

**5th International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (ICURP5) &
18th PASCAL International Conference on Learning Cities (PICLC18)**

**Theme:
Sustainable Development Futures: From Knowledge to Practice**

**12-13 November 2024
University of the Philippines
School of Urban and Regional Planning**

As the world confronts climate change resulting in growing disaster risk, biodiversity loss, inequality, and resource depletion, particularly in developing countries, the urgent need for action towards sustainable development becomes ever more apparent. Humanity stands at a crossroads. While knowledge about social, economic, environmental and institutional challenges abounds, translating this knowledge into concrete, impactful solutions presents a critical obstacle. This international conference aims to bridge the gap, fostering meaningful collaboration and action towards a more sustainable future for all.

The following are the identified conference sub-themes:

- 1) ***Regional complementarity and competitiveness*** – a balancing act of complex interplay of competition and collaboration while understanding the balance of these forces for developing effective strategies for regional development.
- 2) ***Digital transformation for innovation in planning*** – leveraging technology to unlock significant and transformative innovation potential such as a) enhancing data-driven decision-making, b) improving collaboration and communication, c) empowering stakeholders, and d) predictive and prescriptive planning, among others.
- 3) ***Sustainable living and climate change*** – embracing sustainable practices that lead to higher quality of life – physical and mental health, social relationships, economic security, and environmental quality.
- 4) ***Inclusive and transformative development of sustainable cities*** – an ongoing process that requires continuous learning, reflection and action by understanding its principles and engaging with relevant resources that contribute to building a more gender-equal world.
- 5) ***Lifelong and lifewide learning*** – connected concepts both emphasizing the continual nature of acquiring knowledge and skills throughout life that empower

individuals to navigate a rapidly changing world, lead fulfilling lives and contribute meaningfully to society.

Initial call for contributions:

The organizers are inviting educators, researchers, practitioners and professionals to participate and share their research and studies in the conference. Submitted papers will undergo a peer review process, wherein they will be presented during the conference, and shall be included in the proceedings. Furthermore, authors of highly evaluated papers will be requested to finalize their contributions after the conference for subsequent publication through the Journal in Urban and Regional Planning (JURP).

Kindly provide the following:

- 1) Presenter name(s), title(s) and organizational affiliation(s);
- 2) Email address and a short biography (biosketch) of each presenter;
- 3) Picture (headshot) of each presenter (jpg or png format, minimum size 180pix x 180pix;
- 4) Abstract which should indicate the following:
 - a. the nature of the paper, for example, whether it is a report of completed research, work in progress, 'blue skies' thinking, an analytical or discussion paper or a demonstration project;
 - b. the issues that the paper raises;
 - c. the relationship of the paper to other literature and research; and
 - d. the approach to the topic, and where relevant an outline of methodology; and where appropriate the conclusions and recommendations.

The abstract should not exceed 500 words and be in MS Word format. The working language for the conference is English; and

- 5) Provide a list of up to five (5) keywords separated by commas.

Key dates:

30 April 2024 - Call for Abstracts

30 May 2024 - Deadline for Submission of Abstracts

30 June 2024 - Notice of Acceptance of Abstracts

31 July 2024 - Deadline for Submission of Full Papers

15 September 2024 - Notification of Peer-reviewed Results of Full papers

15 October 2024 – Release of the Final Conference Program

12-13 November 2024 - ICURP5 & PICLC18

Organization:

Further details about travel, accommodation, conference fees and schedule, etc. will be announced in later in May 2024 and will be available on the conference website:

Contact details:

For inquiries and submissions, please contact:

Office of Research and Publication

University of the Philippines School of Urban and Regional Planning (UP SURP)

3/F SURP New Bldg, E. Jacinto St, UP Diliman, Quezon City 1101

Tel: (+632) 8981 8500 local 4082; Fax: (+632) 8926 2120

Email: surporp.upd@up.edu.ph