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Governance In Dynamic City Regions



Over 250 delegates attended a three-day conference in Bangalore India from 13 - 15 July, 2005, to look at *The System of Governance In Dynamic City Regions* in [China](#); [Costa Rica](#); [India](#); [Indonesia](#); [Mexico](#); [South Africa](#); and [South Korea](#). [Initiatives in EU](#) were also presented, as a model for developing countries.

Presentations covered the way the innovation and learning system and the governance structure in the dynamic city regions support the development and growth of the key regional clusters and their participation in international value chains ([see download list at bottom of page](#)). They looked at the policy tools and mechanisms used, the actors involved, the strengths and resources on which the industrial process has been built up, the problems faced, and the solutions found. Presenters were also encouraged to discuss approaches taken to manage

slide from presentation on Bangalore: a multi-sectoral Dynamic City Region and venue for the *2nd International Conference on the Process of Innovation and Learning in Dynamic City Regions* (see list of downloadable presentations below)

issues such as social cohesion, immigration, housing, traffic and environmental issues and the distribution of the wealth created within City-Regions.

The Dynamic City Regions Conference, formally the *Second International Conference on the Process of Innovation and Learning in Dynamic City Regions*, was a joint venture by [India's Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion](#); the [Government of the Indian state of Karnataka](#); the Central Manufacturing Technology Institute ([CMTI](#)) of the International Center for Advancement of Manufacturing Technology ([ICAMT](#)), the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry ([FICCI](#)), the Conference of Indian Industry ([CII](#)) and UNIDO. [The conference programme is available here for viewing or downloading.](#)

The major areas of recommendations of the conference emerged as [the Bangalore Declaration, available here for viewing or downloading](#). The conclusions of the conference on how the governance systems create conditions for industrial development in dynamic city regions will be part of a report that will be available on the conference site <http://www.icamt.org/dynamiccityregions/index.asp>.

[The first UNIDO conference on Dynamic City Regions](#) took place in Shenzhen, China, on 6-9 December 2002. The Shenzhen event focused on the strategies and organization of City-Regions. The major conclusion of that conference was that the successful clusters of City-Regions "follow a catching-up strategy to mobilize existing knowledge, expertise and technology by linking, leveraging and learning". The establishment of links with global production networks, the attraction of FDI, the creation of sound partnerships with large corporations, and the benefits derived from the outsourcing process of developed-country enterprises are at the core of such a strategy to grow by building up local capabilities. The conference also stressed the key importance of the support system, the existence of a favourable tax regime to attract FDI, and the necessity of benefiting from modern infrastructures to boost the emergence and growth of the clusters leading the performance of City-Regions.

The Bangalore conference, focusing on the system of governance in dynamic city regions, was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Karnataka, N. Dharam Singh. The keynote address was delivered by Karnataka's Minister for Large & Medium Industry and Small Scale Industry & Infrastructure, P.G.R. Sindhia. The Secretary, Dept. of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ajay Dua, highlighted the importance of the conference in the context of large scale urbanization and industrial and service sector development with innovations and the need for upscaling response for urban development and Infrastructure growth in the dynamically growing city regions.

UNIDO was represented at the conference by Director of UNIDO's Strategic Research activities, Mr. Frederic Richard who chaired Panel II: *Innovative City-Regions and Foreign Investors Linkages*, and Industrial Development Officer, Shadia Bakhait, who chaired Panel III: *Innovation City-Regions and System of Governance in India*. Ms. Bakhait prepared a background paper ([view or download paper](#)) for the conference based on information available on the internet on the Indian Dynamic City-Regions of: Bangalore; Chennai; Pune; Vadodara; and Delhi. The paper concentrates on answering the two questions: Why is this city a dynamic city-region? and How did this city reach its present stage of growth?

Apart from organizing the 3rd Dynamic Cities Conference in Mexico in 2007 or 2008, the main jobs given to UNIDO by the Bangalore Declaration are spelt out in Paragraphs 6 and 10.

Paragraph 6 refers to the need to propagate global best practices in innovation in dynamic city regions "and requests UNIDO to take initiatives for documentation, dissemination and propagation to all stakeholder interests among all nations with a view for sharing of experience and expertise". UNIDOScope is happy that it is able to respond in a small way to this request by making most of the presentations and papers presented at the conference available here. As mentioned earlier, the conclusions of the conference on how the governance systems create conditions for industrial development in dynamic city regions will be part of a report that will be available on the conference site <http://www.icamt.org/dynamiccityregions/index.asp>, along with papers and presentations. The Conference itself was a UNIDO initiative in line with the Para 6 request, as is UNIDO's *Network of Innovation and Learning City-Regions* launched at the Shenzhen conference. Drumming up interest in the *Network* was in fact one of the objectives of the Bangalore Conference.

The other task given UNIDO is in Paragraph 10 of the Bangalore Declaration, where it "emphasizes the need to adopt global bench marking standards to evaluate and measure the degree of innovations in dynamic city regions and utilize the [UNIDO Industrial Development Score Board](#) as a model for adoption and adaptation."

UNIDOScope asked UNIDO's Shadia Bakhait to put the Conference in a nutshell. "Firstly, the Bangalore Declaration is quite an achievement", said Ms. Bakhait, "It was adopted to emphasize the important role of innovation and learning in the development of dynamic city-regions. The declaration stressed the importance of [technopreneurs](#) on the dynamic development of the cities and how the process of transforming technology / innovation from "know-how" to "show how" for small and medium- sized enterprises (SMEs) needs to be explored. While removing barriers to technology transfer to SMEs, this process should also be gender sensitive. The Bangalore Declaration should be followed by a plan of action. There is still a lot of work to be done."

Presentations and Papers delivered at the conference are listed below, mainly in the order they were made at the conference. In most cases they are available for viewing or download as pdf files. The remaining files will be available in the near future, here and at the Conference site <http://www.icamt.org/dynamiccityregions/index.asp>.

- Regional Innovation in Europe: Evolution of Theories and Policies since 1980 and Lessons for Developing Countries, Professor Dr. Nicos Komninos, Urban Development and Innovation Policy, URENIO Research Unit, Aristotle University: (powerpoint presentations) [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#).
- [City-Region of Monterrey Mexico](#): (ppt) Mr. Carlos Zambrano, Former Minister of Development of Nuevo León
- [City-Region of Guangzhou / Shenzhen in Pearl River Delta, China](#): (paper) Ms. Li Shantong, Director General: Department of Development Strategy & Regional Economy, Research Centre of the State Council (DRC)
- [City-Region of Johannesburg South Africa](#): (ppt) Dr Ray Ngcobo, Chief Director, Urban Competitiveness the Department of Trade & Industry (DTI)
- [City-Region of Costa Rica](#): (ppt) Mr. Roger Forbes, The Environmental Department of CEGESTI
- [City-Region of Incheon South Korea](#): (ppt) Professor Sang-Chul CHOE, Urban & Research Planning, Dept. of Environmental planning, Seoul National University
- [City-Region of Surabaya Indonesia](#): (ppt) Mr. Djoni Irianto, Director of Cooperation Bureau of East Java Province

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- [City-Region of Pune Maharashtra](#): (paper) Mr. Sumit Roy, Co-Founder and counsellor of 'Partners in change' and UNIDO National Expert
- [City-Region of Tirupur Tamil Nadu](#): (paper) Dr. K. Rangarajan, Professor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, DEEMED University and UNIDO National Expert
- [City-Regions of: Bangalore; Chennai; Pune; Vadodara; and Delhi](#) (paper) Ms. Shadia Bakhait UNIDO (Background paper based on information available on the internet).
- [Innovation and IT in India - Bangalore Karnataka](#): (paper) [and \(ppt\)](#) Mr. D. K. Sareen, Executive Director ESC and UNIDO National Expert
- [Urban Governance and Innovation in Bangalore](#): (ppt) Mr. K. Jothiramalingam, Commissioner, Bangalore City Corporation
- [Urban Governance and Innovation in Bangalore](#): (ppt) Mr. Subhash Chandra Special Commissioner, Bangalore City Corporation
- Information Technology & Bio-Technology Scenario in Karnataka: Mr. M. K. Shankar Linge Gowda, Secretary (Information Technology & Bio-Technology), Government of Karnataka.
- Urban Renewal as Economic Development Strategy - Case of Surat, India: Prof. Shivanand Swamy, former Director School of Planning, CEPT / Prof. Utpal Sharma, current Director of School of Planning (CEPT)
- Innovation City-Regions and Governance in India: Mr. V. Suresh, Advisor & Director General, Good Governance India Foundation and Conference Coordinator
- Presentation on Tiruppur Experience: Mr. M. C. Srikant

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