



Global Platform for the Right to the City
Plataforma Global por el Derecho a la Ciudad
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GPR2C AFRICA REGIONAL MEETING PROGRAM

November 28th, Johannesburg, Wits University

08:00am – Registration and participants reception

**08:30am – Opening and Welcoming Participants - Marie Huchzermeyer
(Wits University)**

Discussing globally

**1. 08:40am – The Right to the City movement and the Global Platform
for the Right to the City**

Coordinator: Hloniphile Simelane (PLANACT)

Speaker: Nelson Saule Jr. (Polis Institute)

- a. Brief history of the movement toward the Right to the City.
- b. Global Charter for the Right to the City.
- c. The GPR2C - Main principles and goals (Thematic axes).
- d. Organization + Structure (Working Groups).
- e. What we have learned.

09:20am – General Discussion of Panel 1

2. 09:50am – The “New Urban Agenda,” from global to local

**Speakers: Joseph Schechla (HLRN-HIC), Barbara Lipietz (DPU-UCL)
and South African Government representative (TBC)**

- a. GPR2C objectives in Habitat III.
- b. International processes and stages, with an emphasis on Habitat III Conference.
- c. Official mechanisms of participation for Habitat III.
- d. The Global Platform’s strategies for impacting/influencing the official and people’s process.
- e. Sharing information on the process in the region, including: national and regional discussions; countries actively engaged in the processes; reports available; experts involved in Policy Units;

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national and regional reports, strategies developed by civil society;
etc.

11:15am – Tea Time

11:45am – General Discussion of Panel 2

12:45pm – Lunch

Discussing locally

3. 1:30pm – Right to the City in focus

Mediators: Adoné Kitching (Isandla) and Steve Akoth (Pamoja Trust - TBC)

- a. Conceptual, legal and institutional dimensions of Africa case studies.
- b. Meaning of the Right to the City specific to participants and other experiences in the region.
- c. Current and potential policies, projects and actions on the theme in the region.
- d. Identifying participants and potential others from the Africa region to take part in the continuing Research, Training (learning) and Advocacy functions of the project through 2016.

1:50pm – Breakaway groups

2:40pm – General discussion of Panel 3

3:20pm – Tea Time

4. 3:40pm – Localizing the Global Platform Action Plan from a Regional Perspective

Mediators: Annie Chikwanha (ActionAid), Barbara Holtmann (WICI) and Soha Ben Slama (IAI)

- a. Inventorying the organizations of the region already involved in the Global Platform and identifying other key organizations to invite.
- b. Calendaring politically relevant regional forums, conferences, meetings and other public spaces of discussion in which the Global Platform organizations should be involved, including in countries in the region actively involved in the discussion of the “New Habitat Agenda.”

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- c. Aligning with academic researchers, networks, publications and emerging research topics on the theme in the region.
- d. Other mechanisms, key actors and actions for raising awareness and disseminating information on the Right to the City agenda throughout the region.

4:00pm – Breakaway groups

4:45pm – General discussion of Panel 4

5. 5:30pm – Closing session: the way forward

Coordination: Nelson Saule Jr (Polis Institute) and Joseph Schechla (HLRN-HIC)

- a. Summarizing the main agreements and outcomes of the discussions
- b. Where to go from the Meeting and its debates
- c. Wrapping up

6:00pm – End of the Regional Meeting

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