



A MODEL FRAMEWORK FOR URBAN CONSERVATION IN HERITAGE SITES

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Abstract

Heritage sites are the economic, cultural, and social drivers for a sustainable development. They constitute an integral part of nation's history, identity and heritage. Heritage sites with their outstanding built cultural heritage shape the urban landscapes and form the backbone for a balanced and polycentric settlement structure. Heritage sites face many challenges such as globalization, structural, social and demographic changes as well as environmental problems. Due to urbanization, heritage sites lost their identity and the urban fabric became undefined. Urban conservation for restoring the unique cultural heritage is needed for sustainable development. This paper aims to achieve a model framework for heritage conservation management through literature review for understanding heritage, identity and urban conservation and its different implications. Then the achieved framework will be applied on the conservation process of historical Cairo which is a valuable heritage site in Egypt. Finally, the paper will evaluate the development process of historical Cairo according to the achieved framework and the different implications of the conservation process. In addition to highlighting the points of successes and failures in the development process and achieving a set of recommendations for a future integrated urban conservation for a better quality of life.

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