

CURRICULUM VITAE

Zouka Karazoun

Name: Ms. Zouka Karazoun**Date of Birth:** January 1st, 1967**Nationality:** Syrian**Main Field of Expertise:**

- Urban Development and Management
- Heritage Management
- Sustainable Development
- Community Based Development

Education

- Ecole Supérieure Libre des Sciences Commerciales Appliquées (ESLSCA Business School) / Cairo / Egypt
Master of Business Administration **MBA** (on going)
- A joint Program of Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge, USA and the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies IHS, Rottordam / The Netherland.
One month Diploma Course on **Land Management and Informal Settlement Regularizations**, 2009
- The Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies IHS / Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
Master Urban Management and Development 2006 / Specialization in **Urban and Regional Development Strategies** 2006.
- University of Aleppo / Faculty of Architecture /Aleppo / Syria
B.Sc. **Architectural Engineering** /1990

Honors

- Award in architectural theories
Awarded by the Faculty of Architecture / University of Aleppo 1987

Professional Experience

Feb2015-Feb 2016	GIZ / PSDP	Cairo, Egypt
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Consultant – Technical Advise in Business Innovation Activity Field.

“Business Innovation” activity field is to improve the Service of Business innovation institutions targeting growth-oriented start-ups and informal micro-small businesses in local manufacturing. In this operational area, three pivots of intervention play the catalyst for improvement. These pivots are: improvement of the services provided by Business Innovation Centres in order to better support start-ups and informal micro-small entrepreneurs, support governmental organizations to ease, visualize and make business establishment procedures more encouraging for local manufacturing entrepreneurs, and finally enhance the availability of comprehensive information on start-ups support service and networking. The main tasks are:

- Support the design of the Business Innovation activity field
- Temporarily head the activity field and manage all its daily activities

Feb2013-Feb2015	GIZ / PSDP	Cairo, Egypt
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Consultant – Technical Adviser, manager of iBuild innovation network.

The iBuild innovation network in Private Sector Development Program (PSDP) in the German International Cooperation (GIZ) promotes sustainable settlement, by enhancing the sustainable neighborhood planning, sustainable building design, green local building materials and green construction system.

The main outcomes are:

- Interbuild – a national construction exhibition highlighting mainstreaming new building material and technologies (Earth construction, CLC, Evaporative cooling.....),
- Comparative cost analysis comparing conventional concrete house with resource efficient alternative,
- Environmental simulation
- Developing concept note on local manufacturing of sustainable building materials
- iBuild innovation network knowledge sharing on the iHousewiki

Jan2013-Feb 2013	UN Habitat	Regional Office, Egypt
<i>Consultant</i>		
Prepare housing factsheet for the housing sector in Syria before the war, including issues related to institutions, land, planning, housing delivery, construction industry, financial mechanism, housing demand, previous policies and strategies, current situation and considerations.		
Oct 2011-Dec 2012	GIZ / UDP	Aleppo / Damascus, Syria
<i>Consultant – Technical Adviser in Urban Development Program (UDP)</i>		
Provide technical advice for the rehabilitation of the Old City of Damascus and City Development Strategy (CDS) Component in Aleppo, in the field of community participation, socio economic activities in Aleppo, NGOs overview in Aleppo, and the production of CDS Report as an assistant of an international consultant.		
Oct 2010- Dec 2011	MoC/ DGMA	Aleppo, Syria
<i>Head of Community Development Team Aleppo– Syrian Museums and Cultural Heritage Sites Transformation Project</i>		
A scientific and Administrative Unite in the Directorate General of the Museum and Antiquities (DGMA) / Ministry of Culture (MoC) is the executing governmental agency and responsible for the implementation of the Syrian Museums and Cultural Heritage Sites Transformation Project and developing a comprehensive plan. This unit is composed of nine teams responsible of community development, museums, legal reforms and others. The responsibility of community development team in Aleppo is to participate to the development of a national socio-economic strategy in addition to other four different historic sites in Syria.		
Jan 2010- Aug 2010	AKDN / AKCS	Aleppo, Syria
<i>Senior Program Officer, responsible for Aleppo Socio-economic Development Initiatives (ASDI) in Aga Khan Cultural Services (AKCS) / Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN)</i>		
This program was initiated as a response to the urgent needs for development of four quarters around Talet Al-Soda Park. The overall goal of this program is to improve the quality of life of the inhabitants in the targeted area, including social, economic, built environment, and cultural using participatory approach, capacity development and volunteerism as the main tool for development.		
Duties and responsibilities are to contribute to strategic programmatic direction, coordinate, and manage the implementation of current AKCS socio-economic initiatives prepare annual planning processes, implement project activities, and ensure that all project plans, systems, and interventions are environmentally and gender sensitive and takes into account financial and institutional aspects of sustainability.		
Oct2007-Jan2010	GTZ / PDHCY	Zabid, Yemen
<i>Senior Regional Expert, responsible for Housing Component</i>		
The Project for the Development of Historic Cities of Yemen (PDHCY) in Zabid has identified its main principles as to link economic development to heritage preservation, with a strong emphasis on community participation, local capacity and job creation tool. In addition, strength demand for preservation services as opposed to the supply driven model. Duties and responsibilities included:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participated in the Management Core Group of the Project and assisted upper management in designing and implementing policies for the project. ▪ Co-managed the Zabid branch of the project and oversaw the day- to- day administration of the branch. ▪ Institutionalized the procedures for creating a historic housing fund. ▪ Developed programs and funding mechanism for monument preservation and restoration, including urgent conservation measures for historic public buildings, mosques, and the Zabid historic Souq. ▪ Developed a system for documenting and prioritizing house renovation needs, and supervised the team of engineers, architects and traditional master builders working with the project. ▪ Developed the local monitoring and evaluation framework. ▪ Developed community participation modules and awareness raising initiatives. ▪ Designed community based training and capacity building programs. 		
2000-2007	Antiquities Directorate	Aleppo, Syria
<i>Work-Team Coordinator in the Architectural Studies Section</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepared primary urban development planning studies for the Cooperative Economic Development Project of St. Simeon Citadel and the surrounding villages. 		

- Prepared the adaptive reuse studies of four monuments in the Old City of Aleppo and supervised the restoration work of one of them.
- Work-Team coordinator in cooperation with the Aga Khan Foundation, in the Documentation Project of the Aleppo Citadel (Architectural, Photogrammetric, Topographic documentation).

2000-2005 Suradec Consultants Aleppo, Syria

Senior Architect (part time)

- Designed a preliminary concept for a Motel in the suburb of Aleppo and four stars Hotel in Damascus.
- Prepared the planning and architectural studies of the Action Area 2 of the Old City of Aleppo.
- Prepared the architectural studies of Al- Beluni mosque and a charitable nursing home.

1997-2000 Rehabilitation Project Aleppo, Syria

Antiquities Delegate to the Rehabilitation Project of the Old City of Aleppo

- Prepared Guidelines for Restoration and Renovation Standards in the Historic City of Aleppo .
- Participated in the urban environmental-social survey in Action Area 3.
- Prepared a rapid analysis survey for all the historic monuments in Aleppo (612 monuments), including photos, physical condition, ownership and landuse.

1991-1997 The Antiquities Directorate Aleppo, Syria

Architect in the Architectural Studies Section

- Documented five historic buildings and participated in preparing restoration studies (cost estimates, cost analysis and specifications)
- Member of the expropriation committee.

Professional Courses and Trips

- 2 Days Training Course on "LEED –Green Association" organized by Bee'ie Association, Cairo Egypt. 2015
- Three days Training Course on " Labour Market Policy and Employment Promotion" organized by GIZ Egypt in cooperation with SPARK (Dutch NGO), Cairo, Egypt. 2014
- 4 days training Course on "Land Tools to Increase Women's Security in Muslim Communities" this course organized by Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) in partnership with UN Habitat, and University of East London UEL in Cairo, Egypt. 2014.
- Two weeks training Course on "Planning and Building with Earth" organized by GIZ, EECA, and Dachverband Lehm e.v. Cairo, Egypt. 2014.
- Four days Training Course on "Land, Property and Housing rights in the Muslim World", this course organized by Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) in partnership with UN Habitat, and University of East London UEL in Cairo, Egypt. 2013
- Seven days scholarship: Selected to attend the conference: Heritage Preservation as a Tool for Social Change / 5th International US/ICOMOS Symposium in Santa Fe / New Mexico / USA, 2002.
- Twenty one days Training on Rehabilitation Projects in five cities, USA,1999.
- Twelve days Training on Rehabilitation Projects in nine cities, Germany, 1999.

Professional memberships

- Syrian Order of Engineers and Architects
- Arab Archeological Union
- Special Need Care Society

Special Activities

- Participated in a group painting exhibition.1997
- Participated in the Engineering Syndicate painting exhibition.1998
- Participated in the Second Photography Gathering Aleppo, 1998

Puplications and Conferences

- Karazoun, Z., 2010 Zabid Urban Development Project. Syria Trust: Integrated Culture in Local Development Forum, Damascus.
- Karazoun, Z., 2006 Key Factors Impacting on the Rehabilitation Process in the Old City of Aleppo, IHS puplication, Rotterdam.
- Mollenhauer, A., Karazoun, Z., 2001 Monorial Residential Houses in Bab Qinnasrin Quarter of Aleppo. Chronos: historic studies journal of Balamand University, Vol 4, pp. 187-221.