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Editorial

“Emerging cities, keys to understanding and acting”

Being the solution to accelerate the demographic transition as soon as possible and the key factor for the national and international safety, emerging cities constitute an important vector to moderate the international migrations.

Therefore, urban policies must, at first, facilitate the access to building-lands contributing, thereby, to both the stabilisation and sustainable mankind's implementation in cities and to giving them an opportunity to make savings, which represents a first step of their economical and social promotion.

A practical book, an interactive website and a rich exhibition, these are three tools created by Isted, they are open to the public in order to promote a practical approach answering different cities' actors.

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Programmes and activities

Emerging cities: a book, a website and an exhibition

Emerging cities is the fruit of a political will of two French ministries, the Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Spatial Planning (MEDAD) and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (MAEE), but furthermore, the determination of the French Development Agency (AFD).

This product was worked out by l'ISTED which called-up different contributors, professionals, researchers as well as experts.

Isabelle Biagiotti achieved the editorial coordination, *Courrier de la planète*, and the layout was drawn and achieved by Bernard Favre, Louma productions.

It shed synthetic, instructional and illustrated lights on the relevant urban problems. It contains twelve themes divided into two important parts; the first one is about the knowledge and management of cities, the second one deals with the main important urban development. The last chapter of the book analyses the cooperation between cities that are called upon to have a key role within the international and French cooperation system.

The book is available in both languages, French (Emerging Cities) and English. It will be translated into Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and Japanese by October 2008.

A dedicated website has just been opened to a large public, it will be fed with further information and documents related to these thematic.

An exhibition in French and English is also available, by request, on the website.

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Safety and security maritime twinning in Morocco

This project is in the frame work of both the association agreement signed between Morocco and the European Union and the neighbourhood policy, implemented recently by EU with, among others, partners from the Southern Mediterranean.

The twinning started on 1st December 2005 and should last on 30th November 2007 (its duration could be extended by three months). It aims to make the shipping administration and the Moroccan shipping at the same level in European safety and security standards.

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Era-Net Transport 1: final conference

Since three years, decision makers from thirteen countries looked for coordinating their national policies and creating important synergies among them aiming at strengthening the European Research Area in the transport sector.

The Era-Net Transport 1 programme which is financed by the European Union for the period 2004-2007 will make a summary of its results by the end of this year: trans-national cooperation experience in research field, the improved methods to enable it and the different barriers to overcome.

The final seminar will take place at Brussels on September 27th 2007. A wide assembly comprising all the programme contributors and other exterior actors will attend this seminar.

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Launch of the working group urban governance (GTGU)

The GTGU was implemented in the frame of Funding Scheme "FSP mobilisateur" (supporting the local governance in FSP countries). The launch meeting was organised by DGCID and took place on July 9th 2007.

Yves Dauge, WG coordinator and Jean-Christophe Deberre (DGCID) repeated the purpose; set the French cooperation into an all-encompassing dynamic around challenges raised by a shift toward a world widely urbanized.

French actors, partners of MAEE (other ministries, AFD, CUF, FNAU, CL associations, Gemdev...) were invited to six thematic meetings (support of the rehabilitation and development policies related to old urban centers; support of urban policies; development and land policies; access to basic services; urban regional dimension; decentralised cooperation) aiming at raising a French approach of urban governance in order to support decentralised process in ZSP countries.

Isted is in charge of organizing the meetings and improving the undertakings.
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AdP day on urban mobility and development

As each year, the day of AdP association (*Villes en développement* will take place on September 7th 2007 at ENPC (Paris). This event will focus on the relation between urban mobility and development.

Professionals challenge goes beyond the integration of transport sectoral policy to an integrated and sustainable approach of the cities development. Each city has its history, identity and movement.

The interaction between relevant mobility policy and proportionate urban growth will be in the heart of this event.

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Current events

Ville en Développement

• New acquisitions

Urban Africa, changing Contours of Survival in the City – under supervision of AbdouMaliq Simone and d'Abdelghani Abouhane – Ed. Codesria, 2005

Megacies – Trialog n°92, 2007 – Special issue dedicated to the great megalopolis in different regions around the world and to the sustainable development complexity. It analyses the results of 17 projects led in Brazil, Chile, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, South African Republic, Tanzania and Vietnam.

Migrations internationales, chaînon manquant de la mondialisation – *Courrier de la planète* n° 81-82, 2007

Brasilia. Ville fermée, environnement ouvert – Editors scientific: Marcia Regina De Andrade Mathieu, Ignez Costa Barbosa Ferreira, Dominique Couret – Paris: Ird Editions, 2006.

• Bulletin *Villes en développement*

Number 76 (june 2007): "**Vancouver 2006: moving ideas into action**". Editorial Anna Tibaijuka, executive supervisor of ONU habitat

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