7 Proven Principles for Designing a Safer City

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Good urban design could be an undervalued approach to making the world's roads safer. A new publication from the EMBARQ sustainable mobility initiative of WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities finds that seven design principles can help cities dramatically reduce road deaths.

The International Association for Community Development (IACD) President, Charlie McConnell signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Community Development Society (CDS) President, Dave Lamie, during the annual CDS conference held in Kentucky in July. IACD's next conference is to be a joint conference with CDS in Minnesota, USA in July 2016 with the theme Sustaining Community Change: building local capacity to sustain development initiatives.

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President
A Global Middle Class Is More Promise than Reality

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From 2001 to 2011 there was a historic reduction in global poverty. The number of people who could be considered middle income nearly doubled to 700 million people. But the emergence of a truly global middle class is still more promise than reality.


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There are roughly three million more U.S. children living in poverty today than during the outbreak of the Great Recession in 2008, and the so-called economic recovery has bypassed children of color altogether, reveals the 2015 Data Book, released Tuesday by the Baltimore-based Annie E. Casey Foundation. This report evaluates information from numerous federal agencies from 2008 to 2013 to determine child well-being nationwide.

Upcoming Events

7th Annual Millennium Campus Conference
August 11-15, 2015
New York, NY
Sponsor: Millennium Campus Network

Foundations of Applied Economic Development Research Training
August 18-20, 2015
Arlington, VA
Sponsor: The Council for Community and Economic Research

EDAC’s 47th Annual Conference
September 19-22, 2015
Whitehorse, Yukon
Sponsor: Economic Developers Association of Canada

NACCED’s 40th Annual Educational Conference and Training
October 4-7, 2015
Salt Lake County, UT
Sponsor: National Association for County Community and Economic Development

2015 NADO Annual Training Conference
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New Orleans, Louisiana
Sponsor: NACDEP

Grants, Awards & Jobs

Rural Community Development Initiative Grants
Child Poverty Rate Climbs by One-Third

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One in four rural residents under the age of 18 lives in poverty, according to a new study from the USDA Economic Research Service. The figure is even higher in counties that depend on manufacturing jobs, which eroded during the Great Recession.

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Momentum is building for a low-carbon economy. Evidence shows that businesses, investors and governments are realizing that strong climate action is a major opportunity for better growth. The Global Commission on the Economy and Climate recently launched Seizing the Global Opportunity: Partnerships for Better Growth and a Better Climate, which outlines strategies to achieve growth and climate action together.
Climate Change Seen as Top Global Threat

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In advance of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris this December, many publics around the world name global climate change as a top threat, according to a new Pew Research Center survey measuring perceptions of international challenges. This is particularly true in Latin America and Africa, where majorities in most countries say they are very concerned about this issue.