abstracts prepared for conference by local and international planners on the conference theme Making Sense of the Future: Disruption and Reinvention.

The conference coincided with SAPI's 20th anniversary and past presidents of SAPI were present at the conference. Keynote addresses to conference were done by the Mayor of Johannesburg, the MEC for Cooperative Governance, Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements Gauteng Province and Minister in the Presidency for Planning, Performance, Monitoring, Evaluation and Administration. All three spheres of the government were present in one session of conference to reinforce the value and importance of planning. [More information](#)



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From L to R Mr Yusuf Patel (Past President of SAPI), Mr Paul Mashatile (MEC of Cooperative Governance, Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements Gauteng Province), Ms Nthato Minyuku (current President of SAPI), Mr Jeff Radebe (Minister in the Presidency for Planning, Performance, Monitoring, Evaluation and Administration) and Mr Parks Tau (Mayor of Johannesburg)

Over the 20 years SAPI has developed into a highly respected professional body. It has made a significant contribution to the reformation of planning in South Africa. During the conference Minister Radebe, announced that the planning function in government would be co-ordinated from the Presidency under his leadership.

[CAP Conference 2016](#)

7-10 November, Shangri La Resort - Fiji



The New Zealand Planning Institute, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Association of Planners and the Planning Institute of Australia, is proud to invite you to attend Planning for Sustainable Development.

On the 25 September 2015, countries signed up to a set of goals to end poverty, protect the environment and ensure prosperity for all as part of a new sustainable development agenda. Environmental sustainability and economic development have become central issues for planners and local government practitioners facing the impacts of climate change; natural hazards, housing shortages and declining infrastructure.

The links between environmental sustainability and economic development are now better understood, indicating that a good planning system is critical to effect positive change. A transformational shift to planning for sustainable development is required, it will include strengthening planning capability, enhancing government frameworks and building capacity at a national, regional and local level.

The conference will raise and address a number of key challenges facing planners and local government practitioners around the world in achieving this transformation and shift to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. The conference will be relevant to both developed and developing nations, including small island nations, nations with coastal settlements and those experiencing growing urban pressures. It will be of interest to planners and policy makers but also others involved in national and local government, environmental and social development. Using the context of the Pacific the conference will be workshop based and the output of the conference will be a structure and tool box for developing a programme of action to address the Sustainable Development Goals, which may reflect the issues of the Pacific region but can be adapted for others.



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Governance review

CAPs Executive Committee has been carrying out a governance review focussing on the role of Vice Presidents and membership of the Executive Committee. Under current arrangements CAP has eight Vice Presidents who each represent CAP members in a Region of the Commonwealth and have a place on the Executive Committee. Under the proposed arrangements each CAP member would appoint a Vice President who would have a place on the Executive Committee. This would enable each CAP member to have equal status in the governance structure of CAP. However, before any changes can be made CAPs members will be consulted and a final decision taken at the CAP Conference of Delegates on 8 November in Fiji. For further information please contact Clive Harridge.

Affiliate membership

CAPs Executive Committee is giving consideration to opening CAPs membership to non-Commonwealth organisations which share CAPs objectives. Subject to paying a subscription each organisation would become an Affiliate member and be able to participate in our activities. However they would not have the same voting rights as full CAP members and would not be eligible for a place on the Executive Committee. Before any changes can be made, CAPs members will be consulted and a final decision taken at the CAP Conference of Delegates on 8 November in Fiji. For further information please contact Clive Harridge.

Caribbean Urban Forum, April, 2016

CAP was strongly represented at this highly important conference held in Paramaribo, Suriname in April 2016. Under the theme of “Sustainable Urban Development: the Gap between Rhetoric and Reality” over 200 delegates from across the Caribbean region and beyond attended the event which included a prestigious and influential range of speakers. The event also included a meeting of the Steering Group of the CAP led project “Strengthening Professional Planning Capacity to Advance a Caribbean Urban Agenda” funded by UN Habitat. Of particular note during CUF was the official launch of the Spatial Planners Association Suriname. This is one of four new national planning associations established during 2015 / 2016 through the CAP project - the others being

- St. Lucia Institute of Land Use Planners
- Planning Association of Dominica
- Guyana Planning Association

Clive Harridge attended CUF and participated in the Project steering Group and met representatives of the new Associations. The project is now nearing completion and consideration is being given to follow up activities and how the lessons can be applied to other regions of the Commonwealth including the Pacific Region which has similar characteristics.



Clive Harridge meeting members of the new national planning associations in Paramaribo



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Planning for Rapid Urbanisation – A new CAP project supported by HRH The Prince of Wales

CAP is working with the Prince's Foundation and other partners to develop an effective planning response to the challenges of rapid urbanisation and climate change. The project reflects key concerns expressed by HRH The Prince of Wales, urging the need to ensure a practical and effective response to the intense pressures of urbanisation that are being experienced in so many parts of the Commonwealth. Clive Harridge recently attended a private meeting at Marlborough House, London with HRH Prince Charles and project partners to discuss the project. This important initiative will be launched at CAP's Conference of Delegates in Fiji in November. For further information please contact Clive Harridge.

Meeting the Commonwealth's Secretary-General, Baroness Patricia Scotland

Clive Harridge had the honour of meeting Baroness Patricia Scotland at Marlborough House in July at the same time as his meeting with HRH Prince Charles (see above item). In the discussion Baroness Scotland confirmed that she would give a video message to the CAP biennial conference in Fiji in November which was great news. Baroness Scotland was also highly supportive of CAP's partnership with the Prince's Foundation on the rapid urbanisation project – securing such high level endorsement of the project is excellent.



CAP details

For over 40 years CAP has promoted planning around the world. It has influenced the way people and governments think about planning. CAP captures the very essence of planning with its strong sense of purpose in ensuring planning plays an essential role, a strong sense of identity across the Commonwealth and a strong ethos of working together.

In addition most of its activities are carried out by volunteers from professional planning institutes around the world. Together these institutes have a combined membership of over 40,000 people.

For more information

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