



Call for Participants

Connective Cities Virtual Planning Workshop

Sustainable, Informed and Participatory Land Management and Land Use Planning in Rapidly Growing Cities

Schedule:

Date	Session
19.10.2021	Project design (including peer review)
21.10.2021	Training on proposal writing
26.10.2021	Financial advisory

Time: 10:00 – 13:00 CET

Event Platform: Big Blue Button <https://giz.meet-modular.com/b/sop-hfy-uvv>

Languages: English & French

The international cities platform, Connective Cities and its initiators, the Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, the German Association of Cities (DST) and Engagement Global gGmbH with its Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW), invite urban practitioners from Sub-Saharan Africa and Germany to take part in the Connective Cities virtual planning workshop as a follow up to the [dialogue event](#) held in May, 2021 on ‘**Sustainable, informed and participatory land management and land use planning in rapidly growing cities**’.

One of the objectives of the dialogue event was to provide an opportunity for the cities to formulate project ideas which they would like to develop into implementable projects. During the event, 6 project ideas were formulated, and these will be supported. Connective Cities comes in to support them through services such as project workshops where they further develop the ideas, training on proposal writing and financial advisory which entails identifying possible sources of funding and the prerequisites. These services will be complemented by advisory services from German experts where needed and exchange with peers who have implemented similar projects.

The planning workshop

Background information

The World Cities Report, 2020¹ states that unplanned and unmanaged urbanization represents a threat to environmental sustainability, including unbridled urban sprawl, irreversible land-use changes and

¹ UN Habitat (2020), World Cities Report- *The Value of Sustainable Urbanization* (pg xxiii)

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biodiversity loss, resource and energy-intensive consumption patterns, and high levels of pollution and carbon emissions. However, when well-planned and managed, urbanization provides opportunities to address these challenges and contribute to environmental value through energy innovation, sustainable settlement patterns, changes in human behavior and lifestyles, environment-related improvements to health and wellbeing, and resource efficiencies².

Africa is rapidly urbanizing, and this is manifested in the growth of its megacities as well as that of its smaller towns and cities³. The rapid urbanization has resulted in the physical space growing faster than the population, thus consuming more land for urban development.

Land is a prime resource for planning and development of any area. It is a resource which is constant and cannot be created. Therefore, the importance of optimum usage of land in the cities is paramount. The main challenge for physical planners is the proper and effective land use planning with the allocation of all the physical and social amenities for existing and the growing population of the area and its hinterlands. Land and the way it is accessed, used and controlled is a key element of sustainable urban development.

Objectives and methodology of the planning workshop

The planning workshop will be designed based on the needs of the individual projects and this will also be complemented by technical advice provided by experts. The planning workshop will be a three-pronged process: project design (with collegial consultation), training on proposal writing and financial advisory.

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- a) Support the cities design the projects from the ideas to implementable projects,
- b) Provide an opportunity to exchange with German and other regional practitioners,
- c) Train the cities on proposal writing and
- d) Financial advisory.

The Project Ideas

These are the project ideas that were formulated during the dialogue event and which will be the focus of the planning workshop:

(i) eThekweni Municipality- Vulnerability Assessment of the R603 Adams Settlement Plan Study Area

The R603-Adams settlement is situated within the Southern region of eThekweni Municipality. The households and community members could be at risk to a range of issues, including natural disasters thus the need for vulnerability assessment.

The challenges:

- Some houses are situated within road reserves and environmentally sensitive areas (i.e. DMOSS⁴ & wetlands).

² ibid

³ Burak Guneralp et al.; (2017), Urbanization in Africa: challenges and opportunities for conservation. Environmental research letters

⁴ D'MOSS-Durban Metropolitan Open Space System

- Homes built without building plans and protection from regulatory authority.
- No system in place to record coordinates during land allocation.
- Resistance from traditional leaders over municipality planning.
- Area lacks cadastral base.
- Ad hoc development and land allocation.

Proposed activities:

- Review of situational analysis - desktop analysis of environmentally sensitivity areas, steep areas, agricultural land and areas not suitable for development.
- Undertake vulnerability map - identifying vulnerable homes and communities. Undertake cultural maps.
- Implementation framework and monitoring & evaluation.

Expertise needed:

- They would like to understand how to conduct the situation analysis and risk assessment of the project area.

(ii) Livingstone City Council- integrated land management system

Livingstone City Council has a land management system with accessibility limited to the City Planning Department. While all available spatial data has been digitized, this has not been linked to all attribute data at the institution. This has perpetuated fragmented record keeping at the institution and impeded the efficacy of development control strategies. Livingstone proposes integrating the land management system at the Council by designating a GIS lab with personnel that will serve both internal (Council) and external client

(iii) Commune of Bafoussam II – development of the area around Lake Baleng with rest and recreation facilities

Within the framework of the communal development plan of the Commune of Bafoussam II, the protection of the environment and the enhancement of potentiality for tourism and leisure activities have been retained as part of the community's priorities in the tourism, leisure and environment sector. Due to the existence of undeveloped tourist sites, the population and other tourists have no real dedicated and secure space for relaxation, leisure and meditation.

The project has many advantages, including: the existence of an exceptional site with unique beauty, direct access road to the site and the will of the communal executive to make this exceptional lake a touristic site. The development of the site will contribute to making Bafoussam II an attractive tourist destination and will eventually lead to an increase in the financial resources for the municipality through the exploration revenues and the financial flow linked to the arrival of tourists.

Proposed activities:

- Construction of relaxation and meditation platforms
- Construction of one resting hut, an ecological ablution block and shop
- Design of the green spaces

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- Design and construction of paved driveway

Expertise needed:

- Technical site planning
- Planning of natural areas, touristic areas and the protection thereof

(iv) eThekweni Municipality- development of socio-economic initiatives that will complement biodiversity protection and management and also enhance cultural and heritage resources

eThekweni Municipality has identified lack of sustainable socio-economic projects in environmentally protected areas and would like to add value to these spaces for the communities. The municipality however, lacks social facilitation skills and has limited experience in developing socio-economic projects.

Expertise needed:

- How to establish a security response measure for the protected areas in partnership with stakeholders.
- How to establish a natural resource harvesting and accessibility policy.

(v) Nairobi City County- connecting people and space

Nairobi County seeks to connect people with the public spaces by transforming places that are currently hiding places for criminal gangs and have limited livelihood opportunities. The proposed project will demonstrate the benefits and potential for regenerating the Nairobi river system into an ecological corridor and the new retail and creative frontier for the city. The project seeks to transform Kamukunji Grounds into an alternative space for conducting activities in the city while creating a balance between social and economic interactions.

(vi) City of Kigali- Street for Kids

The City of Kigali in partnership with the National Association of City Transport Officials (NACTO) are implementing street designs that create safe and enjoyable streets for kids of all abilities to learn, play, and move around the city. They started with a pilot project on a street that is next to a sports stadium with a big surrounding population leaving in a high-density unplanned area. This project builds upon the approach of putting people first, with a focus on the specific needs of children and their caregivers as pedestrians, cyclists and transit users in urban streets around the world. In Kigali the project is the first of its kind and comes with a whole load of challenges including:

- Dealing with the already existing traffic
- Households that access their homes from the streets
- Dealing with institutional bureaucracies
- Resource mobilization to implement projects
- Lack of policy tools for projects of this type

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Some of the components of the project include: a cycling lane, play areas, allocation of learning spaces, sitting areas, walkways and painting.

Participation and Contacts

This call for participation targets different categories of people:

- a) Two experts from the project cities advisably accompanied by possible stakeholders from the civil society, private sector and academia,
- b) German experts willing to give advice to the projects in response to their technical needs, and
- c) Urban practitioners from SSA countries with interest in the topics related to the project ideas or willing to give advice to the projects.

If you have any questions concerning the event and the participation process, please contact:

For interest from Sub Saharan Africa please contact: **Sophia Kamau**, Connective Cities Regional Network Coordinator- Sub Saharan Africa; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) (sophia.kamau@giz.de)

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Connective Cities at a glance

The international exchange platform Connective Cities has been bringing together international urban practitioners from city administrations, civil society, academia and the private sector since 2013. Connective Cities is a cooperation project of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the German Association of Cities and Engagement Global with its Service Agency Communities in One World.

For more information on past and upcoming activities please visit: www.connective-cities.net

We have also created a platform where you can register as a member of the regional network and different thematic working groups and also access materials shared in our events: <https://community.connective-cities.net/en>

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