

The FIG Marrakech Declaration

A vision and challenge to shape the future of Urban Rural Interrelationships

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SUMMARY

The Marrakech Declaration [FIG Publication 33] was the major outcome of the 2nd FIG Regional Conference “Urban-Rural Interrelationship for Sustainable Environment”, held in Marrakech, Morocco, December 2003. The Declaration was subsequently launched at two important events: the 2nd World Urban Forum in Barcelona, September, 2004 and the Inter-regional Conference on Strategies for Enhancing Rural-urban Linkages Approach to Development and Promotion of Local Economic Development in Nairobi, October 2004. The Marrakech Declaration addresses a specific topic of global interest and importance and supports FIG's aims as a Non Government Organisation (NGO) to contribute to the United Nation's millennium goals of building a more sustainable, just and peaceful world.

The inter-relationship between the Urban and Rural environments is one of the most important and complex issues that needs to be globally addressed today. The Marrakech Declaration is a significant document designed to define ways that professionals, governments and the public and private sectors can work together to address the complex and interrelated issues of Institutional and Governance Concepts; Infrastructure and Land & Natural Resources; together with Capacity Building and Change Management. The Declaration is intended to support politicians, senior managers, professional organizations and decision makers in their efforts to enable a balanced coexistence of a sustainable nature and a liveable habitat. The Declaration recognises that these issues can not be solved in isolation and the declaration is intended to contribute to the holistic vision required to bring about improvements in the urban-rural interrelationship.

This key note presentation will address the issues associated with the Marrakech Declaration and its implementation together with the vision for the future in solving the burning issues of urban-rural relationships.

SOMMAIRE

La déclaration de Marrakech [publication 33] était les résultats principaux du 22eme la conférence régionale «l'interrelation urbaine et rurale pour un développement durable», tenue dans Marrakech, Maroc, décembre 2003. La déclaration a été plus tard lancée à deux événements importants: le forum urbain du 2eme monde à Barcelone, septembre 2004 et la conférence interrégionale sur des stratégies pour augmenter les tringleries Rural-urbaines s'approchent au développement et à la promotion du développement économique local à Nairobi, octobre 2004. La déclaration de Marrakech adresse une matière spécifique d'intérêt et de l'importance globaux et la soutient des objectifs comme organisation non gouvernementale (O.N.G.) à contribuer aux buts du millénium de la nation unie de construire un plus soutenable, juste et le monde paisible.

La corrélation entre les environnements urbains et ruraux est l'une des questions les plus importantes et les plus complexes qui doit être globalement adressé aujourd'hui. La déclaration de Marrakech est des documents significatifs conçus pour définir les manières que les professionnels, les gouvernements et les secteurs de public et privés peuvent travailler ensemble pour adresser le complexe et ont interlié des questions des concepts institutionnels et de gouvernement; Infrastructure et terre et ressources naturelles; en même temps que le bâtiment de capacité et la gestion de changement. La déclaration est prévue pour soutenir des politiciens, des cadres supérieurs, des organismes professionnels et des décideurs dans leurs efforts de permettre une coexistence équilibrée à caractère soutenable et à un habitat habitable. La déclaration identifie que ces questions ne peuvent pas être résolues en isolation et la déclaration est prévue pour contribuer à la vision holistique exigée pour provoquer des améliorations de la corrélation urbaine et rurale.

Cette présentation de note principale adressera les questions liées à la déclaration de Marrakech et à son exécution ainsi que la vision pour le futur en résolvant les questions brûlantes des rapports urbains et ruraux.

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