

INTERMEDIATE CITIES - URBANISM + ARCHITECTS (CIMES U+A)

WORK PROGRAMME REPORT MAY 2020

PURPOSE AND CHARGE OF THE WORK PROGRAMME

Strengthen **the strategic relationship between urban planning and architects**, and **technical capacities on urbanism, town planning and management for local architects**, by using the Base Plan methodology and tool of learning, offered by UNESCO Chair and the UIA-CIMES-U+A with partners.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PRODUCTS

Our work at UIA-CIMES has promoted the knowledge and visibility of intermediate cities, for architects and other professions in the city, as well as with international organizations (UN-HABITAT and of course UNESCO) and local ones, such as UCLG, with whom we have a collaboration protocol since August 2012. The work has been carried out in these phases and with this production:

a) Background and two work phases of CIMES:

- The first, only within the UIA, as intermediate cities and global urbanization, in the phase 1996-2008, which came to connect a network **with local architects and professionals from 176 cities** (see annex A - List and Map)
- The second was **the constitution as UNESCO Chair at the UdL** (this is the University of Lleida) - Protocol 29.4.2009, between the UdL and UNESCO. As "Intermediate Cities - Urbanization and Development" (2019-2023) <

b) Bibliography and implementation of CIMES:

- In the first phase, **3 books and 3 international academic articles** were published (see annex B).
- In the second phase, **9 books and 7 international academic articles** were published (see annex B).
- Develop the UNESCO Chair approved by UNESCO Paris from 2019 to 2023 in collaboration with UCLG (Protocol 2012). Also, my participation in the Experts Group -"International Guidelines for Urban and Territorial Planning"- for the UN Summit HABITAT.3 (Quito, October 2016). Where we contribute the fruit of **a research -pioneer worldwide- a census of all the cities of the world with more than 50,000 inhabitants: 9,426 with a list, their urban population and their map with all geo-referenced.**

c) Education and training courses:

Generate an **inclusive planning method** for architects and the society, offers the opportunity for architects to use comprehensive, physical or urban planning and strategic planning, called the **Base Plan**. Use this method for training courses and workshops for architects, but also politicians and city professionals. In the 2012-2020 periods, **1,545 people –architect and professionals of the city- have participated** (see annex C). **There are 303 Base Plans** for as many intermediate cities in the world (see annex BP).

VALUE AND SIGNIFICANCE

- Enhancing the relationship between architects and urban planning at local level and within technical units of local governments;
- Increasing work opportunities of architects and their ability to influence urbanization processes, especially in intermediate cities.

Additional: Collaboration with UNESCO-UdL-CIMES Chair and international organizations: UN-HABITAT we are members Experts Group "International Guidelines for Urban and Territorial Planning". Collaboration



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with UCLG (Letter with UCLG and UNESCO-CIMES has already been signed). **The main objective is the formation of Local and/or other professionals of intermediate cities**, while promoting more inclusive and sustainable cities and urban development, especially in intermediate cities and scales (SDG 11).

ENGAGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT

The commitments have been with international organizations (UCLA + UN-HABITAT + UENSCO) and with a wide network of architects and city professionals, in more than 170 cities around the world (see Map).

WORLD CONGRESS PLANS

The offer is to conduct a **Training of Trainers Course on Base Plan for architects of the 5 regions of the UIA**. Together with the **UIA 2021 RIO, the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and the UNESCO Chair**. The project is being worked together with *Fabiana Izaga* (member *Comitê Ejecutivo UIA2021Rio and Universidad PROURB/FAU-UFRJ*) and *Raquel Tardín* (from the same University of Rio) and our team. They are 3 days of course and an act of presentation of the results and of the certificates of the same, issued by its organizers.

This course will be the final act of the work program.

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