

Regional Planning in Syria

Case Study: Region of Tall, Sednaya and Maaloulla

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Abstract

The main aim of regional studies is to outline basic points for developing a region and create the needed flexibility for implementation. These studies are usually defined in terms of wide strategies for a period of 25 years for materialization. The importance of these strategies is shown through the following points:

- Limit the controlled urban expansions which are random on natural environmental and especially on agriculture lands.
- Preserve the capabilities of natural resources and its protection from all kinds of pollution.
- Create an integrated socio-economic effects among existing urban settlements that are contained in the region.
- Establish new urban poles for expanding the varieties of economic bases.
- Develop human resources and improve the urban environment.

All the above points can be visualized through an exact proposed land use which could be considered as a base for special legislations. This can be introduced through the preparation of detailed studies on later stages, specially with regards to land preservation and water resources in addition to the proposed development projects. The vitality of legal framework must be mentioned here to ensure the implementation and adopt the mechanisms of all development strategies that are related to Preservation and Development.

It should be mentioned, that all the development methods and techniques proposed in this research are flexible and adoptable on other regions.

Referring to precedent synthesis, this research could be considered as an open opportunity to examine, in practice, the processes of preparing a regional plan in Syria. This involves: data and information gathering, identifying problems and possibilities, and introducing flexible suitable methods and techniques in order to achieve specific strategies which, in its turn, define proper development projects.

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