

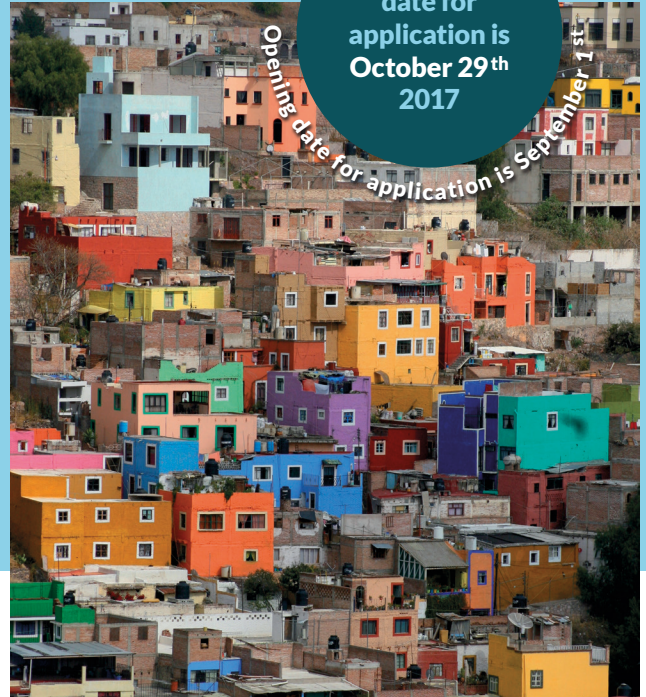
Enabling Local Democracy and Inclusive Urban Development Through the SymbioCity Approach

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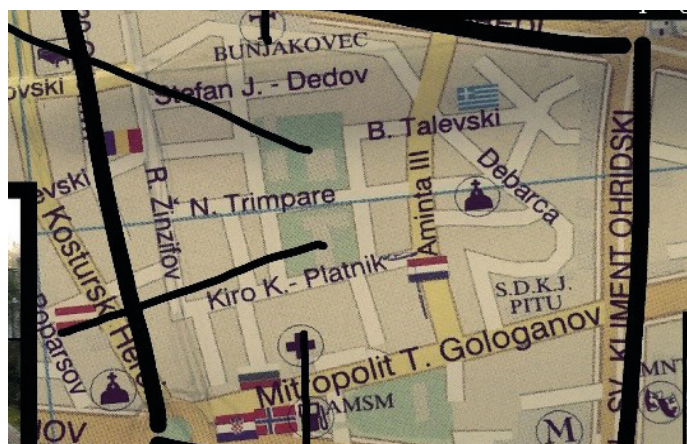
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Target groups and applicant criteria

- Decision-makers and public officials from local authorities, preferably those working in departments dealing with varying types of urban development.
- Participants will apply and be accepted as teams of two to three people from each town/city.
- We welcome teams that are mixed in terms of gender and age. Participants must be nominated by their organisation.
- Course participants may not be accompanied by family members.



How to apply

The application must be submitted before the application period expires by using the online application tool for the specific programme, reached at:

www.icld.se/en/international-programmes/apply

The online application tool also contains details of what to include with your application. After an initial selection process, a few chosen candidates will be interviewed via Skype or by phone, after which the final round of selection will take place.

Once you have been accepted, and you and your supervisor have confirmed that you will be participating in the programme, you will receive a letter containing all the information you need.

The training will require you to be in good health and capable of full-time work.

ICLD operates an anti-discrimination policy and all training courses are open to anyone, irrespective of functional variations. If you require adaptation of venues or hotels for your full participation, please add this at the space provided in the application form in order for the organizers to resolve any practical issues that may arise.

Training goals

The overall goal of the training is to afford local authorities the opportunity to develop and manage urban areas in a sustainable and inclusive manner by using the SymbioCity approach. The training shall result in improvements in health, safety and quality of life for people in urban areas.

Upon completion of the training, the participants will:

- understand the importance of good governance in establishing equitable local development;
- be able to manage urban development in a way that is inclusive, holistic and a matter for all citizens;
- understand integrated and holistic planning so as to be able to identify synergies between urban systems;
- understand how to manage change through multi-stakeholder and multi-level collaboration;
- have gained an increased understanding of a variety of creative solutions to urban challenges;
- be able to use the SymbioCity approach to improve the process and the results of urban change projects.

Content

The training is provided in partnership between ICLD and SKL International. It is based on experiences from Sweden as these meet the experiences and expertise from the participating countries, using a tried and trusted ITP method. The method combines the latest theories with practical experiences and field trips.

The SymbioCity Approach

The programme is based on the SymbioCity Approach, which is both an approach and a method of meeting the challenges posed by growing urbanisation in a sustainable way. Some calculations suggest that 60% of the world's population will be urban dwellers by the year 2030. Cities are often the driving forces behind economic development, but they also account for a large share of pollution and over-consumption of the Earth's resources.

SymbioCity combines support for the planning, development and administration of urban environments.

Important points in the SymbioCity Approach:

- equal participation of all inhabitants regardless of age, ability, ethnicity or gender
- civic participation and partnerships between multiple stakeholders
- a gender mainstreaming
- leadership that promotes sustainable development
- shared visions and strategies by all stakeholders
- urban planning that takes an overall, integrational approach
- new and creative solutions to urban challenges
- exploiting and benefiting from collaboration between different urban systems
- the ability to analyse impact and maximise results
- the ability to implement changes in an urban environment.

Process modules are supported by modules encompassing specific urban systems and contexts. We will, for example, address such areas as waste, mobility/transport systems, energy, water and sewage, cultural heritage and public space. There will also be a number of theoretical modules addressing such issues as governance, local democracy, gender equality, combatting poverty, communication and participation, and the environment and climate change.

Description of challenges or problems to be appended to the application.

Every participant, or group of participants from the same municipality, are expected to develop and work with a problem/challenge during the course of the training. The problem/challenge shall be described in the application. During the training, the participants will make use of these concrete challenges and develop them into change projects using the SymbioCity Approach.

The development and implementation of the projects will be supported but not financed by the ICLD.

Tuition

It is important that everyone who is involved in the training programme, whether in the capacity of programme leader, lecturer, or participant, actively shares their experiences. This is a fundamental component of the training programmes.

Management and personnel

The training programme is organised by the ICLD and SKL International in partnership with leading academic institutions, experts in local democracy and development, and governments on national and regional level.

Language requirements

Participants are expected to be able to write, discuss, and give presentations in English why active command of this language is required for all participants.

Cost

ICLD will cover the following costs during the training programme:

- Participants' fees and training materials.
- Travel to and from workshops and to Sweden.
Food and accommodation costs during workshops and time in Sweden.
- Insurance for participants when travelling outside their home countries in connection with the training programme.
- Per diem, based on Swedish per diem amounts, which are lower than those in many other countries.

ICLD will not cover the following costs:

- Other personal expenses
- Medical and dental examinations

Accommodation

All participants will be assigned single rooms in the same hotel during workshops and their time in Sweden.



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Visas

Visas are required for travel to and participation in some elements of the training programmes. Participants will be referred to the correct embassy to apply for a visa, but visa applications must be personally submitted by the participants themselves.

Insurance

All participants will be covered by a group insurance policy when taking part in the various phases of the training programme. The insurance covers medical costs for serious illnesses or accidents.

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