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A guide to digital urban information sources on the Global South

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Introduction

Making sense of cities: a guide to digital urban information sources on the Global South

There are few publications that specifically focus on sharing information about urban development in the Global South. One online publication that could serve as a useful point of departure is the following:

Brown, A. (2015). Topic guide: planning for sustainable and inclusive cities in the Global South. London: Evidence on Demand. [Topic Guide: Planning for sustainable and inclusive cities in the global South - GOV.UK](#)

The bibliography of the above publication includes many references to key authors writing about the urban planning issues of the Global South.

The aim of this online resource, however, is to consolidate on the work undertaken there and to point IHS Academic Staff and the participants of IHS' educational programmes in the direction of the ever-increasing range of digital resources on housing and urban development in the Global South, that are now currently available to them when they work or study at IHS.

E-books on urban development

The E-books are integrated into our institute's main library collection, which consists of a unique collection of digital and print materials covering housing and urban development in emerging economies.

This section is divided into fourteen thematic categories, and when logged on the Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) network, staff and participants will be able access the content simply by clicking on the links to the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) of each of the more than 180 E-books listed in this section.

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12. Urban Land
13. Urban Planning
14. Urban Policy, SDG 11, and the New Urban Agenda (NUA)
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Organizations in the urban development field

This section describes the following organizations in respect of their research interests, publications and education activities with a focus on identifying potential (digital) urban knowledge on the Global South.

1. African Centre for Cities (ACC), University of Cape Town
2. African Cities Research Consortium
3. Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
4. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
5. Bartlett Development Planning Unit (DPU-UCL)
6. Cities Alliance
7. C40 cities
8. Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF)
9. European Commission
10. ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability
11. Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)
12. International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)
13. Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS)
14. Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (LILP)
15. Manchester Urban Institute
16. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
17. Overseas Development Institute (ODI)
18. Shack/Slum Dwellers International
19. South African Cities Network – SACN
20. United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
21. World Bank (Urban Development)
22. World Resources Institute (WRI) Ross Center for Sustainable Cities

African Centre for Cities (ACC), University of Cape Town

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
African Centre for Cities (ACC), University of Cape Town	The ACC seeks to facilitate critical urban research and policy discourses for the promotion of vibrant, democratic and sustainable urban development in the global South from an African perspective
Contact details	<p>African Centre for Cities (ACC) Rm2.11, Environmental & Geographical Science Building Upper Campus University of Cape Town Rondebosch, 7701 South Africa Tel: +27 21 650 5903 Fax: +27 21 650 2032 E-mail: maryam.waglay@uct.ac.za URL: https://www.africancentreforcities.net/</p>
<u>Publications</u>	<p>The site's publication section has more than a hundred (working) papers on the following broad themes: Climate Risk and Urban Resilience; Informality; Multi-level Governance; Public Culture and Heritage; Sustainable Infrastructures; Sustainable Urban Transitions; Urban Food Systems; Urban Health and Urban Research, as well as having the following regional coverage: Africa; Cape Town; Global South; International; South Africa; Southern Africa and University of Cape Town (UCT). There are also books and chapters of books mentioned in the books section. In addition, the publications section has a periodicals section which covers the Cityscapes Magazine that aims to provide a mix of content – both verbal and non-verbal – ranging from long-form journalism, opinion pieces, interviews, data and infographics to photography and three editions of the African Cities Reader. A lot of material in this section is downloadable.</p>
<u>Research Areas</u>	<p>In terms of projects the organization "aims to produce credible new knowledge on the drivers of urban crisis in African cities with an eye on systemic solutions."</p>
<u>Education</u>	<p>They offer an 18-month MPhil in Southern Urbanism covering the themes: Everyday Urbanism, Multi-level Governance, Urban Science and a two-year MA in Sustainable Urban Practice, covering the themes Multi-level Governance, Sustainable Infrastructures, Sustainable Urban Transitions.</p>

African Cities Research Consortium

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
African Cities Research Consortium (ACRC)	<p>This new initiative aim is to generate insights and evidence that will help improve the living conditions, services and life chances of all city residents, particularly for disadvantaged communities. They have identified 13 initial cities within sub-Saharan Africa with the potential and need for urban reform: Accra (Ghana) Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) Bukavu, (Democratic Republic of Congo); Dar es Salaam (Tanzania); Freetown (Sierra Leone); Harare, (Zimbabwe); Kampala, (Uganda) Khartoum, (Sudan); Lagos, (Nigeria); Lilongwe, (Malawi); Maiduguri, (Nigeria); Mogadishu, (Somalia) and Nairobi, (Kenya). Led from The University of Manchester, the consortium includes centres of research excellence, frontline humanitarian responders, effective policy influencers, vibrant local government networks and deeply rooted civil society groups. It is funded with UK aid from the UK government until 2026.</p>
Contact details	<p>African Cities Research Consortium (ACRC), Global Development Institute (GDI), University of Manchester, Oxford Rd, Manchester, M13 9PLE, United Kingdom E-mail: AfricanCities@manchester.ac.uk URL: https://www.african-cities.org/</p>
Publications	<p>At the time of writing (July 2021), they had a general brochure about the project, four downloadable <i>City Scoping Studies</i> (Accra, Addis Ababa, Freetown and Maiduguri) and <i>Working Papers</i> were pending.</p>
Research Areas	<p>This is still to be formulated in conjunction with (local) partners. The project's approach is to explore urban development domains. These broad fields of power, policy and practice go beyond sectorial silos, and they are seen as having the potential to unlock reform. Topics include Structural transformation; Neighbourhood and district economic development; Land and connectivity; Housing; Informal settlements; Health, wellbeing and nutrition; Safety and security and Youth and capability development.</p>
Education	<p>There does not seem to be any specific activity that addresses education and/or training and capacity building. However, it seems</p>

	that much of the research will be in conjunction with local partners, so there may be certain spin-offs regarding capacity development.
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Agence Française de Développement (AFD)

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
Agence Française de Développement (AFD)	The funds, supports and accelerates the transitions to a fairer and more sustainable world. Focusing on climate, biodiversity, peace, education, urban development, health and governance, its teams carry out more than 4,000 projects in France's overseas departments and territories and another 115 countries.
Contact details	AFD Headquarters 5 rue Roland Barthes 75 598 Paris CEDEX 12 France Tel: +33 15 344 3131 Fax: +33 14 487 9939 www.afd.fr/en
Publications	As of July 2021 there were 92 documents on Sustainable Cities , and of these 15 were Evaluations, 20 were Institutional Documents; 37 were Research Document and 20 were Videos. Among the Research Documents is a publication by David Dodman (and others) of IIED from 2015 entitled: Understanding the Assessment and Reduction of Vulnerability to Climate Change in African Cities : a Focus on Low-Income and Informal Settlements . AFD have sponsored a number of World Bank publications including: Cities and climate change : responding to an urgent agenda (2011); The informal sector in Francophone Africa : firm size, productivity and institutions (2012); Financing Africa's cities : the imperative of local investment (2012); Land delivery systems in West African cities : the example of Bamako, Mali (2015). In their own right they also published: Panorama of the urban and municipal sector in India (2014) Institutional pathways for local climate adaptation : a comparison of three South African municipalities (2014)
Research Areas	Their Library also include some policy briefs that discuss social housing in several African countries
Education	AFC promotes on its website a French professional masters entitled Maîtrise d'ouvrage pour le développement (MODEV) that focuses on project management and the challenges of sustainable development.

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Asia's rapidly developing cities face inadequate basic services, environmental degradation, and increasing poverty. ADB works to support the transformation of developing cities in the Asia and Pacific region into safe, sustainable urban centers.
Contact details	Headquarters (HQ) 6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City 1550, Metro Manila, Philippines Tel: +63 28 632 4444 Fax: +63 286362444 URL: https://www.adb.org
Publications	Urban publications include: Creating livable Asian cities (2021), https://dx.doi.org/10.22617/SGP210110 ; Spatial dynamics and driving forces of Asian cities (2020), https://dx.doi.org/10.22617/WPS200220-2 ; Creating Livable Cities : Regional Perspectives (2019), https://dx.doi.org/10.22617/TCS190465-2 ; Enabling Inclusive Cities : Tool Kit for Inclusive Urban Development (2016) Urban Development in the Greater Mekong Subregion (2016); https://dx.doi.org/10.22617/TIM157428 ; GrEEEn Solutions for Livable Cities (2016); Green City Development Tool Kit (2015); Sustainable urbanization in Asia and Latin America (2014), https://hdl.handle.net/11540/47 ; Green cities (2012) https://hdl.handle.net/11540/95 ; Inclusive cities (2011) https://hdl.handle.net/11540/127 ; ADBI, The Housing Challenge in Emerging Asia: Options and Solutions (2016); Managing Asian Cities (2008).
Research Areas	Many of the ADB's current urban projects seem to focus on urban water supply and/or management and urban (coastal) climate change resilience.
Education	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) provides intellectual input for policy makers in ADB's developing member countries (DMCs). It does so by conducting research with a focus on medium- to long-term development issues of strategic importance that affects the region and through capacity building and training (CBT) activities that contribute to ADB's overarching objective of poverty reduction.

The Bartlett Development Planning Unit (DPU-UCL)

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
The Bartlett Development Planning Unit (DPU-UCL)	The central purpose of the Development Planning Unit is to strengthen the capacity of governments and NGOs to work towards socially just and sustainable development in the global south.
Contact details	Development Planning Unit, University College London (DPU-UCL), 34 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9EZ, United Kingdom Tel: +44 (20) 7679 1111 Fax: +44 (20) 7679 1112 E-mail: dpu@ucl.ac.uk URL: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/bartlett/development/
Publications	A number of DPU staff contributed to The Routledge Handbook of Urban Resilience (2020). Other publications include: Development Planning Unit Record in Housing 1971-2021 (DPU working paper ; 201) (2019); Governance and the effectiveness of housing policies in Lima (2019); Re-conceptualising gender and urban water inequality applying a critical feminist approach to water inequality in Dhaka (DPU working paper ; 195) (2018); The informal city and rights in South East Asian CitiTees : the cases of Kampung Improvement Programme and Baan Mankong (DPU working paper ; 192) (2017); Sustainable Food Systems : The Role of the City (2016) http://dx.doi.org/10.14324/111.9781911307099Opens ; Knowledge, politics and development policy : Reflections over four decades (DPU60 working paper series : reflections ; 167/60) (2014); Gender planning and development : revisiting, deconstructing and reflecting (DPU60 working paper series : reflections 165/60) (2014); Affordable housing : chimera or oxymoron? (DPU working paper series : reflections ; 164/60) (2014) Urban public housing strategies in developing countries : paradigms, policies, programmes (DPU60 working paper series : reflections ; 163/60) (2014); and From master plans to city development strategies (DPU60 working paper series : reflections ; 162/60) (2014).
Research Areas	Research clusters include: Environmental justice, urbanisation and resilience; Urban transformations; Diversity, social complexity and planned intervention; and State and market: development actors and roles.

Education

The MPhil and PhD research programmes in *Development Planning* involve self-selected academic study in development, focusing on its political, economic, social and institutional dimensions.

Cities Alliance

Organization	What it does and for what it stands
Cities Alliance	<p>Cities Alliance describes itself as the global partnership fighting urban poverty and supporting cities to deliver sustainable development. Hosted by UNOPS.</p> <p>The partners include the following organizations:</p> <p>Governments (Brazil; Chile; France; Germany; Ghana; South Africa; Sweden; Switzerland; Uganda; United Kingdom and United States).</p> <p>Local Authorities (C40 cities; CLGF; ICLEI; Metropolis and UCLG)</p> <p>Non-Governmental Organisations (Avsi; Habitat For Humanity; Reall; Slumdweller International and WIEGO).</p> <p>Multi-Lateral Organizations (UNICEF; UN-Habitat; UNCDF and The World Bank Group).</p> <p>Private Sector/Foundations (Ford Foundation and Omidyar)</p> <p>Universities/Research Centres (International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) of Erasmus University).</p>
Contact details	<p>Cities Alliance UN House Boulevard du Régent 37-40 1000 Brussels, Belgium E-mail: info@citiesalliance.org URL: https://www.citiesalliance.org/</p>
Publications	<p>Themes include: Gender; Migration; Slum Upgrading; Climate Change; Innovation; City Development Equitable Economic Growth and Housing. Under the themes it is possible to filter the selection according to publication type (publication, event, news and media item).</p>
Research Areas	<p>They have Country Programmes in Liberia, Uganda, and Tunisia. Their Global Programmes include: Cities and Migration; Cities for Women; Global Programme on Informality; Climate Change, Resilience and Informality in Cities; and Equitable Economic Growth. There is also an Innovation Programme covering: Stronger Partnerships : Local Innovations for new Climate Realities in Cities; Secure Tenure in African Cities; and Migration and the Inclusive Cities. Previous Innovation Programmes included: Know Your City : Information for Transformation (2014); Youth and the City (2012) and an Open Call/Slum Upgrading (2011). The organization lists its themes AS Urban Poverty, Secondary Cities, Slums and Slum Upgrading and Strategic City Planning</p>
Education	<p>Over the last few years Cities alliance has sponsored/hosted some (on-line) events on topics such as: Migration, Housing and Cities; Seminar: The</p>

	Future of The City Statute in Brazil; Slum Upgrading and Prevention in the Decade of Action and Launch: Global State of National Urban Policy 2021 (...) and many more topics.
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C40 Cities

Organization	What it does and for what it stands
C40 Cities	<p>C40 is a network of the world’s megacities committed to addressing climate change. C40 supports cities to collaborate effectively, share knowledge and drive meaningful, measurable, and sustainable action on climate change.</p> <p>It includes the following members: Africa: Abidjan (Côte d’Ivoire); Accra (Ghana); Addis Ababa (Ethiopia); Cape Town (South Africa); Dakar (Senegal); Dar es Salaam (Tanzania); Durban (eThekweni) (South Africa); Ekurhuleni (South Africa); Freetown (Sierra Leone); Johannesburg (South Africa); Lagos (Nigeria); Nairobi (Kenya) and Tshwane (South Africa).</p> <p>Central East Asia: Beijing, Chengdu, Dalian, Fuzhou, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Hong Kong, Nanjing, Qingdao, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Wuhan and Zhenjiang (China).</p> <p>East, Southeast Asia & Oceania: Auckland (New Zealand) Bangkok (Thailand); Hanoi (Vietnam); Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam); Jakarta (Indonesia); Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia); Melbourne (Australia); Quezon City (Philippines); Seoul (Republic of Korea); Singapore (Singapore); Sydney (Australia); Tokyo (Japan) and Yokohama (Japan).</p> <p>Europe: Amsterdam (The Netherlands); Athens (Greece); Barcelona (Spain); Berlin (Germany); Copenhagen (Denmark); Heidelberg (Germany); Istanbul (Turkey); Lisbon (Portugal); London (United Kingdom); Madrid (Spain); Milan (Italy); Moscow (Russia); Oslo (Norway); Paris (France); Rome (Italy); Rotterdam (The Netherlands); Stockholm (Sweden); Tel Aviv – Yafo (Israel); Venice (Italy) and Warsaw (Poland).</p> <p>Latin America: Bogotá (Colombia); Buenos Aires (Argentina); Curitiba (Brazil); Guadalajara (Mexico); Lima (Peru); Medellín (Colombia); Mexico City (Mexico); Quito (Ecuador); Rio de Janeiro (Brazil); Salvador (Brazil); Santiago (Chile); São Paulo (Brazil); Salvador (Brazil); Santiago (Chile) and São Paulo (Brazil).</p> <p>North America: Austin (United States); Boston (United States); Chicago (United States); Houston (United States); Los Angeles (United States); Miami (United States); Montréal (Canada); New Orleans (United States); New York, (United States); Philadelphia (United States); Phoenix (United States); Portland (United States); San Francisco (United States); Seattle (United States); Toronto (Canada); Vancouver (Canada) and Washington, DC (United States).</p> <p>South and West Asia: Amman (Jordan); Chennai (India); Delhi NCT (India); Dhaka North (Bangladesh); Dhaka South (Bangladesh) Dubai (United Arab Emirates); Karachi (Pakistan); Kolkata (India) and Mumbai (India).</p> <p>Temporarily Inactive: Bengaluru (India).</p>
Contact details	<p>C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, Inc, 120 Park Avenue, Floor 23,</p>

	<p>New York, NY 10017 USA E-mail: contact@c40.org URL: https://www.c40.org/</p>
<u>Publications</u>	<p>Many of the organizations research publications around the issue of climate change can be found here. The site makes extensive use of blog posts to communicate with its members. There are also numerous case studies that can be found here and a section on Green House Gas (GHG) emissions, here.</p>
Research Areas	<p>The organization has the following network initiatives: <i>Adaptation Implementation</i> (Including: Connecting Delta Cities; Cool Cities and Urban Flooding); <i>Air Quality, Energy & Buildings</i> (Including: Clean Construction Forum; Clean Energy; Municipal Building Efficiency; New Building Efficiency and Private Building Efficiency); <i>Food, Waste & Water</i> (Including: Food Systems; Sustainable Waste Systems and Waste to Resources) and <i>Transportation & Urban Planning</i> (Including: Land Use Planning; Mass Transit; Mobility Management; Walking & Cycling and Zero Emission Vehicles).</p> <p>In addition to formal peer-to-peer networks, C40 also offers member cities additional services through its Programme model. These include the following areas: <i>City Finance</i>: (Including: Financing Sustainable Cities Initiative; C40 Cities Finance Facility and Divest/Invest Forum); <i>City Intelligence; Diplomacy</i> (C40 City Diplomacy); <i>Direct Support</i> (Including City Advisers and Building Energy 2020 Programme); <i>Measurement & Planning</i> (Including: Measurement & Planning and Climate Action Planning Resource Centre); <i>Programmes, Business & Innovation</i> (Including: Low-Carbon Districts Forum; Green Economy & Innovation Forum; City Business Alliance; City Solutions Platform and Empowering Cities With Data) and <i>Special Projects</i> (Reinventing Cities; Inclusive Climate Action and Women4Climate).</p>
Education	<p>The site did not have many specific training activities for its members, but much of the networking efforts are geared to improving the capacities of all its members.</p>

Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF)

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF)	CLGF promotes and strengthens democratic local government to support sustainable development across the Commonwealth and provides a collective voice to advocate for greater empowerment at the local level. It does this through conferences and events; technical assistance programmes and research; and practitioner to practitioner support, promoting the exchange of good practice in local government policy, structure and services
Contact details	Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) Golden Cross House, 8 Duncannon Street WC2N 4JF London United Kingdom Tel: +44 (0)20 8138 5840 Email: info@clgf.org.uk URL: https://www.clgf.org.uk/
Publications	Their Resource Centre houses <i>CLGF publications</i> that cover the <i>Commonwealth Journal of Local Governance</i> , CLGF statements and speeches, the latest and previous issues of the <i>CLGF Bulletin</i> , Country profiles, CLGF research reports, toolkits and policy briefings. The other section, the <i>Knowledge Hub</i> has the following themes: Local Democracy; Local Government Finance; Local Government Service Delivery; Women in Local Government; Local Government in Small States; Global Development Agenda; Cities and Urbanisation and Local Economic Development. The section <i>Cities and Urbanisation</i> has the following topics: Urbanisation and migration; Urban planning; Informal settlements; Formal and informal urban economy; Disaster risk reduction and emergency planning; Safety and security in cities; Smart cities and ICT; Financing cities and New Urban Agenda
Research Areas	The CLGF Research Advisory Group (RAG) is a network of research and training institutions including university departments, civil service training centres and think tanks from across the Commonwealth from the associate members of CLGF. The RAG helps inform CLGF's programme, policy and advocacy work. It is involved in events, publications and policy research projects. The Commonwealth Sustainable Cities Network (CSCN) was established in June 2015 and has held three meetings in Singapore (2015), London (2016) and Kigali (2018).
Education	The CLGF sees capacity building in partnership with others as one of its key activities for its members. The site has some training manuals on

	Local Economic Development, but nothing was noted for training about Cities and Urbanization.
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European Commission

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
European Commission	The Commission is working together with cities to ensure a good quality of life. The Commission aims to help cities to grow sustainably through sharing of knowledge, funding, and other urban policies and initiatives. The point of departure is Europe.
Contact details	See website for details of individual departments
Publications	The following report was compiled with the help of ICLEI European office: Making socially responsible public procurement work : 71 good practice cases (2020) https://doi.org/10.2826/844552 . Another publication available from the Publications Office of the EU includes: Handbook of sustainable urban development strategies (2020) https://doi.org/10.2760/32842 ; and furthermore, IHS worked on the following document for the European Commission: New perspectives for urban development : a strategic approach (December 2011) (Consultative Guidelines for Sustainable Urban Development Cooperation) (2011) which is available here .
Research Areas	The Cities and urban development page of the EU includes the following areas of interest: Urban Agenda for the EU: Priority themes for EU cities (encompassing: Air quality in cities; Circular economy in cities; Climate adaptation in cities; Culture and Heritage; Digital transition in cities; Energy transition in cities; Housing in cities; Innovative and responsible public procurement in cities; Inclusion of migrants and refugees in cities; Jobs and skills in the local economy; Sustainable use of land and nature-based solutions in cities; Urban mobility and accessibility, and Urban Poverty); City initiatives: Funding for cities ; and Knowledge for cities .
Education	No training/education activities pertaining to cities (in the Global South) were noted.

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability	ICLEI is a global network of more than 2500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Active in 125+ countries, they aim to influence sustainability policy and drive local action for low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient, and circular development.
Contact details	ICLEI World Secretariat Kaiser-Friedrich-Str. 7 53113 Bonn Germany Tel. +49-228 / 97 62 99-00 E-mail: (General inquiries) iclei.ws@iclei.org URL: https://www.iclei.org/
Publications	The publications section is divided into the following categories: Books; Case Studies; Guides; ICLEI Archives; Policy briefs; Promotional Materials; Reports and Research and journal articles. Most of the publications seem to be aimed at local government and provide policy advice and case studies.
Research Areas	The focus of the organization is on sustainable urban development, resilience, and climate change for local governments. There is a global coverage with an African Secretariat; an East Asian Secretariat; a Mexico, Central America & Caribbean Secretariat, an Oceania Secretariat; a South American Secretariat; a South Asia Secretariat, a Southeast Asia Secretariat; a Canada Office; a Japan Office, a Korean Office, a USA Office and the Kaohsiung Capacity Centre (Taiwan). Some of these locations, such as the African Secretariat , and offer some resources with the following 'pathways' Resilient development (151); Equitable and people-centered development; Nature-based development; Low emission development and Circular development. These included documents varying from: Publications & reports; Brochures & fact sheets; Posters & infographics; Case studies and Webinars and videos.
Education	It is more of a campaigning/networking type of organization and there is little evidence on the site of any specific training courses for its members. However, there may be exceptions, as evidenced by the existence of a TRAINING CURRICULUM Integrating Air Pollution and Climate Change Planning in Cities in Asia (2021) which ICLEI East Asia delivered together with Clean Air Asia and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES).

Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)	<p>The IADB works to improve lives in Latin America and the Caribbean. Through financial and technical support for countries working to reduce poverty and inequality, it seeks to improve health and education, and advance infrastructure. It aims to achieve development in a sustainable, climate-friendly way. With a history dating back to 1959, the bank is a leading source of development financing for Latin America and the Caribbean. It provides loans, grants, and technical</p>
Contact details	<p>IADB Headquarters 1300 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20577, USA Tel: +1 202 623-1000 Fax: +1 202 623-3096 URL: https://www.iadb.org/en</p>

<p>Publications</p>	<p>Some of their publications relevant to urban development include the following: <u>Conceptual and Methodological Note to Measure Discrimination Against Slum Dwellers and the Impact on Discrimination of Slum Upgrading Interventions : Case Study of Buenos Aires</u> (2020); <u>http://dx.doi.org/10.18235/0002907</u>; <u>Slum Upgrading and Housing in Latin America</u> (2016); <u>Shelter from the Storm : Upgrading Housing Infrastructure in Latin American Slums</u> (2014); <u>Evaluation of Slum Upgrading Programs : Literature Review and Methodological Approaches</u> (2013); <u>Cities for All : Recent Experiences with Neighborhood Upgrading Programs</u> (2002); <u>Gender Inequalities in Cities</u> (2020) <u>Housing What's Next? : From Thinking The Unit to Building The City</u> (2019); <u>The State of Social Housing in Six Caribbean Countries</u>(2016); <u>Rental Housing Wanted : Options for Expanding Housing Policy</u> (2014); <u>Transit Oriented Development: How to Make Cities More Compact, Connected and Coordinated : Recommendations for Brazilian Municipalities</u>(2021); <u>Climate Resilient Biodiverse Cities in Latin America and the Caribbean</u> (2020), <u>http://dx.doi.org/10.18235/0002618</u>; <u>General Guidelines for the Development of Studies to Reduce Hydroclimatic Risks in Cities : Lessons Learned from the Emerging and Sustainable Cities Initiative in Face of the Climate Change Challenge in Latin America and the Caribbean</u>(2019); <u>Creating Livable Cities : Regional Perspectives</u> (2019), <u>http://dx.doi.org/10.18235/0001939</u>;</p>
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<p>Research Areas</p> <p>See: https://www.iadb.org/en/sector/urban-development-and-housing/overview and https://www.iadb.org/en/urban-development-and-housing/housing-and-urban-development</p>	<p>There is a Sector Housing and Urban Development whose aim is: "To extend the benefits of urbanization to all urban residents in Latin America and the Caribbean." Focus areas include:</p> <p>A) Improve access to quality infrastructure and urban services, including support to informal settlements.</p> <p>B) Advance universal access to quality housing, tackling both quantitative and qualitative gaps.</p> <p>C) Increase cities' resilience, protecting the urban natural and built environments and their unique cultural heritage.</p> <p>D) Strengthen governance and capacity of national and subnational institutions, with a view to improving urban planning, management, coordination and citizen participation, especially in metropolitan areas.</p> <p>E) Promote local economic development and assist with solutions for urban finance.</p> <p>Next to this there is a Housing and Urban Development Division that aspires to: "Improving the sustainability and quality of life of the cities of Latin America and the Caribbean." It is organized around four action areas: urban infrastructure and services, including neighbourhood upgrading; housing; habitat, public landscape, and heritage; and institutions, governance, and management. In addition, it mentioned that their evidence-based research is conducted with a multi-sectoral approach under seven thematic groups: Metropolitan governance; Smart cities and civic data; Housing and habitat; Urban heritage; Urban people; Urban economics and finance; and Resilience. This is reflected in the topics shown in the publications mentioned in the previous section.</p>
<p>Education</p> <p>There is a catalogue of IADB courses (most are in Spanish)</p>	<p>The Inter-American Institute for Economic and Social Development (INDES) is a unit of the IDB group that is responsible for promoting knowledge and learning products related to economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean.</p>

International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)	IIED's mission is to build a fairer, more sustainable world, using evidence, action and influence, working in partnership with others
Contact details	International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), 235 High Holborn, Holborn, London WC1V 7DN, UK Tel: +44 (0)20 3463 7399 URL: https://www.iied.org/
Publications The IIED publications library contains over 7000 free publications.	Urban publications include: Better cities after COVID-19 (2021); The complex dynamics of Nairobi's low-income housing services and land markets (2019); "No time to waste" in applying the lessons from Latin America's 50 years of housing policies (Journal article) (2019), https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0956247818781499 ; Responding to climate change in cities and in their informal settlements and economies (2018); Revealing and Responding to Multiple Health Risks in Informal Settlements in Sub-Saharan African Cities (2018); https://doi.org/10.1007/s11524-018-0264-4 ; Pakistan : the causes and repercussions of the housing crisis (2018). IIED also compiles the journal Environment and Urbanization that is published by Sage. See also the Journal section of this resource. Furthermore, some IIED staff have published books and book chapters in various books dealing with cities and urban development in the Global South, a number of these books are cited in the e-book thematic sections of this resource.
Research Areas	In terms of their urban focus IIED states: Their focus is on urban poverty and urban environmental issues, including rural-urban linkages, urban risk and urban crises, health, water and sanitation, inclusion, gender and disability, and shelter and basic services. They work with in-country partners to promote equitable, inclusive, sustainable and resilient urban development.
Education	A search of the IIED library gave 826 results for the term "training", many of the documents seeming to be reports on in situ capacity building workshops on various topics in the Global South.

Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS)

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS)	IHS envisions cities that are liveable and just as well as socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable. Its mission being to inspire and empower urban professionals and citizens to make cities work for all.
Contact details	Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS), Burgemeester Oudlaan 50, Mandeville (T) Building, 14th floor, 3062 PA Rotterdam, The Netherlands Tel: +31 10 408 9825 E-mail: ih@ihs.nl URL: https://www.ihs.nl/en
Publications	The publications section consists of the following sections: staff publications; working papers; project papers; occasional papers; thesis series and some guidelines for publications.
Research Areas	IHS education, advisory services and research all revolve around 3 main thematic areas: Urban Socio-Spatial Development; Urban Sustainability and Climate Change Resilience; and Urban Economics and Governance. Since 1976, IHS works on a global scale providing advisory services to local and national governments, non-governmental and civil society organizations, as well as academic and training institutions. The institute has worked on contract for the World Bank, UN-HABITAT, UNDP, the Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank, SIDA, the EU, GTZ, and Cordaid. It also works on contract for local and national government clients. Services provided by IHS include policy-level support and institutional development, on the job training for government professionals, aid in the development of citywide strategic planning and participatory processes, development of methodologies and frameworks, research and programme evaluation.
Education	Coming from a tradition in capacity building and training IHS has a long history in running courses at home and in situ in the global South on housing and urban development. It currently offers and contributes to a number of courses including an MSc in Urban Management and Development (UMD) that includes the following tracks for the next UMD20: Urban Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change ; Strategic Urban Planning and Policies ; Urban Digital Transformation and Innovation ; and Urban Housing and Land Justice . There is an Urban Governance Master run together with the Department of Public Administration of the Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR). In addition, each year IHS offers a

	range of short courses . In recent years IHS has also expanded its PhD programme .
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Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (LILP)

<p><u>Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (LILP)</u></p>	<p>The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (LILP) seeks to improve quality of life through the effective use, taxation, and stewardship of land. It is a non-profit private operating foundation whose origins date to 1946, the Lincoln Institute researches and recommends creative approaches to land as a solution to economic, social, and environmental challenges. Through education, training, publications, and events, they integrate theory and practice to inform public policy decisions worldwide. Their work is organized around six goals: low-carbon, climate-resilient communities and regions; efficient and equitable tax systems; reduced poverty and spatial inequality; fiscally healthy communities and regions; sustainably managed land and water resources; and functional land markets and reduced informality.</p>
<p>Contact details</p>	<p>Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (LILP) 113 Brattle Street Cambridge, MA 02138-3400 USA Tel: +1 617-661-3016 or 800-LAND-USE (800-526-3873) Fax: +1 617-661-7235 or 800-LAND-944 (800-526-3944) URL: <u>https://www.lincoln.edu</u></p>

<p><u>Publications</u></p>	<p>Their publications include: Bridging divides : building an inclusionary housing policy in Cape Town (2021); Legal aspects of inclusionary housing In South Africa (2021); Property tax in Africa : status, challenges, and prospects (2017); Financing metropolitan governments in developing countries (2013); Value capture and land policies (2012); China's housing reform and outcomes (2011); Inclusionary housing in international perspective : affordable housing, social inclusion, and land value recapture (2010); Municipal revenues and land policies (2010); The community land trust reader (2010) Property rights and land policies (2009); Making the property tax work : experiences in developing and transitional countries (2008) and Urbanization in China critical issues in an era of rapid growth (2007). Their publications can be browsed by the following topics: City and Regional Planning; Climate Change; Economic Development; Environment; Housing; Informal Settlements; Infrastructure; Land and Property Rights; Land Conflict Resolution; Land Conservation; Land Markets; Land Use and Zoning; Land Value Taxation; Local Government; Poverty and Inequality;</p>
<p><u>Research Areas</u></p>	<p>The Institute is committed to nonpartisan, evidence-based research and policy analysis. Utilizing a variety of methods, from case studies and surveys to econometric modelling, it undertakes research across a wide range of topics, all in service of the mission to solve real-world problems through better land policy. The Institute periodically issues requests for proposals on key themes and offers fellowship programmes.</p>
<p><u>Education</u></p>	<p>Their courses and events provide a platform for the discussion of emerging and current research in land policy.</p>

Manchester Urban Institute (MUI)

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
Manchester Urban Institute (MUI)	The mission of MUI is to serve as a leading academic urban institute that generates world-class research, achieves high levels of engagement and impact with non-academic stakeholders and trains the next generation of urban activists, decision-makers, researchers and scholars. It aims to be a leading global location for urban research, with a combined focus on both the global north and Global South.
Contact details	Manchester Urban Institute (MUI) Humanities Bridgeford Street Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL, UK Tel: +44 (0) 161 307 6875 E-mail: mui@manchester.ac.uk URL: https://www.mui.manchester.ac.uk/
Publications	The publication section is sorted by year and includes book chapters, journal articles, reports and papers, the more recent ones often being Open Access.
Research Areas	The Institute has three signature research themes: Green and Resilient Urban Futures; Smart and Sustainable Cities and Spatial Inequalities and Poverty. It also has the following research groups: Cities, Politics, economies Research Group; Cities and sustainability; Global Urban Futures; Manchester Architecture Research Group; Manchester Urban Aging Research Group; and Spatial Policy and Analysis Laboratory.
Education	The Institute has four PhD students funded through the University of Manchester's and the University of Melbourne's Global doctoral Research Network (GOLDEN) programme which features a dual-award scheme. There is also the International Doctoral Cluster – Cities and Infrastructure in a Global Age which is a post graduate collaboration between the universities of Manchester and Toronto.

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

<p>Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development</p>	<p>The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international organisation that works to build better policies for better lives. It is to shape policies that foster prosperity, equality, opportunity and well-being for all. Together with governments, policy makers and citizens, the organization works on establishing evidence-based international standards and finding solutions to a range of social, economic and environmental challenges. From improving economic performance and creating jobs to fostering strong education and fighting international tax evasion, it provides a forum and knowledge hub for data and analysis, exchange of experiences, best-practice sharing, and advice on public policies and international standard-setting</p>
<p>Contact details</p>	<p>Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Headquarters, 2, rue André Pascal 75016 Paris, France Tel.: +33 1 45 24 82 00 URL: https://www.oecd.org</p>
<p>Publications</p>	<p>The organization publishes books, policy papers and country facts and figures. They include: How is life in West Africa's Cities? : Results from an online perception survey of life in urban areas (2021) https://doi.org/10.1787/fd30fbc6-en; Brick by brick : building better housing policies (2021) https://doi.org/10.1787/b453b043-en; Africa's urbanisation Dynamics 2020 : Africapolis, mapping a new urban geography (2020) https://doi.org/10.1787/b6bccb81-en; Cities of the world : a new perspective on urbanisation (2020) https://doi.org/10.1787/d0efcbda-en; City policy responses to COVID-19 : impacts, lessons learnt and recovery strategies (2020); A territorial approach to the Sustainable Development Goals : synthesis report (2020) https://doi.org/10.1787/e86fa715-en; A decentralised development co-operation - unlocking the potential of cities and regions (2019) https://doi.org/10.1787/e9703003-en; Trends for smart city strategies in Emerging Asia (2019) https://doi.org/10.1787/4fcef080-en; Building resilient cities : an assessment of disaster risk management policies in Southeast Asia (2018) https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264305397-en; Global state of national urban policy (2018) https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264290747-en; Indicators for resilient cities (2018) https://doi.org/10.1787/6f1f6065-en; Reshaping decentralised development co-operation : the key role of cities and regions for the 2030 agenda (2018) https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264302914-en; National urban</p>

	<p>policy in OECD countries (2017) https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264271906-en; The metropolitan century : understanding urbanisation and its consequences (2015) https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264228733-en; African Economic Outlook 2016 : sustainable cities and structural transformation (2016) https://doi.org/10.1787/aeo-2016-en; Cities and climate change (2010) https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264091375-en. There is a digital library of OECD publications that is available to subscribers at: https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/</p>
Research Areas	<p>Under the theme Regional, rural and urban development the organization has the following 'workstreams': Responding to COVID-19 (includes Resilient cities); Digitalisation and innovation (includes Cities and innovation); Low carbon transition (includes Cities and environment) and Reducing inequalities. The organization also working in the following areas: Regional statistics, tools and data; Multi-level governance; Urban development and cities; Rural development and Water governance. Among its data visualization tools there is also a section called: Regions and cities statistical atlas. One such tool is Africapolis, a research and data visualisation tool used to map, analyse and understand urbanisation and urban growth in Africa.</p>
Education	<p>Specific training and education activities are not a core activity of the organization, although some of its publications may be about the education sector.</p>

Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
Overseas Development Institute (ODI)	ODI is an independent, global think tank. They aim to inspire people to act on injustice and inequality. They focus on research, convening and influencing, to generate ideas that matter for people and planet.
Contact details	Overseas Development Institute (ODI) 203 Blackfriars Road, London, SE1 8NJ, UK Tel: +44 (0)20 7922 0300 Fax: +44 (0)20 7922 0399 E-mail: (General enquiries) odi@odi.org.uk URL: https://odi.org/en/
Publications	Their 'urban' publications include the following: Social protection response to Covid-19 and beyond: emerging evidence and learning for future crises (2021) ; Covid-19: crisis as opportunity for urban cash transfers? (2021) ; Urban energy and the climate emergency: achieving decarbonisation via decentralisation and digitalisation (2020) Disaster risk reduction, urban informality and a 'fragile peace': the case of Lebanon (2019) ; Financing the sustainable urban future: scoping a green cities development bank (2019) ; Implementing the commitment to 'leaving no one behind' in cities: what it means in practice (2018) (For the Cities Alliance); Informality in urban crisis response (2018) ; Mass displacement and the challenge for urban resilience (2017) ; Projecting progress: are cities on track to achieve the SDGs by 2030? (2016) ; The SDGs at city level : Mumbai's example (2016) ; Are we underestimating urban poverty? (2016) Urbanisation, land and property rights (2016) ; 'Urbanisation : consequences and opportunities for the Netherlands' Directorate-General for International Cooperation (2016) ; What works in improving the living conditions of slum dwellers: a review of the evidence across four programmes (2015) ; On the path to progress: improving living conditions in Peru's slum settlements (2015) ; Towards a better life? A cautionary tale of progress in Ahmedabad (2015) ; Community-driven development in the slums: Thailand's experience (2015) ; Climate finance for cities: how can climate funds best support low-carbon and climate resilient urban development? (2015) ; Humanitarian interventions in situations of urban violence (2014) ; Services in the city : governance and political economy in urban service delivery (2014) ; Monitoring progress on urban poverty : are

	current data and indicators fit for purpose? (2014) ; and Sanctuary in the city? Urban displacement and vulnerability in Peshawar, Pakistan (2013)
Research Areas	The organization has the following programmes: Climate and Sustainability; Development and Public Finance; Digital Societies; Equity and Social Policy; Gender Equality and Social Inclusion; Global Risks and Resilience; Humanitarian Policy Group; International Economic Development Group; and Politics and Governance.
Education	The organization does not seem to have any education/training activities in its remit.

Shack/Slum Dwellers International (SDI)

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
Shack/Slum Dwellers International (SDI)	<p>SDI is a network of community-based organisations of the urban poor in 32 countries and hundreds of cities and towns across Africa, Asia and Latin America. In each country where SDI has a presence, affiliate organizations come together at the community, city and national level to form federations of the urban poor. SDI is committed to supporting a process that is driven from below. It facilitates, and sometimes resources, horizontal exchange and information sharing programmes amongst member federations. It also seeds precedent-setting projects. These exchange programmes and projects have a “political” dimension, to the extent that they are geared towards catalyzing change processes at all levels, from informal community-based institutions to formal institutions of the state and the market.</p>
Contact details	<p>Shack/Slum Dwellers International (SDI) PO Box 13033 Mowbray 7705, Cape Town South Africa Tel: (+27) 21 447 4016 Fax: (+27) 21 448 2434 E-mail: info@sdinet.org URL: https://sdinet.org/</p>
Publications	<p>Some of its partners published the following: Realising the multiple benefits of climate resilience and inclusive development in informal settlements (2019); Know your city : slum dwellers count (2018); Understanding the contribution of the BSUP (JNNURM) to inclusive cities in India (ESID Working Paper ; 97) (2018); Where will the money come from? SDI and local-level finance (2017); Taking money to making money : SPARC, NSDF and Mahila Milan : Transform low-income shelter options in India (2017); Muungano nguvu yetu (unity is strength) 20 years of the Kenyan federation of slum dwellers (2017) and “We beat the path by walking” How the women of Mahila Milan in India learned to plan, design, finance and build housing (2016).</p>
Research Areas	<p>Know Your City is a global campaign of Slum Dwellers International (SDI), United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG-A), and Cities Alliance. Around the world, slum dwellers collect city-wide data and information on informal settlements. This work creates alternative systems of knowledge that are owned by the communities and have become the basis of a unique social and political argument that supports an informed and united voice of</p>

	the urban poor. It has 7,712 <i>Slums</i> profiled 224 <i>Cities</i> profiled. However, there seems to be no update since 2018 beta version.
Education	No training/education programmes were found on their site, but at a local level one expects some activities around community mobilization.

South African Cities Network (SACN)

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
South African Cities Network (SACN)	The South African Cities Network (SACN) is a network of South African cities and partners that encourages the exchange of information, experience and best practice on urban development and city management. Working together with South African cities and partners through research, knowledge sharing, peer learning and innovation, it aims to achieve the urban futures vision outlined in the Integrated Urban Development Framework and the National Development Plan.
Contact details	South African Cities Network (SACN) PO Box 32160 • Braamfontein 2017 Tel: + 27 11 407 6471 Fax: + 27 11 403 5230 URL: https://www.sacities.net/south-african-cities-network/
<u>Publications</u>	In its Knowledge Hub , publications are arranged by year and sorted by the following categories: Publications; Integrated Urban Development Framework; State of Cities Reports; Reference Groups and Infrastructure Dialogues. There are also plans to publish Case Studies on the themes of Inclusive Cities; Sustainable & Resilient Cities; Productive Cities and Well-Governed Cities
<u>Research Areas</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built Environment • City Development Strategy • Inclusive Cities • Productive Cities • Sustainable & Resilient Cities • Well- Governed Cities
Education	The South African Cities Network seems to have a number of publications focusing on local practice, such as: A how-to-guide on running effective expanded public works programmes (2021).

United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)	<p>The organization aims to promote transformative change in cities and human settlements through knowledge, policy advice, technical assistance and collaborative action. They set standards, propose norms and principles, share good practice, monitor global progress and support formulation of policies related to sustainable cities and human settlements. In recent years there has been a shift from providing technical assistance to in-country implementation of projects. By sharing the organization seeks to mobilize public, political and financial support and collaborative action to inspire qualitative change in national development plans, policy frameworks, development practice and investment choices for sustainable urban development at the local, national and global levels. It collaborates with governments, intergovernmental, UN agencies, civil society organizations, foundations, academic institutions and the private sector to address the challenges of urbanization.</p>
Contact details	<p>United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) PO Box 30030 00100 Nairobi GPO Kenya E-mail: unhabitat-info@un.org URL: https://unhabitat.org/</p>

Publications

UN-Habitat's [Research and Publications](#) section has an extensive listing of the organization's publications. Among those are the following (incomplete selection) : [Cities and pandemics : towards a more just, green and healthy future \(2021\)](#); [World Cities Report 2020 The Value of Sustainable Urbanization \(2020\)](#); [Global Experiences in Land Readjustment: Urban Legal Case Studies: Volume 7 \(2018\)](#); [Leveraging land : land-based finance for local governments : a reader \(2016\)](#); [World Cities Report 2016 : Urbanization and Development - Emerging Futures \(2016\)](#); [National urban policy : a guiding framework \(2015\)](#); [The Challenge of Slums - Global Report on Human Settlements \(2003\)](#). Numerous housing/urban profiles and tools/guidelines have been developed: [The Housing Barometer. A tool to support a rapid housing sector review \(2018\)](#); [Baidoa Urban Profile 2020 \(2020\)](#); [Beletweyne Urban Profile \(2020\)](#); [Johwar Urban Profile \(2020\)](#); [Kismayo Urban Profile \(2020\)](#); [Tabbaneh Neighbourhood Profile \(2018\)](#); [Housing Profile Mozambique \(Portuguese\) \(2018\)](#); [Afghanistan \(2017\)](#); [Maachouk neighbourhood profile and strategy. Tyre, Lebanon \(2017\)](#); [Egypt housing profile \(2016\)](#); [Lesotho housing profile \(2015\)](#); [Perfil de la Vivienda Cuba \(2014\)](#); [El Salvador \(2014\)](#); [Liberia housing profile \(2014\)](#); [Viet Nam housing sector profile \(2014\)](#); [Profil du Secteur du Logement Urban au Senegal \(Senegal Urban Housing Sector Profile\) \(2013\)](#); [Solomon Islands national urban profile \(2013\)](#); [Fiji national urban profile \(2012\)](#); [Fiji Greater Suva Urban Profile \(2012\)](#); [Fiji Lautoka Urban Profile \(2012\)](#); [Fiji Nadi Urban Profile \(2012\)](#); [Solomon Islands: Gizo Urban Profile \(2012\)](#); [Mauritius :Black River urban profile \(2012\)](#) [Uganda urban housing sector profile \(2012\)](#); [Uganda : Kitgum Urban Profile \(2012\)](#); [Zambia urban housing sector profile \(2012\)](#); [Ghana housing profile \(2011\)](#); [Nepal urban housing sector profile \(2011\)](#); [Tunisia housing profile \(2011\)](#); [A practical guide for conducting housing profiles \(2011\)](#); [A practical guide for conducting housing profiles - revised version \(2011\)](#); [Malawi urban housing sector profile \(2010\)](#); [Papua New Guinea: Goroka city profile \(2010\)](#); [Ethiopia : Addis Ababa urban profile \(2008\)](#); [Ethiopia : Dire Dawa urban profile \(2008\)](#).

<p>Research Areas</p>	<p>The organization covers the following topics: Climate Change; Disability; Economy and Finance; Energy; Gender; Governance and Decentralization; Housing; Human Rights; Innovation; Land; Legislation; Metropolitan Management; Migration; Mobility and Transport; Municipal Finance; Planning and Design; Public Space; Regeneration; Rehabilitation; Resilience and Risk Reduction; Safety; Slum Upgrading; Urban Health; Urban Policy; Urban-Rural Linkages; Voluntary Local Reviews; Waste Management; Water and Sanitation and Youth and Livelihoods. The organization has developed The New Urban Agenda Platform which is a knowledge portal for gathering voluntary reports, best practices, and data - both quantitative and qualitative, for reviewing the progress made in implementing the New Urban Agenda to achieve the 2030 Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals. There are also five 'Flagship' programmes: 1. Inclusive, Vibrant Neighbourhoods and Communities; 2. People-focused Smart Cities; 3. RISE-UP : Resilient Settlements for the Urban Poor; 4. Enhancing the Positive Impact of Urban Migration; and 5. SDG Cities.</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p>The organization offers training and capacity building projects through the transfer of skills and knowledge to governments and urban stakeholders; enhancing government capacities through regional training centres; its (online) Cities and Climate Change Academy; and an e-learning platform and capacity building package for participatory slum upgrading. Some of these seem to have been rebranded as UN-Habitat Learn an on-line platform which has the following course categories: New Urban Agenda; General; Measuring Sustainable Development Goals Indicators and, Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme. With Coming soon: Public space and UN-Habitat staff (internal staff training). They also have the Global Urban Lectures on YouTube including lectures on many urban issues by leading experts.</p>

World Bank (Urban Development)

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
World Bank (Urban Development)	<p>The World Bank's work on urban development strives to build sustainable cities and communities through an urbanization process that is green, inclusive, competitive, and resilient, contributing to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No.11, implementation of the New Urban Agenda, as well as the World Bank's goals to end extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity.</p>
Contact details	<p>Headquarters The World Bank, 1818 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20433, USA Tel: +1 202 473-1000 URL: https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/urbandevelopment</p>
Publications	<p>To find relevant World Bank publications on urban issues the World Bank has three locations that need to be searched. There is the World Bank e-library (subscription based) The World Bank Open Knowledge Repository (OKR) with documents freely available on the Internet; and a page called World Bank Documents and Reports which is an archive of World Bank research and publications from before 2000. Below is a selection of World Bank publications sorted by year. Urban nature and biodiversity for cities : policy brief (2021); Striking a balance : toward a comprehensive housing policy for a post-COVID Colombia (2021); Financing municipal water and sanitation services in Nairobi's informal settlements (2021); Transforming Tanzania's cities : harnessing urbanization for competitiveness, resilience, and livability (2021); The state of cities climate finance part 2 : the enabling conditions for mobilizing urban climate finance (2021); Cities culture creativity : leveraging culture and creativity for Sustainable Urban Development and Inclusive growth (2021); Transit-oriented development implementation resources and tools : second edition (2021); Valuing the benefits of nature-based solutions : a manual for integrated urban flood management in China (2021); Responding to COVID-19 in urban settings : emerging evidence, lessons, and a look ahead (2021); Comoros urbanization review : reimagining urbanization in Comoros (2020); Rich food, smart city : how building reliable, inclusive, competitive, and healthy food systems is smart policy for urban Asia : main report (2020); Connecting the unconnected : approaches for getting households to connect to sewerage networks (2020); Flood risk assessment and prioritization of hybrid infrastructure for flood risk reduction in the Tocumen River Basin In Panama City : final report (2020); Somalia urbanization review : fostering cities as anchors of development (vol. 2) : overview (2020); Urban</p>

	<p>food systems governance : current context and future opportunities (2020); Rapid housing sector assessment : Sint Maarten (2020); Public-Private Partnerships for Investment and delivery of affordable housing in emerging market economies (2020); Vietnam's urbanization at a crossroads : embarking on an efficient, inclusive, and resilient pathway : main report (2020); Clearing the air : a tale of three cities (2020); Pollution management and the making of prosperous cities : final report (2020); Housing solutions for low-income urban communities in Rwanda : main report (2020); Municipal Public-Private Partnership framework (2020); https://doi.org/10.1596/33572; Time to ACT : realizing Indonesia's urban potential (2019); https://doi.org/10.1596/978-1-4648-1389-4; Myanmar's urbanization : creating opportunities for all (2019); Better cities, better world : a handbook for local governments (2018); East Asia and Pacific cities : expanding opportunities for the urban poor (2018); Towards greater Dhaka : a new urban development paradigm Eastward (2018); Transforming Karachi into a livable and competitive megacity : a city diagnostic and transformation strategy (2018); What a waste 2.0 : a global snapshot of solid waste management to 2050 (2018); Africa's cities : opening doors to the world (2018); Haitian cities : actions for today with an eye on tomorrow (2017); Unbreakable : building the resilience of the poor in the face of natural disasters (2017); Leveraging urbanization in South Asia : managing spatial transformation for prosperity and livability (2016); Financing transit-oriented development with land values : adapting land value capture in developing countries (2015); Municipal finances : a handbook for local governments (2014); https://doi.org/10.1596/978-0-8213-9830-2; Growing green : the economic benefits of climate action (2013); https://doi.org/10.1596/978-0-8213-9791-6 Urban China : towards efficient, inclusive, and sustainable urbanization (2014); https://doi.org/10.1596/978-1-4648-0206-5; Building sustainability in an urbanizing world : a partnership report (2013).</p>
<p>Research Areas</p>	<p>Focus areas include Disaster Risk Management Inclusive Cities; Land and Sustainable Cities and Communities</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p>There used to be a World Bank Institute that offered training and education but that no longer exists.</p>

WRI Ross Centre for Sustainable Cities

Name of Organization	What it does and for what it stands
WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities	<p>This is the World Resources Institute’s program dedicated to shaping a future where cities work better for everyone. It consists of a team of 300+ local and international experts with deep expertise in urban planning and development, mobility, energy efficiency, resilience, housing, water management and more. Eighty percent of the staff are based in offices in Brazil, China, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Mexico and Turkey. The focus is on integrated solutions to new and long-standing urban challenges, primarily in the global south. Cities in Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa, East Asia, South Asia and the Pacific represent the greatest opportunity for a radical shift in how urban areas are planned, built and governed. Through innovative research, deep engagement, and global partnerships, their network of local and international experts puts cities on a trajectory of more sustainable and equitable development. They catalyze and accelerate transformative initiatives that turn cities into resilient, inclusive, low-carbon places that are good for people and the planet. The WRI Ross Center was established in 2014 following a \$30.5 million contribution from Stephen M. Ross, chairman and founder of Related Companies. It expands the transport and urban development expertise of the EMBARQ network to catalyze innovative solutions in other sectors, including water, buildings, land use and energy.</p>
Contact details	<p>WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities 10 G Street NE. Suite 800, Washington, DC 20002, USA Tel: +1 (202) 729-7600 URL: https://wriroscities.org/</p>
Publications	<p>On their publications page it is possible to search for publications using a Project and a City filter. The organization also compiled the World Resources Report : towards a more equal city</p>
Research Areas	<p>Practice areas include: Buildings; Energy and Climate; Health and Road Safety; Sustainable Urban Mobility; Urban Climate Resilience, Urban Development; and Water. Their approach builds upon WRI’s successful track record in urban activities, introducing game-changing solutions that create more prosperous, livable cities. It translates rigorous research into tangible practice at the scale and pace cities in the developing world need, leveraging a global network of trusted experts in urban economics, engineering, planning, finance, and policy. They work closely with leading</p>

	<p>financial, business, and city institutions—such as the World Bank and regional development banks, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), C40, ICLEI, and UN-HABITAT—to expand their influence and expedite the shift to sustainable cities. Through these partnerships, they seek to provide objective information and practical proposals for policy and institutional change. The intention being to fill the gap between knowledge and practice and creating a tangible impact on the ground. They work in 100+ cities and they have influenced 300+ more across 75+ countries. The list offers a non-comprehensive look at some of the cities where they have worked.</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p>No recent education activities were noted.</p>

Journals on urban development

Below is a list of some of the main urban journals which publish articles on cities and urban development in the Global South. Most of these are among the 50 journals that are covered in the IHS library's Articles database ([here](#)) that consists of nearly 80,000 articles. In recent years a link to the Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) is provided, and when connected to the EUR network, you can go directly to the article in question.

1. Cities [Cities | Journal | ScienceDirect.com by Elsevier](#)
2. Environment and Planning - Part C: Politics and Space [Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space: Sage Journals](#)
3. Environment and Urbanization [Environment & Urbanization - All Issues](#)
4. Habitat International [Habitat International | Journal | ScienceDirect.com by Elsevier](#)
5. Housing Studies [List of issues Housing Studies](#)
6. International Development Planning Review [International Development Planning Review Home](#)
7. Journal of Housing and the Built Environment [Home | Journal of Housing and the Built Environment](#)
8. Local Environment [Home | Journal of Housing and the Built Environment](#)
9. Urban Studies [Urban Studies - All Issues](#)

Cities

Aims and scope

The primary aims of the journal are to analyse and assess past and present urban development and management as a reflection of effective, ineffective and non-existent planning policies; and the promotion of the implementation of appropriate urban policies in both the developed and the developing world. Topics covered include urban adaptation to climate change; gentrification and housing; homelessness and welfare services; urban management; public-private sector cooperation; development and planning problems; urban regeneration; neighbourhood conservation and urban design; immigration and international labour migration; urban politics; urban theory; urban governance; smart cities and regions; infrastructure; liveability and quality of life; greening; and the complexities of creating sustainable cities.

Environment and Planning - Part C: Politics and Space

Aims and scope

The current aims and scope of this journal are formulated as follows: an international journal of critical, heterodox, and interdisciplinary research into the relations between the political and the spatial. It advances debates on the spatialization of politics and the politicization of spatial relations. The journal welcomes original contributions that integrate empirical and theoretical analyses to engage, advance, challenge, and reframe debates about the political. The journal values a wide range of critical and radical perspectives and encourages new theorizations, novel methodologies, and decentring ontologies. This is a global journal that supports and welcomes scholarship produced from and about all regions of the world. It encourages scholarship that engages marginalized and oppressed standpoints and critically engages hegemonic forms of power. The journal aims to push the boundaries and potential of research on the political and the spatial by exploring questions including: What is the status of the political in such research? How does thinking about politics spatially help us understand pressing contemporary concerns in the world? And how can or should researchers act politically through their scholarship?

Note: This seems to represent a shift from the original aims of the journal, and the result is the perception that there has been a reduction in the number of articles relevant to what is happening in the Global South.

Environment and Urbanisation

Aims and scope

It is a peer-reviewed journal which aims to provide an effective means for the exchange of research findings, ideas and information in the fields of human settlements and environment among researchers, activists and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in low- and middle-income nations and between these and researchers, international agency staff, students and teachers in high-income nations. Most of the papers it publishes are written by authors from Africa, Asia and Latin America. Papers may be submitted in French, Spanish or Portuguese, as well as English - and if accepted for publication, the journal arranges for their translation into English. The journal is also unusual in the proportion of its papers that are written by practitioners.

Habitat International

Aims and scope

This journal is dedicated to the study of urban and rural human settlements: their planning, design, production and management. Urbanization in the developing world in its broadest sense is the main focus. However, increasingly the interrelationships and linkages between cities and towns in the developing and developed worlds are becoming apparent and solutions to the problems that result are urgently required. The economic, social, technological and political systems of the world are intertwined and changes in one region almost always affect other regions. They welcome reports of research on urban issues such as policy and implementation, the links between planning, building and land, finance and management, urban design, the interaction between the natural environment and urban areas the provision of urban services and other related problems. Papers on topics which clearly have broad implications and interrelationships based on the experiences of the developing or developed world will be considered. Submissions exploring these issues within the development context are particularly welcomed. Quality papers, short communications, comments on published papers and reports on relevant conferences from all parts of the world are presented as it is recognized that such urban problems arise everywhere. The journal hopes to contribute to their solution.

Housing Studies

Aims and scope

The journal sees itself as the leading international journal and a major forum for theoretical and analytical developments in the housing field. The journal only publishes research of the highest quality and impact. It welcomes contributions on housing and housing related issues in any international, national or cross-national context, however the implications for an international readership should be explicit. Contributions to the journal reflect the interdisciplinary nature of housing research and are drawn from many different disciplines including, political science, urban studies, history, social administration, sociology, geography, law, planning and economics. The journal explores a range of academic and policy concerns including, but not limited to:

- linkages between housing and other areas of social and economic policy;
- the role of housing in everyday life and in gender, class and age relationships;
- the economics of housing consumption and housing finance;
- international comparisons and developments;
- issues of sustainability and housing development;
- demographic and social trends and the changing role of housing tenures;
- theoretical and conceptual frameworks for housing studies.

Note: Most of the articles published tend to focus on the North, but some articles on the Global South are found here.

International Development Planning Review

Aims and scope

This is a peer-reviewed journal which provides an interdisciplinary platform for the critical study of development related practices, planning and policy in the Global South. The journal publishes theoretically informed and empirically grounded papers, critical reviews, and viewpoints.

Journal of Housing and the Built Environment (HBE)

Aims and scope

HBE is a scholarly journal presenting the results of scientific research and new developments in policy and practice to a diverse readership of specialists, practitioners and policy makers. This journal covers the fields of housing, spatial planning, building and urban development. Leading scholars in the field of housing, spatial planning and urban development publish regularly in the journal. It publishes articles from scientists all over the world, both Western and non-Western, providing an international platform for developments in both theory and practice in the fields of housing, spatial planning, building and urban development.

The journal has a wide scope and includes all topics dealing with people-environment relations. Topics concern social relations within the built environment as well as the physical component of the built environment. As such the journal brings together social science and engineering. HBE is of interest for scientists like housing researchers, social geographers, (urban) planners and architects. In addition, it presents a forum for practitioners to present their experiences in new developments on policy and practice. The journal aims to give international exposure to recent research and policy and practice developments on the built environment and thereby represent a forum wherein researchers can exchange ideas and develop contacts. The intended audience are scientists as well as policy makers, both in government and in organizations dealing with housing and urban issues.

Local Environment

Aims and scope

This is a refereed journal written by and for researchers, activists, non-governmental organisations, students, teachers, policy makers and practitioners. Our focus is specifically on sustainability planning, policy and politics in relation to theoretical, conceptual and empirical studies at the nexus of equity, justice and the local environment. It is an inclusive forum for diverse constituencies and perspectives to engage in a critical examination, evaluation and discussion of the environmental, social and economic policies, processes and strategies which will be needed in movement towards social justice and sustainability - "Just Sustainabilities" - at the local scale. It only accepts submissions that share their focus. Based on critical research and practical experience, they are particularly seeking submissions from nations and continents representing different levels of income and industrial development and from countries in transition in order to engage in mutual learning and understanding.

Note: In this way this journal has also been able to publish, now and then, material relevant to the Global South.

Urban Studies

Aims and scope

This is an international peer-reviewed journal for urban scholarship. They welcome all original submissions that further the understanding of the urban condition and the rapid changes taking place in cities and regions across the globe. Contributions are welcome from across the full range of social science disciplines and are expected to advance empirical and theoretical knowledge of the urban from both positive and normative perspectives. The journal prefers contributions which move beyond the profiling of specific cities or phenomena that are relevant only to single or an extremely limited number of locations. Rather the journal seeks contributions that focus on matters that are intrinsically urban in nature and studies into urban process and urban outcomes that, while grounded in specific locations, contribute to a wider urban theory.

Websites – university library user guides to Urban Studies

User Guides to Urban Studies

This section includes some university library user guides to 'Urban Studies'. These identify a variety of sources which could also provide information on urban development and city management in the Global South.

[Brown University Library : Urban Studies](#)

[Harvard Kennedy School : Library and Research Services : Urban Studies & Urban Policy](#)

[Georgetown University Library : Guides : Research Guides : Urban & Regional Planning](#)

[Penn Libraries : University of Pennsylvania : Guide to Resources in Urban Studies](#)

[Princeton University Library Urban Studies Research Guide](#)

[University of California San Diego : Lib guides : Urban Studies & Planning](#)

[University of Chicago Library : Environmental & Urban Studies](#)

[University of Connecticut : UConn Library : LibGuides : Urban and Community Studies](#)

[Subject Guide](#)

[University of Dundee : LibGuides : Subject Guides : Urban Planning Subject Guide](#)

[University of Leiden Subject Guide Urban Studies](#)

[University of Nebraska Omaha \(UNO\) Criss Library : LibGuides: Urban Studies Research Guide](#)

[University of Wisconsin Milwaukee \(UWM\) Libraries : Urban Studies Research Resources](#)

Taylor & Francis Urban Studies E-book Collection

Includes more than 140 curated e-books on Cities and Infrastructure; Urban Communications Technology; Urban Cultures; Urban Economics; Urban history; urban Policy; Urban Politics; Urban Sociology; Urban Studies and Urban Theory.

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