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MONDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2010

08h00 – 09h30 Registration

09h30 – 09h45 Opening and Welcome remarks: Kailash Bhana, CEO, Development Action Group

09h45 – 10h45 Keynote address:

1. Dr Mohamed El –Sioufi, Head, UN-HABITAT Shelter Branch
2. Helen Zille- Premier, Provincial Government of Western Cape
3. Dr Zou Kota- Fredericks, Deputy Minister, National Department of Human Settlements

10h45- 11h15 TEA

'RE-IMAGINING THE CITY': WHAT DOES A NEW URBAN ORDER ENTAIL?

The discussion will explore the key issues and challenges facing South African cities, and how a range of interventions could begin to address the challenge of access to well-located serviced land for the poor. As the opening panel to the three-day conference, it is important for framing the context of a range of themes to be discussed during the conference. Themes include urban land management, democratic urban governance, community-centered housing as well as medium-density housing, and ultimately how these contribute toward and serve the creation of a new urban order.

11h15 – 11h30 Panel Presentation: 'Re-imagining the City' – What Does a New Urban Order Entail?

Panelists:

1. S'bu Zikode, Abahlali baseMjondolo
2. Sithole Mbanga, South African Cities Network
3. Virginia Murad, Bento Rubiao, Brazil
4. Kailash Bhana, Development Action Group

12h30 – 13h30 Plenary discussion moderated by Moegsien Hendricks, Development Action Group

13h30 - 14h30 LUNCH

PROGRAMME



THEME 1 - URBAN LAND ACCESS: A SOCIAL AGENDA FOR RE-IMAGINING THE CITY IN A NEW URBAN ORDER

Theme 1 explores the social function of the city, highlighting the approaches, challenges and opportunities to accessing well-located land for the urban poor. Underpinning this is the notion of 'the right to the city' (a rights-based philosophy), and the different legislative frameworks and institutional arrangements available to realise land access. The central question for Theme 1 is: If land is central to re-imagining the city, how do we ensure access for the urban poor and what are the challenges and opportunities?

14h30 – 14h40 Introduction to Theme 1 by Steve Kahanovitz, Legal Resources Centre

14h40 – 15h40 Panel Presentation: Urban Land Access: A Social Agenda for Re-imagining the City in a New Urban Order

Panelists:

1. Edesio Fernandes, University College of London
2. Jean du Plessis, Independent Consultant
3. Taffy Adler, The Housing Development Agency
4. Aaron Hobongwana, Development Action Group

15h40 – 16h00 TEA

16h00 - 17h00 Plenary discussion moderated by Steve Kahanovitz

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TUESDAY ,12 OCTOBER 2010

09h00 – 09h10 Introduction to the programme for DAY II

THEME 2 – INSTRUMENTS TO FINANCE A NEW URBAN ORDER: LAND VALUE CAPTURE

Theme 2 will explore the role, potential and practice of land value capture in creating an inclusive city, with particular emphasis on the range of fiscal and regulatory tools which municipalities could potentially use to finance a new urban order. The theme will reflect on the challenges of introducing new instruments, as well as highlight opportunities within the current South African land and property taxation system to finance pro-poor development and regulate access to well-located land.

09h10 – 09h20 Introduction to Theme 2 by Nigel Tapela, Cape Peninsula University of Technology

09h20 – 10h20 Panel Presentation: Instruments to Finance a New Urban Order: Land Value Capture
Panelists:

1. Moegsien Hendricks, Development Action Group
2. Carlos Morales- Schechinger, Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS)
3. Tebogo Nokwane, City of Johannesburg
4. Paulo Sandroni, Business School of Getulio Vargas Foundation

10h20 – 10h50 TEA

10h50 – 13h00 Plenary discussion moderated by Nigel Tapela

13h00 – 14h00 LUNCH

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THEME 3 - CITIZENSHIP AND THE DEMOCRATIC MANAGEMENT OF CITIES IN A NEW URBAN ORDER

Theme 3 will explore the role of the state, politicians and civil society in the creation and use of spaces for transparent and accountable land use management practices, with particular emphasis on the importance of an active and informed civil society. The theme will also explore different approaches to participatory urban governance in particular in order to, achieve social equity, accountability, transparency, inclusion and ultimately the realization of the urban poor's right to the city. In addition, the theme will explore the importance of a new 'social contract' between the state and civil society, which recognizes capacity development, building political consciousness and joint activities as central to enabling and creating a new urban order, which is in essence an agreement between actors in re-imagining the city.

14h00 – 14h10 Introduction to Theme 3 by Fred Kusambiza, Afesis Corplan

14h10 – 15h25 Panel Presentation: Citizenship and Democratic Management of Cities

Panelists:

1. Ardiel Soeker, Development Action Group
2. Eric Makokha, Shelter Forum
3. Martin van der Merwe, City of Cape Town
4. Hermine Engel, PLANACT

15h25 – 15h50 TEA

15h50 – 17h00 Plenary discussion moderated by Fred Kusambiza

WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2010

09h00 – 09h10 Introduction to the programme for DAY III and parallel sessions

PARALLEL SESSION ONE

THEME 4 – COMMUNITY - CENTERED HOUSING IN A NEW URBAN ORDER

Theme 4 will explore the value of community - centered approaches to land and housing in the creation of sustainable human settlements and ultimately an equitable and inclusive city. Particular emphasis will be on the role of the State in supporting housing policy and practice, which will ensure State-assisted housing is built in well-located areas, resulting in integrated and sustainable settlements and equitable cities. Whilst community - centered housing is central to this theme, the strategic importance of location for human settlements is explored.

09h10 – 09h20 Introduction to Theme 4 by Olivia van Rooyen, The Kuyasa Fund

09h20 – 10h30 Panel Presentation: Community - Centered Housing in a New Urban Order

Panelists:

1. Zama Mgwatyu, Development Action Group
2. Tumi Mabalane, National Department of Human Settlements (PHP)
3. Kenny Tokwe, Imizamo Yethu
4. Cameron Brisbane, Built Environment Support Group



10h30 – 11h00 TEA

11h00 – 12h30 Plenary discussion moderated by Olivia van Rooyen

12h00 – 13h30 LUNCH

PARALLEL SESSION TWO

THEME 5 - RECONFIGURING A NEW URBAN ORDER THROUGH MEDIUM-DENSITY HOUSING

This panel will explore the potential to reconfigure the city through sustainable, equitable and efficient use and release of well-located land for affordable mixed-use, mixed-income, medium-density housing developments. Whilst the panel is centered on medium-density housing, the focus is largely on reconfiguring the city, particularly in cases of urban renewal, managing city growth, infill housing, and the trend towards mixed-income, mixed-use developments. Therefore, in this regard, the focus on medium-density typologies are limited, although important, as the crux of the argument is around how to manage urban land more efficiently through compaction and densification in a way which addresses the rights of the urban poor, in the aforementioned contexts.

09h10 – 09h20 Introduction to Theme 5 by Iain Low, University of Cape Town

09h20 – 10h30 Panel Discussion on Reconfiguring a New Urban Order through Medium-Density Housing

Panelists:

1. Claudio Acioly, UN-HABITAT
2. Anzabeth Tonkin, Development Action Group
3. Graeme Gotz, Gauteng City Region Observatory

10h30 – 11h00 TEA

11h00 - 12h30 Plenary discussion moderated by Iain Low

12h30 – 13h30 LUNCH

CONCLUDING SESSION

13h30 – 14h00 Report back by Kailash Bhana, CEO, Development Action Group

14h00 – 16h00 Plenary discussion on future actions, joint collaboration and partnerships
Moderated by Moegsien Hendricks

15h30 – 15h45 TEA

16h00 -16h30 Closing Remarks, Dr Mohamed El-Sioufi and Kailash Bhana

