

Regional Architecture Planning and its Role in Organizational and Development Planning in Syria¹

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Abstract

Sustainable land development is perceived as one of the main requirements for making progress in all the country's sectors, and to pursue that goal two tools are used, namely *regional planning*, as an important and effective means for sound architectural design; and *five-year development planning*.

Regional planning, and its effects on general architectural design, is theoretically studied in relation to: (1) the identification of the region, together with its principal features; and (2) regional planning, alongside its various components.

The study tries to address architectural planning, its components, and the forms it takes in different regions. These plans have been researched taking into consideration the inter-relations of the regional plans, differentiating between the geographical areas covered by regional plans, the way they are laid down, and the factors interfering in the preparation and execution processes, through the exposition of multi-modals as existent in the towns of Al-Kalamoon Region. Last but not least, the study identifies appropriate regional pivots to consider so as to create concordness and harmony between the existent general regional architectural design, and the suburban areas in the region.

The study also stresses the necessity for the appreciation and respect of the co-existence of the various organizational architectural plans of the cities/towns within one region. This is to achieve harmony and conformity in order to prevent contradiction between various architectural plans nearby. This point is to be considered when offering architectural spaces, infrastructure and economic cost to our urban communities.

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