

5 Cities Seminar Series: 5-7 February 2013 focusing on informal settlements, co-hosted by the City of Cape Town and Stellenbosch Municipality

Stellenbosch Municipality together with the City of Cape Town will host the “5 Cities Seminar Series from 5 – 7 February 2013 in Franschhoek and Cape Town. The project focuses on large informal settlements in African Cities and seeks to develop centers of learning for new strategies of people driven, inclusive, pro-poor citywide slum upgrading.

The aim of the seminar series is to promote the cities as centers of learning, seminars are to be conducted during the 3 year project cycle with each city having an opportunity to host a seminar. This year Cape Town & Stellenbosch will host to the seminar with delegates coming from Accra (Ghana), Lilongwe (Malawi), Kampala (Uganda) and Harare (Zimbabwe). Each delegation will consist of 2 slum dweller federation-members from that particular city, 1 NGO person who is based in the support-NGO as well as 1 local government official who is working in partnership with the federation (community) on upgrading-initiatives in that city.

The 5 cities Seminar Series forms part of the 5 Cities Project launched by Slum Dwellers International (SDI) in 2011. The cities where SDI affiliates have upgrading initiatives linked to this project are Cape Town/Stellenbosch (South Africa), Accra (Ghana), Lilongwe (Malawi), Kampala (Uganda), Harare (Zimbabwe) and Windhoek (Namibia).

Kampala hosted the first seminar and allowed slum dweller federation members, NGO and local governments to begin drafting plans towards settlement-wide upgrading initiatives in their respective cities. The second seminar was held in Harare and focused on progress made in the project. The third and current seminar to be held in Cape Town and Stellenbosch, will focus on the progress made in the different cities with a chance for Cape Town and Stellenbosch to showcase their work in upgrading-projects. In addition delegates will be exposed to the practical results/lessons of the partnerships between slum dwellers (ISN & FEDUP), CORC and the municipalities of Stellenbosch and Cape Town.

The focus of the seminar-series is therefore to encourage learning and sharing as well as practical lessons for action in the various cities in order to advance the goals of slum-upgrading, pro-poor city planning and the city wide scaling-up of upgrading-initiatives. It is hoped that by exposing different actors to the methods of the SDI network, local communities and government officials based in the respective cities could leverage resources from their local municipalities and other partners to upscale slum upgrading-initiatives.

For Stellenbosch this leveraging of funds and pooling of resources was marked by the signing of an MoU between CORC/SDI and Stellenbosch Municipality, as well as the establishment of a Urban Poor Fund for Stellenbosch. A lot of fascinating work has emanated from this partnership and Langrug is now recognized as a flagship-project for slum-upgrading and community-engagement in the social housing movement across the world. The seminar will provide the opportunity to deepen the lessons learned in Langrug and Stellenbosch as delegates from elsewhere will take the opportunity to critically engage its detail, its achievements and its challenges. The seminar will also afford each of the visiting city delegations to present jointly their achievements and challenges – around slum upgrading-initiatives – as measured against some of the milestones identified for each project.

**Programme: 5 Cities Seminar in SA: 6 February 2013 –
Franschhoek Town Hall**

Time	Venue	Activity
10:00 - 10:30	Franschhoek Town Hall	Refreshments On Arrival
10:30 - 11:30	Franschhoek Town Hall	Master of Ceremonies - Patrick Magebhula, Informal Settlement Network (National)
		City of Cape Town Official - 5 minutes welcome to delegates
		CORC and SDI - welcome and introduction (Rose Molekwane)
		Introductions of Visiting Delegations
		Address by his Worship, the Mayor of Stellenbosch: Alderman Conrad Sidego
		Relocation of Proceedings to Langrug for Site-visit (Delegates meet at the Relocation Site)
13:00 - 14:00	Franschhoek Town Hall	LUNCH
14:00 - 15:00	Franschhoek Town Hall	Plenary: Feedback Session from walkabout - facilitated by Patrick
15:00 - 16:00	Franschhoek Town Hall	Presentation by Stellenbosch Municipality Covering the Following Themes (David Carolissen): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Broad Overview of Programme and Partnership b) Integrating An Upgrading Programme With Municipal Financial & Statutory Requirements c) Social Facilitation, Community Cooperation and Integration into Municipal IDP's and Budgets
		Integrating An Upgrading Programme into the current Planning & Land-use System (Basil Davidson)
		A Community Perspective on the Partnership
		Questions & Answers Session (20 minutes)
		Summary and Concluding Remarks (David Carolissen)
16:00 - 16:15	Franschhoek Town Hall	Final Reflection Session – Adi Kumar
16:15 - 16:30	Franschhoek Town Hall	Vote of Thanks & Closing - Portfolio Councillor Valerie Fernandez