

## Themes for implementing CDS Programmes

Theme one:

Links, Relationships, and networking to develop the applications of CDS in the Region:

This theme is divided into:

- Relationship with Donors.
- City to City Relationships.
- Relationship between the central government and the provinces in the region.
- Relationship between Provinces and cities.

Theme Two:

Building Capacities:

- Building institutional capacities of Arab cities.
- Capacity Building for the human resources of the urban planners.

Theme Three:

- Programs for Research and Development to upgrade the applications of CDS, including meetings and symposia.

Theme Four:

Consultation and Technical Support:

To assist cities in setting and implementing CDS.

Theme One:

1- Relationship with Donors:

It is suggested that AUDI should establish a (Donors Coordination Facility) as an executive entity for the international organizations in the field of CDS.

- There are several bodies.
- Also there are international organizations that have branch/ secondary interests, such as:  
GEP, UNDP .... In the field of environment.  
ILO .... In the field of Labour.  
UNICEF, UNDP..... In the field of poverty, Women, Youth and Children situation.  
UNFPA ..... In the field of Reproductive Health.

2- Relationship with Donors Also:

AUDI, depending on its bilateral relations with donors would organize cooperation frameworks (not necessarily twinning) among Arab cities and cities from developed countries (from the North) to learn about the way city development CDS, follow up systems ...etc., are composed. AUDI can make direct bilateral relations with such cities before turning to donors for funding.

3- City to City Relationships:

The first to be suggested in this regard is for AUDI to establish a (Exchange Program Among Arab Cities) a program among Arab cities: Coexisting Approach and popularizing successful experiences.... Fellowships.

4- Relationships between Central Government/ provinces/ States in the countries of the region:

This theme requires AUDI to give special care to assisting the countries of the region in their endeavors to reform their administrative systems and adopting decentralization. Of course there is no ready made system here as the matter varies from one country to the other; according to each countries political system and the cultural and social structures. Yet, there would be no real strategy in the light of tight links to the center.

#### 5- Relationships between Provinces/ State and attached Cities:

This secondary theme deals with planning for local development. Here AUDI would assist the countries of the region in the know how of formulating those plans and setting a developmental plan for the provinces/States to study the potentials for each branch administrative unit. GIS will be utilized for drawing the map , surveys of family expenditure ,.... Etc.

Theme Two:

- Institutional Capacity Building for Arab Cities.
- Human resources Capacity Building for Arab Urban Planners.

Institutional Capacity Building for Arab Cities:

Assist Arab cities in transferring into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The Base for Knowledge Economy and Knowledge Community:

Here AUDI should develop a comprehensive Action Plan including ICT , and the relationship between Economic planning and physical/ spatial planning, within these new **insights(pre-enp.....)?**

Institutional Capacity Building in the field of establishing systems for observation and evaluation beyond observatories and organic linking between the stage of maintaining CDS and its implementation and observation of implementation of its projects and programs:

Here AUDI may contribute in the process of institutional development related to selection of projects and determination of priorities and setting **charters (matrixes)** for observation and evaluation.

This is related to how **budgets(equations)** are set, and the new approaches available for that.

Institutional Capacity Building in the field of Public Private Partnership

Meaning to institutionalize the cooperation between public and private sectors in setting and implementing the plans and strategies of city development.

Institutional Capacity Building in the field of Urban – Rural Interface.

Institutional Capacity Building in the field of Social integration:

Programs of Youth integration.

Programs of employment.

Programs of poverty elimination.

Institutional Capacity Building in the field Regulations and Legislations.

To provide an enabling environment for the Business sector and Investment promotion.

Institutional Capacity Building in the field of improving the work of the non regulated economic sector, and improving production and individual income rate of those engaged.

Institutional Capacity Building in the field of dealing with squatters and poverty packages according to both treatment and prevention methods, and to circulate the successful experiences in this regard.

Building of the technical and vocational capacities for the urban planners in the countries of the region:

- Training a new generation of Arab urban planners of multiple knowledge backgrounds, who are able to set and implement city development strategies according to the **integrated (comprehensive)** perception which links between the economic planning and physical planning that conforms to the concept of sustainability.
- Training urban planners interested in building quantitative models and computer applications in conducting projections and **sceneries** for strategic planning of the city, as well as GIS.
- Training urban planners specialized in observation, evaluation and conducting field surveys systems, and also in preparing reports and setting alternatives.

Theme Three:

Programs for research and improvement to develop the applications of city development strategies, including meetings and symposia:

- In this regard it is suggested for AUDI to adopt
  - 1) Conducting studies (readiness Level of Arab cities to implement city development strategies and adopting observation and evaluation systems)
  - 2) Developing work detailed guides that would assist urban planners in the Arab cities to set, implement, and follow up the city development strategies.
  - 3) Study the Arab and international successful experiences, document and circulate them among Arab cities; organize workshops to disseminate their concepts, developmental visions and how they operate and how they could be recruited according to the characteristics of the city in concern.
  - 4) Develop a guiding work plan on how to administer a municipality and administrative units with limited resources, and improve its residents living level, including development programs for small and medium institutes, micro lending and local private organization.
  - 5) Developing guide working plans on how to conduct Situation Analysis of cities , and derive points of strength, weaknesses, opportunities and risks, upon which objectives are determined for.....

Theme for Consultation and Technical Assistance:

It is suggested in this regard for AUDI to improve its self to become a Resource Centre, i.e. to be a reference for Arab expertise and categorize them according to the various urban planning specializations.

When a city is in need of a specialization then it would ask AUDI for assistance.

Also the same with international donors as in referring to AUDI when they request regional expertise to supervise over the projects which they are funding.

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