

Invitation:

Driving Urban Transition towards Sustainable Futures in Africa

An online workshop for experts working on/with issues on urban sustainability and livability in African urban areas

September 20, 2021

15.30-19.30 Central African Time (UTC+2)

Addressing the challenges in urban areas are crucial to solve the overarching grand societal and planetary challenges in the contemporary world. While goals and strategies, such as Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals are global ambitions, enhancing sustainability and livability on local urban scale is key. This workshop aims at developing visions on sustainable and livable urban areas in Africa, discuss the pathways to make those visions a reality and how international cooperation can support local urban transitions.

JPI Urban Europe and **START** invite you to this workshop to bring in your perspectives, experiences and knowledge on sustainable and livable urban areas. The aim is to identify critical fields for action on urban transitions which have the potential to be addressed jointly. Your participation and input will help shaping international outreach activities of the Driving Urban Transitions Partnership to Africa, will be used for organise upcoming activities and as a basis for discussions with funding agencies, ministries and other (funding) organisations for cooperation opportunities.

Aim of Workshop

- Identify the most pressing issues, challenges and dilemmas connected to the three pillars of Driving Urban Transitions in African countries
- Identify access points to jointly address those issues, challenges and dilemmas in cooperation schemes
- Exchange on opportunities for international stakeholders to continue the dialogue and engage in the partnership



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What you can expect from the workshop

- **Exchange** with peers and experts addressing urban challenges and transforming urban areas to sustainable and livable places
- **Co-creation:** engage in interactive exercises to jointly reflect on how urban actors such as local administration, municipalities, business, researchers, social innovators and inhabitants can be enabled to drive transformations
- **Networking:** You are welcome to connect to the AGORA community, the network of urban actors maintained by JPI Urban Europe.

About the Organisers

JPI Urban Europe is the knowledge hub for urban transitions, an intergovernmental and strategic partnership of countries addressing the challenge of sustainable urban development through coordinated research and innovation. Currently, **Driving Urban Transitions (DUT)**, a partnership programme between Member States and the European Commission for the years 2022-2028 is in its final stage of development. As sustainable urbanization is a global issue, with global policy references, international cooperation plays an important role in DUT.

START was founded in 1992 to strengthen capacities for global environmental change science in Africa and Asia that addresses critical sustainability challenges. The programs and partnerships provide opportunities for training, research, education and networking that strengthen scientific skills and inspire leadership. START is a core international partner of the United States Global Change Research Program and works closely with universities and research institutes in Africa and Asia, as well as with multilateral agencies, governments and non-governmental organizations.



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