



## Call for Abstracts

**The Sudanese Institute of Architects (SIA)**  
4<sup>th</sup> Scientific and Professional Conference  
**Towards Sustainable Urban Development**  
Friendship Hall, Khartoum, 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2015

As the leading professional and scientific architectural institution in Sudan, the **Sudanese Institute of Architects (SIA)** organizes regularly scientific and professional conferences of international stature intended to present and discuss the emerging issues affecting the theories and practice of architecture and planning in Sudan and elsewhere. In November 2015 the SIA will organize an international conference under the title **Towards Sustainable Urban Development** that will be the fourth in its conference series. The objectives of the Conference are as follows:

1. To review critically and to contribute to the current thinking and debates about Sustainable Urban Development.
2. To assess the prevailing urbanization patterns, their manifestations and ramifications.
3. To explore the various facets of Sustainable Urban Development, namely, socio-cultural, managerial, technological and financial aspects.
4. To review the recent developments in sustainable housing and its pertinent issues.
5. To appraise the current status of professional practice in the fields of Sustainable Urban Development.
6. To learn from best Sustainable Urban Development practices locally, regionally and internationally.

The Conference **themes** are:

- A. Urban Sustainability Challenges
- B. Urbanization Patterns, Trends and Societal Needs
- C. Sustainable Urban Planning and Design
- D. Urban Infrastructure, Accessibility and Mobility
- E. Sustainable Housing
- F. Urban Management and Finance
- G. Technologies for Sustainable Urban Development
- H. Towards Sustainable Urban Development: Case Studies

More details and sub-themes are shown in the attached conference documents.

In addition the Conference will feature **Round Tables** and **Workshops** designed to deliberate timely issues; as well as a **venue** through which Sudanese cities and states could showcase their achievements in terms of urban planning and design.

You are cordially invited to submit abstracts in one or more of the above-listed themes, or their sub-themes. A scientific committee composed of leading urban experts and academics will select from the submitted abstracts the most pertinent ones that could be developed into full papers, which will undergo a second round of assessment by the Scientific Committee.

***The deadline for submission of abstracts is 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015.*** Abstracts should be emailed to [info@conf4.sia.sd](mailto:info@conf4.sia.sd). The conference website is [www.conf4.sia.sd](http://www.conf4.sia.sd)

We look forward to receiving your abstracts, and please feel free to share this call for abstracts with your colleagues, associates and friends.

With our best regards.

Sincerely,

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