



Urban debate 3

Strategic Urban Planning: New Challenges, New Approaches

National seminar organized on November 29 and 30, 2023, at EPAU

By the mixed research team USADI in partnership with GIZ Algeria, ANURB and SHABAKAT Network

Argument

The Urban Debate 3 is a continuation of the two previously organized sessions that sparked questions and highlighted various issues, leading to a consensus shared by all participants. One of the most significant points of discussion was the questioning of the current urban planning approach, which seems to persist in the professional environment despite developments at the Maghreb and international levels. Indeed, planning the city today often occurs through a top-down practice, where local authorities develop plans without necessarily considering the needs and aspirations of the residents and without consulting all relevant stakeholders and without taking into account all the factors that can impact urban development. This approach is now deeply questioned, unlike the top-down approach, which emphasizes strict regulations on land use and zoning, strategic urban planning focuses on developing a long-term vision for the city, as well as defining goals and strategies to achieve that vision. While traditional urban planning primarily concerned physical development, strategic urban planning broadens the perspective to include major issues such as environmental sustainability, mobility, social equity, quality of life, the economy, it's overall more flexible and adaptive, and promotes a participative, integrated, non-sectoral approach.

Faced with the current environmental and socio-economic challenges confronting our cities, it has become inevitable for authorities to undertake a review of the existing legal framework. In Algeria, a new urban planning law is in preparation, with the promise to incorporate sustainability and strategic planning concerning foundational elements of this new regulation. According to the outlines announced by the media, this revision is accompanied by the introduction of new development plans. Indeed, during the meeting about the draft of the urban planning law in Algeria, organized by the National Housing Fund (CNL), as reported by "Jour d'Algérie" on March 19, 2023, the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Housing, Urbanism, and the City emphasized the imperative need to reform urban planning legislation to align with current urbanization challenges and promote sustainable urban development. The new law being drafted aims to put an end to urban disorder and the degradation of the built environment by proposing innovative approaches and breaking away from existing practices deemed obsolete. The Director-General of Urbanism and Architecture at the Ministry of Housing, Urbanism, and the City highlighted the shortcomings of the current legislation, especially concerning the improvement of the quality of life, management of unplanned urban expansion, proliferation of illegal constructions, and lack of regulation. The new law envisions a range of measures, such as urbanization regulation, improvement of living conditions, reduction of commuting distances, preservation of the environment, and strengthening territorial cohesion. It will introduce new instruments and methods for urbanization and new tools to replace the currently applicable devices, notably the "land use plan" (POS).

Architects, urban planners, and engineers, as the creators of urban plans, express heightened concern regarding these new reforms. In response to this emerging vision, the mixed research team USADI proposes an urban debate, taking the form of a national seminar. This event aims to bring together academic researchers engaged in urban planning education, professional architects, representatives from various institutions in the field of urban planning, and local communities within the framework of the SHABAKAT project.

The objective is not to engage in a debate about the draft law, but rather to ponder on the relevance of adapting existing tools, such as the "land use plan" (POS), to the realities of our current cities and the new challenges facing Algerian cities. The central question is whether changing planning tools is the key to transforming the built environment of our cities? Or does the answer lie in the methodological approach adopted by the authorities in developing these tools? (especially the POS). How can education and research in urban planning contribute to improving these approaches?

Initiating from this inquiry, the USADI research team, in collaboration with the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) and the SHABAKAT network (comprising representatives of Algerian municipalities), is organizing the upcoming Urban Debate on November 29 and 30, 2023, at the EPAU.

Urban Debate 3 will span two days: the first day will be dedicated to a workshop titled "POS facing urban project development" for the benefit of SHABAKAT network members. The second day will involve the sharing of experiences and projects within the framework of strategic urban planning, presented by SHABAKAT network members and invited experts. Additionally, there will be a debate and debriefing on the essential conclusions drawn during the two days of the seminar.

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URBAN DEBATE 3

Workshop

THE POS IN THE FACE OF URBAN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

November 29th, 2023

PROGRAM

Conference Room: A. BAGHLI and Y. BOURBIA

9:00am – 9:30 am

Participant Reception and Registration

9:30am – 10:00 am

Welcome speech by the School Director:
Prof. Kahina Amal DJIAR

Welcome speech by the head of the joint USADI research team
and SHABAKAT- Algeria Network Facilitator
Prof. Dr. Ing. Meriem CHABOU-OTHMANI

Welcome speech by the SHABAKAT facilitator and
representative of UN-HABITAT-Tunisia:
Mr. Majdi FRIHI (online)

Welcome speech by the GIZ representative:
Mrs. Soumeya HAOUCHINE.

Presentation of the day's agenda:
Mr. BENAMARA Samir

10:00am – 10:15am

Organization of working groups: 10 participants / group.

10:15am – 10:35am

Coffee break

10: 35am – 11:00am

Presentation of the POS of El Hamma: Dr. Abdelkarim BITAM

11:00am – 12:00 am	Interactive Workshops 03 sessions, 20 minutes / session. Moderators : Prof. Maha MESSAOUDENE, Dr. Abdelkarim BITAM, Dr. Najet MOUAZIZ BOUCHENTOUF. Reporters : Dr. Amina CHEBLI, Mrs. Samah FLISSI, Mrs. Narimène BOUTEMINE.
12:00am – 12:20pm	Synthesis: by the moderators,
12:20pm - 01h30pm	Lunch break
01:30pm – 03:10pm	Presentations : 20 minutes / presentation Speakers : Dr. Mohamed SRIR, Dr. Abdelkarim BITAM, Mrs. Abderrahim HAFIANE, Mrs. Abderrazak BENDALI-HACINE.
03:10pm – 03:30pm	Debate
03:30pm – 04:00pm	Coffee break
04:00pm – 04:30pm	Exhibition and presentation of student works.
04:30pm	Closing of the workshop



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URBAN DEBATE 3

Seminar and Debate

STRATEGIC URBAN PLANNING, EXPERIENCE SHARING, AND DEBATE

November 30th, 2023

PROGRAM

Conference Room A. BAGHLI

8:30am – 9:00am

Welcome and
Registration In-Person
and Online

9:00am – 9:30am

Welcome speech and
program Presentation

Welcome speech by the School Director:
Prof. Kahina Amal DJIAR

Welcome speech by the GIZ representative: Mrs. Anita
SEBIO KOUHE (online)

Welcome speech by the General Director of ANURB: Mr
Yacine BENALOUACHE

Welcome speech by the head of the joint USADI research
team and SHABAKAT- Algeria Network Facilitator: Prof.
Meriem CHABOU-OTHMANI

Welcome speech by the SHABAKAT facilitator and
representative of UN-HABITAT-Tunisia:
Mr. Majdi FRIHI (online)

9:30am -10:30am	Sharing Algerian and Tunisian Experience in Urban Planning	<p>Session 1: Moderators: Mr. Majdi FRIHI et Prof. Meriem CHABOU-OTHMANI.</p> <p>The Communal Development Plan, New Generation Mr. Mahrez KAB</p> <p>The Advisory Council (CAPDEL Project) in the municipality of Ghazaouet: Mr. Mohamed TERBECHE</p> <p>El Guettar Sustainable City: Source Segregation of Household Waste: Mr. Lotfi RACHDI (online)</p> <p>Strategy for integrating digital systems (GIS via QGIS): Role of green infrastructure in surface temperature mitigation: Case of Annaba: Mrs. Nassira NOUI,</p>
10:30am – 11:00am	Coffee break	
11:00am – 12:00am	Sharing Algerian and Tunisian Experience in Urban Planning	<p>Session 2: Moderators: Mr. Majdi FRIHI et Prof. Meriem CHABOU-OTHMANI</p> <p>Geographic Information System in the city of Sfax Mrs. Faten GHRIBI, (online).</p> <p>Territorial Environmental Challenges in Djerba Mrs. Maroua BEN AZAIEZ, (online)</p> <p>Algerian Experience in Rehabilitation: Cases of Algiers and Constantine Mr. Abdelwahab ZEKAGH</p>
12:00am -12:30pm	Debate	
12:30pm - 01:30pm	Lunch break	
01:30pm- 02h30pm	The role of the university and national and international institutions in urban strategic development in both countries.	<p>Urban debate: Expert Panel 1st Session. Moderator: Prof. Meriem CHABOU-OTHMANI (USADI and SHABAKAT-Algeria Coordinator)</p> <p>Experts: Prof. Maha MESSAOUDENE (EPAU-Algeria) Prof. Nora SEMMOUD (University of Tours-France) (online) Mrs. Amel SBIA (CNERU- Algeria) Mr. Zied NAHOUCHE (Senior-City Planner-Paris) (online)</p>
02:30pm- 03:00pm	Coffee break	



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03:00pm- 04:00pm

The role of the university and national and international institutions in urban strategic development in both countries.

Urban debate: Expert Panel 2nd Session Moderator:
Mr. Majdi FRIHI (UN Habitat and SHABAKAT-Tunisia) (online).

Experts:

Dr. Mohamed HOCINE (EPAU-Algeria)
Dr. Najet MOUAZIZ BOUCHENTOUF (USTO-Algeria)
Mrs Farida KEBRI (PNUD-Algeria)
Mrs Inchirah HABBABOU (Expert-Urban Planner - Tunisia) (online)

04:00pm- 04:30 pm

1. Presentation of the terms of reference of the Strategic Planning Network
2. Official launch of the Think Tank **Urban Debate**

Urban Debate 3: Closing of the Seminar