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মহাপরিচালক

Subject: Request for being 'Partner Organization' and presenting a 'Key-Note Paper' in the 3rd International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (ICURP) 2023.

Dear Sir,

Salam and Greetings from Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP)!

We are very happy to announce that, Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP), Country's apex National Professional Body for Urban, Regional and Rural Planners in Bangladesh is going to organize the **3rd International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (ICURP) 2023** with the theme **"Spatial Planning for Sustainable Development-Achieving National and Global Goals"** on **14 to 16 May 2023**. This year the conference will explore a variety of themes that explore the role of planning, with a cross-cutting intersectional focus on both national and global targets.

With the previous experiences, this year BIP aims to contribute on the formulation of the government planning policies and reform proposals in line with attaining the national and global targets. Hence, the main goal of the conference is to hand over the reformed policies and proposals to the governmental and international organization heads. Hence, the conference targets the presence of the Honorable Prime Minister, respective sector Ministry (Minister, Secretary and leads), urban change-makers, active Development Partners, leading private sector entities, NGOs, and INGOs.

In this backdrop, the goal of the **3rd ICURP-2023** conference is to bring together the planners, professionals, academics, practitioners, scientists, researchers, scholars and decision-makers relating to various fields of Urban, Regional and Rural Planning around the world to exchange diverse ideas, share knowledge and explore recent developments in the field of Planning. Bangladesh Institute of Planners believes that the **3rd ICURP-2023** will provide an excellent forum for exchanging views, information and discussions on a wide variety of Urban and Regional Planning issues, representing the latest development and future trends in planning and development practices around the globe.

In the year of 2019 and 2021, Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP) has organized this International Conference and both of them was very successful event as well. Like previous years, we are again expecting to organize the Conference at Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC) and we are expecting **H. E. Sheikh Hasina**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh as **'Chief Guest'** at the Inauguration Ceremony of this International Conference. We are also expecting Ministers and Secretaries of the related Ministries along with renowned experts from home and abroad to participate as Special Guests, Speakers and Discussants in different sessions of the **3rd ICURP-2023**.

At this point, with great enthusiasm and appeal, Bangladesh Institute of Planners would like to have the pleasure to invite **Bangladesh Water Development Board** as a **'Partner Organization'** of the **3rd ICURP-2023** which will add immense importance and value to this Conference. In this regard, we are also expecting a **Key-note Paper** from your division to be presented in ICURP 2023. We have attached the Concept Note, Work Plan and Program Outline of the **3rd ICURP-2023** herewith and detailed program schedule will be shared later on.

We believe, participation of **Bangladesh Water Development Board** as a **'Partner Organization'** of ICURP will certainly play a vital role in realizing the theme of the conference for the pursuit of planned and sustainable development of urban and rural areas of the country. In this backdrop, we are

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cordially expecting your kind consent for being a 'Partner Organization' and nominate a suitable representative to prepare and present a 'Key Note Paper' in ICURP 2023 on behalf of your organization.

We look forward to your positive response in this regard and wishing you all the best to **Bangladesh Water Development Board** in its efforts and endeavors for the betterment of Bangladesh.

Thanking you and with best regards,

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Attachment:

1. Concept Paper of the 3rd ICURP-2023

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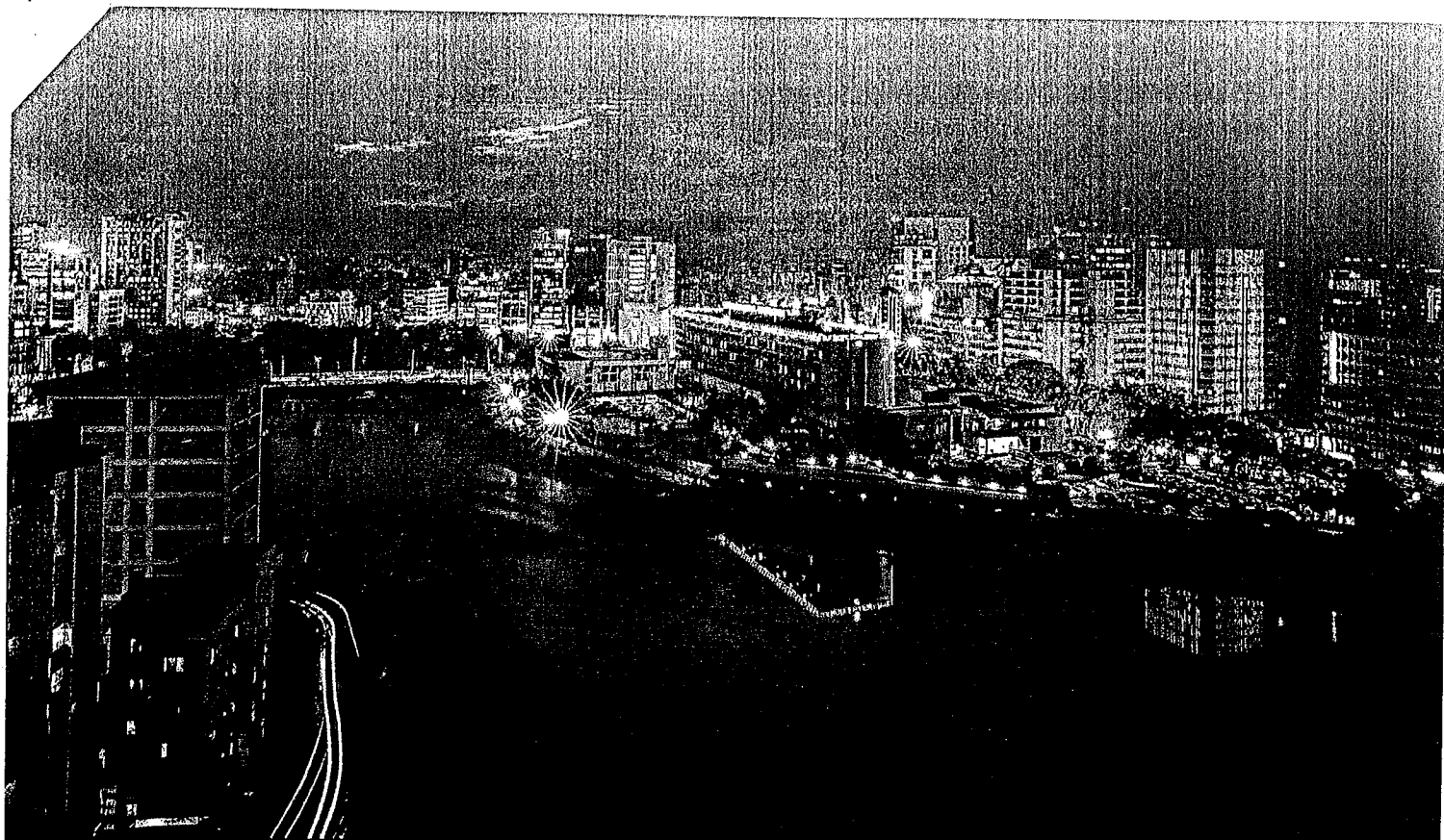
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◦ Background

Strengthening peace and prosperity through global and local leadership and partnership is a must for achieving the common goal for human development, environmental sustainability and economic wellbeing.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Paris agreement, and Sendai Framework have made our vision and commitments more compelling and timebound. The SDGs are meant to serve as a common target for people and the planet, now and in the future. The Paris Agreement aims to strengthen countries' ability to deal with the impacts of climate change and support them in their efforts while the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 is the global blueprint to prevent new and reduce existing disaster risk. Almost all countries were in collaborative partnership for the implementation of these plans until the recent global crisis: Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 and Ukraine war in 2022. Both have posed an outsized obstruction in attaining the global goals, impacted global supply chain, caused economic and social disruption, and finally have led to a global humanitarian crisis.

In such a context, Bangladesh, among few other countries, is still an exception. Under the strong leadership (both in local and global platforms, strategically and actively) of the Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Bangladesh has crossed the Lower Middle-Income threshold in 2015, and is heading steadily towards meeting all criteria for graduation from LDC status. In addition to global commitments, Bangladesh government through its Perspective Plan 2041, Delta plan 2100, My village My Town initiative has also undertaken several programs and policies for ensuring social justice, shared prosperity and climate adaptive development.

Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP) believes that urban, regional and rural planning can add a significant value in achieving the stated global and national targets and translate them at city, rural and community levels. The institute targets to host the 3rd International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (ICURP) to display and further explore the path of contributions that the discipline and its professional can make. The theme of the conference is *"Spatial Planning for Sustainable Development-Achieving National and Global Goals"*. This conference will provide a point of reflection, and a moment to catalyze how we can work together to go beyond the boundaries and overcome the difficulties in order to attain the global and national targets in Bangladesh.

This conference will bring together diverse actors in the field of urban and rural planning, with an intention to create synergies towards achieving the stated vision of the nation and government of Bangladesh. The conference will provide a right stage to present evidence-based research, planning tools, local and national best practices, and to share knowledge with a diverse range of policy makers and experts and along with listening to the community voices. The conference aims to explore how Planning's role is straddled across multiple issues in the development of Bangladesh; from the perspective of

sustainable urbanization, the need to address multiple water and sanitation problems, transport and mobility, regional and rural development, environmental health etc.

• Organizer

Being the national professional body for Urban, Regional and Rural Planners in Bangladesh, BIP has been working to ensure the planned and orderly development of the urban and rural areas across the country through its various activities. Administration of training and workshops, seminars, conferences is one of the significant activities of BIP to expand knowledge of sustainable planning, management, and development of the urban, rural, and regional areas in Bangladesh. The conference will be held for third time in 2023. ICURP was officially launched in 2019 for the first time and 2021 in the second. A short brief of the past conferences are as follows;



ICURP 2019

The 1st International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (ICURP) was held on 5-6 October 2019 with the presence of Honorable Minister of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Md. Tajul Islam PM as a chief guest. The conference aided as a potential international platform for the leading academics, researchers, scholars, prominent national and International NGO representatives and decision-makers working in Urban and Regional Planning around the world to exchange their research works, and new ideas, share knowledge and explore recent developments of this field.

With the main theme "*Planning for Sustainable Cities and Communities*", ICURP 2019 highlighted on a wide variety of fields of Urban and Regional Planning including;

- Urban Planning and Management,
- Housing - Community Planning - Environmental Management-Sustainable Cities and Settlements,
- Transport - Infrastructure - Urban Economy and Governance, and
- Regional and Rural Planning - Disaster Management - Climate Change.



ICURP 2021

The Second International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (ICURP) was held from October 30, 2021, to November 6, 2021, in collaboration with GIZ, DSCC, DNCC, DWASA, FAO, UN-Habitat, Save the Children, and ISOCARP. The conference created a great platform for exchanging new ideas, sharing knowledge, and exploring recent developments in the field of Urban and Regional Planning during this extraordinary time with planners,

professionals, academics, practitioners, scientists, researchers, scholars, and decision-makers around the world.

Covid pandemic has posed several challenges to traditional planning practices leading the planning norms and ideas to major shifts in pursuit of attaining the goal of inclusiveness and sustainability in post Pandemic era. In this backdrop, BIP organized the 2nd International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (ICURP 2021) with the theme "*Planning for Inclusiveness and Sustainability in Post Pandemic Era*". Under the broad theme, the conference focused on the following sub-themes.

- Urban Planning and Management for Sustainable Development
- Redeveloping Urban Areas for attaining Sustainability
- Regional Development and Rural Planning for Balanced Development
- Environmental Planning, Disaster Management and Climate Resiliency for Sustainable Development
- Regenerating Public Space and Recreational Facilities Session -6 Sustainable Planning of Cities and Regions for Integrated Development
- Planning for Sustainable Utilities and Services
- Planning for Sustainable Transport and Infrastructures
- Sustainable Cities and Settlements for Inclusive Development and Child Sensitive Urban Planning
- Housing, Community and Settlement Planning for Sustainability

This conference was centered on the issues that pandemic has made it necessary to reevaluate traditional planning approaches. With the goal of advancing toward the achievement of inclusivity and sustainability in the post-pandemic period, the conference represented the most recent developments and anticipated trends in planning and development practices in the post-pandemic era

• **ICURP 2023**

As already stated, the past two conferences highlighted several urban, regional, and rural planning issues. With the experience, this year BIP aims to contribute on the formulation of the government planning policies and reforming proposals in line with attaining the national and global targets. Hence, the main goal of the conference is to hand over the reformed policies and proposals to the governmental and international organization heads. Hence, the conference targets the presence of the Prime Minister, respective sector Ministry (Minister, Secretary and leads), urban change-makers, active Development Partners, leading private sector entities, NGOs, and INGOs. The work plan for the conference is attached in Annex-1.

Themes

The conference will explore a variety of themes that explore the role of planning, with a cross-cutting intersectional focus on both national and global targets. Each theme will present keynote speakers and presentations, host relevant debates and discussions in a collaborative approach & highlight best practices within each thematic area in terms of policy and programs.

Unlike the previous events, papers are invited from multidisciplinary fields with the expectation that at the end of the day, new insight will emerge that will shed light on the key theme of the conference. With this expectation, papers are invited from the following themes:

- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and New Urban Agenda - Spatial Planning for Including Each Person and Place in the Planet
- Paris agreement and UN Climate Change Conferences (COPs): Implications for Urban, Regional and Rural Planning
- ✓ • Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030: Mainstreaming Resilience in Planning and Development
- BDP 2100, Bangladesh Perspective Plan 2041 and National Physical Planning: Integration, Inclusiveness and Prosperity
- My Village, My Town – Sweet Home and Smart Living in Healthy Cities and Communities
- Education and Institution for Innovation and Capacity Development
- Putting Planning First, then Projects - Investment in Housing and Infrastructure
- Transformative Mobility for Cities and Regions

• **Proposed Programs and Format**

Conference Programs and Format

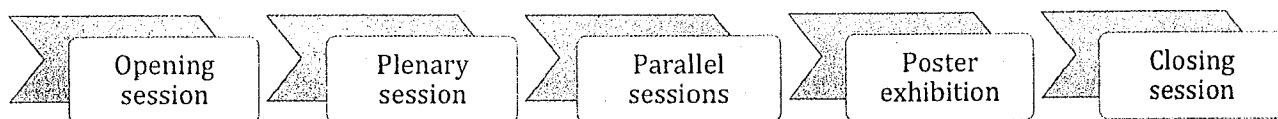
The main program of the ICURP 2023 will be segmented into several parallel sessions covering ten thematic clusters' prioritized areas. The primary goal of these sessions, in line with the conference's overarching topic, is to demonstrate the role of planning in shaping the sustainable future of Bangladesh. These sessions will be led by sectoral experts and representatives of stakeholders.

Research & Publications

BIP initiates a good number of researches every year on the contemporary issues of urbanization with a broad aim to solve the country's urban problems. The researched studies will be hand over to the Honorary Prime minister in the closing session of the conference.

Program Outline

ICURP 2023 will be a three-day event segmented in the following sessions designed to support the key objectives and reflect the main theme.



- **Opening session** will mainly cover the inauguration of the event.
- Following the event's inauguration, a **plenary session** will be held where all participants are expected to gather in one place. The major objectives under the key theme of the conference will be represented to the participants by the event convener. The session will be also be platform of speed networking among the participants.
- **Parallel sessions** will enable direct interactions among participants. Ten sessions focusing on the themes of the conference (stated above), will be running parallelly in the first two days of the event. The participant will present their research to the audiences. The main aim of the sessions is to identify how urban, rural and regional planning can play significant roles in the various sectors of Bangladesh.
- In the **Poster exhibition** session, the interested participants can display their research posters in the designated section of the venue. The exhibition will be held for the entire program.
- **Closing session** will be held in the last day of the event, segmented into four parts. The first section named 'Summing up' will bring participants together to discuss the findings of the thematic ten parallel sessions. Rapporteurs from each group will provide a brief summary of the workshop discussions and highlight the major problems, potential solutions, and applicable examples of practice. A facilitated debate and reflections on the key messages emerging from the conference will be offered in the second section (Key lessons and way forward). Cultural program will be held in the third segment of the session. And the program will be ended in the following session featuring the book giving and awarding ceremony.

The session outline is attached in Annex 2.

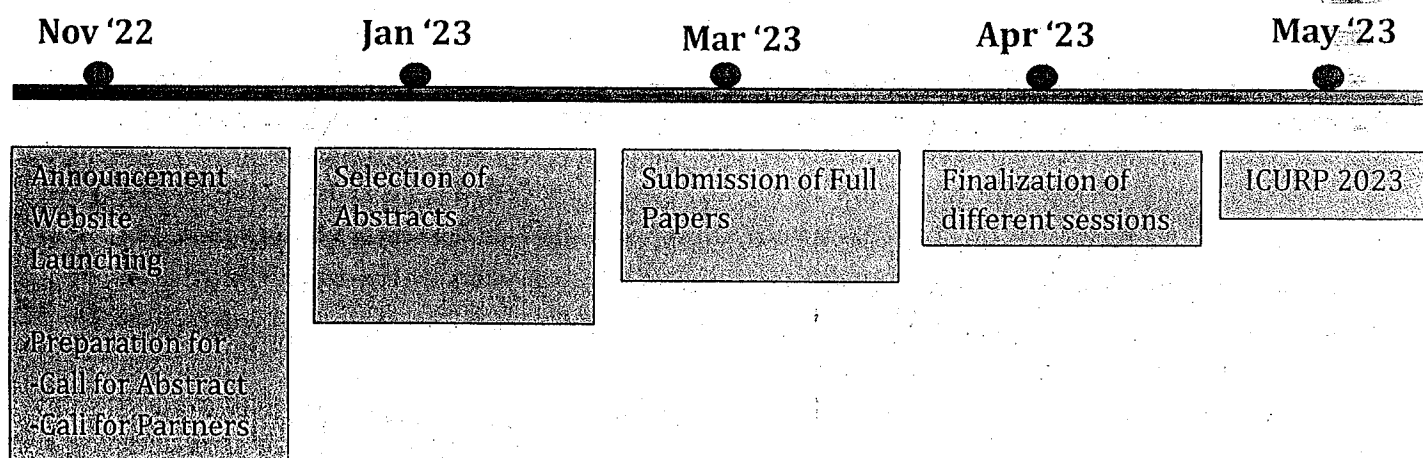
Organizing committee

BIP will be at the center of organizing committee of ICURP 2023. It is going to host the largest urban agglomerations in the Bangladesh with an aim to present the roles of spatial planning in achieving its national and global. International and national organizations as well as various development partners will also collaborate with BIP as sponsors and strategic partners.

Participation in the Conference

As we know, participatory process with representation from all stakeholders is vital for fostering any successful event. Hence, the organizing committee is going to invite Prime Minister as the Chief Guest, respective sector Ministry (Minister, Secretary and leads), urban change-makers, active Development Partners, leading private sector entities, NGOs, INGOs, CSOs and media in different thematic sessions as key stakeholders. The participation of stakeholders from outside of Dhaka, women, the disabled, minorities, and young people will receive special attention.

Annex 1: Work Plan



Annex-2: Program Outline

Time	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00	16.00	17.00	18.00
Day 1	Registration	Opening Session			Plenary session		Parallel session 1			
							Parallel session 2			
							Parallel session 3			
							Parallel session 4			
							Poster exhibition			
Day 2			Tea break			Lunch			Tea break	
	Parallel session 5						Parallel session 6			
	Parallel session 7						Parallel session 8			
	Parallel session 9						Parallel session 10			
	Poster exhibition									
			Tea break			Lunch			Tea break	
Day 3	Closing session									
	Summing up session	Tea break	Key lesion and way forward session		Lunch		Cultural program		Book handover, award giving and closing announcement	
	Poster exhibition									

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