



Planning Africa 2012

Growth, democracy and inclusion: Navigating contested futures

17 – 19 September 2012

International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa

First Announcement & Call for Abstracts

Abstract Submission Deadline : 20 February 2012

Delegate Registration Opens : 02 April 2012

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN PLANNING INSTITUTE

The South African Planning Institute (SAPI) was formed on 1 July 1996. SAPI is a voluntary organisation which seeks to promote planning as a discipline and further the interests of the planning profession. It consists of planners from all regions of South Africa, and from all sectors of planning, including the Public Sector, NGO's and CBO's, Private Consultants and Academics. SAPI provides the profession with profile, identity and a voice, and it functions as a forum for all people in planning to debate critical issues affecting planning and development. Members of SAPI receive exclusive benefits as per their membership category.

The purpose and aim of the South African Planning Institute (SAPI) is to enhance the art and science of sustainable local, regional and national human and physical development planning, and the theory and practise relating thereto.

The objectives of SAPI are as follows:

- to promote the profession of planning in South Africa;
- to promote a high level of professionalism and ethical conduct in the broad interests of society at large;
- to promote and protect the interests of its members;
- to promote the standard of education and training of persons in the planning profession;
- to ensure that planning within South Africa promotes the sustainable use of natural resources, and the social and economic upliftment of all segments of the population;
- to initiate and promote reforms in the laws, policies and programmes relating to planning in South Africa; and
- to promote inter-disciplinary discussion and collaboration, and national and international contact and exchange

THE PLANNING AFRICA CONFERENCE SERIES

The Planning Africa Conferences have been initiated by the South African Planning Institute and have been held in partnership with local and provincial government, the host cities and interested international and local organizations.

The first in this series of planning conferences on the African continent took place in Durban in 2002 with the theme "**Regenerating Africa through Planning**" and provided the very first opportunity for planners in Africa to come together to discuss the recent fundamental changes in planning on the African continent. The highlight of the 2002 conference was the resolution to establish an African Planning Association. The subsequent Planning Africa Conference 2006, hosted by Cape Town, celebrated the maturing of relationships between planners on the continent with the theme "**Making the Connections**" and culminated in the signing ceremony to earmark the successful establishment of the African Planning Association (APA). The Planning Africa Conference 2008 built on the themes and progress of the previous two conferences with the theme: "**Shaping the Future**" and provided delegates from all over Africa and the world in general with the opportunity to engage on the contribution, methods and practices of the profession in shaping the future through enhanced collaboration and innovation in a rapidly changing world.

The Planning Africa Conference 2010 with the theme "**Beyond Crisis: Opportunities & Actions**" attracted over 500 delegates.

THE PLANNING AFRICA CONFERENCE 2012

The Planning Africa Conference 2012 will be held at the International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa from 17 – 19 September 2012. The conference will provide a forum for an expected 600 to 700 delegates and presenters from the across the African continent and beyond, to reflect on key issues in the African context.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

SEPTEMBER 2012

Sunday 16	12h00	Technical Tours
Monday 17	07h30	Registration & Exhibition open
	10h00	Conference Opens
	18h30	Cocktail Reception
Tuesday 18	08h30	Conference & Exhibition Day 2
	18h30	The 2012 SAPI National Planning Awards & Gala Dinner
Wednesday 19	08h30	Conference & Exhibition Day 3
	15h30	Conference Ends

Visit www.sapi.org.za for programme updates

INVITATION FROM THE SAPI PRESIDENT



The South African Planning Institute (SAPI) is proud to host the 5th Planning Africa Conference. The conference has grown in stature and relevance and is now a key knowledge exchange platform for policy makers, development practitioners, planning specialists, and researchers involved in 'space making'.

Unlike many conferences these days, the Planning Africa Conference is organized by planners and for planners and others with an interest in the planning field.

It is my pleasure to welcome you back if you have participated in the previous conferences or to invite you to participate for the first time. Either way you will find that you are part of an important continental and international community where ideas, theories, practice and case studies are shared, debated and fed back into your own work experience. All this is done in a robust yet fun way where excellence, achievement and good practices are celebrated through a variety of events including plenary debates, tours, exhibitions, case studies, parallel focus groups, and social and networking opportunities. The SAPI National Planning Awards, for instance, have become a feature of Planning Africa Conferences and are bound to grow even bigger in 2012.

The conference this time round will be more focused around the positive power of planning and how to utilize the regulatory tools and instruments at the disposal of Planners to effect necessary spatial and land management transformation. There will be more in-depth plenary level discussion aimed at specific outcomes with a focus on improving effectiveness of practice.

The driving question when SAPI hosted the first Planning Africa Conference in 2002 was - what is the role of urban and regional Planning in Africa and what influence can Planners have in the growth and development of the Continent? It has remained a key issue in subsequent Planning Africa Conferences. 10 years later, it is necessary to address this question more rigorously due to greater assertion by Planners and due to significant changes taking place on the Continent.

In 2002 the question of Planning was posed against a backdrop where Planners were redefining themselves and their relevance to society. There was growing importance placed on multi-disciplinary integrated development planning which perhaps resulted in the unintended consequence of down-playing the essential tools, instruments and hard skills of traditional town planning. There is now a better appreciation of the need for these essentials and how they can add value to multidisciplinary spatial development planning.

Planning Africa Conference 2012 is bound to be bigger and better. Acknowledgement and thanks must go to the Organizing Committee and everyone that contributes so selflessly to the success and growth of the Conference. Whilst SAPI continues to host the event as one of its flagship events and as part of a mission to grow Planning capacity, it is now a continental asset over which the African Planning Association (APA) which consists of over 20 African countries, will assist in shaping and nurturing to new heights. Look forward to seeing you in eThekwin!

Yusuf Patel
SAPI President

INVITATION FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIRPERSON



As conference Organizing Committee Chairman, I invite planners, development practitioners and community development based organization to submit abstracts and participate in the upcoming Planning Africa Conference 2012. The conference will provide a forum for an expected 600 to 700

delegates and presenters from the across the African continent and beyond to reflect on key issues in the African context. The conference aims to provide delegates with the opportunity to engage with the contribution, methods and practices of the profession through the theme "**GROWTH, DEMOCRACY AND INCLUSION: NAVIGATING CONTESTED FUTURES**". SAPI looks forward to welcoming you to Durban, which promises to be an exciting venue for an even more exciting conference.

Peter Gilmore
Planning Africa Conference 2012 Chair

MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM THE AFRICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION (APA)



The African Planning Association is pleased to be associated with the African Planning Conference. As the international economy is stuck in its structural crisis and earth's climate changes, a great deal of uncertainty is brought to bear on the continent. The struggles for democratic participation

and free expression compound the uncertainty and the droughts, floods and famine make living on many parts of the continent a challenge to sustainability. However, amidst the uncertainty, we are also presented with opportunities to choose our development paradigms and how we engage with the challenges which living on the African continent present. These are what make urban and regional planning one of the most exciting professions to be in right now. As a result, the Planning Africa Conference promises to be one of the most exciting because the one thing that we are certain of, is that it is no longer business as usual. As members of the development community, we may not have all the answers, but we have a very important role to play in finding solutions.

I look forward to seeing you at the Planning Africa Conference 2012!

Kabir M. Yari,
Representative of African Planning Association (APA)

THE CONFERENCE THEME

GROWTH, DEMOCRACY AND INCLUSION: NAVIGATING CONTESTED FUTURES.

Settlements, whether large or small host a collection of people and resources, all with a specific determined relationship to each other. Urban and rural planning is about adding or protecting value in settlements to benefit everyone living or passing through these areas. There are a number of mechanisms, tools and skills that planners can use and combine in different contexts to create, add or protect value. It therefore raises key questions about:

- What values drive planning?
- How do and how should planners distribute land values?
- How can planners reassert the use of capital value and create new value on the African continent?

Major themes

The conference highlights three major themes to guide discussions regarding issues or questions on the African continent

1. How to cope with and/or positively steer unprecedented growth of settlements in the light of major urbanization and an increasing focus on the need for urban resilience?
2. How to do this in a democratic way that ensures governance systems take into account the principles of equity, fair distribution and just management of resources?
3. How to include all people in the planning and implementation of infrastructure and services, to contribute to an improved quality of life and of the environment to the benefit of all?

These three themes influence different types of settlements along the urban – rural continuum in different ways, both in terms of the current context, also in terms of future intervention and possible contested futures based on the various aims and values that influence the relationship between people and resources.

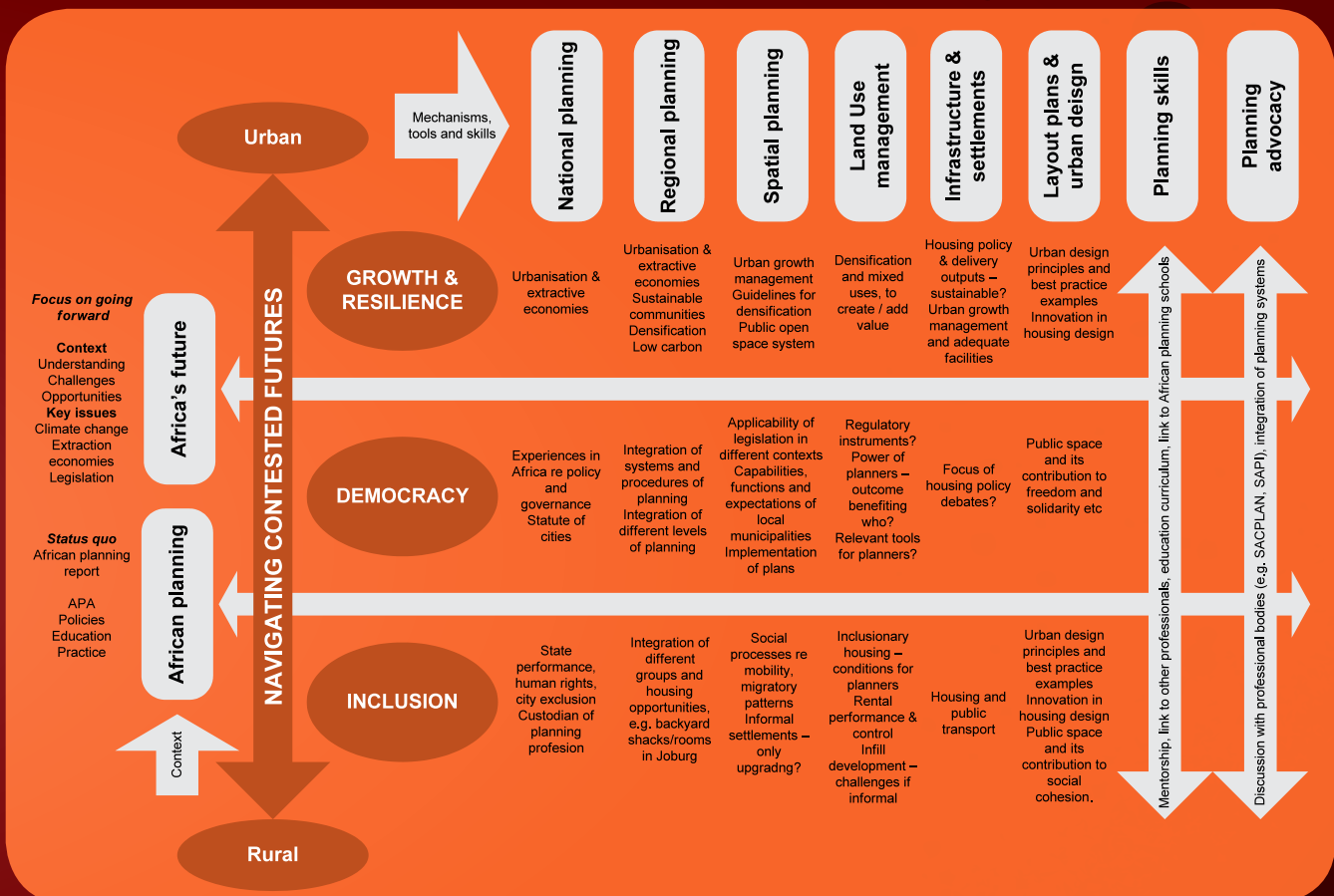
Focus Areas

In addition, the conference proposes a number of focus areas for discussion, which are related to the major themes. The focus areas can be categorized in three groups:

1. The first two focus areas deal with the context of the African continent as a whole and question the future of Africa in relation to a number of challenges and opportunities, as well as the role of planning to direct the desired future. This includes an overview of the current status quo in Africa. The intention of these focus areas is to set the scene and offer the foundation for future discussions.
2. The following six focus areas relate to the mechanisms, tools and desired outcomes that planners need to consider in relation to each theme and different levels of intervention. This includes national and regional planning, spatial planning and land use management, infrastructure and settlements and layout planning and urban design.
3. The final two focus areas are concerned with the development of relevant skills for planners, both in terms of education and continuous learning from best practice. This therefore also involves the role of relevant planning schools and professional bodies. These last two focus areas are cross-cutting and not specifically related to a theme.

Framework for the conference

The major themes and focus areas and their relation to each other is summarized in the following diagram, which provides an overall framework for discussions at the Planning Africa Conference 2012. The framework serves to guide participants in terms of the focus of their contributions and how this would relate to the creation or protection of value in settlements and ultimately influence the future of planning and quality of life on the African continent.



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Scientific Committee would like to encourage submissions:

- that respond to the Terms of Reference for each theme (please refer to www.sapi.org.za),
- which are relevant to the African context,
- that will create intellectual debate and talk to key issues,
- are generally practice orientated, communicate clearly and utilize examples and visual instruments

Key Dates

20 February 2012	Deadline for submission of abstracts
March 2012	Confirmation of selected abstracts
July 2012	Deadline for submission of full papers
August 2012	Deadline for registration of parallel session participants

Theme Focus Areas

Please indicate clearly on the abstract your selected theme focus area:

- National Planning
- Regional Planning
- Spatial Planning
- Land Use Management
- Infrastructure & Settlements
- Layout Plans & Urban Design
- Planning Skills
- Planning Advocacy

Details of Format

You are invited to submit an abstract in one of the formats below. Please indicate your preferred format clearly on your abstract:

- (a) Full Paper Abstract
- (b) Case studies
- (c) Poster presentations

Guidelines for Submissions of Abstracts

- Visit www.sapi.org.za for Terms of Reference for each focus area and abstract guidelines
- The abstract must be 300 to 500 words, typed in Times New Roman Font, size 12, with the heading in Times New Roman, size 12, bold
- The heading must include the selected theme category, abstract title, author/s full names, academic titles (if applicable), organization/institution, contact telephone, mobile and facsimile number and e-mail address
- A short CV or biography of not more than 100 words must accompany the abstract as a separate document
- Abstracts must be submitted as a separate e-mail attachment and be sent to KarenF@match-hospitality.com by 20 February 2012

Note - Planning Africa Conference 2012 is unfortunately not in a position to offer complimentary registrations to parallel session participants. Should you be accepted to present your paper, registration to attend the conference will be for your own account. If registration forms and payment have not been received by the parallel session participant registration deadline, the presentation will not be listed on the conference programme. This measure has been taken by the organizing committee to address the problem of 'no-shows' disrupting the conference programme.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE

The following groups and individuals are encouraged to submit abstracts and also attend the conference: All planning professionals in the public and private sector, groups and individuals from related professions in the planning and development arena (architects, geographers, development planners, economists, public management, sociologists, urban practitioners, built environment professionals), researchers and academics, decision and policy makers in planning and development, donors, funders, local and regional development bodies and associations, coordinators of strategic initiatives, corporate strategic planners and property developers.

THE 2012 SAPI NATIONAL PLANNING AWARDS & CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Many planners working in both the public and private sector in South Africa continue to play an important role in shaping our built environment and promoting sustainable development. SAPI would like to recognize the individuals and organizations making noteworthy contributions, to inspire their continued involvement and those of others and to promote the key role of the planning profession in public life.

SAPI invites the public and planning profession to make their nominations. Details and nomination forms are available on www.sapi.org.za. Closing date for nominations are **31 July 2012**. The selection panel will consider all nominations and the shortlisted finalists will be notified by Friday, 31 August 2012.

The awards ceremony will take place at the 2012 SAPI National Planning Awards and Gala Dinner on Tuesday 18 September.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A number of sponsorship opportunities are available to interested companies and organizations. For further information, please visit www.sapi.org.za or e-mail KarenF@match-hospitality.com

PLANNING AFRICA 2012 EXHIBITION

An exhibition will be located in a venue adjacent to the plenary venue and will run concurrently with the conference from 17 – 19 September 2012. All conference teas, lunches and the cocktail function will take place in the exhibition area. The exhibition will provide a unique opportunity for companies, planning organizations, cities, provinces, universities and special developments to showcase and promote their services, products and projects to members of the planning profession and related industries. For more information and exhibition packages visit www.sapi.org.za or e-mail KarenF@match-hospitality.com

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

To receive future conference correspondence and updates, please send your full contact details (full name, postal and e-mail addresses) to sapi@match-hospitality.com

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

For the Planning Africa Conference 2012, the SAPI National Board have appointed a national conference organising committee made up by a number of local planning practitioners, academics, local government and city representatives to build on the themes and progress of the previous conferences.

Members of the African Planning Association have been consulted and will contribute extensive knowledge and experience from across the African continent.

Yusuf Patel	President, South African Planning Institute (SAPI)
Tpl. Kabir M. Yari	National President, Nigerian Institute of Town Planners
Peter Gilmore	Chairperson, Planning Africa 2012 Conference
Ashraf Adam	Convenor, African Planning Association (APA)
Saïd Almi	Member, Algerian Planners Association. Member, French Society of Planners
Maria J. Coetzee	Research Group Leader: Regional and Urban Planning group, Planning Support Systems, CSIR Built Environment
Peter Dacomb	Chairperson: South African Association of Consulting Professional Planners
Glynn Davies	Research Unit, Development Bank of Southern Africa
Geci Karuri-Sebina	Executive manager: Programmes, SA Cities Network (SACN)
Dr. Karina Landman	Senior Lecturer: Department of Town and Regional Planning, University of Pretoria
Martin Lewis	Chief Executive Officer, The South African Council for Planners (SACPLAN)
Gill Lincoln	Associate Director: Department of Town and Regional Planning, Durban University of Technology
Prof. Verna Nel	HOD, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of the Free State
Yasmin Shapurjee	Candidate Researcher: Regional and Urban Planning group, Planning Support Systems, CSIR Built Environment
Frandri Smith	Chief Executive Officer, South African Planning Institute (SAPI)
Prof. Alison Todes	Director of Urban and Regional Planning, University of the Witwatersrand
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CONFERENCE ORGANISERS & SECRETARIAT

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