

Topical Discussion 6:

Public Engagement

Questions for Discussion

1. To avoid speculative activities and ensure proper use of public resources, projects under the URAO are kept confidential before formal commencement. How should we strike a balance between facilitating early public engagement and preventing speculations?
2. What kind of public engagement mechanism is required for “district-based” urban regeneration planning? How to ensure the representativeness of participants? How to balance the differences in views and resolve the potential conflicts?
3. Should URA obtain the consent of a specified proportion of affected owners and residents before a redevelopment project can proceed? How should we deal with the minority owners who object to the redevelopment project?
4. How can we encourage more public engagement and at the same time maintain the pace of urban regeneration?