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Launch of report on COVID-19 in African cities

Impacts, Responses and Policies Webinar



Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic is destroying lives and devastating the global economy threatening sustainable development across the world and particularly in urban areas. Africa is also facing the dire consequences of the crisis, necessitating timely response, recovery and rebuilding policies and strategies.

UN-Habitat in collaboration with UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG), African Development Bank (AfDB), and Shelter Afrique are co-hosting the virtual launch of a new report: COVID-19 in African Cities: Impacts, Responses and Policies.

The report proposes several interventions to promptly and effectively address the challenges of COVID-19 pandemic in Africa at the urban level led by national and local governments supported by international and regional development institutions.

The launch will take place during a webinar on
16 June 2020 from 13:00-14:30 East African Time / 10:00-11:30 UTC.

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Director Regional Office for Africa, UN-Habitat

Urban and informal settlements

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Edlam Yemeru

Chief Urbanization and development Section, UNECA

Economic development and industrial transformation

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Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi

Secretary-General UCLG Africa

Role of local government

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Dmitry Pozhidaev

Regional Technical Adviser, UNCDF

Protecting, transforming and improving resilience of municipal finance

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Muhammad Gambo

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Increasing housing provision beyond the pandemic

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Role of financial institutions

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