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## **CIB W110 – Informal Settlements and Affordable Housing New Joint Commission Coordinator**

In April 2018 the CIB Programme Committee appointed Dr.-Ing. Susana Restrepo Rico as Joint Coordinator of the CIB Commission W110 – Informal Settlements and Affordable Housing.

### **Contact details**



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### **Short CV**

Urban Planner with emphasis on the analysis of urban programmes and planning processes in Latin America, as well as participatory practices in urban planning. The work as a research assistant in an international project has strengthened the abilities to examine and understand urban development processes from a critical perspective, based on the qualitative analysis of development programmes and policies implemented in developed and developing countries.

As a doctoral researcher Susana could exercise her capacities for structuring a research process, which led to a successful dissertation with a profound comprehension of the challenges, characteristics and potentials of informal urbanization and low-income housing in Latin America, along with a feasible proposal for a participatory urban planning process.

Susana also worked in the private sector in Medellin as urban designer and architect in social housing projects aimed at accommodating large populations of residents and providing the best living conditions within the possibilities of the project.

### **Personal Statement**

Informal urbanisation has become an active actor in population growth and urbanisation in the global south, challenging the ability of governments to respond effectively to the multidimensional needs of the residents and especially the most vulnerable populations, the urban poor.



Positive approaches to improving the condition of informal settlements have emerged in developing countries in the past decades. Participation, integral planning, and in-situ redevelopment have become the cornerstones of sustainable upgrading.

The work of the CIB Commission W110 Informal Settlements and Affordable Housing is crucial for identifying effective sustainable approaches to the challenges presented by informal urbanisation, sharing knowledge, expertise, and ideas among developing countries and consolidating south to south communication and exchange channels.

I am thrilled to become the co-coordinator of CIB W110, and I am looking forward to working with Prof. Happy Santosa and the members of the commission in the advancement and dissemination of knowledge and understanding about informal urbanisation

### **Information**

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