

Urban Scholars and practitioners meeting at University of Cape Town, South Africa



Scholars from the University of Nairobi were part of the delegates at the International Urban conference that took place at University of Cape Town, South Africa, from 1-3 February 2018. Notable faces from the University of Nairobi fraternity were Dr. Sam Owuor, Dr. Stellah Mukhovi (Department of Geography and Environmental Studies) and Prof. Winnie Mitullah (Institute for Development Studies). Hosted by the African Centre for Cities, the three-day conference had over 500 delegates from 26 countries, nearly 300 individual papers, over 80 panels and close to 20 roundtables to discuss the scale and breadth of African and southern urbanism.

The African Centre for Cities seeks to facilitate critical urban research and policy discourses for the promotion of vibrant, democratic and sustainable urban development in the global South from an African perspective. Led by Dr. Sam Owuor, the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies of the University of Nairobi collaborates with the African Centre for Cities in urban food security related projects.

The following themes were covered during the conference:

- Governance, planning and politics
- Justice, rights and change in the city
- Infrastructure, resource access and city development
- Feeding the city
- Rethinking the African city
- Urbanisation and economies
- Climate, resilience and sustainability
- Knowing the city? Methodology and trans-disciplinarity

- Everyday city life: Identities, cultures and livelihoods
- Imagining the urban past and present: Architecture, design and art
- Professional practice, networks, publishing