

About ISOCARP

The International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) is a global association of professional planners founded in 1965 as an international forum to promote planning. It is a Non Governmental Organisation recognised by the UN, UNHCS and the Council of Europe and has formal consultative status with UNESCO. As a politically and commercially independent international network of professional planners ISOCARP comprises individual and institutional members from well over 80 countries. Over its 50 years existence it has grown into a world-wide organisation while keeping a strong European emphasis.

The objectives of ISOCARP are to improve cities and territories through planning practice, training, education and research. ISOCARP promotes the planning profession in all its aspects, stimulates and improves planning research, training and education and enhances public awareness and understanding of major planning issues at a global level.

The annual World Congress is the main event of ISOCARP which takes place in a different country on various continents. ISOCARP also organises smaller seminars, Young Planning Professional Workshops, and Urban Planning Advisory Teams assisting sponsor organisations by offering the extensive experience and expertise of ISOCARP members to work on important local or international planning projects, programmes and policy initiatives. ISOCARP is represented at major international planning events and disseminates its activities in its own publications.

The planning system is the key instrument which balances property rights with the public interest by translating spatial development processes into physical form. In a globalising world cities have gained importance as drivers of the economy and protagonists of sustainability while development takes place at ever increasing scale and pace. Such dynamic evolution requires planning to adjust and innovate relentlessly.

The International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) took an early initiative in 1992 to illustrate these processes in the International Manual of Planning Practice (IMPP). The innovative aspect of this unique source of information is to emphasise the relationship between the planning system and its application in practice.

The much expanded 6th edition of IMPP of 2015 in terms of number of countries and content follows the new format of the 5th edition of 2008 as a book with a digital device. The book consists of a concise synthesis of planning systems in 135 countries from all five continents and an essay on the state of the art and future outlook of planning based on the contributions. The USB card contains the full papers with illustrations produced by practising planners.

IMPP brings together their expertise to the benefit of all stakeholders of the built environment. It is also a comparative reference compendium for academics and students and an initial guide for planners, developers and investors with an international outlook. IMPP is being used around the world for international advising, educational purposes and as reference for international cooperation.

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