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NAMIBIA'S URBAN FUTURE 2017 RE_THINKING HOUSING AND URBANIZATION

Conveners: Ministry of Urban and Rural Development
Namibia University of Science and Technology (host)
Namibia Institute of Architects
Urban Design Institute of Namibia
Other professional bodies (proposed)

Venue: NUST Auditorium 1, Brahms Street
NUST Hotel School, corner Beethoven/Brahms Streets.

Date: 27-28 February 2017

Namibia's Urban Future was first initiated in 2015 as cross-institutional platform with the shared interest to explore, analyse and debate urbanization in Namibia. With reference to the country's history and its socio-spatial legacies, contemporary urbanization is understood as a trans-disciplinary challenge that can only be re-directed if the complexity of the production of space is actively re-thought.

The initiative was launched in the presence of Honourable Sophia Shaningwa, Minister of Urban and Rural Development, and her Excellency the First Lady of Namibia, Madam Monica Geingos, with the overall question: "How can economic inclusion be facilitated through the progressive re-structuring of cities?"

The 2017 edition aims to address the broad spectrum of technical, economic, social and legal aspects that are relevant to the production of housing and urbanization in general, to prepare the ground for a holistic, cross-disciplinary review of Namibia's housing and urbanization agenda. The forum is proposed as a 2-day workshop, with 8 parallel sessions addressing relevant thematic areas related to housing and urbanization, a daily keynote address and a closing panel discussion that will bring together the various aspects that were discussed during the forum. The forum will be open to the general public and will be funded by the various project partners.

>>>For more information, please visit: urbanforum.nust.na

PROGRAM

DAY 1

REGISTRATION

Venue: NUST Hotel School, Cnr. Beethoven / Brahms Street

08:00 - 09:00

OPENING SESSION

Venue: Courtyard, NUST Hotel School, Cnr. Beethoven / Brahms Street

09:00-10:00

MC: Phillip Lühl, Lecturer, Department of Architecture and Spatial Planning, NUST
WELCOME REMARKS: Prof Tjama Tjivikua, Vice Chancellor, NUST
OPENING KEYNOTE: Hon. Sophia Shaningwa, Minister of Urban and Rural Development
VIDEO MESSAGE: Leilani Farha, United Nations Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context.

COFFEE BREAK

10:00 – 11:00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Venue: Conference Rooms, NUST Hotel School, Cnr. Beethoven / Brahms Street

11:00 – 13:00

PARALLEL SESSION 1: INFORMAL URBANIZATION AND PEOPLE'S PROCESSES

Main Speaker: Rose Molokwane, National Chairperson Shack/Slum Dwellers International (SDI) and Chair of the World Urban Campaign Steering Committee.

Interlocutor: Geraldine van Rooi, Department of Architecture and Spatial Planning, NUST

>>> Round table: People's Processes and Informal Settlements

PARALLEL SESSION 2: URBAN DESIGN, PUBLIC SPACE AND GOVERNANCE

Main Speaker: Bulelwa Makalima-Ngewana, CEO Cape Town Partnership

Interlocutor: Jenny Botha, Department of Architecture and Spatial Planning, NUST

>>> Round table: Urban Design, Public Space and Governance

PARALLEL SESSION 3: SOCIAL HOUSING AND ALTERNATIVE FINANCE

Main Speaker: Anthea Houston, CEO Communicare, Cape Town

Interlocutor: Guillermo Delgado, Land Livelihoods and Housing Coordinator, ILM

>>> Round table: Social Housing and Finance

LUNCH

Venue: Banquet Hall, NUST Hotel School, Cnr. Beethoven / Brahms Street

13:00 – 14:00

POSTER EXHIBITION ON HOUSING IN NAMIBIA

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Venue: Conference Rooms, NUST Hotel School, Cnr. Beethoven / Brahms Street

14:00 – 16:30

PARALLEL SESSION 4: URBAN LIVELIHOODS INFORMAL ECONOMY AND LABOUR

Main Speaker: Richard Dobson, Asiye eTafuleni, Durban

Interlocutor: Phillip Lühl, Department of Architecture and Spatial Planning, NUST

>>> Round table: Urban Livelihoods, Informal Economy and Labour

PARALLEL SESSION 5: URBAN LAND REFORM, TENURE OPTIONS AND LAND ADMINISTRATION

*Main Speaker: Kwame Tenadu, Commission on Spatial Planning and Development,
International Federation of Surveyors*

Interlocutors: C.T.H. Bayer, Department of Land and Property Sciences, NUST

>>> Round table: Urban land reform, tenure options and land administration

PARALLEL SESSION 6: COMMUNITY-BASED URBAN STRATEGIES AND SOCIAL INNOVATION

Main Speaker: Sheela Patel, Society for the Promotion of Area Resource Centers (SPARC)

Interlocutors: Edith Mbanga, Shackdwellers Federation of Namibia

Anna Muller, Namibia Housing Action Group

>>> Round table: Community-based urban strategies and social innovation

SOCIAL GATHERING

Venue: Courtyard, NUST Hotel School, Cnr. Beethoven / Brahms Street

16:30 – 18:30

DAY 2

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (TBC)

09:00 - 12:00

City Tour

Stakeholders Meeting at Habitat Centre

Workshop on Mass Housing Revision

LUNCH

Venue: Banquet Hall, NUST Hotel School, Cnr. Beethoven / Brahms Street

13:00 – 14:00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

14:00 – 16:30

PARALLEL SESSION 7: DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND SUSTAINABLE SPATIAL PROCESSES

Main Speaker: Nina Maritz, Nina Maritz Architects

Interlocutor: Phillip Lühl, Department of Architecture and Spatial Planning, NUST

>>> Round table: Design, Construction, and Sustainable Spatial Processes

PARALLEL SESSION 8: THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE HOUSING

Main Speaker: Cecile van Schalkwyk, Legal Resource Centre, South Africa

Interlocutor: Guillermo Delgado, Land Livelihoods and Housing Coordinator, ILMU

>>> Round table: The right to adequate housing

CLOSING KEYNOTE AND PANEL DISCUSSION

Venue: NUST Auditorium 1, Brahms Street

17:30 – 20:00

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Diana Mitlin, University of Manchester/IIED on “Economics for Housing in Southern Africa”

CLOSING PANEL DISCUSSION WITH SPEAKERS OF ALL PREVIOUS SESSIONS - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Moderator: Phillip Lühl, Department of Architecture and Spatial Planning, NUST