



American Planning Association
International Division

Global Planning Cultures & Perspectives

Question Pool

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Required Question

What does urban planning mean to you?

Optional Questions

Feel free to select any questions below. Select as few as one or as many as you desire for a personalized and engaging discussion. Our uncut interviews typically span a duration of 10 to 15 minutes.

Professional Background and Experience:

- What is your current planning position?
- Can you describe your typical day or tasks in your planning role?
- What was your first planning job?
- How has your career path evolved over the years?

Career Decision and Influences:

- How did you decide that you wanted to be a planner?

- Who influenced you to become a planner?
- Were there any specific events or experiences that shaped your decision to pursue planning as a career?

Educational Background:

- What is your educational background in planning?
- How has your education contributed to your success as a planner?

Perspectives on Planning:

- How does the planning process work in your area?
- What do you like about planning? What do you dislike?

Skills and Success Factors:

- What skills and experiences do you consider most important for success in your work?
- Are there specific challenges in your field that aspiring planners should be aware of?

Advice for Aspiring Planners:

- What advice would you give to students considering a career in planning?
- What are the key qualities or skills you look for in new planners entering the field?

Country and City-specific Questions:

- What is your favorite city in your country, and why?
- How are urban areas usually built in your country?
- What are the major urban challenges in your country?
- What are the major urban opportunities in your country?
- What are you most proud of about urban development in your country?

Future of Urban Planning:

- What are your hopes and aspirations for the future of urban planning, both in your country and on a global scale?