

World Cities Summit 2018 – IFHP Side Event

Show Me the Numbers: IFHP SOCIAL CITIES

Title: *Show Me the Numbers:* IFHP Social Cities

Date: Tuesday 10th July 2018, 16:00-18:00 hrs.

Location: Marina Bay Sands, Ballroom Lotus 4A, 4B, Level 4

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On Tuesday 10th July 2018 between 16:00-18:00 PM, the International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP) is hosting the event “*Show Me the Numbers: IFHP SOCIAL CITIES*”. The event will call to action the pursuit of social sustainability in cities and communities, stress the importance of metrics – in particular in gauging different facets of sustainability, invite to experience sharing with the implementation of the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals [SDGs] and the New Urban Agenda [NUA], and profile the importance and power of partnerships. The event is conducted by Morten Nielsen, IFHP Director: Strategy & Regitze Marianne Hess, IFHP Director: International Affairs, along with five prominent panellists:

- **Dr Hee Limin, CLC:** Centre for Liveable Cities –
- **Helle Søholt,** CEO, Gehl Architects –
- **Bo Wesley,** Novo Nordisk: Cities Changing Diabetes -
- **Trine Stausgaard Munk,** Ramboll
- **Deputy Mayor Ms. Yuri Arakida,** City of Yokohama

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Long description of the focus areas of the event

Partnerships:

IFHP sees partnerships as all important to making things happen. Partnerships are imperative to the implementation of the NUA and realization of 2030 SDGs. This calls for agile leadership and effective governance structures. This hinges on the actors involved and their competencies and capacities to move beyond “business as usual”, and collaborating and co-creating in new modes and new constellations, which straddle sectors, silos and disciplines.

The session will place particular focus on cross-sectorial and interdisciplinary cooperation between *cities* and *the private sector* in tackling issues of social sustainability. In addition, it will highlight cross-sectorial partnerships with a particular focus on developing indicators on social sustainability and “*cities for people*” and “*housing for all*”

Indicators: Numbers Talk

Implementation takes indicators of size, scale, scope and level of the challenges at hand. Taking a lead from the business community “show me the numbers” articulates the imperative of tangible, quantifiable insights. When it comes to quantifying sustainability, gauges of environmental impacts and economic consequences exist and are more readily accessible. Thus, a great challenge exists in putting an intelligent measure on social sustainability.

At the session, IFHP will put emphasis on the development of indicators, referencing the work of LSE Urban Age, C40 and Gehl. And here IFHP would like to take the opportunity to introduce *IFHP’s Social Cities Index*

The event will kick-off with short presentations meant to spark discussion with and amongst the participants. If the context lends itself, break out into smaller groups, for networking & informal dialogue, will be encouraged and orchestrated. Hopefully fostering identification of more indicators and partnerships worth exploring.

In conclusion: “*We measure what we care about*”, to quote Jan Gehl. We all care about our own personal social well-being and a decent place to live. This is matter of great consequence and importance to society at large. The social sustainability of cities affects us all. And we need to work in partnership to effectively implement better solutions for the social sustainability of our cities and communities.