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Alfonso Vegara has a PhD in City and Regional Planning and degrees in Architecture, Economics, and Sociology. He was President of ISOCARP, the International Society of City and Regional Planners, which has members in over 70 countries. He is a Fellow and Trustee of the Eisenhower Fellowships, and since 2005, he is Honorary Consul General of Singapore in Madrid.

Alfonso Vegara has been lecturing in urbanism at *Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de Madrid*, *Universidad de Navarra*, and *Universidad CEU San Pablo*. He was also a Visiting Scholar at the School of Design of the University of Pennsylvania and Advisor of ETH Zurich Polytechnic.

His ideas and projects have been disseminated through more than 30 books, and lectures in cities, universities, and International Conferences in Europe, the United States,

Latin America, Asia, Australia, and Africa. His projects have been awarded prizes by United Nations, the European Union, The European Council of Spatial Planners, Architects' Associations, Entrepreneurial Associations, Cities, and National Governments. Among these awards is the *Rey Jaime I Prize*, which is given by the King of Spain.

On three occasions Dr. Vegara received the prestigious European Award of Planning for his work in Euskal Hiria, The Basque city region and the design of the eco-city of Sarriguren in Navarra. He is a member of the Jury of the Lee Kwan Yew World Cities Prize and other important international awards. He has been advisor to the Government of Singapore, and various cities around the world, including Curitiba, Mexico DF, Bilbao, Sao Paulo, Casablanca, and Moscow.

Alfonso Vegara is the founder and President of Fundación Metròpoli, an international center of excellence dedicated to research, design, and innovation in cities around the world. Currently Fundación Metròpoli is developing the "Next Cities Lab" with Microsoft working in different cities of the world at the intersection between Territory and Technology.

The focus of Alfonso Vegara's work is to promote the strategic value of cities in a complex and interrelated world. His ideas, philosophy and projects on cities are presented in his books "*Territorios Inteligentes*" and Fundación Metròpoli "Landscape Intelligence"