



earoph

EASTERN REGIONAL ORGANISATION FOR PLANNING AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS



The **Eastern Regional Organization for Planning and Human Settlements** (EAROPH) is a multidisciplinary and multi-sectoral networking organization inaugurated in 1960.

EAROPH promotes the social, economic and environmental sustainability of human settlements in the Asia-Pacific region. As an organization, it supports close collaboration while strengthening the individuality of member countries through its National Chapters. It is very diverse in many ways, but an example of unity in diversity.

EAROPH-Australia was established in 2010 at EAROPH's Golden Jubilee Anniversary Congress held in Adelaide. It is timely to express our Vision and Focus in contributing towards the Asian Century. Our charter supports new and innovative ways of addressing contemporary challenges of sustainable human settlement and our relationship to the natural world.

Key challenges that EAROPH Australia is keen to discuss and collaborate on include:

- creating supportive, safe, friendly and environmentally sustainable urban and rural human settlements
- maintaining social cohesion, empowering marginalized people and those without adequate resources and opportunities to have a meaningful place in settlements and society of the future
- ensuring there are integrated local, regional and global responses to climate change, and equitable future food and water security for people and other species
- maintaining and strengthening biodiversity and natural places including opportunities for people to positively experience nature (as a key part of human life), and participate in its protection and care
- strengthening good governance of human settlements, including participatory planning and decision-making, effective use of resources and accountability to local communities
- supporting meaningful work, education and business opportunities that deliver goods and services to people in a way that supports local and regional economies, and doesn't 'cost the earth'.

- achieving cooperation between professions, academia, government, industry and other sectors in working together to effectively meet these challenges.

EAROPH Australia's Vision and Focus

EAROPH Australia's vision is for a new relationship between people and the Earth on which we live, respecting its natural ecology and systems, balancing our own needs for shelter, society, culture and economic development. In this regard our current focus of discourse towards and collaborative action includes:

1. Defining and promoting communities that are resilient in the face of climate change and natural disasters, providing healthy living environments with relationships with nature and secure food production
2. More comprehensively describing the qualities of human settlements that, by design and governance, enhance the growth of people as both human beings and contributors to resilient communities, including the promotion of child and youth friendly cities.
3. Establishing a sustainable framework for managing and investing in physical assets including promotion of online training in Systemic Asset Management, linking to overseas best practice models of Open Building and System Separation.
4. Linking to UN Habitat's new Resilient Communities Campaign, the UN Habitat Rights to the City (R2C) agenda and other relevant global initiatives, and drawing on leading contemporary Australian experience in, for example, seeking reconciliation with indigenous peoples and the proper accommodation of migrants and refugees.

We are committed to working with UN Habitat and key agencies as a contributor in crafting the new Global Urban Agenda at Habitat III in 2016. Our unique geographical perspective provides us with the potential for special expertise and insights which we are able to share with those of other regions and, in this collaborative process, in turn learn from them.

The Hon. Secretary,
EAROPH, c/- PO Box 2029 Runcorn Q 4113
or email to: secretary@earophaustralia.com
*Annual individual membership cost is \$75 with
an additional joining fee of \$25.*