

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNERS
(ISOCARP)

3 MINUTES SPEECH TO BE DELIVERED BY ISOCARP DURING THE FORUM

"FROM PROMOTING TO BUILDING PEACE WITH THE NGOs"

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**SCIENCE TO THE SERVICE OF PROMOTING AND BUILDING PEACE
WITH ISOCARP OBJECTIVES, ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES**



Since half a Century, ISOCARP is a NGO gathering experts from different specificities, around planning for a sustainable future and, by the way, towards **promoting and building a sustainable peace**. Through its main objectives, in the framework of UNESCO Priorities and Programs, ISOCARP has a systemic approach concerning the basic activities (social, cultural, economic and politic ones) of a society around the citizens, at the global vision, as well as local ones, and implements meetings and encounters, among them periodically "Mayor Summits" to be in accordance with the decision makers.

EDUCATION TOWARDS AN OPEN MIND PROMOTES A CULTURE OF PEACE

The Young Planning Professionals' Workshops, regularly organized on various occasions in different cities, aim to gather young planning professionals from all regions to learn from the others, to share new strategies and creative solutions, in the framework of a multi-cultural environment that can give a global vision of the complex issues of planning in our changing world.



YPP Workshop Durban 2016 September
Social Dimension of the inner-city urban regeneration

MEETINGS AND ENCOUNTERS TO LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER

The **Urban Planners Advisory Teams (UPAT)**, set up on request of a city to overcome some difficulties due to a recent bad evolution, aim to gather experts in planning, coming from different specificities and regions, and having a worldwide experience and expertise. So, "UPATs are pluri-disciplinary, multi-cultural, cross generational and have a holistic outlook". Members offer a week to set up a vision on the concerned issue. For instance, the UPAT held in Palestine in 2015, in partnership with UNDP and HABITAT, had for aim "Palestine, Capacity Building and Test Planning Exercise".



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ISOCARP, Gaza, West Bank
ISOCARP members of the UPAT coming from:
Austria, Belgium, India, the Netherlands, United States, Palestine

DIALOGUE FOR A WORLDWIDE VISION OF THE MAIN ACTUAL ISSUES

In order to develop better shared information and training, communication and dialogue, transformations for a sustainable development, ISOCARP aimed to involve experts coming from academia in "research and projects which would improve the planning profession in all its forms, increase awareness of major development trends, and provide new knowledge for the betterment of humankind and its living environment". Associated with "Education all along the life" through forums and dialogue, the **Institute, Centre of Urban Excellence**, is opening and beginning its action on 2016.

Following up the Jacques Delors' Report on Education, its objectives are "Learning how to learn", "Learning how to do", "Learning how to behave", "Learning how to live together", and by the way how to do to promoting and building peace.



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SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE AND PEACE BUILDING

Science to the service of people is a cross-cutting method towards a sustainable human development and peace. ISOCARP annual congresses are oriented towards two major issues: "one planet: planning for all"; "planning for, planning with people", yet in 2000, the Cancun congress was aimed to "People's Empowerment in Planning". ISOCARP Congress held in Cancun, Mexico (2000) was aimed towards "People's Empowerment in Planning"; and the Congress of 50 years of ISOCARP "Cities Save the World-Let us Reinvent Planning" considered planning in a global environmental vision.

