



Workshop Agenda (Side Event 28)

CULTURE AND INNOVATION IN CITY BUILDING IN CANADA, CHINA AND AFRICA
Culture et Innovation dans la Construction de Villes au Canada, en Chine et en Afrique
中国，加拿大与非洲城市建设中的文化与创新

February 10, 2020 12:30 – 13:30 Hall 2, Room 8
Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, Abu Dhabi, UAE
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Chair:
Rong Yang
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Session 1: Opening Remarks



**Hon. Célestine
Ketcha Courtes**
Minister of Housing and
Urban Development
Cameroon



Rafael Tuts
Director
Global Solutions Division
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Aijun Qiu
Deputy Director General
China Center for Urban
Development



Matti Siemiatycki
Director
School of Cities
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Jiannan Wu
Executive Vice Director
China Institute for Urban Governance
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Session 2: International Joint Panel



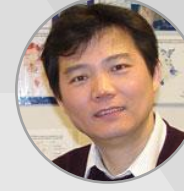
Badiane Alioune
President
Urban ThinkTank Africa-TUTTA, Senegal
“Build up innovative collaboration between
universities and cities in Africa: the case of
RESAUD Network”



Dimitris Kaliampakos
President
Associated Research Center for the
Urban Underground Space, Greece
“The metro systems as valuable
channels of modern cities’ cultural life”



Allan Cain
Director
Development Workshop, Angola
“Participatory budgeting as an innovation for
municipal planning in Africa using lessons
from Chengdu”



Huhua Cao
Professor
University of Ottawa, Canada
“Mobilizing ethnic minorities to support
culture and innovation in city building: a
case study of Bai people in Dali, China”

Session 3: Global Talks between Canada, China and Africa (Q&A with Participants of WUF10)

Jian Cheng, Director, Shanghai Coordination Center of World Cities Day
Anne Fouda, Head of Studies, Planning and Invited Cooperation Division, Housing and Urban Development, Cameroon
Yiqun Fan, Chair of Associated Research Center for the Urban Underground Space - URBAN
Xiaokun Gu, Vice Director of International Cooperation and Research Department, China Institute for Urban Governance
Meng Wang, Chairman, YES Network



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Summary: City building scholarship and policymaking are increasingly becoming aware of the importance of culture in urbanization. China and Africa have a long history of civilization while Canada has a relative short history but with rich indigenous culture; the nations share the reality of the multiplicity of ethnic groups enriching each nation’s culture and identity. These unique new urban identities are shaping city building. Habitat III recognized the importance of culture and therefore emphasized for an inclusive urban development approach. Innovation is the path to creating new urban identities effectively.

