



The African Centre for Cities and the United Nations University-World Institute for Development Economics Research have the pleasure of inviting you to a seminar on:

URBAN GOVERNANCE AND SERVICE DELIVERY IN AFRICA

5 June 2012

8:30-12:30

University of Cape Town

Studio 5, Environmental and Geographical Science Building, Upper Campus

Africa is one of the fastest urbanizing regions of the world. On the one hand, this demographic transformation offers important opportunities for growth, economic development, and innovation. On the other hand, rapid urbanization generates high demand and formidable challenges for delivering basic services, including housing, water, sanitation, and electricity.

In preparation for the 2012 World Urban Forum VI, this seminar emphasizes the role of governance structures and institutions for addressing these opportunities and constraints, paying particular attention to the interaction between local actors and national political contexts. The presenters will offer both an understanding of urban governance and service delivery across Africa while also elaborating on specific case studies of cities in Kenya, Senegal, South Africa, and Uganda. Through these empirical examples, the seminar will also aim to provide practical policy recommendations for confronting the region's rapid urbanization and highlight areas for greater research.

A light lunch will be served at the conclusion of the seminar. Since space is limited, we would be grateful if you could confirm your participation by 1 June 2012 by registering at:

<http://website1.wider.unu.edu/urban-governance/>

Please note on the form if you will require a parking voucher from the University of Cape Town.

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Programme

8:30-9:00 Coffee and Tea

9:00-9:10 Welcoming Remarks

Session One: Urban Development and Governance Structures in Africa

(Chair: Dr. Danielle Resnick, United Nations University-World Institute for Development Economics Research, Finland)

9:10-9:30 Institutional Dimensions of the Urban Development Crisis in Africa
(Prof. Edgar Pieterse, Director of the African Centre for Cities, South Africa)

9:30-9:50 Realising the Productive Potential of African Cities: Who Should Do What?
(Prof. Ivan Turok, Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa)

9:50-10:10 Decentralised Service Delivery in Nairobi and Mombasa
(Dr. Winnie Mitullah, Institute for Development Studies, Kenya)

10:10-10:40 Discussion

10:40-11:00 Coffee and Tea Break

Session Two: The Politics of Service Delivery in African Cities

(Chair: Assoc. Prof. Sophie Oldfield, University of Cape Town, South Africa)

11:00-11:20 Vertical Decentralisation and Urban Service Delivery in South Africa: Does Politics Matter?
(Prof. Robert Cameron, University of Cape Town, South Africa)

11:20-11:40 Opposition Politics and Urban Service Delivery in Kampala, Uganda
(Prof. Gina Lambright, George Washington University, USA)

11:40-12:00 Strategies of Subversion in Vertically-Divided Contexts: Decentralization and Urban Service Delivery in Senegal
(Dr. Danielle Resnick, United Nations University-World Institute for Development Economics Research, Finland)

12:00-12:30 Discussion

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Logistical Details

The seminar will be held on the Upper Campus of the University of Cape Town, in the Environmental and Geographical Science Building (Studio 5 on Level 5). At the northern entrance to the Upper Campus you will need to get a one-day yellow-bay parking disk at the Visitor's Kiosk (E10 on the photograph below). You will then need to continue up around Ring Road. There will be vacant yellow parking bays up above Ring Road. From Ring Road, walk down South Lane and take the first left turn into the parking area in front of the main entrance of the building (which is at B7 on the photo below). From the entrance foyer please go up the flight of stairs to the right to Level 5.

