

Invitation:

15-Minute Cities for African Urban Areas

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

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14.30-18.30 Central African Time (UTC+2)

Concepts for 15-Minute Cities are gaining traction throughout the world. Amplified by urban vulnerabilities and weaknesses which have been highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic, rethinking urban areas along the principles of the 15-Minute City has been illustrated as one central pathway towards sustainability and livability. This workshop explores the 15-minute city concept in relation to African cities and aims to identify key entry points for its application.

JPI Urban Europe, START and ICLEI Africa invite you to join this workshop to share your perspectives, experiences and knowledge on urban mobility, transportation, urban planning, service provision, urban governance and other disciplines connected to 15-Minute Cities. The aim is to identify critical fields for action related to 15-Minute Cities in Africa which have the potential to be addressed jointly. Your participation and input will help shape international outreach activities of the Driving Urban Transitions Partnership (DUT) to Africa. DUT aligns Member States' and European Commissions' efforts to build a critical mass for urban transitions. The outcomes of the workshops will be used for organizing upcoming activities and as a basis for discussions with funding agencies, ministries and other (funding) organizations for cooperation opportunities.

This workshop is part of the Driving Urban Transitions towards Sustainable and Just Futures in Africa series. Participants in the workshop will have the opportunity to contribute to a collaborative output / publication at the end of the series.



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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 administrations, municipalities, businesses, researchers, social innovators and inhabitants can drive transformations.
- **Contribute** to a collaborative publication at the end of the workshop series.
- **Networking:** You are welcome to connect to the [AGORA community](#), the network of urban actors maintained by JPI Urban Europe.

Aim of Workshop

- Identify the **most pressing issues, challenges and dilemmas** for making 15-Minute Cities a reality 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

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.

[ICLEI Africa](#) connects leaders, accelerates action and provides a gateway to solutions through capacity building, projects on the ground and policy influence. ICLEI is an international non-governmental organization that promotes sustainable development. ICLEI provides technical consulting to local governments to meet sustainability objectives.

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