



Event Details

Title of Event

Urban-Rural Nexus: Challenges and Innovations to Govern Land, Municipal and Ecosystem Services, On The Fringes of Resource Constrained Cities and Small Towns

Organization Details

Organization: Department of Urban and Rural Development; Division of Landscape Architecture; the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Organization Country: Sweden

Summary

Over the next 30 years, developing countries particularly those of Sub-Saharan African countries will experience an unprecedented growth of urban population triggering a sharp demand for land, infrastructure and services. The rapid transformations of the urban world have significant impacts on the dynamics within the rural-urban nexuses, which – by nature – are heterogeneous and complex: they connect urban centers with the outskirts of cities stretching out to the rural hinterland. Rural-urban relations provides resilience to both urban as well as rural life. Urban residents satisfy basic needs in terms of food, and water, while rural residences benefit from urban services, and economic development. The threats of migration to towns are in terms of increase pressure on resource use including land use toward fragile ecosystem in restricted areas such as valleys, water sources, forests, and road reserves as well as, cultural issues of rural residents become neglected in urban activities due to new economic challenges, which led to a loss of skills and resources for resilience. This kind of growth therefore impacts on land use, sustainable planning of settlements and its resilience to accommodate the emerging needs. As settlements grow, need for other services particularly those basic ones (i.e. healthy, water, education) rise and becomes challenging. As services become inadequate more people flee to cities for better life. The movement of people to cities increase management challenges which causes growth under poverty which is manifested mainly through informality. The security in food systems through technological innovations like the use of mobile communication to search for markets and additional demand makes development of resilient environment. The connectivity technique through technological innovations provides room for survival and easy interactions of people from both localities. The multi-locality which exists effects the growth of activities and their resilience to environmental shocks. Addressing the challenges of small towns and land governance in the urban-rural nexus helps to achieve SDGs Goal 11 including land-specific targets and indicators under Goals targets 1, 2, 3, 7 and 11a,b,c. This side event addresses the issue of rural-urban interaction which effects the sustainable growth of cities. Through balancing development and settlement planning enable cut-off movement of people to cities. The aim here is to discuss and find new and innovative solutions of the dynamic shifts of activities that contribute to the well-being of rural as well as urban survival particularly in the transforming areas of rural Africa.

Other Organization name

The moderator Assoc. Prof. Zeinab Nouredine Tag-Eldeen is the coordinator of the Capacity Building Program of Research and Education at SLU, from this program, the four PhD Candidates working will present the results of their research. The PhD Candidates are: Said Nuhu, Maglan Sangenoi, Lazaro Mngumu, Happiness Mlulu at the Swedish University for Agricultural Sciences, SLU, Sweden. they will present their research results

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

	First Name	Last Name	Role	Organization
1	Mm. Zeinab Nouredine (Assoc. Prof.) and Mr. Remy	Nouredine Tag-Eldeen and Sietchiping	Moderators	Swedish University for Agricultural Sciences, SLU, Sweden and the UN Habitat URL
2	Mr. Oumar	Sylla	Panelist	UN Habitat, Global Land Tool Network
3	Mr. Ally (Dr.)	Namangay	Panelist	Ardhi University, Tanzania
4	Mm. Emmaculate (Dr.)	Ingwani	Panelist	University of Venda, South Africa
5	Mm. Monique Michal (Prof.)	Marks	Panelist	The Urban Futures Centre at the Durban University of Technology (South Africa)
6	Mr. Wilbard	Kombe	Panelist	Ardhi University, Tanzania
7	Mm. Sina	Schlimmer	Panelist	Les Afriques dans le Monde
8	Mr. Said (PhD Candidate)	Nuhu	Speaker will present Study results	Swedish University for Agricultural Sciences, SLU, Sweden and Ardhi University, Tanzania
9	Mm. Happiness (PhD Candidate)	Mlula	Speaker will present Study results	Swedish University for Agricultural Sciences, SLU, Sweden and Ardhi University, Tanzania
10	Mr. Lazaro (PhD Candidate)	Mngumu	Speaker will present Study results	Swedish University for Agricultural Sciences, SLU, Sweden and Ardhi University, Tanzania
11	Mr. Maglan (PhD Candidate)	Sangenoi	Speaker will present Study results	Swedish University for Agricultural Sciences, SLU, Sweden and Ardhi University, Tanzania
12	Mr. Abdul (Dr.)	Hussain	Panelist	Niger state government
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