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Special Session (SS12) on:

Transforming Metropolitan Regions: Ideas and Examples

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The aim and scope of the special session:

We are living in the century of the metropolis with more than half of the population living in the metropolitan region. Metropolitan regions are flourished in every region of the world and they present many deep challenges and opportunities. At the beginning of twenty first century in one hand the prospect of metropolitan region will continue to grow but at the same time many rapidly growing metropolitan region keep sprawling, overcrowding, poor regional connectivity, slums are expanding or consolidating, increasing poverty, haphazard peri-urban growth, inequality, unaffordable for new migrants, increase in crime rate, on top of which comes the rich-poor division. Many metropolitan regions especially Asia, Latin America and Africa are grossly unprepared for the multidimensional challenges associated with urbanization. The metropolitan context in which contemporary metropolitan regional planning occurs differ significantly from one region to another. It required understanding of region specific problems and localized solutions.

The session theme: “Transforming Metropolitan Regions: Ideas and Examples” therefore invites us to reflect our metropolitan regions as we know them and explore their futures as we want them. This theme focuses on the planning, building, development and management of metropolitan regions. It required to start global dialogue on creative ways in which we can build a better metropolitan future which can be ‘sustainable’, ‘smart’, ‘green’, ‘healthy’, ‘inclusive’, ‘flexible’, ‘safe’ and ‘resilient’. It is bringing together academicians, researchers, professionals, policy makers to collaborate and develop new thinking and innovative solutions for future metropolitan regions more sustainable.

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