



**RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AFRICA**  
**Hyatt Regency, Johannesburg, 25 – 27 June 2018**

**AFRICA'S URBANISATION CHALLENGE: REIMAGINING OUR CITIES**

**Scheduling**

**Date:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Time:** 14:10 – 15:55 (1 hour 45 minutes)

**Venue:** Hyatt Regency, 191 Oxford Rd, Rosebank, Johannesburg, 2132, South Africa

**Room:** Illanga I

**Speakers**

**Moderator: Sisa Ntlango**, Partner, Risk Advisory, Deloitte

**Jane Afrane**, Regional Head, Africa Network, World Green Building Council

**Khiyam Fredericks**, National Technical Manager, Old Mutual

**Nigel Beck**, Head, Environmental & Social Advisory, Standard Bank Group

**Sénamé Koffi**, Founder, L'Africaine d'Architecture & WoeLab

**Synopsis**

Projected to triple over the next 40 years, Africa's growing urban population presents both complex opportunities and challenges<sup>1</sup>. Urbanisation can result in economic transformation and poverty alleviation if policy setting and planning can keep up with the rate of growth. However, there are also challenges associated with unemployment, the proliferation of slums and the inability of infrastructure to keep up with the speed of population rise.

Cities also consume approximately 80% of total energy and produce an estimated 70% of global Greenhouse gas emissions, so finding ways to reduce pressure on the environment while supporting communities and stimulating economic growth are critical<sup>2</sup>. The case for achieving the SDGs will depend on whether cities are able to become more inclusive, green, and prosperous. To achieve this, we will need to foster technological developments, innovations and multi-stakeholder partnerships. Technology generation and adoption, will not only provide innovative solutions to urbanisation challenges, but help to create jobs for the growing urban communities, particularly for youth.

This discussion will focus on how collaborative, multi-stakeholder approaches are helping to '**reimagine our cities**'. It will focus on examples of innovation, youth and technology transforming the continent's development, and incorporate perspectives from a cross-section of stakeholders, including at least one youth perspective and/or an entrepreneur.

<sup>1</sup> <https://esa.un.org/unpd/wup/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/urbandevelopment/overview>



**Format (1 hour 45 minutes)**

*We kindly request that you do not prepare slides.*

1. **Welcome and introduction:** The moderator will briefly introduce each panellist, and provide a short overview to frame the discussion (**10 minutes**).
2. **Panel discussion:** The moderator will ask each panellist for their views and experiences, with examples drawn from practice and current initiatives, before opening up to a wider discussion between panellists (**40 minutes**).
3. **Audience Roundtable Discussions:** Delegates will discuss, share and finally agree on **three** priority recommendations on how organisations can better support innovation, youth and technology generation to drive development (**25 minutes**).

An example recommendation: "Private sector to provide innovation incubator programmes for youth to help develop business skills at the same time as creative solutions."

Panellists are welcomed to join in a roundtable to support the discussions. The moderator may wish to roam among tables as the point of contact for the recommendations.

4. **Feedback from Roundtables:** Each table will assign a rapporteur to stand and share their recommendations with the room (**20 minutes**).
5. **Wrap up:** Moderator will close with a quick summary of the main discussion points and recommendations and select three of these recommendations to report back in the plenary (**10 minutes**).

Thank you again for joining us, and we look forward to the discussion.

Kind regards,

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