



Commonwealth Association of Planners

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Newsletter
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President's Message

Greetings Commonwealth Planners.

It's been a big start to the year with many of you operating in exceptionally busy phases so please take a moment to relax and catch up with news of your profession from around the globe.

This newsletter includes information from the recent CAP business meeting and elections, news and developments from member organisations and calls for papers from around the world if you are considering attending an international conference.

In other news, CAP has recently confirmed an unprecedented collaboration between planners, architects, engineers and surveyors with the Commonwealth Association of Architects, CAP, Commonwealth Association of Survey and Land Economy and Commonwealth Engineers Council agreeing to produce a Survey of the Built Environment Professions in the Commonwealth. We will have the results ready for release at the UN Habitat [World Urban Forum 10](#) in Abu Dhabi in February 2020.

CAP is also participating in the UN Habitat Planners for Climate Action ([P4CA](#)) initiative so please keep in touch if you are keen to support that work.

Lastly, CAP is keen to publish blogs from our members around the world so if you have something you would like to share about planning in your part of the Commonwealth or your observations as you travel, please contact us. Mentoring is available and we have provided tips for new writers [here](#).

Regards,
Dy Currie
President CAP

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Business Meeting Report

The biennial business meeting of CAP was held on 14 October in Cape Town, South Africa in conjunction with the South African Planning Institute's 'Plan Africa' conference.

Members from Australia, Botswana, Canada, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa, and the United Kingdom participated in the meeting.



(Left to right: Osunsanmi Gbolabo – NIP, Dr Lawrence Esho – KIP, Dr Lauren Andres, Kagiso Tshukudu - PITP, Nathato Minyuku – SAPI, Dy Currie – President, Clive Harridge – Secretary General, Peter Geraghty - RTPI, Kristen Agnello - CIP, Stuart Denoon Stevens, Dr Steve Yirenkyi - GIP, Viral Desai – Young Planner Convenor and Annette O'Donnell – CAP Administrator)

Further information available at:

<https://www.commonwealth-planners.org/news-events>

Key matters discussed at the meeting included:

Caribbean disaster recovery project

The Commonwealth Foundation has provided CAP with a grant of £20,000 to undertake a study reviewing the planning responses to the Caribbean hurricanes of 2107 including lessons learnt and tools and mechanisms that could be applied using experiences in other parts of the world. CAP has been in discussion with the Commonwealth Foundation since late 2017 regarding this grant which requires matching time resources by CAP. New Zealand Planning Institute and CAP VP Bryce Julyan and Caribbean member Asad Mohammed are leading this 6-month project.

CAP awards

The inaugural [CAP awards](#) were held on 16 October. The business meeting agreed to host the awards annually with the member institute which hosts the business meeting to incorporate the awards into the associated event. Thank you to Dr Stephen Yirenkyi, Ghana Institute of Planners VP and to Secretary General Clive Harridge for their work in coordinating the awards.

UN Habitat

The meeting discussed the changes in staffing and structure at UN Habitat in 2018 and that CAP's accredited status with UN Habitat continues to give CAP access at a high level.

Election of President and Chief Executive

Dyan Currie was re-elected as President for a further two-year term.

Appointment of Secretary General

Clive Harridge was appointed as Secretary General for a further two-year term.

Women in Planning Manifesto

The business meeting endorsed the [Women in Planning Manifesto](#) which was prepared by Women in Planning network Chair and Canadian Institute representative Kristin Agnello in consultation with the CAP network. Responses to the draft were received from 11 countries with significant support. CAP members are encouraged to share it and consider it in their respective institutes. Network convenor Kristin Agnello was thanked for her hard work and appointed as network convenor for a further two-year term.



Youth Manifesto

The business meeting noted the release of the [Youth Manifesto](#) during CHOGM in April and the subsequent activities by the youth network and thanked Network Convenor Viral Desai for his hard work. Viral was appointed as network convenor for a further two-year term.

CAP Finance Report

The CAP finance report was considered and endorsed by the business meeting.

Strategic Plan review

The business meeting considered a draft strategic plan for 2018-2022. The draft will be finalised and considered at a coming executive meeting and shared following adoption.

Patron activities

CAP Patron Trudi Elliott provided a report on activities and the business meeting considered how to encourage members to participate in blogs to be shared on the website. Tips for drafting blogs are available and blogs will be shared and promoted ([visit here](#)).

Next meeting

The biennial meeting will next be held in October or November 2020. Expressions of interest in hosting the meeting will be called in early 2019 to allow the successful Institute time to prepare.

New Barbados Planning Act

When Prime Minister Mia Mottley was elected in May 2018 one of her first actions was to start a programme of radical planning reform in Barbados. The existing legislation was in its essence over 50 years old and pre-dated Independence. It operated in a closed and opaque manner and was seen as being at risk of corruption as well as being tortuously slow. The new Prime Minister stated that planning reform was “mission critical” as part of her overall programme to address the country’s severe economic problems and remove barriers to progress.

The Planning and Development Act 2019 aims to provide a system that is open, transparent, accountable, inclusive and efficient – fit for purpose in the context of a Small Island Developing State in the twenty first century. The legislation provides for a new Planning and Development Board that will consider complex applications while the majority will be delegated to the Chief Town Planner. A new Appeals Tribunal is also being established. Innovative elements include a “provisional refusal” to allow for extra negotiation and “approval in principle” at the concept stage (replacing the traditional outline consent which is planning permission in law). The system is being opened up, with much more opportunity for public participation and public access to information. The new Act was passed by both Houses of Parliament in January 2019.

Barbados Town Planning Society (BTPS) has long argued the case for reform of the system and back in 2014 held a Symposium on Modernisation and Transparency in Planning. This was followed by publication of our Prospectus for Change in 2015 which set out detailed recommendations for reform.

Following the May 2018 General Election, BTPS worked with Government to deliver two stakeholder events in July 2018. The Prime Minister attended and spoke at both, showing how important she regards this reform. Both events were live-streamed. The Prime Minister then appointed a consultancy team consisting of three BTPS members and a specialist planning and environmental lawyer to deliver the new legislation. That team then prepared a Green Paper for consultation and BTPS submitted a comprehensive response. The consultancy team went on to draft a White Paper and produce a Bill for consideration by Parliament. The team also helped Minister Marsha Caddle MP (responsible for Economic Affairs and Investment) present the proposals at a final stakeholder review and on a radio call-in programme.

Remarkable progress has been made in a six-month period. However, the work is not finished yet. The next stage is the drafting of a new Development Order, a new Use Classes Order and new Regulations to support the Planning and Development Act. There is also a need for a major training and culture change programme to support implementation of the new legislation. Ultimately, it is achieving this change in working practices and attitudes that will be essential to making a success of the new system.

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This year CIP, formerly the Town Planning Institute of Canada, celebrates its 100th anniversary. Get ready for the future of Canadian planning by getting involved in #CIP100 celebrations! www.cip-icu.ca/100

Cette année l'ICU (autrefois nommé l'Institut d'urbanisme du Canada) célèbre son centième anniversaire. Préparez-vous pour l'avenir de l'urbanisme au Canada en participant aux célébrations du 100^e anniversaire (#CIP100).

<http://www.cip-icu.ca/100FR>

National Conference - Generation 2019 | Conférence Nationale - Génération 2019



The 2019 CIP Conference will mark a significant historical milestone: the 100th anniversary of the Institute! We invite you to start planning your participation in this important event – as a presenter, sponsor, exhibitor, and delegate – and join us in Ottawa, Ontario, July 3-6, 2019.

Our conference theme, GENERATION, captures the dynamic character of the planning profession and the significant contribution it has made and can continue to make locally, nationally, and globally, as it advances into a second century.

Visit: <http://www.cip-icu.ca/generation100>

La conférence 2019 de l'ICU marquera un important jalon historique: le 100^e anniversaire de l'Institut. Fierté, admiration, optimisme : voilà quelques-unes des émotions que nous, membres de la communauté élargie de l'ICU, partageons en prévision de la célébration de cet événement marquant.

Le thème de notre conférence, GÉNÉRATION, illustre le caractère dynamique de la profession d'urbaniste et l'importante contribution qu'elle a apportée et qu'elle peut continuer d'apporter à l'échelle locale, nationale et mondiale dans son essor en ce second siècle. Rejoignez-nous à Ottawa, Ontario, du 3 au 6 juillet 2019.

Visite: <http://www.cip-icu.ca/generation100FR>

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47th Annual General Conference 2018

GIP celebrated its 47th Annual General Conference (AGC) on 30th Nov -1st December 2018.

The event was held at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi. This was the first time the event has been celebrated outside Accra, the capital of Ghana.

The focus is to improve Regional participation in GIP affairs as a means of strengthening Regional groups of the Institute. At the AGC, 81 new members were admitted as corporate members of the Institute.

At the Conference, a CAP meeting was held as one of the events. CAP and its activities were introduced to the new members.

Representatives from the Nigerian Institute of Town planners participated in the AGC.

GIP 50th Anniversary 2019

GIP is to celebrate its 50th Anniversary this year, 2019. We intend celebrating the anniversary on 9th November to coincide with International Town Planning Day. GIP has usually celebrated its AGC on the last Friday of November and the following Saturday.

The intended new date is to celebrate the significant 50th anniversary to coincide with the major international day for greater publicity and maximum effect.

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2019 NZPI Annual Conference



Join us in Napier, New Zealand for the 2019 NZPI Annual Conference! #NZPI2019Conference

Nā tātau i whatu te tukutuku, he tūmatakahuki tā te iwi.
The tukutuku was woven by us, but the people bind it together.

NZPI invites planners and allied professionals from government, corporate, and Iwi groups, to join us in Napier for the 2019 Planning Conference Weaving the Strands. Our conference streams are natural resources, settlements, practice and theory, climate change, and the future of planning. In weaving the strands, the conference themes will be considered from the perspectives (or threads) of : leadership, integration and collaboration, Māori and indigenous planning, technology and science, and culture. Come and join us to see local Hawke's Bay examples of these planning issues and to hear top New Zealand and international speakers share their best practice experiences.

The conference will attract an audience of more than 600 industry leaders, business managers, technical specialists, planners, peers, allied professionals, local and central government representatives, Mana Whenua, environmental advocates, community groups, construction and development industry members, urban designers, scientists, researchers, academics and tertiary students.

Keynote Speakers:

- Hon David Parker
- Tahu Kukutai
- Kosi Latu
- Sue Minter
- David Trubridge
- Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Highlights include – Papa Pounamu Hui, Emerging Planners Congress, Elected Representatives Workshop, International Keynote speakers, Welcome Function at the historic Mission Estate Winery, Gala Dinner featuring the NZ Planning Institute 2019 Awards, Field trips and numerous social events!

For full programme, details and to register, please explore the conference website: <https://www.nzpicconference.org/>

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National Congress 2019



In 2019, PIA's annual National Planning Congress will be staged on Australia's Gold Coast.

Beginning with the National Awards for Planning Excellence on Wednesday 15 May, and extending over the next two days, #PIACongress19 will feature leading national and international experts and practitioners discussing how Australia, as a nation, responds to the challenges for the planning profession and the broader community in our major cities through to our regional centres.

We will hear about technical development, policy development and personal development. For people and companies working in the built-environment sector – be it urban and regional planning, land development, urban design, transport planning, economic development, environmental sustainability and social planning – #PIACongress19 is the ideal event to promote new ideas, products and projects, and to share information and to network with peers.

For more information visit: piacongress19.com.au

We look forward to welcoming you to the Gold Coast.

www.planning.org.au

Shaping Australia's Future



PIA was also proud to launch a major policy late last year. [Through the lens: The tipping point](#) was launched on 16 October at Parliament House. *Through the lens: The tipping point* identifies the factors and trends that have combined to erode the liveability, efficiency and amenity of Australia's cities and towns.

Through the lens: The tipping point aims to stimulate an informed public discussion around the future requirements of a rapidly changing Australia – and how a national planning framework would help meet those needs.

RTPI Corporate Strategy consultation

The Royal Town Planning Institute is currently undertaking a consultation exercise relating to its new Corporate Strategy for 2020-30. We want our Corporate Strategy to be representative of the views of members as well as of global stakeholders and planners worldwide, so it is crucial that we have your input into this process.

Please respond to the online consultation survey using this [link](#) by midnight on Sunday 17th March 2019.

RTPI International Award for Planning Excellence 2019



Our Awards ceremony which includes the International Award for Planning Excellence will be in London on 24th April at the Milton Court Concert Hall.

www.rtpi.org.uk/events/awards/awards-for-planning-excellence/finalists-2019/

The list of International Awards finalists:

- Development Plan of Jinjiang Dream Town for Talents – submitted by Wei Yang + Partners;
- From Depressive to Impressive: Huaibei Urban Spatial Characteristics Plan – submitted by Nanjing Southeast University Urban Planning and Design Institute Co., LTD.;
- Ibadan City Masterplan – submitted by DAR; and
- Plan your Brisbane – submitted by Brisbane City Council.

RTPI Planning Convention

This year's RTPI Planning Convention will be in London at the Etc. Venues at County Hall, Southbank on 19th June.

The theme is: 'The future of planning – What's next?' The full programme hasn't been published yet and we will update you when it has.

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Tanzania Association of Planners



New Office Bearers Elected

Members of the Tanzania Association of Planners met at the new Capital of Tanzania – Dodoma, on 31st October 2018 and among other issues new office bearers for the coming three years were elected.

The following are the new leaders of the association:

President: Town Planner Dr. Juma Mohamed

Vice President: Town Planner Renny Chiwa

Honorary Secretary: Town Planner Clemence Mero

Honorary Treasurer: Town Planner Aisha Masanja

Council Member: Town Planner Hilda Kigola

Council Member: Town Planner Evarest Mfinanga

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9th Annual Caribbean Urban Forum

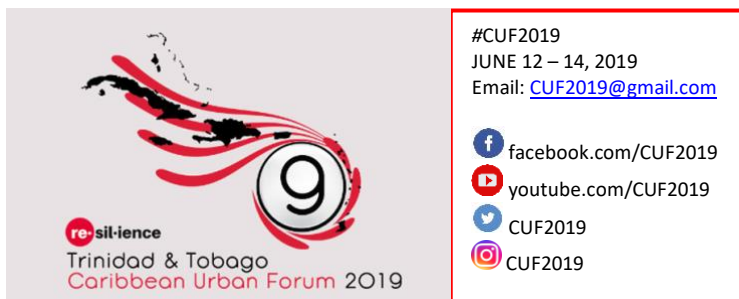
The Trinidad and Tobago Society of Planners (TTSP) will host the 9th Annual Caribbean Urban Forum (CUF) on 12th-14th June. The conference will be held at the Hilton Trinidad and Conference Centre.

This year, the theme is 'Urban Resilience: Disaster and Climate Change Resilient Planning in the Caribbean'.

In its ninth year, the Caribbean Urban Forum will further enhance the common learning ground for Disaster and Climate Change Resilience Planning among and between a diverse body of disciplines, backgrounds and expertise.

In this regard, we are continuing to invite submissions for the 9th Annual Caribbean Urban Forum. Please visit the Call for Abstracts at this [link](#). Additionally, registration is officially open.

All relevant information can be accessed on our website at <http://ttplanners.org/caribbean-urban-forum-2019/> and please feel free to follow us on Twitter and Instagram at CUF2019 for quick updates and additional information.



Trinidad & Tobago Society of Planners

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