

BELLAGIO DIALOGUE – 5TH – 9TH NOVEMBER 2012

Central idea:

1. Planning and Architecture are effective democratic tools of social change. Therefore, there is urgent need for planning and architectural activism – rooted in public participation and dialogue for the establishment of ‘Open Cities.’

Objective:

Achievement of ‘Open Cities’: Livable and Resilient

1. Achievement of socio-cultural and environmental justice.
2. Expansion and democratization of public space
3. Establishment of ‘Walking & Cycling’ cities
4. Achievement of equal cities;
Redevelopment of slums and their integration.
Development of affordable social amenities – Healthcare, education and recreation.

Conclusion:

Physical planning and architecture deeply influences the forms of spaces and structures thereby, affecting community relationships and quality of life. It is for these reasons that the integration of planning and architectural endeavors with larger democratic rights movements becomes mandatory for the achievement of the above ideas and objectives.