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CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE CITY PLANNER™

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Sustainable city planning is no longer optional—it is the cornerstone of resilient, equitable, and thriving urban futures. **Cities that embrace sustainability principles experience 30% higher economic growth, 40% lower carbon emissions, and 50% greater social inclusion compared to conventional urban development models (World Bank, UN-Habitat).** With over 68% of the global population projected to live in cities by 2050 (UN), the demand for visionary planners who can design low-carbon and adaptive projects.

This certified program is designed to equip you with comprehensive knowledge and essential skills for driving sustainable transformation in urban environments. Throughout the program, you will explore a wide range of foundational and advanced topics including **integrated land use planning, climate-resilient infrastructure, green building design, sustainable mobility systems, and inclusive housing strategies.** This program ensures that you gain not only theoretical insights but also actionable frameworks and planning tools to influence, design, and implement holistic sustainability plans tailored to the unique needs of your cities. You will emerge with the ability to evaluate complex urban systems, forecast future needs, and lead cross-sectoral initiatives with clarity and confidence.

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Additionally, the program delves into specialized domains such as **circular economy integration, urban biodiversity and ecosystem services, renewable energy solutions, and innovative public-private partnership models for financing sustainable infrastructure.** You will also develop expertise in **stakeholder engagement, climate adaptation planning, and environmental impact assessments.** Throughout the program, you will gain knowledge in policy alignment, regulatory compliance, and ethical urban governance—preparing you to design cities that not only thrive but also endure.

By the program's conclusion, you will be prepared to lead high-impact urban transformation projects, influence policy at the highest levels, and drive systemic change in municipalities, private developments, and international urban initiatives.

Upon completing the program and passing the Chartered exam, you will attain the **Certified Sustainable City Planner (CSC™)** designation. This certification will distinguish you as a forward-thinking planner capable of shaping cities that are carbon-neutral, resource-efficient, and socially just, while unlocking new career opportunities in government, consultancy, and global development organizations.

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KEY SKILLS YOU WILL GAIN

From This Program



**SUSTAINABLE URBAN PLANNING
CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION
SMART CITY DESIGN
SMART CITY TECHNOLOGIES**

**DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE
INCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE PLANNING
RENEWABLE ENERGY INTEGRATION
CIRCULAR ECONOMY**

**LOW-CARBON DEVELOPMENT
SUSTAINABLE LAND USE
BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

**RESILIENCE PLANNING
GREEN AND CLIMATE FINANCE MECHANISMS
SDG ALIGNMENT
INTERNATIONAL URBAN POLICY FRAMEWORKS
SENDAI FRAMEWORK**

**SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLANNING (LUP)
SMART GRIDS AND METERING SOLUTIONS**

YOUR FACULTY DIRECTOR



Luis Felipe Melgarejo

Global Expert in Sustainable City Development,
Climate Adaptation & ESG Compliance

With over 20 years of experience in urban and regional planning, Luis Felipe Melgarejo is a global expert in sustainable city development, climate adaptation, and ESG compliance. A **registered Urban and Regional Planner (TU Dortmund, Germany) and Sustainability Specialist (UBC IRES, Canada)**, he has provided technical assistance to governments and private sectors across Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Europe. Luis has **led national programs like Colombia's NAPA and NAMA strategies and supported major LEED-certified infrastructure projects such as the Hospital of Fusagasugá.**

Luis has **worked on Smart Cities initiatives in Bogotá, developed nature-based solutions in cities such as Manila, Barranquilla, and Jakarta, and pioneered circular economy projects in Colombia and Germany.** As a Humboldt Climate Protection Fellow and Visiting Research Academic at Oxford University's Environmental Change Institute, his expertise extends to **climate finance, agri-food biodiversity, and impact assessments.** He is also a dedicated mentor at Maple Ridge's Climate Hub, promoting sustainable innovation that respects cultural heritage and ancestral lands.

OUR PARTICIPANTS

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MODULE 1 - FOUNDATIONS OF SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT CITIES

Conceptual Framework of Sustainable Planning
The SDGs in Urban Planning
Foundations of Disaster Preparedness
The Essentials of Resilience in Urban Systems
Case Study

MODULE 2 - THE CONCEPT AND RELEVANCE OF SMART CITIES IN A POST-PANDEMIC CONTEXT

Theory & Conceptual Framework of Smart Cities
Ranking of Smart Cities and City pairing &
Relevance of Smart Cities after COVID-19
The Foundations of Design and Planning of
Smart Cities

MODULE 3 - FUNDAMENTALS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, ADAPTATION & MITIGATION IN THE BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN URBAN AREAS

UNFCCC's Key Climate Change Protocols and
International Institutional Architecture for Urban
Planning
Conceptual Framework for Adaptation to Climate
Change and Its Relation to Urban Development
Conceptual Framework for Mitigation of GHG
Emissions and Its Relation to Urban Development
Planning

Environmental and Climate Determinants in Urban
Planning

MODULE 4 - HOW TO DEVELOP LEGISLATIVE PLANNING FOR INCLUSIVE CITIES AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Legislative Planning for Inclusive Cities: SDGs in
Urban Bylaws
Techniques for Engaging Municipal Councils,
CSOs, and NGOs
Collaborating with Municipal Councils: Sendai
Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

MODULE 5 - TOOLS TO DEVELOP AND DESIGN GREEN CITIES AND NATURE- BASED SOLUTIONS

Understanding The Green Factor for Green
Infrastructure
Circular Design and Circular Economy Solutions
Decarbonizing Infrastructure and the Built
Environment (Step Codes)
New Technologies and Nature-Based Solutions to
Reduce Solid Waste and Water Waste

MODULE 6 - SMART CITIES: SMART GRIDS, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, AND ACCESS TO INTERNET

Smart Grids, Smart Mobility and Smart
Transportation



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Automatic Metering Solutions for Energy Efficiency
Democratic Access to the Internet (Inclusivity)
Artificial Intelligence in Smart Cities

MODULE 7 - RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY: AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGIES

Renewable Energy: Climate & Economic Benefits for Cities
Common Renewable Technologies: Solar PV, Wind, Thermal Districts & Geothermal
Building Materials and the Circular Economy
Green Building Certifications for Climate & Sustainability: LEED & BREEAM

MODULE 8 - BIODIVERCITIES: SUSTAINABLE URBAN LAND USE AND BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

Sustainable LUP and the Importance of Natural and Biodiversity Determinants
How do Biodiversity Crises Impact Human Settlements?
Biodiversity Corridors and Resilience: Case Studies from ICLEI's BioDiverCities Initiative

MODULE 9 - GREEN FINANCE: HOW TO LEVERAGE THE SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION IN CITIES

The Costs and Complexities of the Social-Ecological Transition
The Basics and Examples of Green and Climate Finance
Global Climate Finance: GEF, Green Climate Fund, Adaptation Fund, and GFANZ (C40 Case Study)

MODULE 10 - MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF SUSTAINABLE PLANNING PRACTICES

The Importance of Monitoring and Evaluation for Resilient and Sustainable Urban Planning
SDG Indicators as a Scorecard for Urban Sustainability and Resilience: Insights from the City Resilience Program (CRP)
Benchmarking and M&E for Community Engagement and City Council Accountability: Case Study of the Sustainable City Development Index (IDSC-BR)

YOUR CHARTER DESIGNATION



Chartered Institute of Professional Certifications' programs are unique as they provide you with professional charter designations and marks that can be used across your lifetime once you have completed our programs.

Upon completion of the program and successfully passing the Chartered exam, you will be awarded the prestigious **Certified Sustainable City Planner (CSC™)** designation, which can be showcased in your resume, CV, and other professional credentials. Developed by the esteemed **Chartered Institute of Professional Certifications**, a leading authority in professional certifications, this industry-recognized, trademarked charter designates you as an expert in sustainable urban planning, demonstrating your proficiency in the knowledge, skills, and competencies required to design, develop, and implement sustainable and resilient city plans that integrate environmental, social, and economic considerations, fostering positive transformation in urban development and management.

The program's content has been independently accredited and certified by the **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)** organization, guaranteeing adherence to rigorous standards of professional development.

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