



AFRICITIES 2006: Rethinking local strategies in order to meet the MDGs
KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER
Special Session:
“IMPROVING LIVES OF SLUM DWELLERS:
INSIGHTS FROM KENYA”
Wed, Sept 20, 9-12.30 am

I. General Information

Date: Wednesday, September 20

Part 1: Insights from new research on Nairobi’s slums

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Registration/VIP Lounge

Nairobi city’s Mayor and four panelists from academia, the World Bank and AFD discuss how findings from a new study on Nairobi’s slums challenge conventional wisdom and shatter several “myths” regarding urban poverty and slums. Dr. Gulyani presents the results of a unique study of 1,755 slum households in Nairobi, and uses it to develop a new framework for understanding slums. She also suggests a different approach to “improving lives of slum dwellers” relevant not only in Nairobi but also other cities of the developing world.

Agenda

9:00-9:15 a.m.	Opening Remarks	Councillor Dick Wathika , Mayor of Nairobi
9:15-10:00 a.m.	Presentation of World Bank Study--“Inside Informality: Poverty, Jobs, Housing and Services in Nairobi’s Slums”	Sumila Gulyani , World Bank & Professor of Urban Planning at Columbia University
10:00-10:40 a.m.	Moderated Panel Discussion	Moderator: Matthew Glasser , Lead Urban Specialist, East and Southern Africa, World Bank Pierre-Alain Pacaud , Project Officer, Department of Infrastructure and Urban Development, Agence Française de Développement Paul Syagga , Professor of Real Estate Economics, Univ. of Nairobi
10:40-11:00 a.m.	Open Q& A	Audience
11:00-11:15	COFFEE BREAK	

Part 2: Experiences & Lessons from on-going efforts in slums

Time: 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Registration/VIP Lounge

Kenya's Permanent Secretary for Housing and panelists drawn from a local NGO and the Water and Sanitation Program (WSP-Africa) continue the discussion started in Part 1 and focus on the following key questions:

- What are some of the different options and approaches to slum upgrading?
- What lessons can we learn from the field?
- How can governments take upgrading efforts to scale?

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11:15-11:40 a.m.	Upgrading tenure & housing: Lessons & insights from Huruma, Nairobi	Jane Weru , Executive Director, Pamoja Trust
11:40-11:55 a.m.	Advances in & challenges of improving water supply in slums: Lessons & insights from the delegated management model	Alain Morel , Sr. Water & Sanitation Specialist, WSP-Africa
11:55-12:15 p.m.	Open Q & A	Moderator: Bosire Ogero , Chairman of Kenya Institute of Planners (KIP), and of Board of Directors of National Housing Corporation (NHC).
12:15-12:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks	Tirop Kosgey , Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Housing

II. Paper to be presented

Gulyani, Sumila, Debabrata Talukdar and Cuz Potter. 2006. Inside Informality: Poverty, Jobs, Housing and Services in Nairobi's Slums, Report No. 36347-KE. Africa Urban and Water Unit 1, The World Bank, Washington DC, May 31.

III. Participant Bios

Matt Glasser joined the Bank in Sept 2003. From 1977 until 1993, Glasser worked in Colorado and Washington DC as a municipal attorney, bond counsel, and lobbyist. For five years before joining the Bank Glasser helped develop and implement South Africa's legislation regarding municipal borrowing and financial emergencies. He has also worked on local government finance issues in a number of countries, primarily in Eastern and Central Europe. Since joining the Bank, Glasser has been working on local governance issues in Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya.

Sumila Gulyani is Assistant Professor of Urban Planning at Columbia University and Director of its Infrastructure and Poverty Action Lab (I-PAL). Prior to joining Columbia University in 2005, Dr. Gulyani spent ten years at the World Bank working on infrastructure and urban development programs and policies in Sub-Saharan Africa; East, South-East and South Asia; and Central America. Dr. Gulyani received her Ph.D. in Economic Development and Urban Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is author of the book *Innovating with Infrastructure* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2001) which was awarded the Barclay Jones Prize. Her publications include academic articles on water (2001a, 2005), electricity (1999, 2001b), transport (2001c), and slum

upgrading (forthcoming 2007) in journals such as *World Development*, *Urban Studies*, and *Environment and Planning*.

Paul Maurice Syagga is currently full Professor of Land Economics in the Department of Real Estate and Construction Management at the University of Nairobi; Technical Advisor to the National Land Policy Formulation Process; Council Member of Kenya National Examinations Council; and Member of the Regional Panel of Experts on Land Management for UN Urban Management Programme. Professor Syagga has taught and researched land management and related areas for 30 years and is a former Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Development at the University of Nairobi and former President of African Real Estate Society.

Pierre-Alain Pacaud joined the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) in July 2000 as an urban project specialist and Task Team Leader in the Infrastructure and Urban Development Department. He has led projects focusing on community-based approaches to poverty alleviation and strengthening local authority's capacity in Africa (Bénin, Ghana, Djibouti, Guinea and Cameroun), Pakistan, West Indies and the Pacific Islands. Pierre-Alain also teaches in French business schools. He graduated from the French "Ecole Supérieure des Travaux Publics" and has a specialised masters degree in urban development from the French ESSEC Business School.

Jane Weru is the Executive Director of Pamoja Trust, a non-governmental organization that works with federations of slum dwellers in Kenya, in the area of land, shelter and housing. Trained as a lawyer and also with a Masters in NGO management, from 1993 to 2001 she worked with *Kituo Cha Sheria*, a legal and human rights organization in Nairobi, first as head of legal services and then as executive director. In 2001, she helped found Pamoja Trust to work more closely and more directly with urban poor organizations on developing solutions to their housing and land tenure problems. Jane Weru is also a member of the Millenium Project's Taskforce on "improving the lives of slum dwellers" and chair of the Kenya Land Alliance, a network of civil society organizations dealing with land issues in Kenya.

Alain Morel joined the World Bank in February 2003 as Senior Water and Sanitation Specialist. Since then, he has been leading the Urban Department of the Water and Sanitation Program in Africa, focusing on improvement of water supply and sanitation services to the urban poor. Before joining the World Bank, Alain Morel worked for 11 years for SAUR, a French group specialized in public services management, where he occupied various positions, and was in charge of water supply and sanitation projects development in the Middle East and South East Asia. Alain graduated from the National Institute of Applied Sciences of Toulouse, France with a specialization in industrial engineering.

Bosire Ogero is a land economist and planner with over 26 years experience working on human settlement issues in Kenya and the Africa region. He worked in senior capacities in the Kenya Government before joining Matrix Development Consultants in 1990, where he currently works as a principal consultant and senior partner. He has been chairman of the Kenya National Housing Corporation (NHC) Board since May 2005. Mr Ogero has taken a keen interest in the development capacity building of professional bodies locally, regionally and internationally. To this extent he is the chairman of the Kenya Institute of Planners (KIP), a professional body that incorporates urban and regional planners in the country, and is the Vice President of the Commonwealth Association of Planners (CAP).

Tirop Kosgey is currently the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Housing in Kenya. He was Agricultural Officer at the Magarini Settlement Project; a project that implemented community resettlement, assistance and introduction of new rural technologies. He later worked with the Agricultural Finance Corporation, East African Development Bank and National Cereals and Produce Board. He has a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Management/Economics from the University of Reading, UK.