



World Urban Forum: Land Economy at the Heart of WUF2

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The second World Urban Forum held in Barcelona 13-17 September 2004 attracted over 4,000 participants and involved daily dialogues and 90 networking events. If one word could be used to encapsulate the theme it would have to be “urbanisation”.

The underlying principles and policies relating to the use of land and land resources, whether subject to political direction or to proprietary enterprise under legal restrictions, were fundamental to the discussions. Thus CASLE with its twin disciplines of surveying and land economy, has an essential place in any forum which debates the dynamics of human settlements; or to put it another way, as did Cambridge University’s Board of Estate Management over 40 years ago, “the use, tenure and development of land is an integrated subject of universal concern to human society”

When CASLE was formed in 1969, the late Professor Denman, the founder of the Land Economy Tripos at Cambridge, saw ‘surveying’ as an essential technical and professional element within the philosophy of land economy. Anyone attending the World Urban Forum would have understood how right he was.

CASLE was represented at WUF2 by Cyprian Riungu, Regional President for Africa, and Clifford Dann, Regional President for Europe. As always at events such as these, only some of the wide-ranging topics can be covered by two people, but contributions were made in the following areas:

- Housing for all
- The Commission for Africa
- Financing urban housing and infrastructure
- Access to basic services for all
- Challenges of City Financing (Professionals Forum)
- City-community partnerships in the Commonwealth (ComHabitat)
- Urban governance in an environment of HIV/AIDS
- Urban planning re-visited

A further report on some of these activities, and the related role of CASLE for the future, will be posted on this website in the near future. For details regarding the Professionals Forum please refer to <http://www.habitatforum.org>



In the Foyer of the Convention Centre

Cyprian Riungu and Clifford Dann with Ulrik Westman (UN-Habitat)



At the Professionals Forum

(Left to Right) Prof. Magel (FIG), Cyprian Riungu (CASLE), Don Okpala (UN-Habitat), Nicky Nzioki (Kenya), Prof. Moshia (Botswana), Markku Villikka (FIG) and Clifford Dann (CASLE)