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Integrated Urban- Rural Planning and Governance: A Global Perspective

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

13:00 - 15:30 (BER) / 19:00 - 21:30 (CHN)

**PUBLIC SESSION #1:
INTEGRATED URBAN-RURAL
DEVELOPMENT: GLOBAL
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

11:00 - 13:00 (GER) / 17:00 - 19:00 (CHN)

**PUBLIC SESSION #2:
STRATEGIC TOOLS FOR INTEGRATED
PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE**

14:00 - 16:00 (GER) / 20:00 - 22:00 (CHN)

**PUBLIC SESSION #3:
(TRANS-)LOCAL INTERVENTIONS
AND TECHNIQUES**

In China, and many other countries across the world, rapid urbanisation processes have produced unevenly developed landscapes made up of urban growth centres along infrastructural corridors, as well as disadvantaged (formerly rural) hinterlands. Such emerging socio-spatial polarisations — marked by demographic, socio-cultural, economic, and environmental disparities — become most visible at urban-rural interfaces.

To address these challenges, the trans-local and multi-dimensional conditions of urban-rural regions and the metabolic relationships of natural resource flows, ecosystem infrastructures, and multi-directional mobilities need to be acknowledged. This requires new analytical models, integrated planning approaches, and policy frameworks to read, reveal, and

steer inherent urban-rural potentials and challenges, and include actors, institutions and processes across administration and sector boundaries.

The first international conference within the framework of the Sino-German research and development project 'Urban-Rural Assembly (URA)' takes this as a starting point towards a global exploration of integrated approaches in urban-rural planning and governance. The conference brings together international researchers, practitioners, city and regional representatives, policy makers, and global networks to discuss diverse cases from China, Europe, Africa, and Latin America to shed light on current development challenges, new experimental approaches, and the possibility of trans-national knowledge transfer.

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