



Event Details

Title of Event

Lagos: Citizen participation in a multi-cultural City

Organization Details

Organization: LAGOS STATE MINISTRY OF PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Organization Country: Nigeria

Summary

Urbanization has become a mainstay characteristic of Nigerian Cities, Lagos inclusive as human population and settlements define such cities. Lagos, with a teeming population of over 20 Million and a growth rate of 3.2% has almost all of this population is living in urban Lagos with the possession of the seaport and being a former capital city. The booming urban life and activities of the active urban population in Lagos have brought both opportunities and challenges which have resulted in urban decay, breakdown in infrastructure, pollution, squatter settlements, and traffic congestion among others. Urbanization does not necessarily have to work against a City if its potentials are properly harnessed. Some of the opportunities that come with urbanization include creativity and innovations, development of economies and technological advancement across several spheres of human life. Urbanization in Lagos, Nigeria and in Africa at large has remained a sensitive political issue because of past history and stemming consequences of urban living conditions. The situation is almost no different in Lagos as the uneven development in Nigeria and the recently added issue to the list, insecurity have all remained on the front burner as being responsible for the population influx in Lagos. The continuous increase in Lagos population and accommodation of the same may be a temporary solution to a permanent problem that needs to be addressed ultimately. However, ignoring spatial patterns can undermine the resilience of local and national economies and jeopardize the viability of human settlements. At some point especially under the military rule of government in Nigeria, these spatial patterns were neglected and results manifested by means of development planning chasing after population growth. In the case of Lagos, the prepared physical planning document, the Lagos Metropolitan Master Plan (1980-2000) was left largely abandoned and unimplemented. At the return to democratic governance in 1999, in a bid to right the wrongs of many years of abandonment, several lower-order level plans had to be prepared to arrest haphazard developments in the State and guide future developments. This process gave birth to the preparation of physical development plans which were targeted at already identified activity centers in the State. In order to complete the planning process, a crucial part of this is citizen participation which accurately signifies social inclusion as advocated by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) as well as the mantra of the New Urban Agenda 2030 of leaving no one behind.

Other Organization name

Prospective moderator, speaker(s) or panelist(s)

	First Name	Last Name	Role	Organization
1	Taibat	Lawanson	Moderator	University of Lagos, Nigeria
2	Babajide	Sanwo-Olu	Panelist	Governor, Lagos State.
3	Babatunde	Fashola	Panelist	Honourable Minister for Works and Housing, Nigeria
4	Solape	Hammond	Panelist	Special Adviser to the Governor of Lagos State on SDG's
5	Justine	Simones	Panelist	Chair, WCS Forum
6	Hon. Jean-Pierre	Elong Mbassi	Panelist	SG, UCLGA
7	Dr. Salifou	Abdoulaye	Panelist	UN, Nigeria
8	Emiia	Saiz	Panelist	SG,UCLG
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