Coastal and Internal Settlements Adaptation to Climate Change

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Summary Report

Following the First UNESCO Field Workshop and after six months of international coordinated efforts, the organizing parties, The UNESCO CHAIR in Sustainable Urban Quality and Culture, notably in Africa; the Universita' La Sapienza of Rome, Italy; and the Consortium from Hydro-Generated Urbanism, University of Florida US convened in Rome for the realization of the conference.

The Conference was attended by 55 registered participants that were addressed by 22 speakers. The highest authorities of La Sapienza University were present. Interdisciplinary recognized speakers addressed Climate Change Science, Infrastructural Adaptation for Flood Risk zones, in the USA, Florida, North and South Italy, Egypt, Kenya, Argentina and more, and showcased projects in developments that were jointly discussed.

The Institute of Atmospheric Sciences and Climate (Italy) provided the vision on expected future conditions. The La Sapienza participants included professors from Water Resources Management, Hydrology Department from the Faculty of Engineering and the interdisciplinary Doctoral levels of La Sapienza, the Milan Polytechnic, the University of Cairo , and the Schools of Architecture, Florida , Tsinghua and Rome.

The Proceedings of the Conference will be published by the UNESCO CHAIR. As a conclusion of the Conference, Lucio Barbera and Martha Kohen announced the launching of a new International Group "The Adaptation Project" under the auspices of UNESCO -CHU, that stated its mission to conduct periodic conferences worldwide, communicate globally with stakeholders, and maintain a shareable data bank of adaptation projects.

Please find attached the Conference detailed program and photographs of the event.

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