2010 ISOCARP Awards for Excellence

The jury of the 2010 ISOCARP Awards for Excellence had the honour to evaluate a broad set of interesting and outstanding entries with a high professional quality. The entries have been from many countries representing planning solutions in the context of the related part of the world and its culture and representing best the theme of the recent ISOCARP congress “Sustainable Cities – Developing World”.

Taking the broad range of excellent entries into account as well as the ISOCARP triple perspective of academia, governance and planning practice the jury decided to award the most excellent projects in two categories represented by two excellent projects each.

Category urban/ city planning

Planning for Low Carbon Regional Urban-Rural Systems: Zhengbian New District Plan, Zhengzhou City, China
ARUP, Shanghai

The Zhengbian New District Plan does a consistent linkage of different planning levels to achieve low carbon planning on the district level. It is a well framed project and explanation of sustainable objectives by providing an excellent synergy by considering the different levels well.

URBAN-GALINDO Reconnecting Barakaldo to its waterfront
BILBAO Ría 2000

URBAN-GALINDO is an urban transformation project which focuses on re-use and new connections. It is an excellent example of urban transformation in Europe with an innovative public/private organization structure. The project gives priority of open spaces and balances carefully housing and job opportunities by a successful regeneration of waterfront brown field.
Category strategic/ regional planning

**Kibera-Soweto east village informal settlement upgrading project**  
*Ministry of Housing, Kenya*

The project targets a key issue for global population and is an excellent example for multilevel stakeholder involvement at informal settlements. The Kibera-Soweto project uses planning as a tool to cope with social issues within a complex strategy.

**Strategic Planning of Guangzhou City: Planning and governing a sustainable developing megacity**  
*Guangzhou Planning Bureau*

The Strategic Planning of Guangzhou City is an excellent example of strategic planning on the regional level which strongly faces governance issues. Using a comprehensive and circular approach of strategic planning effective policy guidelines for a metropolitan area in a most dynamic economy are achieved as well as a sustainable development strategy in a fast urbanised and ecologically vulnerable region.

The awards of the 2010 ISOCARP Awards for Excellence will be given at the gala dinner of the ISOCARP congress on 21 September 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya.