

# PLANNING LAB TRAINING

## Saudi Urban Forum

**DATE:** 15-10-2018

**TIME:** 1pm-3pm

**LOCATION:** Crowne Plaza Riyadh

**Maximum Number of Participants:** 40

**Application Deadline:** 27-09-2018

\*Selected applicants will receive confirmation on Oct. 1st.

**INVITED PARTICIPANTS:** Amanah, 4th and 5th Year Planning & Architecture Students, Planning Faculty, Planning NGOs, Private Planning Sector, And Other City Planning Agencies.

### ABOUT UN-HABITAT URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN LAB

The Urban Planning and Design Lab is an initiative from UN-HABITAT to promptly respond to the requests of national and local governments to support sustainable urban development.

The focus areas of the LAB are:

- Citywide strategies
- Planned city extensions (and new towns)
- Urban infill, densification and renewal
- Planning guidelines and capacity development
- Climate change and urban planning

The LAB acts as the integrative facility of the Future Saudi Cities Programme (FSCP) in which spatial planning is used as the tool coordinating economic, legal, social and environmental aspects of urban development, translating them into concrete and implementable projects that materialize the normative work of UN-HABITAT. These urban strategies generate value, economic development and jobs.

A joint "FSCP Urban LAB" was set as a vehicle to strengthen endogenous capacities and develop tailored tools and instruments as needed in the Programme. The FSCP Lab composed of international expertise from UN Habitat (planning, legal and economy branches) and Saudi staff (selected by Ministry of Municipalities and Rural Affairs) at UN Habitat offices in Nairobi and Riyadh for knowledge exchange through a "Learning by Doing" method. All 17 cities will be simultaneously engaged in a capacity building strategy that includes foundational learning and 'on the job' training that will culminate in Saudi-specific advanced training based on the planning system conclusions and recommendations that the FSCP will produce. In this way, the FSCP Urban LAB will function as a tool to generate evidence and strengthen capacities through a process of learning by doing. Due to this, Urban LAB has become the team building facility inside the FSCP where different areas of expertise come together to deliver concrete and integrated solutions.

The method encourages an inclusive and participatory approach in strengthening the planning system, with consideration for the interests and priorities of major groups, particularly women and youth. Complementing its substantive activities, the Programme will further develop its communications strategy for both national and international audiences. This will raise awareness of the role and importance of the planning system and support the Kingdom's engagement in international processes, as already shown during the Habitat III. It will also increase the exposure of the Kingdom and capacity to engage in global dialogues, fora and knowledge exchanges.

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### OBJECTIVE OF TRAINING

The Planning LAB Training will focus on the work realized in 17 Saudi cities, the methodology and the first results obtained in these cities; the basis for a broader discussion on city planning and design in relation to sustainability principles contained in the New Urban Agenda.

Attendees will be invited to participate in specific exercises as a tool to directly involve them in the problems of sustainable planning and design.

### WORKSHOP PROGRAM

- Introduction to the LAB methodology
- Specific Results of UPD LAB and FSCP LAB in the Future Saudi Cities Programme
- Toward the attendees' exercise: the 5 principles for neighborhood design
- Presentation and explanation of the attendees' exercise
- Attendees' Exercise
- Presentation of UN-Habitat Demonstration Project for Buraidah
- Questions and Answers session

