



Advancing the 2030 Agenda in African cities through knowledge co-production

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The 2030 Agenda with its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Agenda 2063 of the African Union, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction and the New Urban Agenda (NUA) all recognize the critical role of cities in transformation towards sustainable development. With the fastest urbanization rates in the world, African cities are at the front line of global development. Given that the bulk of urbanization in Africa has not yet taken place, African cities have an unprecedented opportunity to shape their urban futures in an inclusive, sustainable and resilient manner. Decisions being taken now by governments at the national, subnational and city level will have consequences for the functioning, liveability and environmental sustainability of cities for decades to come. Meaningful contributions to sustainable urban development on the continent will require inclusive and coordinated policies, strategies and actions, which should be based on context-specific evidence and nuanced analysis of urban processes.