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'Making Cities Work'

Dear Ms. Sarah Steendam,

Fall in Europe at IHS signals the start of a new academic year, but we enjoyed great summer months. South Africa was a highlight to IHS in these months in different aspects; read more in this newsletter issue.

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Urban professionals

South Africa: international hot spot 'from Refresher Course on Inner Cities to KidsRights'

As the whole world was watching South Africa for sportive reasons during this summer, IHS staff were working on several professional projects.

KidsRights Millennium Development Goals Conference
On Friday July 9, the Dutch foundation KidsRights organized the KidsRights Millenium Development Goals Conference in Johannesburg. [Kees van Rooijen](#), IHS Director was invited to give a presentation in which he focused on the importance of foreign direct investments (FDI) and the correlations between the FDI and the level of human development. Read [van Rooijen's report](#).

Refresher Course in Pretoria 'Livable and Sustainable Inner-Cities in Southern African Countries'
From 16-27 August [Alonso Ayala](#) and [Ellen Geurts](#) from IHS conducted a refresher course in Johannesburg. Twenty participants from different cities in South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe enjoyed a series of lectures, excursions and a workshop at the School of Architecture of the University of the [Witwatersrand](#). [Report](#)

IHS Alumni South Africa Meeting hosted by the NL Embassy
On August 24 a lovely dinner was hosted by the embassy's Head of Socio-economic Cooperation, Mrs. Sandra Pellegrom, at her Pretorian residence during a perfect cool evening, which was filled by the joy and collegiality of those attending it. [IHS Alumni Association South Africa](#)

Conference news

AGENDA



OCTOBER

Distance Learning Course:
Innovations in Financing
Cities (ELIFC)
[E-Learning, 2010](#)

DECEMBER

Urban Development;
Patterns, Causes,
Foundations, and Policy
[Conference 13 & 14 December
2010](#)

FEBRUARY

International Course on
Housing and Urban
Development (ICHUD)
[Post Graduate Course, 2011](#)

APRIL

Local Economic
Development: Policies for
SME's (LED)
[Short Course, 2011](#)
NFP Deadline: 1 December 2010

MAY

Developing Social Housing
Projects (DSHP)
[Short Course, 2011](#)
NFP Deadline: 1 December 2010

From 11-13 October [DAG](#) with [Global Land Tool Network](#) (GLTN) will host a 3-day conference in Cape Town "Re-imagining the City: A New Urban Order". IHS senior staff member [Carlos Morales-Schechinger](#) is involved in the conference. [More information](#)

[Ronald Wall](#) (IHS) together with [Michael Storper](#) (London School of Economics) and [Charles van Marrewijk](#) and [Frank van Oort](#) (Utrecht University) are organizing the [Conference: Urban Development: Patterns, Causes, Foundations and Policy](#) on 13 and 14 December 2010 at IHS.

UN World Habitat Day; Conference on 'Better Cities, Better Life', by Cordaid; Monday 4 October, Rotterdam

IHS participated in 'Meeting of the Minds', the premier leadership summit for sustainable cities in Omaha, USA in June 2010. IHS staff [Kees van Rooijen](#) and [Saskia Ruijsink](#) gave a presentation about the Rotterdam clean tech delta case study which is relevant for sustainable urban development approaches in times of climate change.

The City of The Hague will be hosting the [15th International Metropolis Conference](#) from October 4 to 8 in the World Forum Convention Centre (WFCC). IHS staff member Maartje van Eerd with IHS Alumnus Barnabas Atiyaye will present a paper on "Forced evictions: international guidelines and local realities: the case of Abuja, Nigeria".

Education, Research & Advisory

IHS Education

The right to adequate housing is a basic human right. Affordable housing and adequate access to its different components keep on being an unmet right by a vast majority in developing countries. Read more about [developing social housing projects](#).

Study at IHS from home. The distance learning course; 'Innovations in Financing Cities' provides the latest innovations in financing urban projects online.

In the new academic year 2011-2012 IHS offers a new and updated course programme. Find the courses and the data in the agenda (on the right) and read more about it on [www.ihs.nl](#). Also note that for most short courses the deadline to apply for a Netherlands Fellowship (NFP) is 1 December 2010.

IHS Research

A research project is being carried out aimed at analysing the ability of people living in poverty in Tanzania to participate in decision-making processes, influence decisions and demand accountability at the local level. The study will be an input into the assessment of the ongoing democratisation process in Tanzania and will provide a deeper understanding of the social, economic and political power structures and power relations in Tanzania through the analysis of a selection of twelve local authorities in eight different regions. For further information please contact Dr Alberto Gianoli ([gianoli@ihs.nl](#)) and check [IHS Research](#)

IHS Advisory

Together with the Berlage Institute in Rotterdam and the municipality of Diyarbakir and the Development Centre in Turkey, IHS is implementing a Matra programme called 'Accommodating the Displaced' in Diyarbakir. Another Matra project is running in Albania; Fostering partnerships for equitable cities; [Capacity building for participatory spatial planning](#) implemented by IHS and Co-Plan. Read more about [IHS Advisory](#)

What is happening at IHS, Rotterdam?

IHS Alumni International Board: first board meeting in May!

New staff at IHS: [Anteneh Getnet Dagnachew](#) (Project Assistant),

Urban Management Tools for Climate Change (UMTCC)

[Short Course, 2011](#)

NFP Deadline: 1 December 2010

Preparing Bankable Public Private Partnership Projects (PBPPP)

[Short Course, 2011](#)

NFP Deadline: 1 December 2010



[New IHS Course Prospectus 2011-2012](#)

Refresher Courses for IHS Alumni

Sustainable Housing in Times of Climate Change - A Gender Perspective; in [Bangkok Thailand](#) (1-12 November 2010)

Alternatives for Forced Evictions in Sub-Saharan Africa; in [Nairobi Kenya](#) (18-29 October 2010)

Making Settlements work for the Poor - were Land Reforms enough in West Africa; in [Kumasi Ghana](#) (25 October- 5 November 2010)

Pro-poor PPPs for Public Service Delivery in South Asia; in [Bangalore India](#) (6-17 December 2010)

IHS Portrait



IHS Director [Kees van Rooijen](#) assumed his position in June 2010 after a long management career at the Erasmus University Rotterdam: "We will always do our utmost best to assist in any area". [Read his story](#)

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👉 [Open City Jakarta](#) exhibition - IHS Alumna Christina Liesegang displays audio-visual 'far away from home' at Erasmushuis in Jakarta.

👉 On Friday, 24 September, the students of UMD6 graduated.

As usual, this event started with an official ceremony in Hotel New York, situated near the Rotterdam harbour area.

👉 Meet us in [your country](#).

👉 [IHS Alumni Meetings](#) worldwide.



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