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Equity, Services and Economic Development in Cities of the Global South: Engaging Research in Policy Making

Cities are often considered “engines of economic growth,” yet many cities struggle to increase productivity and provide significant economic opportunities to their growing populations. Access to public goods and services benefits the poor and strengthens growth and productivity. However, there is a need for more knowledge on the links between public goods and services and equitable economic growth and how to support such processes locally and globally.

Against this background, a new Cities Alliance grant to the Technische Universität Berlin (TU Berlin) aims to develop critical reflections and reviews on the linkages between public goods and services and more equitable economic developments in cities of the Global South. TU Berlin has been awarded the grant on behalf of three networks; the Network Association of European Researchers on Urbanization in the South (N-AERUS) from Europe, the African Urban Research Initiative (AURI) from Africa and the Network of Sustainable Urban Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (REDEUS_LAC) from Latin America and the Caribbean.

Titled “Equity, Services and Economic Development in Cities of the Global South: Engaging Research in Policy Making,” the project is a part of the Cities Alliance Joint Work Programme (JWP) on Equitable Economic Growth Cities Campaign initiative. The project will produce reflection papers, webinar series and reports on policy recommendations, knowledge gaps and further areas of required research. The research networks will unite different regions and stakeholders, which will in turn, through their own local partners, encourage new frameworks for co-producing knowledge on the topic. The information generated will be freely accessible on the webpages of the three networks.



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Slum Upgrading in Sub Saharan Africa

Learning globally from local practices on city-wide strategies to address informality

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5th NOVEMBER

2pm – 4pm CET | 12am – 2pm UTC

Live stream: fb.com/citiesalliance



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Webinar Series

This webinar is one of a five-part series to evaluate, contextualize and operationalize existing research by Cities Alliance on equitable economic growth in cities of the Global South. Three research networks, working in Europe ([N-AERUS](#)), Africa ([AURI](#)) and LAC ([REDEUS LAC](#)), collaborate to identify common problems cities face in pursuing social equity and economic growth, to share tested strategies for integrating policy making and research, and to disseminate these strategies to broader urban contexts. By targeting a global audience, we can share experience both within and beyond the regional focus of each webinar. For more information on the project, please go to: <https://www.citiesalliance.org/newsroom/news/cities-alliance-news/cities-alliance-announces-grant-tu-berlin-equity-services-and>

Second [Webinar](#)

Date: February 19, 2020

Time: 16:00 CET

Length: 60 minutes

No registration needed!

First [Webinar](#):

Date: December 17, 2019

Time: 16:00 CET

Length: 60 – 80 minutes

URL: <https://zoom.us/j/602848143>