

Planning Forum Auroville: February 25th - March 2nd 2009 'SUSTAINABLE REGIONS – CO-OPERATIVE PLANNING'

Exploration of Innovative Tools for Sustainable Regional Planning and Development

The event was inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor Govind Sing Gujar of Puducherry and commenced with lectures and global examples by international experts on the topic of sustainable planning. The subsequent 2 days consisted of collaborative workshops and hands-on-planning sessions with the participation of planners and officials from Puducherry, Chennai, Auroville, Goa, Bangalore, Delhi, Tamil Nadu and stakeholders from the region. The co-operative process inspired a new approach to the Sustainable Regional Planning and Development process.

The workshop focussed on the use of collaboration in complex regional planning and development issues, by integrating efficient tools for participatory planning. The aim was to contribute innovative processes promoting sustainable development to the comprehensive development plan for the region comprising Puducherry and neighbouring districts of Tamil Nadu. Results were presented by the experts from Europe, Andreas von Zadow (Potsdam), Ekhart Hahn (Berlin), Charles Campion and Ross Peedle (JTP London), on 2 March.

It is hoped that this forum will be the first step in the creation of a new nurturing, sustainable regional plan which will lead towards a model region for India.

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Picture below shows participants of the Sustainable Regions – Co-operative Planning AV, February 28th 2009