

NEW EXECUTIVE SPOTLIGHT

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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

- Enhance collaboration with Dzongkhags, Thromdes and key stakeholders to promote participatory planning, delineate clear roles, delegate functions, authority and accountability.
- Harmonise policies, regulations, codes and standards for urban planning and building construction.
- Introduce innovative planning tools and techniques to garner support from landowners.
- Prioritise and enable investment in 20 Dzongkhags, Thromdes and Yenlag Throms.
- Rationalise organisational structure and clarify roles across the Department, Dzongkhags, RoIDs and Thromdes for urban planning and development.
- Resolve buffer or no-construction issues, rationalise property values and standardise attic and basement provisions to ensure the planning process severely impacts no one.
- Decentralise approvals and introduce undertaking systems for drawing scrutiny.
- Implement priority projects (Government office complex, transport infrastructures, and parks in Thimphu) with expert input and set quality benchmarks.
- Build capacity, optimise human resources and strategise a faster planning process through expert pooling and targeted intervention.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 15 Years of experience in delivering key transformative urban projects to promote sustainable, resilient and liveable human settlements in Bhutan.
- Managed multidisciplinary teams to implement integrated urban development projects, including transportation and mobility, green infrastructure and open spaces, regional and Local Area Planning, affordable housing and urban governance.
- Successfully implemented key urban projects in Samdrup Jongkhar Thromde, including that of old town revitalisation, Thromde Office Buildings, Performance ground, Structure Plans and Local Area Plans, Recreational Parks and open spaces.
- Led national urban planning and construction policy initiatives, including the Southern Central Regional Plan, review of the Thimphu Structure Plan and Paro Valley Development Plan, and implementation of Local Area Plans for Autsho, Mongar, and Nganglam. Currently overseeing Local Area Plans for the National Capital Region and transport, mobility, and green infrastructure projects in Thimphu and Paro.