



## **Modeling urban health and wellbeing: communicating results for policy and action**

Science-Policy Workshop organized by the

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Cities are complex socio-ecological-technological systems which are partly planned and partly evolve spontaneously. The ways in which people are interacting with their built, natural, and social environments strongly influences their physical, mental and social health and wellbeing.

What have we learnt from modeling urban health and wellbeing and which messages are yet to be communicated to improve health and wellbeing in cities? Can our models help making the city function as an integrated system for health and wellbeing?

Planning and governing cities for the health and wellbeing of their inhabitants can improve with a more comprehensive and better understanding of how complex urban systems function and what matters for people’s health in cities. Decision makers can improve decision making from better understanding the outcomes and policy implications of complex systems models and modelers can improve their models with information about what is feasible and matters most.

This workshop aims at bridging this information gap by enabling communication and dialogue between modelers and policy/decision makers in the field of urban health.

The workshop is co-sponsored by ICSU (International Council of Science), WHO (World Health Organization), UNU (United Nations University) and IAMP (InterAcademy Medical Panel).

Participants will engage in a discussion to answer the following (and other) questions:

- Which policy implications can be drawn from modeling urban health and wellbeing?
- Which actors can collaborate in order to improve urban health and wellbeing?
- Which urban (private and public) goods and services can be co-produced for improving health and wellbeing?
- How can urban surveillance and control systems become more effective by making use of urban health modeling outcomes?
- How can science and technology help building collective intelligence for urban health and wellbeing?

This is a **call for expressions of interest** to present and participate in the science-policy workshop. Presentations should be related to urban health and wellbeing. Presenters should be interested to communicate their knowledge to decision makers and engage in discussions.

The number of presenters and participants is limited. Presenters' travel and accommodation costs will be fully covered by the programme. There are limited funds for covering travel and accommodation costs for non-presenting participants. Workshop meals and fees for all are covered by the programme.

**Workshop format:** Communicating the results of modeling health and wellbeing in cities for policy and action is at the heart of this meeting. After presenting selected models related to urban health and wellbeing from different global regions there will be a moderated session for communicating between scientists and policy and decision makers.

Please send your **expressions of interest to present and participate** to: [gatzweiler@gmail.com](mailto:gatzweiler@gmail.com)

Deadline for sending in expressions of interest to present and participate: **Dec 5, 2015**

Only selected candidates will be contacted by the workshop organizers.