

Unit 17 Partnership between stakeholders

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Dominique Hes from Australia started the session by sharing her practical experience in her presentation titled "Facilitating green innovation in the built environment through reflective practise". Followed by a very interesting and innovative strategy presented by Joseph Francis Wong from Hong Kong which encouraged participation between all stakeholders through the use of internet. Rosemary Kennedy from Australia gave a few guidelines for collaboration between a local government authority and a university through her presentation. An interesting experience and process was shared by the pair from Canada, Sandra Marshall and Doug Pollard of involving communities in a dialogue through the use of design charrette in the title "Connecting sustainable community planning to green housing design: integrated design charrette". Jan Yang again from Australia explained "Discover integrated approaches to smart and sustainable housing development". Wiktorina Glad from Sweden presented her research and ideas on involving stake holders in the discussion and design process through her analysis of "Regeneration in the housing stock as technoeconomic networks". Sihle Dlungwana from made an interesting presentation on the model that the CSIR have developed for increasing management capabilities of contractors in South Africa. His strategy had high transferability potential and involved an important part of the building process that is normally neglected or not given enough thought.

The session was finally ended by two interesting presentations, one from Japan by Sachiko Zenyoji on her experience on the eco-friendly renovation of school buildings and environmental education. The last one was by David Gordon from USA of his experience of "Building green in the aftermath of a natural disaster.

The session had some very interesting presentations and touched a wide range of issues that are associated with partnership between stakeholders. It could have been better by including speakers from more different parts of the world rather than concentrating more on Asia-Pacific region. At times, it was found that the discussions were drifting away into areas not directly related to the theme of the session. Global participation and speakers with inputs from real life experiences rather than theoretical guidelines are more appreciated. Sharing of knowledge becomes more meaningful and adaptation more possible if it has real life examples and instances of success stories. Repeating guidelines and theoretical frameworks are best left to poster sessions.