

Bearing the brunt of environmental change: understanding climate adaptation and transformation challenges in African cities

A Benchmark International Workshop in the *Urban Studies* Journal Seminar Series

Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th April 2013

Queen's Building, Room Q170 (ground floor)

Royal Holloway, University of London

Convenor: David Simon

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Tuesday 16th April 2013

- 0900-1100** **Session 1: The challenges facing megacities** Chair: David Simon (Royal Holloway, Univ. of London)
- 0900-0915 Welcome and Scene Setting – David Simon (RHUL, Convenor) and David Gilbert (Head, Dept of Geography, RHUL)
- 0915-0935 Sophie Blackburn (King's College, London) *The LOICZ Coastal Megacities Report – Africa in comparative context*
- 0935-0955 Peter Elias/Ademola Olusola (University of Lagos) *Challenges of environmental change: realizing the incentives and capacities for climate adaptation in Lagos Megacity Transformation*
- 0955-1015 Bill Solecki (Institute for Sustainable Cities, City University of New York) *Learning from extreme events: Implications of Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy and possible lessons for African coastal cities*
- 1015-1035 Kunlé Adeyemi (NLÉ Architects) *African water cities*
- 1035-1100 Discussion
- 1100-1130 Coffee Break

- 1130-1300 Session 2: Research and learning networks** Chair: JoAnn Carmin
(Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
- 1130-1150 Cynthia Rosenzweig (Goddard Space Center and Columbia University) *Overview: the Urban Climate Change Research Network's (UCCRN's) coverage of Africa*
- 1150-1210 Jim Jarvie (Mercy Corps) *Lessons from the Asian Cities and Climate Change Research Network (ACCCRN) for Africa*
- 1210-1230 Chantal Pacteau (CNRS, Paris) *CNRS's research on urban, regional and rural climate change in Africa*
- 1230-1300 Discussion
- 1300-1400 Lunch
- 1400-1530 Session 3: Adapting to climate change in Dar es Salaam** Chair: Cheikh Guèye (ENDA Tiers Monde)
- 1400-1420 Luca Congedo (La Sapienza University of Rome) *Land cover change and demographic growth: an estimation of population in Dar es Salaam using remote sensing*
- 1420-1440 Silvia Macci and Gabriel Kassenga (La Sapienza University of Rome and Ardhi University) *Building knowledge for climate change adaptation in coastal peri-urban Dar es Salaam*
- 1440-1500 Liana Ricci (La Sapienza University of Rome) *Exploring coping strategies for supporting autonomous adaptive capacity*
- 1500-1530 Discussion
- 1530-1600 Coffee Break
- 1600-1730 Session 4: Research and action in coastal cities** Chair: Debra Roberts (eThekweni Municipality)
- 1600-1620 Emily Boyd and Vanesa Castan Broto (University of Reading and Development Planning Unit, University College London) *Partnerships for retrofitting cities in the global south: cases from Maputo, Mozambique*
- 1620-1640 Cheikh Guèye (ENDA Tiers Monde, Dakar) *Dakar, Touba and the Senegalese cities network produced by climate change?*
- 1640-1700 Alia Gana (Institut de recherche sur le Maghreb contemporain) *Climate change adaptation in Tunis and other cities in the Mabreb*
- 1700-1730 Discussion
- 1800 Reception

1900 Dinner

Wednesday 17th April

- 0900-1100** **Session 5: Policy and practice in large coastal cities** Chair: Cynthia Rosenzweig (Goddard Space Center and Columbia University)
- 0900-0920 Pasquale Capizzi (Head of Programme and UN-HABITAT Chief Technical Advisor, Mozambique) *UN-Habitat's work in supporting adaptation in Maputo and other human settlements in Mozambique*
- 0920-0940 Debra Roberts (eThekweni Municipality, South Africa) *Busting the myths: an African reality check on community-based adaptation*
- 0940-1000 Anna Taylor (University of Cape Town) *Institutional inertia in a changing climate: behind Cape Town's Climate Adaptation Plans*
- 1000-1020 Basilisa Sanou (UN-HABITAT, Ouagadougou) *Climate risks in West Africa: Bobo-Dioulasso local actors' participatory risks management framework*
- 1020-1100 Discussion
- 1100-1130 Coffee Break
- 1130-1300** **Session 6: Innovative mitigation and adaptation research into policy**
Chair: (Gabriel Kassenga, Ardhi University, Dar es Salaam)
- 1130-1150 Jonathan Silver (University of Durham) *A comparative analysis of circulations of climate and carbon finance into urban infrastructures in Accra and Cape Town*
- 1150-1210 Shuaib Lwasa and Bolanle Wahab (Makerere University and University of Ibadan) *Urban and peri-urban agriculture and forestry: transcending poverty alleviation to mediating climate change*
- 1210-1230 Graeme Gotz (Gauteng City Region Observatory, South Africa) *Conundrums of an emerging green economy in the Gauteng City-Region*
- 1230-1300 Discussion
- 1300-1400 Lunch
- 1400-1530 **Session 7: Global foci and programmes going forwards** Chair: Bill Solecki (Institute for Sustainable Cities, City University of New York)

1400-1420	Lindsey Jones (Overseas Development Institute, London) <i>Incorporation of urban adaptation issues within the various post-2015 frameworks (MDG, SDG and/ or HF2) and implications for urban development financing in Africa</i>
1420-1440	Corrie Griffith (IHDP Urbanization and Global Environmental Change project) <i>The contributions of UGEC and other urban research networks transitioning into the Future Earth framework</i>
1440-1500	Amina Djellakh (Ministry of Regional Development, Environment and Cities, Algeria) <i>Climate change adaptation in Greater Algiers</i>
1500-1530	Discussion
1530-1600	Coffee Break
1600-1730	Session 8: Integrating the state of the art Chair: David Simon (RHUL)
1600-1620	Synthesis of key issues and lessons
1620-1640	Key outputs and dissemination
1640-1700	Moving forwards: 2 nd Assessment Report on Cities and Climate Change and other initiatives
1700-1715	Final wrap-up