

Learning from Namibia

Addressing housing needs in urbanising areas

Public lecture and info session

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Namibia's urban reality

To address the dynamic urbanisation processes in Namibia will be one of the strategic leverages for sustainable development. These processes relate to several interlinked dynamics in the country reality with both opportunities and challenges. Tapiwa Maruza from the Namibia Housing Action Group (NHAG) will present a public lecture on "Addressing housing needs in Namibia" that will be followed by Salma Ashraf, IUSD Alumni sharing some of her findings on „Informal and formal commercial activities in Ondoto Street, Windhoek“.

The SDGs GoGlocal! project

The event is part of the project SDGs GoGlocal! of the University of Stuttgart, the Namibia University of Science and Technology in Windhoek and the Ain Shams University in Cairo. The project acknowledges that the SDGs need more localised knowledge, particularly on the complexities relating to Sub-Saharan urbanization. Moreover, SDGs GoGlocal! involves civil society and local government representatives and is thereby closely working with the Namibia Housing Action Group (NHAG) and the Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia (SDFN).

The Master Thesis Research Group

Therefore, one pillar in the SDGs GoGlocal! project is setting up a research group that involves master students doing their research on relevant topics concerning Namibian urbanisation. Students choose their own focus taking the Namibian contexts as case studies. This involves funded research stays and field work with communities on the ground and working with our local partners both academic and non-academic. The public lecture will be followed by an info session for interested IUSD students to write their thesis under the framework of the project.