

INSTITUTE FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES



CAPABILITY STATEMENT

The Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) is an international centre of excellence associated with the Erasmus University Rotterdam and operating on a global scale that offers specialized post graduate education, training, advisory services and applied research in the fields of urban management, housing and urban environment with the mission to develop human and institutional capacities to reduce poverty and improve the quality of life in cities.

IHS has more than 45 years of continuous activities in the field of research, training and post-graduate education for professionals working in areas of housing, urban development, urban infrastructure and urban governance in developing and transitional countries. Additionally it has more than 20 years experience with short and long-term projects in a variety of countries providing advisory services and technical assistance to governments, non-governmental organisations and international funding agencies.

Staffing

IHS has a multi-disciplinary and multi-national staff with expertise varying from municipal finance towards participatory planning, action and strategic planning, housing policies and finance and environmental planning and management. Currently IHS has 28 permanent staff members and 25 associate fellows (non permanent staff). The latter



forms a network of urban experts from which IHS draws additional expertise. Among the 15 permanent academic staff there are 3 architects, 2 engineers, 3 sociologists, 2 economists, 3 geographers specialised in planning and finance, and 2 public administration experts. Five staff members have PhD's and 10 have MSc degrees of whom 3 are PhD candidates.

Areas of Expertise

IHS staff has practical and academic experience in a variety and complementary fields of activities. The most prominent ones are: Decentralisation, Informal Settlement Upgrading, Local Economic Development, Urban Poverty Reduction, Public-Private Partnership, Municipal Finance, Solid Waste Management, Housing-Project Management, Inner City Regeneration, Preparing and Implementing Local Agenda's 21, Land Management, Urban Environmental Impact Assessment, Housing Policy and Finance, Integrated Urban Infrastructure Development, Action Planning and Strategic Planning.

Premises

IHS has a permanent office space of nearly 1600 m² completely equipped with telephones, data and electricity networks, photocopy and reproduction equipment and air-conditioning facilities situated in the 7th and 8th floors of the J Building, Erasmus University of Rotterdam Campus.

There are individual and shared office spaces for the personnel all equipped with telephones and permanent access to network and internet facilities, an in-house fully equipped library and information centre, and peripherals like colour and black & white printers, scanners, (video, slide, CD-Rom and DVD copying and viewing facilities available in the library). Within the office premises there are 3 classrooms and 2 multipurpose spaces for training activities. There is one master classroom with a capacity for 70 people. This master classroom has a sliding partition that allows the creation of 2 separated classrooms that are fully equipped with data projectors, screens, sound equipment, blackboards, flipcharts, slide and overhead projectors. There is an additional classroom fully equipped for capacity of 22 participants.

Apart from its own premises, IHS also makes use of all facilities of the campus of the Erasmus University Rotterdam that includes an additional library, catering and restaurant facilities, conference and classrooms, intranet, and a variety of logistic supports.

IHS has a multi functional area comprised of a library and information centre, working area's for students with 50 computers and additional lab-top ports, printers, photocopy machines and scanners. It is also possible to view and copy video's, slides, and CD-Rom's. There is a data projector where special exercises and computer-aided training can be performed. After hours the area is used for social functions, making use of the bar, television and seating areas.



IHS' very unique specialised library and information centre has more than 58,000 records registered in an electronic catalogue and is run by two Information Managers. Both course participants and staff (but also visitors and researchers) can make use of a variety of periodicals, books, video's, CD's, DVD's, slides and all different types of services and access to information.

Accessibility

Staff and visitors have access to guarded parking facilities available on the Erasmus University Rotterdam campus. The IHS headquarter is easily accessible by public transport. It is directly connected to a tramline that takes 17 minutes from and to the Central Train Station of the city. For those using individual automobiles, the campus is easily accessible through the ring road and major highways connecting Rotterdam to the north and south of the country.

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