With over half of the world’s population living in urban areas set to increase dramatically during the next generation, this year’s forum focuses on the urgent need to improve urban planning. The urban agenda is becoming a global priority as major challenges such as climate change, resource depletion, and economic instability impact communities everywhere.

This public forum will explore how Hawaii’s unique island values can redefine a new planning framework. Our panel features leaders in sustainability, Hawaiian culture, community activism, globalization, and resource development.

Panelists:
- James Koshiba, Executive Director, Kanu Hawaii
- Matt Hamabata, Executive Director, The Kohala Center
- Alex de Roode, Executive Director, Sustainable Living Institute of Maui
- Gregory C. Chun, Vice President, The Keauhou - Kahalu‘u Education Group, The Kamehameha Schools
- Clark Llewellyn, Dean, UHM School of Architecture
- Michael Douglass, Director, UHM Globalization Research Center; and former Chair, UHM Department of Urban and Regional Planning
- Allen Clark, Senior Research Fellow, East West Center; Founder of The International Institute for Resource Development

Moderator: Tom Dinell, Emeritus Professor, Urban & Regional Planning

Featured Presentation:
“Secure Tenure: A Story from the field” by Habitat for Humanity

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