

# ForUm

## Network for Urban Future

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### REGIONAL URBAN NETWORKS

#### Urban Environmental and Risk Management in Southeast Asia

International Expert Seminar  
Cebu City and Cagayan de Oro  
27 March - 6 April 2011



### CO-OPERATION for URBAN FUTURE

From 27 March to 6 April 2011 an expert conference by the ForUm Expert Network, which is composed of members from various academic and non-academic institutions working on urban developments in Southeast Asia and Germany, will take place at Cebu City and Cagayan de Oro, Philippines.

The group has been meeting regularly since 2005 in different countries of Southeast Asia and Germany. This forthcoming conference in the Philippines will be hosted by Capitol University, Xavier University, the National Economic and Development Agency (Region 7), and the Local Government of Cagayan de Oro City.

The Seminar is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst), Xavier University, Capitol University, NEDA R7 and the University of Cologne, Germany. There will be no participation fees for invited participants and their expenses for travel, accommodation and meals will be covered by the DAAD.

**The Conference Secretariat is now accepting abstracts which will close on February 28, 2011. Invitation for the conference will be announced on March 1, 2011.**

**Please send your abstracts to the following e-mail address: [forum@g.cu.edu.ph](mailto:forum@g.cu.edu.ph)**

In 2011, regional networks and the establishment of city-networks are in the focus of the activities and seminars of ForUm Network. In order to meet the demands of modern urban politics under the conditions of increasingly globalized competition, multi-level systems are starting to be established. A core objective of the concept of multi-level systems is to align interests between the different actor groups through processes of governance and regulation. Strategic partnerships, their potentials and limits, as well as their consequences for the competitiveness of Southeast Asian cities, are central topics which thus far have not been analyzed adequately from a comparative perspective. Important research questions in this context are e.g. the increasing connections between Southeast Asian states in terms of international labour migration, international investments and trade flows as well as international impulses for urban infrastructure and architecture, international concepts for the management of urban heritage and cooperation as well as exchange of concepts in management of urban environmental risk management.

The conference seeks to catalyze local-regional-global discussions on the inter- and intra-relation of urban networks in the preparation, planning and implementation of urban risk management by bringing together practitioners, implementers and academicians to critically explore present experiences and concepts with the hope that comparative perspectives when shared and learned will catalyze better local and regional urban networks in risk management strategies in Southeast Asia. Thus, this conference is an exciting opportunity for development practitioners, planners, academicians, and government executives to engage with colleagues and experts from Southeast Asia and Germany in exchanging the broad range of issues surrounding urban networks in relation to environmental risk management.

#### Urban Expert Seminar, 27 March - 6 April 2011 (Draft Schedule)

Mar 26, Sat Manila	Optional program in Manila: Meetings with the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council of the Philippines and the Heritage Management Unit in Manila
Mar 27, Sun Manila/Cebu	Departure from Manila(optional)/ Arrival in Cebu
Mar 28, Mon Cebu	Welcome and keynote speeches Urban Networks and Environmental Management Excursion and Discussions
Mar 29, Tue Cebu	Urban Networks and Local Governance Presentations and Discussions
Mar 30, Wed Cebu	Education for better Urban Futures Presentations and Discussions Visiting of Cebu University
Mar 31, Thu Cebu	Urban Heritage and Environmental Risk Management
Apr 01, Fri Cebu, CDO	Workshop on GIS (optional) and Discussion Groups on Common Project Planning Wrap Up Session Departure from Cebu/ Arrival CDO
Apr 02, Sat CDO	Welcome and keynote speeches Visiting Capitol University City Excursion
Apr 03, Sun CDO	Rapid Urban Appraisal on Urban Environmental Challenges in CDO
Apr 04, Mon CDO	Urban Networking and Local Governance Presentations and Discussions
Apr 05, Tue CDO	Networking and Cooperation Opportunities in Disaster Management and Education Visiting Xavier University
Apr 05, Wed CDO	Departure from Cdo

Venue	Cebu City and Cagayan de Oro, Philippines
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