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7th World Urban Forum, Medellín, Colombia 5 – 11 April, 2014

**Networking Event:
Emerging Trends in Urban Equity Development through Participatory
Governance in Nigerian cities**

City Prosperity and Governance in Nigerian cities – An emerging trend in metropolitan development strategies.

Session Summary

Nigerian cities administrators have endeavored to make definite contributions and create internal dynamism in cities development through national and economic growth. This is tailored towards improving the urban development vis-à-vis equity, city prosperity and bridging urban disequilibrium. It also involves ensuring that public goods and basic services as much as possible are accessible to everyone regardless of their location and status. Nigerian cities' governance style has developed with emphasis on spatial fix in the area of urban planning, urban growth and extensions, densification, improved green areas and forest conservation schemes (eco-friendliness) and equity in urban space. This has encouraged individual access to land legally at various locations depending on financial ability but with equal facilities. This is a growing feature in Nigerian cities. This forum brings together some selected foremost cities in Nigeria to share notes with similar international communities on the developmental plans and goals of achieving this UN-Habitat mandate on urban equity. The network forum will involve discourse amongst three other international cities from Guarulhos in Brazil, Medellín, and Singapore to share similar experiences on managing rapid urbanization, poverty and equity related issues.

Session Objectives

To create a forum for international discourse on the steps taken by the government of the selected cities in Nigeria to achieve the urban feat. To bring into global focus the ongoing regional and metropolitan planning developments carried out in some selected cities of Nigeria. To learn from the experiences and comments of other participants in the networking group the ways for further improvement To seek possible bilateral partnership with international agencies in collaborative efforts in achieving the set objective of creating liveable and safer cities. To learn from the experiences of other international communities and experts in the area of environmental management and city prosperity. To seek possible bilateral partnership with international agencies in collaborative efforts in achieving the set objective of creating a livable city

Date | Time | Venue:

Friday, 11 April 2014 | 14:00 – 16:00 | Yellow Pavilion Room 10 NE 148

Keynote Speaker:

His Excellency, Senator Liyel Imoke,
The Executive Governor of Cross River State, Nigeria

Chairperson:

Dr Graham Tipple,
Dr Graham Tipple, Visiting Fellow, School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape, Newcastle University, United Kingdom



PROGRAMME

14:00	Introductions – Dr Graham Tipple, Chairperson
14:10	Welcome Address – Prof Adedeji Daramola Executive Director, Institute for Environment Research and Development (IERD).
14:20	Keynote Address – His Excellency, Senator Liyel Imoke State, Nigeria.
14:45	National /International Experiences Comparative Data and Analysis of global cities – Institute for Environment Research and Development. City of Medellin City of Guarulhos, Brazil
	Discussion Panel – Kyari M Kabir UNHABITAT Representative of Cities alliance Representative of DFID Country Representative WaterAid in Nigeria Representative of Cities Alliance Samuel Daramola, California University, USA
15:10	Discussion, Q & A – Audience
15:40	Closing Remarks – Kabir M Kyari, UNHABITAT
15:45	Session Summary & Closing Remarks –
15:50	Vote of Thanks – Nancy Inyang – Living Africa

ABOUT US:

IERD

Institute for Environment Research & Development (IERD) is a research institute limited by a guarantee and incorporated in Nigeria. At IERD we work globally through a wide range of research problems relating to environmental concerns and developmental needs generally. IERD will be putting up its third appearance at the September 2012, sixth session of the UN-HABITAT World Urban Forum (WUF6) scheduled for Naples Italy, after the 2006, WUF 4 in Nanjing, China and Rio de Janeiro of 2010. IERD aims at promoting more informed and affirming public awareness and participation in environmental issues and to contribute to positive changes in relevant policies and programmes at local, regional and global levels. We embrace fruitful working relations in Partnerships and collaboration with many different actors around the world on strategies for improving the quality of our environment www.ierdafrica.org.ng

CROSS RIVER STATE OF NIGERIA

Cross River state is one of the 36 states of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. It is a recipient of the 2013 prestigious UNREDD+ funding and award. It is a highly organized and peaceful state with an emerging economy. The government is very forward looking and receptive to creative and innovative concepts aimed at making Cross River State a model 21st century African city. The Tinapa free trade zone as well as the World Bank-funded Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) programme. This makes the state an outstanding eco-friendly urban environment. The networking event in Medellin, Colombia, brings together International experts and world urban think-tanks in core discussions that would be germane to making an ideal city.