

Editorial

Isted new road map

The white paper on France's foreign and European policy that was presented by Alain Juppé to the Minister for Foreign and European Affairs on July 11th 2008 sets out twelve proposals on the reform of the international French actions¹ in line with general review of public policies.

These proposals deal also with an international reorganization of the French networks in the embassies², pooling the interveners for the international mobility within a new operator. Upon the white paper, a new legislation will be adapted in order to increase State monitoring of the French Development Agency (AFD). In other hand, the MEEDDAT has put in place since July, 9th 2008 its definitive organization at both central and territorial levels³.

In order to be in line with these evolutions, the road map of Isted "a work undertaken by experts selected by Isted executive boards" should be adapted to be submitted by the end of 2008.

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www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/ministere_817/modernisation_12824/livre-blanc-sur-politique-etrangere-europeenne-france_18407/remise-du-livre-blanc-m.-bernard-kouchner-11.07.08_64433.html

Internet 2:

www.rgpp.modernisation.gouv.fr/uploads/media/DP_Conference_ambassadeurs_aout_2008.pdf

Internet 3:

www.rgpp.modernisation.gouv.fr/index.php?id=73&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=277&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=94&cHash=367b5471d4

News of the association

AFD is a member of Isted

The French Agency for Development (AFD) joined Isted members on September 10th 2008.

Bound by a partnership agreement since 2003, the AFD and Isted have worked together on various issues regarding transport, sustainable development, local authorities and urban sustainable development sectors. These two organisms work also together in the framework of thoughts-actions (financing local authorities, urban transports, cities and climate), publications as well as communication activities mainly "Emerging Cities". Furthermore, Isted plays a great role for the French Global Environment Facility (FFEM) upon urban transport climate. This collaboration concerns principally ZSP areas in Africa, the emerging countries (China, Mexico, and Brazil) as well as the overseas collectivities and territories.

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Programmes and activities

Fourth World Urban Forum

After Vancouver in 2006, China will host the Fourth World Urban Forum - ONU-Habitat in Nanjing on November 3rd-6th, 2008. The theme of this WUF is

“harmonious urbanization: the challenge of balanced territorial development”. A significant French delegation, led by the French Ambassador for Asian countries Jacques Valade in coordination with the senator Yves Dauge, will attend this event. The MAEE attributed to Isted the organization and coordination of the French Pavilion with the support of the MEEDDAT and AFD. That will be a great opportunity to present the various publications of our partners, and to launch the Chinese issue of “*Emerging Cities*”.

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CES Route 2008

The CES Route programme welcomed the new auditors on September 2008. This session which had been implemented thanks to Isted's private partners and French Embassies will end by mid-2009.

Auditors will deal with the following subject:

- Sustainable planning for road patrimony in Benin: improving deficiency of guides and orientation support adapted to the local environment for the establishment of a sustainable road policy.

- Maintenance strategy of engineering structures in Senegal: contribution to the definition of maintenance policy adapted to the restructuration of road patrimony, due to the development of the construction of bridges and others engineering works in Senegal for 2001.

- Application of the « Plans Assurance Qualité » within the projects led by of roads traffic directorate of Morocco.

These projects will be led in collaboration of tutors from French private and public professional sectors. The tutors will be designed in coming days.

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Master ISUR

As usual, the solemn back to school ceremony for the promotion of the Engineering Master of urban services in developing countries (ISUR), took place at la Défense on October 2nd, 2008.

Isted and the responsible of this master hosted the 7th promotion “Caracas” and handed diplomas to the “Hanoi” promotion. M. Gilles Pipien, from the World Bank, presented the inaugural lesson on “urbanisation in the Mediterranean: urban development challenges in the Middle-East and North Africa”.

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Current events

Villes en développement

• New acquisitions

Con-juntos.Miradas eurolatinoamericanas al estudio transversal del territorio. Coordination: Béatriz Nates Cruz. Lima: IFEA, Manizales: University of Caldas, 2008 (Columbia)

Grounded on three important research thematic: “territory and culture”, « territorialisation of actions and process of metropolisation » and «productive and social configuration of rural territories », this publication pools the work of the research team « territoriality » from the Institute of social studies research at the University of Caldas.

Urbanisation, effets d'agglomération et disparités régionales. Michel Dinou (Coord.) N°27-2008 Région et développement

Does the economic development tend to point the finger at incomes and regional disparities as well as at the urban concentration, or does it depend on them? This work presents an analysis of different cases in USA, European metropolis, China and developing countries.

Villes et urbanisation des provinces égyptiennes. Vers l'écoumèropolis ? Éric Denis (dir.). Le Caire: Cedej, Paris: Karthala, 2007

A Collective work presenting a complex and urban Egypt, with developed autonomous and functional systems, not even modelled on mégapolis' ones.

Urban crisis. Culture and sustainability of cities. Edited by M. Nadarajah, Ann Tomoko Yamamoto. Tokyo, New York, Paris: United Nations University Press, 2007

An important contribution towards a theory on culture in sustainable cities, assesses the use of cultural indicators as a tool for policymakers, and includes useful case studies of Patan (Nepal), Penang (Malaysia), Cheongju (South Korea), and Kanazawa (Japan).

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