

# Living in Cities: Copenhagenism

## Danish architecture & urban planning

Business delegation to Denmark 29<sup>th</sup> of May – 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2017



*Urbanization is on the rise. More than 70% of the world's population is expected to live in cities by 2050 and most of this growth will take place in developing regions. The rapid urban expansion is creating a critical demand for sustainable solutions that will maintain the liveability of the growing metropolitan areas. The challenges are faced by urban planners, developers, and architects. Diving into "Copenhagenism", participants in the delegation will be introduced to the approach pursued in Copenhagen, capital of Denmark, to some of the key challenges for urban development.*

The Embassy of Denmark has the pleasure to invite you to be part of the business delegation "Living in Cities: Copenhagenism" from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017.

This business delegation is a focused business visit for professionals in urban planning, architecture and construction. Following up on the "Sustainable building"-delegation to Denmark in May 2016, this time the theme will be living in cities; how should metropolitan areas be developed to accommodate urbanization and the needs of citizens? The programme includes among others visits and presentations on some of the most iconic modern buildings and areas in Copenhagen, capital of Denmark, and sharing of experiences from some of the key actors in urban development. The programme also includes 3 thematic sessions that delegates choose between and prepare for in order to enhance the learnings from the programme.

### Why learn from Copenhagen?

Denmark has been a frontrunner in terms of energy efficiency and renewable energy for a long time. However, there is more to the story. In several reviews in recent years Copenhagen has been appraised for its high levels of liveability resulting from intensive efforts to improve. The urban areas are continuously being developed. Urban planners, developers, and architects are striving to improve safety, cleanliness, usability, and sustainability of both public spaces and buildings. This way of developing the physical environment – the Copenhagenism – leaves great experiences and lessons to be taught for international

professionals with an ambition to play a part in domestic urban development.

### Criteria

The delegation is open to architectural/building and construction firms and urban planners in Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, and South Africa. The visit will be facilitated in English only. Participants must have an active portfolio of projects which ensures that lessons learnt or technologies exposed to can be applied as soon as possible so as to create value. Please note that there is a maximum of 35 participants in the delegation.

### Fees and Conditions

The total cost for the trip is USD 2,350 to be paid after approval of registration by the Embassy. This amount covers transportation, meals and accommodation (5 nights) in Denmark. Airfare to Denmark is not included. Amount paid is not refundable beyond three weeks before departure. Request for refund earlier will attract deduction of USD 250 and any charges associated with cancellation of hotel booking among others. A pre-departure meeting will be held one week before departure to welcome and inform participants.

### Programme and Visa

The detailed programme is on the next pages and information on practical matters including visa and registration form will be communicated after registration.

For registration, please contact Linda Kafui Abbah-Foli at [linabb@um.dk](mailto:linabb@um.dk); +233 244 311 102.

We look forward to welcoming you to Denmark and to exploring Copenhagen with you!

Registration: Event Manager Linda Kafui Abbah-Foli at [linabb@um.dk](mailto:linabb@um.dk). The price of USD 2,350 includes meals, accommodation (5 nights) and transport in Denmark. Deadline for registration is 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2017

## PROGRAMME

### Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> Arrival in Copenhagen

Arrival at Copenhagen Airport – to be picked up at the airport  
Check-in at Hotel Copenhagen Strand ([www.copenhagenstrand.com](http://www.copenhagenstrand.com)).  
19:00 – 21:30 Departure by foot from the hotel to restaurant Kanalen with dinner by the water.

### Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Modern architecture – Copenhagenism

The focal point for the first day is modern architecture the Copenhagen-way. Copenhagenism describes the city-specific approach to both designing iconic architectonic landmarks as well as putting a great emphasis on developing and creating new city spaces. The day will include visits at some of the most famous examples of modern architecture in Denmark as well as an introduction to the development and utilisation of urban areas.

Time	Activity
07:30 – 08:30	Breakfast and departure from hotel.
09:00 – 16:00	Introduction to Danish architecture including visits (in corporation with Danish Architecture Centre ( <a href="http://dac.dk/en">dac.dk/en</a> )).
09:00 – 12:00	Visits to iconic modern architecture with presentations by the architects: The Black Diamond (Schmidt Hammer Lassen Architects), the Opera House (Henning Larsen Architects), and the Urban Rigger project of floating housing (Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG)).
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch at DAC including the bookshop and the exhibition on world-renowned Japanese architect Sambuichi’s approach to sustainable and self-sufficient buildings.
14:00 – 16:00	Experiencing the Copenhagen city space: Walking or biking trip including introduction to the sights with beCopenhagen. The trip will be focusing on the new bridges and infrastructure of the harbour-area.
16:15 – 16:45	Departure to the hotel.
17:45 – 18:30	Departure from the hotel to the evening event by bus.
18:30 – 21:30	Visit and dinner at the museum of modern art “Louisiana” including the exhibition “Thick Time” by South African artist William Kentridge.

### Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> Thematic sessions: Urbanization, sustainable buildings, and smart cities

For this second day participants will be offered three different thematic sessions related to the Copenhagenism-approach to urban development. Participants must choose one session and prepare in advance as there will be interaction during the sessions. The session on urbanization will focus on lessons learned and approaches used in urban planning in Copenhagen. The session on sustainable buildings will zoom in on theoretical aspects as well as site visits of Danish sustainable buildings. Finally, the smart cities-theme will dive into the state-of-the-art technology employed by city authorities and related companies.

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16:00 – 16:30	Departure from the sights to the hotel.			
17:30 – 21:00	Departure from the hotel to sightseeing: A boat-trip on the canals ending at Copenhagen Street Food where a presentation on the sight is followed by dinner by the waterfront.			



**Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> Living green**

One thing is designing and building sustainably. However, another integral part of Copenhagenism is living green. On this third day the programme will focus on sustainable solutions in terms of resource management. Urban growth may be costly if sustainable solutions are not integrated in the urban development. The programme of the day will give an introduction to the Danish approach to maintaining sustainability in not only buildings themselves but also the surrounding infrastructure of the city.

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07:30 – 08:30	Breakfast and departure from hotel.
09:00 – 10:30	Visit to the House of Green ( <a href="http://houseofgreen.stateofgreen.com">houseofgreen.stateofgreen.com</a> ) interactive showroom with a presentation on the Danish transition towards integrated solutions across energy, water, resources, and the environment.
11:00 – 13:00	Introduction by Rambøll ( <a href="http://ramboll.com">ramboll.com</a> ) to their experience from projects with urban liveability and resource management including lunch.
13:30 – 15:00	Visit to the enterprise responsible for managing water in Copenhagen (HOFOR) who will share their perspective on possibilities and solutions related to water management.
15:30 – 17:00	Introduction by arki_lab ( <a href="http://arkilab.dk">arkilab.dk</a> ) to their work with engaging citizens in processes of urban development to ensure that construction efforts are in line with citizens’ wants and needs.
17:00 – 17:30	Departure to the hotel.
18:00 – 21:00	Departure from the hotel to Tivoli gardens where dinner will be served at restaurant Brdr. Price with participation of H.E. the ambassadors to Denmark of Ghana, Côte d’Ivoire, and South Africa.

**Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> Program according to personal preferences**

Hotel is included until check-out Saturday at 12.00, but for this final full day of the delegation there are no predetermined activities. There is therefore time for personal follow-up to meetings held on previous days as well as for exploring more of what Copenhagen has to offer.

Suggestions for sites to visit for those interested include: The Cisterns, The Blue Planet, The Maritime Museum in Helsingør, The Design Museum DK, Illums Bolighus, The VM Mountain, 8TALLET by BIG, Ørestad City-area

**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of departure**

Check-out at the hotel no later than 12.00 (noon) followed by individual departure according to personal preferences.





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