

**Caribbean Urban Forum**  
:  
**PLANNING**  
**TO ACHIEVE THE VISION...**  
**TOWARDS A GREEN URBAN ECONOMY**

**2012**

*SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT  
& CALL FOR ABSTRACTS*

14-17 March 2012  
Jamaica Conference Centre,  
Kingston, Jamaica.



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## INTRODUCTION

With the mandate of advancing a Caribbean Urban Agenda and best practices among planning professionals, the Jamaica Institute of Planners (JIP) will be hosting the 2nd annual **Caribbean Urban Forum 2012: Planning to Achieve the Vision...Towards a Green Urban Economy (CUF 2012)** from the 14th – 17th March, 2012 at the Jamaica Conference Centre, Kingston, Jamaica. This Forum is one in a series of regional events organized by the Caribbean Network for Urban and Land Management (CNULM), in association with the Caricom Secretariat. It is also being organized in conjunction with the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) and American Planning Association (APA). We will be showcasing examples of good planning and urban management practices from across the Caribbean. Moreover, the Forum will serve as the launching pad for the Caribbean Planners Association (CPA).

### Conference Outcomes

There are both national and regional objectives for the conference. The objectives are to:

1. Advance the Caribbean Urban Agenda;
2. Promote planning as a solution to urban and development challenges through the sharing of project experiences/issues from across the region (JIP, CAP, CIP, APA, BTCPS, TTSP, IDB, CDB);
3. Enable Caricom Ministers and Regional Planning Ministers to endorse the Caribbean Urban Agenda;
4. Host a CAP Americas Meeting; and
5. Launch the Caribbean Planners Association (CPA).

### Conference Themes

#### 1. Advancing the Caribbean Urban Agenda:

The Caribbean consists of a number of diverse states with varying demographic, social and economic characteristics as well as natural resources and the built environment. What defines the Caribbean City? What are its features and how has it evolved? This session explores the nature of the Caribbean City.

#### 2. Planning as a solution to urban and development challenges:

As we strive to achieve our visions for sustainable development, a wide variety of professionals are required to inject their knowledge and expertise into

discovering a continuously expanding plethora of solutions to the many problems plaguing Small Island States. The role of spatial planning and planners are especially crucial given the historical unbalanced and haphazard nature of development in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean Region. In this session we will share experiences and knowledge on planning issues and discuss solutions in charting a way forward.

#### 3. Launch of the Caribbean Planners Association (CPA)

#### 4. Presentations on the Green Urban Economy

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## AGENDA

*Wednesday, 14 March 2012*  
*Pegasus, New Kingston Hotel*

### Morning

- Business Meeting: Caribbean Planners Association AGM;
- Business Meeting: Commonwealth Association of Planners

### Afternoon: Concurrent Sessions

- Business Meeting: (NSUS Project Management meeting; CNULM board meeting)
- Training Workshops on Climate Change

**Evening Opening Reception** (Pegasus, New Kingston Hotel)

*Thursday, 15 March 2012*  
*Jamaica Conference Centre*

### Morning

- Plenary Roundtable Policy Dialogue Session #1: Translating an urban agenda into a coordinated set of national programmes, including public sector investment programmes and research programmes in planning and urban management

### Afternoon

- Plenary Roundtable Dialogue on Sustainable Local Area Planning & Urban Management Strategies
- Group Workshop on Planning Tools

### Evening Reception

Networking Event (UTECH) Sponsored by the University of Technology.

*Friday, 16 March 2012*  
*Jamaica Conference Centre*

### Morning

- Concurrent Panel Presentations on Caribbean Planning and Urban Management Practice and Research: Response to call for papers
- Plenary Roundtable Policy Dialogue Session #2: Integrating green economy practices into the Caribbean Urban Agenda

### Afternoon

- Panel Presentation on Planning Tools & Techniques for Urban & Regional Planning Professionals
- Innovative Planning Interventions & Techniques for Urban Renewal

### Evening Closing Reception & Dinner

- Networking Events (Pegasus, New Kingston Hotel)
- Kingston Declaration on the Caribbean Urban Agenda and the Green Economy

*Saturday, 17 March 2012*  
*Mobile Workshops and Training Workshops*

- Innovative Planning Interventions & Techniques for Urban Renewal – Case Study Downtown, Kingston.
- Falmouth Cruise Ship Pier / Ocho Rios

*Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 15-17 March*  
*Jamaica Conference Centre*

Green Urban Economy Exhibition and Trade Show

## INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR PAPERS

The Jamaica Institute of Planners, and the Caribbean Network for Urban and Land Management, in partnership with the University of Technology, Jamaica, are pleased to announce the International Call for Papers for the 2nd **Caribbean Urban Forum 2012: Planning to Achieve the Vision...Towards a Green Urban Economy (CUF2012)**.

The CUF2012 Call for Papers aims to solicit presentations that examine thematic areas of the Caribbean Urban Agenda (listed below) as they relate to the emerging green economy agenda.

The aim is to assemble diverse examples of urban planning and management practice and research that:

- Have been or can be implemented in a Caribbean and small Island developing state context;
- Demonstrate the value of planning & urban management as offering solutions to urban issues and the green economy; and
- Make use of innovative tools and technologies that can be adapted and applied to the Caribbean context.

A secondary objective of the Call for Papers is to help define the Caribbean position for Rio + 20, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD), in Brazil on June 4-6, 2012 and to prepare for a future Special Meeting of CARICOM Ministers on urban issues.

### *Thematic Areas of the Caribbean Urban Agenda:*

- Local socio-economic development and poverty alleviation
- Defining guiding principles for the Caribbean Green Economy
- Enabling mechanisms for government and professionals
- Governance (including Local Governance)

- The Informal Sector and urban issues
- Hazards Mitigation and Disaster Management in Urban Planning and Management
- Security & Safety Aspects of Urbanization
- Physical Living Conditions
- Inequality
- Sustainable Planning for Urban Development & management
- Institutional, including Legal Reform as a cross-cutting solution.

### *Call for Papers Submission Criteria:*

- Submissions can include a single presentation or a proposal to support a full panel.
- Individual presenters will be expected to prepare a formal presentation of 15-20 minutes duration.
- Submissions should include a bio for each presenter and abstract (200 word maximum) for each presentation.
- Panels should include a mix of government officials and policy makers, multilateral and international perspectives, practitioners, civil society and academics/researchers.

Please visit [www.bluespacecaribbean.com](http://www.bluespacecaribbean.com) for background papers entitled: **Development of a Caribbean Urban Agenda in the Context of Sustainable Development and Urban Development & the Green Economy.**

Deadline for Submission: 4:00pm EST, 27 January 2012

Questions regarding proposals for presentations or panels should be submitted to:

[submissions@cuf2012.com](mailto:submissions@cuf2012.com)

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## Registration Fee Payment Options and Instructions:

- Registration fee of US\$350
- Single day rates will be available
- Early-bird fee of US\$300 paid by 31 January 2012
- Early-bird fee will also be made available to presenters/panelists
- Jamaican nationals: US\$200 (excluding receptions)
- Students: US\$100 (excluding receptions)
- Closing Reception & Dinner: US\$50
- Payment will be possible via the event website





## Event Venue and Transportation

- The principal event venue will be the Jamaica Conference Centre, Kingston, Jamaica
- Receptions, networking events and business meetings will take place at the Pegasus Hotel, New Kingston, Jamaica.
- See detailed information regarding hotels below:

HOTEL	SINGLE OCCUPANCY (per night)	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (Per night)	Contact Information
Pegasus (Bed & Breakfast)	USD 163	USD 185	Tel: (876)926-3691-9 E-mail: www.jamaicapegasus.com
Knutsford Court Hotel (Bed & Breakfast)	USD112.80 per night (Standard Room) USD 142.80 per night (Superior Room)	USD124.80 per night (Standard Room) USD 154.80 per night (Superior Room)	Tel: (876)929-1000 E-mail: www.knutsfordcourt.com
Wyndham N. Kingston (Bed & Breakfast)	USD 173 per night	USD 185.80 per night	Tel: 888-429-5400/(876) 9265430 E-mail: reservations@wyndhamkingston.com
Courtleigh (Bed & Breakfast)	USD 177.60	USD189.60	Tel: (876)929-9000 E-mail: www.courtleigh.com
Altamont Court (Bed & Breakfast)	USD 125	USD 135	Tel: (876)929-4497 & (876)620-4530 E-mail: www.altamontcourt.com

*\*\*Rates are subject to change without notice.*

- Information regarding airlines will follow.
- Port of arrival and departure is the Norman Manley International Airport in Kingston, Jamaica.
- Note that there is a flat rate per person of USD\$25.00 for round trip transportation Kingston to Falmouth & Ocho Rios.
- Additional cost for mobile and training workshops are for participant's account.

## EXHIBITION

An exhibition will be located in a venue adjacent to the plenary venue and will be showcased concurrently with the conference. All conference teas and lunches will served in the exhibition area. The exhibition will provide a unique opportunity for companies, planning organizations, cities, provinces, universities and special developments to showcase and promote their services, products and projects to members of the planning profession and related industries.

## Participant Sponsorship:

- Sponsorship will be available for participants invited as official representatives of CARICOM member states
- Limited sponsorship will be available for Caribbean Professional Practitioners and representatives of National Planning Associations  
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