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COMING SOON: PLANNING ADVISORY SERVICE REPORT ON REGIONAL PLANNING

Members of our division have been working with APA to produce a comprehensive report on Emerging Trends in Regional Planning. Bob Leiter, co-editor of the report, recently announced that the report is now scheduled for release in early 2017. Over the next several months, we will be working with APA to publicize the report, and it will be featured in a special session at the 2017 APA National Conference in New York City next May. More details will follow in our December E-News.

For more information, contact Bob Leiter at rleiter9@cox.net.

United Nations Habitat III Conference.

Held in Quito, Ecuador from October 16 to 20 Habitat III resulted in a commitment by some 193 member nations and the General Assembly of Partners (non-delegate local government, non-governmental, and academic stakeholders) to shared principles in the New Urban Agenda and continued collaboration to implement equitable and sustainable urbanization for the next twenty years. RIPD Board member Sandra Pinel, AICP, moderated the session sponsored by the Research and Academic Partner Constituent Group (RAPCG) of the General Assembly of Partners, which represents the diverse local government officials and non-governmental stakeholders to the UN Habitat Official deliberations. The session focused on capacity building and knowledge networks for implementing the New Urban Agenda (https://habitat3.org/the-new-urban-agenda). The American Planning Association leadership and the
International Division organized the meeting of the Global Practitioners Network.

Because the Agenda was finalized prior to the Conference with the participation of an estimated 70,000 individuals and organizations, the document emphasized the rights of all people to the city and the importance of every level of government and civil society in creating and reinforcing partnerships and mutual learning. (http://citiscope.org/habitatIII/news/2016/ and the UN Habitat III web site (www.habitat3.org).

Pinel also attended several sessions devoted to the importance of addressing national and sector barriers to integrated territorial planning to address rural to urban migrations and interdependencies. Urbanization is largely taking place outside cities where rural and indigenous peoples establish settlements and farming practices that sustain both their own families and the urban food supply while often being excluded from urban planning policy and practice. The UN Secretariat, UNDP, and other presenting groups offered support for regional planning and governance capacity to address poverty and ecosystem services to address international guidelines (https://www.uclg.org/sites/default/files/international_guidelines_on_urban_and_territorial_planning_un_habitat.pdf).

Finally, the Exhibit Hall provided a setting for practical displays and discussion groups sponsored by ICMA International, the Global Practitioners Network that includes the American Planning Association, and multiple other organizations, nations, and businesses that are pioneering sustainable spatial planning strategies.

Division members are encouraged to participate in peer learning networks and follow the implementation opportunities through the APA, General Assembly of Partners, CitiLinks and various blogs (http://blog.felixdodds.net/2016/09/guest-blog-by-aashish-khullar.html)

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