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**The African Local Governments Academy (ALGA) of
UCLG Africa, IHS-Erasmus and UNESCO Southern Africa Office
organize
A Training Event on :**

**Massive Online Open Courses for advancing the implementation
of the New Urban Agenda and achievement of the SDGs**

Secure your place at this important Training Event

Date and Venue :

Friday 9TH February 2018 from 11.00 am to 14.00 pm

at

**Ground Floor of the Kuala Lumpur
Convention Center MALAYSIA - Room 305**

Together for an Effective Local Africa

Training Event Lecturers



Dr Stelios Grafakos is the Head of Urban Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change group, Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (HIS), Urban Climate Change Specialist. He's an environmental economist with 15 years of working experience in the field of environment, sustainability and climate change. Stelios currently is working as a scientific advisor, researcher and trainer in the field of urban sustainability and climate change mitigation and adaptation in urban areas.



Dr David Dodman is the Director of Human Settlements Group, International Institute for Environment and Development, Human Settlements and Climate Change specialist. He's an expert on climate change vulnerability and resilience in urban centres. His current work focuses on understanding the nature of urban risks, and the way in which daily hazards, major disasters and climate change can affect low-income urban residents. He is working with local organizations, international agencies and universities to build the resilience in urban communities and cities.



Mr Robert Kehew is Unit Leader of the Climate Change Planning Unit for UN-Habitat. In this capacity he coordinated development of the Guiding Principles for City Climate Action Planning, launched at the 2015 Paris Climate Summit (COP-21), through a multi-stakeholder process. More recently he supported the development of the Planners for Climate Action initiative, launched at last year's climate conference (COP-23) in Bonn. Prior to joining UN-Habitat in 2009, Mr. Kehew provided urban planning, municipal finance and municipal development consultancy services in a number of countries. He holds a Masters in Public Policy degree from Harvard University and a Bachelor of City Planning degree from the University of Virginia (US).

Our Guests



Mr. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi is the Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa) since 2007. He has a rich experience of nearly 40 years in Local Governance. Former Chairperson of the Cities Alliance Interim Management Board till April 2016, and Co-Chair of World Cities Scientific Development Alliance-WCSDA, and Deputy Secretary General of the China-Africa Forum of Local Government. He initiated the Africities Summit since 1998, as the Flagship Project of UCLG-Africa.



Dr Najat Zarrouk is the Director of the African Local Government Academy (ALGA) of UCLG Africa since August 2016. She has 31 years of experience in Public Administration and Local Governance, and served as a member of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) from 2010 to 2017. Awarded several times (National Order of Merit by His Majesty the King MOHAMED VI of Morocco, the United Nations Public Service Award (UNPSA) by UN, and the OP DWIVEDI Award -2015 by the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA), for her outstanding contribution to Public Administration and Public Policy in the World.



Mr Eugene Mapuwo, his Worship the Mayor of the City of Livingstone, Southern Province, Zambia, is a Tourism Tour Operator, Civic Leader and expert in Accountancy and Leadership.



Dr Sue Vize is the UNESCO Regional Adviser for Social and Human Sciences in Asia and the Pacific based in Bangkok since 2014. She joined UNESCO in 2006 and spent 8 years in Samoa as the Social and Human Sciences Programme Officer working on a range of projects with youth, social inclusion, bioethics, creative industries and education for sustainable development. She has worked on a range of community natural resource management, capacity building and community education projects in Australia, Papua New Guinea and Fiji. She is a qualified teacher and trainer, and founding Principal of FNQ Training, a community-based TVET organisation working with Aboriginal communities and the unemployed in north Queensland.



Ms Maria Elago is the Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Swakopmund of Namibia and Member of the Central Committee of Mother Body SWAPO of the Ruling Party for the Republic of Namibia. She serves on various community committees. She's member of the Namibian Nursing Board, Deputy National Secretary of NAPWU, Chairperson of NAPWU Women's Desk at National Level. She is a branch coordinator of SWAPO Party Branch (Vineta, Tamasiskia, Swakopmund).

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- **Exchanging best practices in the field of capacity building and development to better implement the New Urban Agenda;**

- **Exploring opportunities of collaboration, cooperation, and partnership at all levels.**

TRAINING DESCRIPTION

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Part 1: Introduction to the training event

Part 2: Speed online real time class

Part 3: Discussion and concluding remarks

By the end of the training event, the participants will be able to:

- understand the main approaches, opportunities and challenges of planning for climate resilient cities in Africa and beyond;
- incorporate the developed MOOCs in capacity building programmes for local government officials (particularly in the African continent);
- incorporate the developed MOOCs in higher education students’ curricula globally.

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Our Partners Who Trust Us



UCLG-Africa

UCLG-Africa is the representative umbrella Panafrican Organisation of Local Authorities, with three main objectives :

- Promoting decentralisation and the recognition of Local Governments as a level of Governance
- Strengthening the capacity of local governments to provide better services to the population, support and train the National Associations of Local Governments to better organize themselves to ensure an effective political dialogue with national governments, civil society, private sector, development partners and the International Community on the implementation and evaluation of decentralization and cooperation policies
- Bringing the voice of Local Authorities from Africa and representing it a the Pan African and international levels

ALGA

- Strengthening the managerial capacities of Elected Officials and improving the Professionalism of Senior Staff of African Local Governments through 4 main missions :
- Accrediation of Training Institutions dedicated to Local Governments and approval of curricula and courses they offer
- Training and capacity Building
- Monitoring of Human Resources Management at Local level, through the establishment of an Observatory of Human Resources at African Local level
- Professionalising, Capacitating, and Monitoring the Managers Networks at Local Level

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Training Event Program

Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) for advancing the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda and Achievement of the SDGs

Date and time: 9th of February 2018, 11:00 - 14:00

Location: Room 305, Kuala Lumpur Convention Center

INTRODUCTION TO THE TRAINING EVENT (30 minutes)

- Opening and launch of “Financing Infrastructure in African Cities” MOOC by H.E. Ms Sigrid Kaag, Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation and Mr Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary General of UCLG-Africa (5 minutes).
- Introduction to the training event by Dr Najat Zarrouk, Director of ALGA of UCLG-Africa (5 minutes).
- Sharing of MOOC experiences by:
 1. Dr Stelios Grafakos, IHS - Head of Urban Environment and Climate Change Group (5 minutes).
 2. Dr David Dodman, Director Human Settlements Group, IIED (5 minutes).
 3. Mr. Robert Kehew, UN Habitat - Leader of Climate Change Planning Unit (5 minutes).
 4. MOOC participant (5 minutes).

SPEED ONLINE REAL TIME CLASS (90 minutes)

1. Individual familiarization of all participants with the “Planning for Climate Change in African cities” MOOC on Coursera online platform by using their laptops (10 minutes).
2. “Online speed class” where participants follow one of two selected modules of the “Planning for Climate Change in African Cities” MOOC. Instructors from IHS and IIED will facilitate participation in the class while still maintaining the nature of the online learning as participants are following the “tester” modules on their own laptop (80 minutes).

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUDING REMARKS (30 minutes)

1. Comments and feedback from participants trial online learning of the selected modules of the MOOC (10 minutes).
2. Discussion on:
 - i) how the two specific MOOCs developed so far contribute to the advancement of the implementation of New Urban Agenda and the achievement of the SDGs,
 - ii) how further development of MOOCs can maximise the impact on capacity development and accelerate the implementation of the NUA and achievement of the SDGs (15 minutes).
3. Concluding remarks (5 minutes).

CONTEXTE

Africa is urbanizing at an incredible pace and it is expected that in 2050, 60% of the estimated 2,5 inhabitants of the continent will be living within cities. With these rising urban populations, the profiles of the countries will change dramatically, and will create problems for policy makers aiming to harness urbanization for sustainable and inclusive growth. The lack of built-up areas results in the growth of crowded informal settlements with little infrastructure that are disconnected from the main centres of activity, creating problems of urban mobility, access to basic services, and employment. An additional element to consider is also the methods require to plan and finance these future infrastructure projects.

The role of the UCLG-Africa is to assist in the strengthening of Local Governments and their Associations and Networks as means to improve Local Governance and service delivery through appropriate and sustainable local policies well articulated to national and regional policies and through capacitating Local Government Institutions to carry out their mandates.

Moreover, as a globally engaged Pan-African Organization, UCLG-Africa commits also itself to implement and support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular the SDG 11 : « Make cities and Human Settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable », as well as the New Urban Agenda (NUA), the Climate Change Agenda, and Sendai Agenda.

Concerning the NUA, capacity building and development at all levels are crucial issues, as mentioned in the following paragraphs :

147. « We will promote capacity development as a multifaceted approach that addresses the ability of multiple stakeholders and institutions at all levels of governance and combines the individual, societal and institutional capacity to formulate, implement, enhance, manage, monitor and evaluate public policies for sustainable urban development »

148. « We will promote the strengthening of the capacity of national, subnational and local governments, including local government associations, as appropriate, to work with women and girls, children and youth, older persons and persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and local communities, and those in vulnerable situations, as well as with civil society, academia and research institutions in shaping organizational and institutional governance processes, enabling them to participate effectively in decision-making about urban and territorial development. »

These provisions fit perfectly with the Priority N° 3 of UCLG Africa on «Human Capital development, Capacity Building and Intellectual Exchange » through especially its ALGA.

Indeed, one of the primary underlying conditions for successful and effective implementation of the NUA is capacity building of the local governments (and other stakeholders). Training and knowledge institutions has a major role to play regarding this issue. It is important to make different urban stakeholders aware of the latest state-of-the-art solutions for making cities resilient and sustainable. However, for many local governments, particularly in low and middle income countries, there is a capacity gap and multiple barriers that limit access to education. The costs of education and the unavailability of local governments (LGs) staff to attend training and education courses abroad are few of the main factors that constrain LGs access to training and education. Consequently, the implementation mechanisms of the NUA get adversely affected due to persistent capacity gaps. One of the plausible interventions is to bring knowledge to and enhance capacity of urban stakeholders while introducing them to innovative, cost-efficient and effective means of education and training.

The Main Objective

Rise awareness to the need for a holistic, innovative, and inclusive approach to capacity building and development, for an implementation of the New Urban Agenda that leaves no one behind.

Specific Objectives

There are five specific advantages of this Training event that will help in catalyzing implementation of the NUA and achievement of the SDGs:

- **Creating a collaborative learning environment: Bringing multiple urban actors and stakeholders of any age and gender under a common, innovative and focused learning**

These two MOOCs are present

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/climate-change-africa> for the MOOC on « Planning for Climate Change in African Cities »