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AFRICA URBAN HEALTH COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE NEWSLETTER

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Hello! It is a delight to be reaching out to you, an important member of the Africa Community of Practice of the International Society for Urban Health.

Welcome to the second installment of our newsletter designed to keep you informed and connected with each other. This is envisaged as a newsletter collectively owned by the Community so do get in touch to shape the content (more on this below).

SPOTLIGHT

Urban Health Governance Webinar

Our second webinar was held on the 28th of April 2022. It was centered around "Urban Health Governance". The speakers included actors from local government, UN-Habitat and research organizations who shared their practical experience of urban governance and tools and best practices for supporting health through urban governance. [Learn more and watch the recording here.](#)

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Africities Summit

The **9th Africities Summit** was held 17-21 May 2022 in Kisumu, Kenya. The summit explored the Role of Intermediary Cities of Africa in the Implementation of Agenda 2030 of the United Nations and the African Union Agenda 2063. Some of the highlights of the event include the launch of the **C40 African Cities for Clean Air initiative**, a programme that will support African cities in addressing and improving air quality and public health as well as the **launch of the Centre on African Public Spaces**, a resource hub for a variety of actors to connect, share and advance knowledge related to public spaces in African cities.

DID YOU KNOW??

Upcoming Events

WORLD URBAN FORUM



World Urban Forum Session Highlight

Members of the Africa CoP Steering Committee will be holding a hybrid networking session at **WUF** on **29 June | 14:30-16:00 CEST**

"Increasing Urban Resilience in LMICs using Transdisciplinary Approaches"

Hosted by Global Diet and Activity Research Network and UN-HABITAT

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Early-Bird Registration for ICUH!

The next **International Conference on Urban Health** will be held on 24-27 October 2022 in Valencia, Spain. Early-bird registration is available until 31st of July. [Register here!](#)



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Healthy City Design International *The Next Frontier: Diversity, Inclusivity and Opportunity for all*

Healthy City Design is happening 10-11 October 2022 in London, England + Live streaming. Early bird registration available until September 2022. [Register here!](#)

Urban Transitions 2022

Urban Transitions 2022: Integrating Urban and Transport Planning, Environment and Health for Healthier Urban Living is happening 8-10 November 2022 in Sitges, Barcelona, Spain. Early bird registration is available until 12 August. [Register here!](#)



UPDATES FROM THE COMMUNITY

Community Member Spotlight:

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Elvis Kyere-Gyeabour studied Environmental Science for his undergraduate degree at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. He had his first master's degree in Environmental Science; Soil, Water and Biodiversity at the University of Hohenheim, Germany, and another master's in Agriculture from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. He is also a certified agronomist by the University of Copenhagen. He is a final year PhD candidate at the Department of Geography and Resource Development at the University of Ghana.

Can you tell us what you're currently working on?

My PhD research is on Transport Accessibility to Healthcare & Educational Opportunities in the Greater Accra Metropolitan Area (GAMA), under the Pathways to Equitable Healthy Cities (PEHC) Ghana group. The research involved conducting a city-wide household survey sampling 1340 households of different socioeconomic representations to understand the travel behaviour, healthcare-seeking behaviour and educational choice factors.

What are your research interests/focus areas?

My research interest includes spatial equity, accessibility to urban services, air pollution, road safety and transport.

Where in Africa do you work? Do you work with any specific populations?

I work in the city of Accra, Ghana, mainly the city's five million urban and peri-urban residents.

What would you like to get out of the ISUH Africa Community of Practice?

The shared interest of ISUH members would go a long way to enhance my network and provide the opportunity to share insight on common recurring developing country issues across Africa. The chance to collaborate on cross-cutting issues and share research is also one area of interest to me as a member of ISUH.

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Tell us your news!

Have you got a new paper out on urban health in Africa? Or come across a new tool you found helpful for your practice or research?

We'll be using this section to share news from community members like you. So do **send us** your news and we will share it with the community in the next newsletter.

SO....?

What do you think of the newsletter?

Please **send us your constructive suggestions** on what you'd like to see in this newsletter so that it works for the needs of the community.

AND DON'T FORGET..

Share news of this community with your networks, **join** and be an active community member.



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