1ST ROUND; CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

3rd International Conference on Canadian, Chinese and African Sustainable Urbanization
BELT, ROAD & NODE:
New Influences & Paradigms in City Building

Dates: 11-15 July 2019 (TBC)
Place: Chengdu, China
Languages: English and Chinese

In collaboration with UN-Habitat and the China Center for Urban Development (CCUD), 3rd International Conference on Canadian, Chinese and African Sustainable Urbanization (ICCCASU III) will be held in Chengdu, China from July 11-15, 2019. The conference will look broadly at issues cities face in the rapidly urbanizing areas of the world. It will be held under the theme of “Belt, Road & Node: New Influences & Paradigms in City Building”. Within each of the topic areas identified below, special focus will be given to the expanding influence of China on the global stage, the impact of Chinese investments in Africa, and on opportunities to strengthen cooperation between China and Canada in third-party markets (e.g., Africa), related to city building.

The third in a series of biennial conferences, ICCASU III follows ICCASU I, held in Ottawa, Canada in 2015, and ICCASU II, held in Yaoundé, Cameroon in 2017. ICCASU III will be comprised of two principal components: A day of keynote and plenary sessions under the aegis of CCUD’s Sustainable Urban Development 3 conference, followed by 1.5-days of paper and panel sessions. Invited speakers include mayors from African, Canadian and Chinese cities as well as renowned scholars in the specified field of study, such as Dr. Anne Gilbert, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and Emeritus Professor at the University of Ottawa, Dr. Bojie Fu, Academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences, etc.

Moving beyond the conventional practice of North-South or South-South cooperation, ICCASU fosters a triangular dialogue between African countries, Canada and China. The conference will bring together researchers, practitioners, and decision-makers from the public, private and civil society sectors to explore challenges of urban development in Canada, China and Africa – with a focus on city-building in the so-called Asian Century. The term “Asian Century” acknowledges the volume and rate of contemporary urbanization in Asia coupled with increasing economic and political influence of Asia in the 21st century. This topic is particularly relevant to ICCASU III as the three countries/continents in our regime represent different perspectives/experiences in this transition of influence. In the context of of the New Urban Agenda (NUA), ICCASU III will
focus on urbanization, both within and driven by Asian actors, including China’s Belt and Road Initiative.

ICCCASU III will examine current urban development models in African countries, Canada and China in order to identify how best to address fragility, reduce vulnerability and to promote efficiency, prosperity and smart urban development across a range of geographic, historical, political and economic contexts. The conference will also examine ways in which local and global issues place limits on sustainable urban development, and it will identify mechanisms that could or ought to be put in place to improve the local and global governance of urban spaces.

The organizing committee of the ICCCASU hereby calls for contributions in the form of individual scientific or policy papers, to be presented in either English or Chinese (in special instances we will also accept papers in French). Submissions are welcome in (but not limited to) the following thematic areas:

1. **Youth Engagement and Employment in Rapidly Urbanizing Areas**  
   (Coordinators: María Lorena Zarate, Habitat International Coalition & Dingping Guo, Fudan University, China)

2. **Development, Equality and Inclusivity**  
   (Coordinators: China & Michel Max Raynaud, Université de Montréal, Canada & Alain Kayinda, UN-Habitat)

3. **Reforming the Informal Settlement**  
   (Coordinators: Benjamin Gianni, Carleton University, Canada & Allan Cain, Development Workshop, Angola)

4. **Urban Land Use, Sustainable Development and “Ecological Civilization”**  
   (Coordinators: Xudong Guo, China Land Surveying and Planning Institute & Oumar Sylla, UN-Habitat)

5. **Smart Technologies and Urban Intelligence**  
   (Coordinators: Andre Dzikus, UN-Habitat & Ruibo Han, University of Maryland, USA)

6. **Industrial Parks, Agro-processing Zones and Urban Transformation**  
   (Coordinators: Xinping Wang, Southeast University, Nanjing, China, & Aurobindo Ogra, University of Johannesburg, South Africa & Oyelaran Oyebanji, Africa Development Bank)

7. **Climate Change and Adaptation of the Built Environment**  
   (Coordinators: Claude Ngomsi, UN-Habitat & Yangfan Li, Xiamen University, China)

**How to submit a proposal:**

Please submit an abstract of 250 words and associated information using the online form at [http://icccasu2019.org/abstract-submission](http://icccasu2019.org/abstract-submission)
Upon submission of their proposals, applicants will receive an automatic acknowledgement and registration number. Within three weeks of submission, applicants will receive an email from the organizing committee indicating whether or not their proposal has been accepted. Successful applicants will have one week to pay the conference registration fee. Once payment has been received, the organizing committee will send an official acceptance letter.

Note: due to space constraints, we are limited to 100 presenters, only 50% of which can be from outside of China. All presenters will be offered ground transport (e.g., airport-to-hotel transfers), conference-related meals (including Conference Gala dinner), coffee and hospitality service, conference materials, etc. Highest ranked papers will be offered 3-day free accommodations at the conference hotel in Chengdu. Please note that all proposals are subject to peer review. Successful proposals will be included in the Conference Proceedings for ICCCASU III.

Simultaneous interpretation services:
The conference will provide simultaneous Chinese/English interpretation services in all rooms (with additional support for French on important occasions).

Important Dates:
• Deadline for submitting a proposal: March 15, 2019
• Decisions on proposals will be made within three weeks of submission.

Registration Fee (including conference-related meals, coffee and hospitality service, conference materials, etc.):
• Before March 31, 2019
  o Regular presenters: $300 USD
  o Presenters from Africa and Students: $200 USD
  o Non-Presenters: $300 USD
• After March 31, 2019
  o Regular presenters: $500 USD
  o Presenters from Africa and Students: $350 USD
  o Non-Presenters: $500 USD

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