

**UGEC 2012 SSC Annual Meeting | New York City, December 06-07**  
**Attendees: Corrie Griffith, Karen Seto, David Simon, Chris Boone, Bill Solecki, Shu-Li Huang, Xiangzheng Deng, Shuaib Lwasa**

**DAY 1**

**Current UGEC products**

Metanalysis of UPA

Urban vulnerability assessment of coastal cities / Vulnerability of Taipei due to urbanization

Recent Taipei training workshop on urban mitigation, adaptation in terms of spatial planning, governance – outputs are syllabi for graduate courses (to be put up on UGEC website)

Ecology, Urban Sustainability, Justice – Chris and Michail's book

Chapter in MIT press (Shuaib and Chris)

**Activities**

1.5-2 day writeshop and training, brining African literature to the int'l level – Kampala (Shuaib)

Training workshop for students and planners geo-spatial databases (Shuaib)

A third training workshop in Taipei for young scholars (Shu-Li)

Next SSC meeting in Beijing to bring together our SSC to connect with the new phase of policy – the pilot cities for sustainable urbanization (Xiangzheng)

Cambridge, sustainability series (Chris) / seminar to bring practitioners and stakeholders on the theme of transitioning to an urban planet

Urban Studies workshop on adaptation in Africa – leading to publications such as a special issue and the Cities and Climate Change assessment (David)

AAG panel – our session on climate change mitigation and adaptation to be potentially part of presidential stream (SSC)

UGEC sessions at the GLP conference

**Journals/Special Issues/Books**

Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability (Bill)

Urban Climate (David)

Urban Studies (David)

Cambridge Sustainability Series (Chris)

Routledge UGEC Synthesis

**Conference**

To take place in 2014 “Urban transitions and transformations: science, synthesis and policy (framing – urbanization as a science and process, cities as ecosystems)

To be hosted potentially in Mexico City (Paty/Roberto), Tempe (IPO), Berlin (Dagmar), Bangalore (Aromar), Kunming (Xiangzheng), Taipei (Shu-Li)

Using AAG as a platform for the conference, outputs to feeds into Environment and Planning A also with COES and helping to define some of the terms: resilience, transformations, sustainability, etc.

Special session for young scholars at the conference

**Education and Outreach**

Using VP as a vehicle for younger researchers – possibly to edit themselves  
Webinars (e.g. CIESIN)  
SSC coming to ASU to give talks or as fellows/teaching courses

### **Workshops**

Masters/PhD students who are going to be practitioners to learn from UGEC  
Mitigation and Adaptation policy/science (US regions NE, SE)  
IPCC relevant workshop, synthesis of adaptation and mitigation co-benefits  
Observed impacts of cc, i.e., conditions which lead to the impacts related to climate change  
Stocktaking of the SP – focusing on cities as a force for gcc and or the 5<sup>th</sup> loop - how adaptation is impacting gcc  
Transitioning to FE or how we want to transition into an Urban Earth entity bringing together our PAs, younger scholars, etc.

### **DAY 2**

Discussion of conference framing continued and how future workshops could strategically be linked to the conference

Karen is sending a two page document to the Future Earth transition team in response to the Belmont Forum call on Collaborative Research Actions (CRAs) due January 11. This will open pathways for what could be future leveraging of funding for a new urban project once UGEC completes its 10 years

### **Workshop themes decided for 2013**

1. Urban Science - assessing what we know about urbanization in terms of the process and how that process takes place to include decisionmaking, social, economic influences – overall bringing together the knowledge base. Approx 15 people. Need to think about making sure we include a diversity of researchers across regions vs. just N. America/Europe. Location and date to be decided but should take place in April or May of 2013 and it was suggested that Bill could host in NYC.
2. Urban Transformations – thinking about how we make decisions in times of uncertainty bringing together a diverse range of disciplines, such as archaeologists. Chris will lead this workshop and location and date are TBD. Suggested timing is late summer of 2013.
3. Workshop to discuss where we should go as an urban community and brainstorming of an urban project that would continue on beyond the lifecycle of UGEC. The idea would be to bring in PAs and a larger group, approx. 40 participants. We discussed NYC at the Yale Club, Karen to host.

### **Postdoc**

We discussed in brief the postdoc candidates. SSC members should provide their feedback by Friday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> and then to make final decision via teleconference on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. Some initial projects could be revisiting the publications from the 2011 Forecasting workshop in AZ and also to begin regional synthesis projects.

## **Conference**

An email will go out to Xiangzheng (Beijing), Shu-Li (Taipei), and Dagmar (Berlin) to assess the true feasibility of hosting the fall 2014 UGEC conference. We laid out the factors which will be critical for this decision including: support for LDC s; staff support; venue, local transportation; accessibility; printing; accessibility of location; facilities. This decision will be finalized during the January teleconference.

## **2013 SSC meeting**

This meeting will take place during the AAG meeting in April. One idea of reengaging PAs is to include them in SSC meetings (e.g., invite Marshall Shepherd to SSC meeting).