Experiences and challenges of community participation in urban renewal projects: A case study of Bhendi Bazzar, Mumbai, India

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Urban redevelopment planning initiatives in developing countries have been largely criticized due to top-down approaches and a lack of community involvement. Urban renewal projects improve the lives of people, and meaningful participation of community plays a pivotal role. Public perceptions on satisfaction and participation have been given less priority in the current practice of investigation, which hinders effective planning and implementation of urban renewal projects. Moreover, challenges of community participation in urban renewal projects are less documented, particularly in relation to public participation and satisfaction. In Mumbai, Bhendi Bazaar redevelopment will be one of the largest projects of its kind in the oldest and dying inner city areas. The seminar will outline the experiences and challenges of community participation in urban redevelopment projects, and suggest recommendations for the future.

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