



A Panel Discussion

The City We Need Is A Regenerative City

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About Regenerative cities

A new type of urban development powered by renewable energy, driven by a circular economy and defined by a restorative and mutually beneficial relationship between cities and their hinterland is urgently needed.

Cities must go beyond sustainability to become truly regenerative: not only being resource-efficient and low carbon, but positively enhancing rather than undermining the ecosystems on which they depend.

Regenerative cities mimic nature's circular metabolism by operating in a closed-loop system that transforms waste outputs into inputs of value. This will mean creating cities that not only deplete resources and damage ecosystems but that actively contribute to the regeneration of the natural resources they consume and the ecosystem services they rely on.



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About the Discussion

The panel discussion will explore the fundamental paradigm shifts needed to achieve the Regenerative City vision and discuss the key policy recommendations that should be included in the Habitat III New Urban Agenda to ensure this vital concept becomes a top policy priority of countries around the world.

Speakers

- Stefan Schurig, Director, Climate, Energy and Cities, World Future Council
- Nicholas You, Director, Global Partners and Programs of the Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation
- Craig Applegath, Principal Architect at DIALOG and Founder of Symbiotic Cities Network
- Jeff Schnurr, Executive Director, Community Forest International

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