

What do we know and what do we still need to know to achieve sustainable urbanisation in Africa?

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Building cultures of integrity in the planning profession

Cities of Integrity: Urban Planning and Corruption in Africa

Examine current integrity landscape in urban development and planning

Build on a mapping of existing mechanisms and practices to develop, promote and enforce integrity as a professional norm

Identify public roles and responsibilities practicing planners in South Africa and Zambia see for themselves, as well as the pressures they face at the intersection of the public and private sector

A qualitative action experiment built around a targeted training intervention for planners in Zambia, including a feedback mechanism that surfaces and harnesses different and potentially conflicting expectations around the role, responsibilities and everyday practices of planners



What more research do we need to do and how can we do it better?

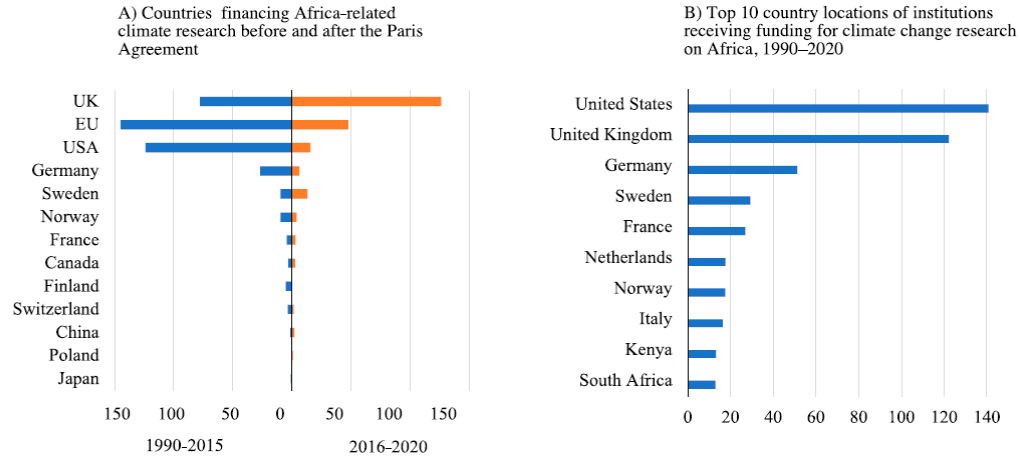
Localising and achieving SDGs will require a careful balance between **area-based approaches** and strategies for **trans-local** urban problems – migration, corruption, climate crisis, water security, conflict.

The world is faced with overlapping crises, throwing city visions and national development plans into chaos. The question is, do we **really understand uncertainty** and is **Africa prepared with contingency plans?**

We need more research on **taboo and hard to research topics** such as corruption, LGBTQ+/queer cities, knowledge agenda setting in Africa, rinsing West-East entanglements and how all of this will affect Africa's capacities for realizing the SDGs.

We need research that informs action at scale. How can TD research go beyond co-learning to trigger a 'feeling of crisis' among actors and inspire policy and action that delivers at scale?

Is this how Goal 17 (Partnerships for SDGs) was envisioned in research?



(Overland, et al, (2022: 711)

- The **moral tragedy of unfair North-South Research partnership** for SDGs – Institutions based in Europe and North America received **78%** of the funding for climate research on Africa, while African institutions received only **14.5%**
- African partners are positioned primarily **as recipients of research tasks** and may not have input on defining priority issues for research in African countries (Trisos et al., 2022).
- **We must ask, how can capacity be built for African institutions to lead research on SDGs in Africa? How can researchers engage better with funding agencies to ‘educate them’ about Africa’s research needs?**

Methods and future questions

What is a 'good and sustainable future African city' and how might such a city be planned, built and lived? We need indicators that go beyond quantitative metrics.

We need TD research that goes beyond tokenistic co-production and co-creation to be **transformative and disruptive of power structures. How can Tactical Urbanism enrich the TD process and methods?**

We need to deepen the engagement 'pot' to include 'unusual actors', i.e. those in taboo sectors, funders, involving realpolitik, and achieve a broader CoP on SDGs.

What could be a new role for research and science in rapidly changing urban environments in Africa? What forms of contingency plans might GET Africa on track to achieve the SDGs.

Thank you