

# Bulletin Board

## I. THEMES FOR FUTURE ISSUES

**Climate change and cities:** We plan to include a section on this theme in all future issues. We welcome the submission of papers on, for instance:

- Assessing and mapping risk and vulnerability in particular cities.
- Adapting urban centres to climate change, especially the role of community-based adaptation and the role of local governments.
- City-based greenhouse gas emissions inventories and what these imply for action.
- What are the co-benefits between adaptation and development, and adaptation and mitigation?
- Addressing water stress and scarcity in urban development.
- Community and city-based strategies to reduce risk from heat waves.
- Lessons for climate change adaptation from disaster risk reduction.

**April 2010: Migration and mobility and the implications for local governance and local development.** The deadline for submissions has now passed.

**October 2010: Youth in the city.** Deadline for submissions: 15 March 2010.

The needs, aspirations and capacities of youth seem to be forgotten in most discussions of urban development. Their lack of opportunity becomes especially evident around employment. Unemployment rates for young people are perilously high – often two to three times higher than those for adults. The implications for families, communities and young people themselves are critical. Yet when given the opportunity, young people can be productive, committed and enterprising workers, making vital contributions to local development. This special issue, to be guest edited by Dr Sheridan Bartlett, will seek to draw in papers that discuss this concern and that describe promising youth-oriented initiatives.

**April 2011: Health and the city.** Deadline for submissions: 15 September 2010.

*Environment and Urbanization* will be teaming up with the *Journal of Urban Health* for special issues on health and the city. There will be more details on this in the next issue of *Environment and Urbanization*, but we welcome papers submitted on, for instance:

- Case studies of health problems for particular settlements or population groups or urban centres.
- Initiatives that have addressed urban health problems.
- Addressing well-being as well as health burdens.
- Social and economic initiatives with health benefits.
- Addressing new health threats associated with climate change.

During 2009, a web-based questionnaire will be available to all readers – and themes for issues of *Environment and Urbanization* for 2011 and beyond will draw on readers' preferences and suggestions.

## II. THE FIFTH URBAN RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM, MARSEILLE

The Fifth Urban Research Symposium, on Cities and Climate Change: Responding to an Urgent Agenda, took place in Marseille, 28–30 June 2009. Most of the papers presented are available at <http://www.urs2009.net/>.

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### III. NEW JOURNAL ON CLIMATE AND DEVELOPMENT

This new journal will be of interest to many readers of *Environment and Urbanization* as its focus is on the links between climate variability, climate change and climate policy on the one hand, and development needs, impacts and priorities on the other. It also actively encourages submissions from experts from low- and middle-income nations, in large part because of the lack of published material on climate change in most such nations. Each issue includes a range of article categories, for instance, viewpoint, review article, research article, case study, book review, meeting report.

There are four issues a year and the first issue included papers on:

- Climate and development in times of crisis – *Richard J T Klein* (the journal's editor)
- Climate change is a development issue, and only sustainable development can confront the challenge – *Martin Parry*
- How can justice, development and climate change mitigation be reconciled for developing countries in a post-Kyoto settlement? – *Chukwumerije Okereke and Heike Schroeder*
- Meeting at the crossroads?: exploring the linkages between climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction – *E Lisa F Schipper*
- Adaptation and development: livelihoods and climate change in Subarnabad, Bangladesh – *Jennifer Pouliotte, Barry Smit and Lisa Westerhoff*
- Changing development paths: from an energy-intensive to low-carbon economy in South Africa – *Harald Winkler and Andrew Marquand*
- Barriers to sugar mill co-generation in India: insights into the structure of post-2012 climate financing instruments – *Barbara Haya, Malini Ranganathan and Sujit Kirpekar*
- Business and climate change: initial explorations in South Africa – *Coleen Vogel*
- Economic aspects of adaptation to climate change: costs, benefits and policy instruments – *Ian Burton*
- A new diplomacy for sustainable development: the challenge of global change – *Saleemul Huq*
- More than rain: seminar and report launch in Oslo – *Kirsten Ulsrud and Gitte Motzfeldt*

Institutional subscriptions are £320 a year for print and on-line; individual subscriptions are £99; for more details, see <http://www.earthscan.co.uk/journals/cdev>.

### IV. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON URBAN HEALTH, NAIROBI

The Eighth International Conference on Urban Health will take place at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre in Nairobi, Kenya, 18–23 October 2009. It is being organized by the International Society for Urban Health in partnership with the African Population and Health Research Centre and the government of the Republic of Kenya. The International Society for Urban Health is an association of researchers, scholars and professionals from various disciplines and areas of the world who study the health effects of urban environments and urbanization. The African Population and Health Research Centre is an international non-governmental and non-profit organization committed to conducting policy-relevant research on population, health and education issues facing the sub-Saharan African continent.

The theme is Meeting Urban Health Needs through Innovative Research, Policies and Interventions, and the programme includes sessions on:

- Urban Health Champions Forum: targeted at mayors and civil society leaders from cities throughout Africa and Asia, this will engage policy makers, researchers and practitioners in forging new partnerships in the rising challenge of urban health.

- Community Voices Forum: starting two weeks before the conference – meeting with the inhabitants of informal settlements and discussions on community.
- Perspectives on urban health.

Participants will include many mayors and civil society leaders. The conference will also showcase groundbreaking research and policies from urban health researchers, scholars, professionals and policy makers from Africa and Asia. For more details, see [www.icuh2009.org](http://www.icuh2009.org).

## V. RESPONDING TO HIV/AIDS; PoCityVity+: A STORY OF SURVIVAL AND BELONGING (ON DVD)

This is a documentary that tells the story of Khayelitsha (a large informal settlement in Cape Town, South Africa) through the eyes of young adults, who comment on their day to day lives and physical conditions. Their commentary reveals that HIV/AIDS is inextricably linked to their daily realities and built environment. The documentary also features the story of a grandmother who is left with six grandchildren following the deaths of three daughters. The film takes issue with the notion that remaining safe from HIV infection is as simple as ABC (Abstain, Be faithful, Condomize), especially for a large proportion of urban dwellers who live in under-resourced and peripheral communities. In turning attention to urban realities, PoCityVity+ suggests that building sustainable communities is central to an effective response to HIV/AIDS.

For more information (including other Isandla Institute publications on this topic) and to order copies of the documentary, contact Stacey-Leigh Joseph at [staceyleigh@isandla.org.za](mailto:staceyleigh@isandla.org.za) or +27 21 465 8751; see also <http://www.isandla.org.za/about/>.

## VI. URBAN AGRICULTURE MAGAZINE

The latest issue of this magazine (Issue 22, June 2009) is on “Building resilient cities”. It gives details of the contribution of urban agriculture to helping the world’s urban poor by providing a practical solution to the food crisis in the shorter term and by providing a climate change adaptation mechanism in the longer term. The magazine is available online at <http://www.ruaf.org/node/2066>; the printed magazine includes a CD with the publication “Women feeding cities – mainstreaming gender in urban agriculture and food security”, which can also be found online at <http://www.database.ruaf.org/gender/index.htm>.

The magazine is translated into French, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese and Arabic. Issue 20, on “Water for urban agriculture”, is available in Spanish and Portuguese (and can be downloaded from [www.ruaf.org](http://www.ruaf.org)).

Issue 23 will be on “Urban nutrient management” and will be produced in collaboration with WASTE ([www.waste.nl](http://www.waste.nl)). Issue 24, in 2010, will focus on “Linking urban producers to markets; chain development for urban agricultural products”. Contributions to this issue should be submitted by the end of February 2010.

## VII. WEB-BASED DATABASES

There are two web-based databases that can be accessed at no charge and that some of the authors of *Environment and Urbanization* have found useful:

**STATCompiler:** This has key population and health statistics (more than 130 indicators) from more than 200 demographic and health surveys covering more than 70 nations; you select countries or regions and then indicators, and the

data is presented, usually disaggregated by rural and urban – and with the option of saving the table in Excel.

For instance, for housing, there is data on:

- sources of drinking water (piped water, well water, surface water, rainwater, tanker truck, bottled water/demijohn);
- time to water source (within 15 minutes, median time to source);
- type of toilet facility (flush toilet, pit latrine, no facility);
- connection to electricity;
- main floor material;
- type of cooking fuel (electricity, LPG, natural gas, biogas, kerosene, coal/lignite/charcoal, firewood/straw/dung, no cooking in household); and
- persons per sleeping room.

See <http://www.statcompiler.com/>

**CAIT** (Climate Analysis Indicators Analysis) provides a comprehensive and comparable database of greenhouse gas emissions data (including all major sources and sinks) and other climate-relevant indicators for all nations by year (including data on carbon dioxide emissions back to 1850!). This is provided by the World Resources Institute and is available online at <http://cait.wri.org/>.

### VIII. DISCOUNTED PRICES FOR *ENVIRONMENT AND URBANIZATION*

The publisher of *Environment and Urbanization*, Sage Publications, offers large discounts on subscription prices to charities and students and to all subscribers from low- and middle-income nations.

#### **Annual subscription prices:**

Charities: £99/US\$ 178 (this includes print and e-access)

Students from high-income nations: £20/US\$ 36

Subscribers from low- and middle-income nations:

Institutions: £59/US\$ 107 (print and e-access)

Individuals: £20/US\$ 34 (print)

Students: £13/US\$ 23 (print and e-access)

To subscribe to one of these, e-mail: [subscriptions@sagepub.co.uk](mailto:subscriptions@sagepub.co.uk).

### IX. NEW ISSUES OF *MEDIO AMBIENTE Y URBANIZACIÓN*

The new issue of the Spanish language publication *Medio Ambiente y Urbanización* (Issue 70, April 2009) is on the theme of “Urban problems and new approaches to public policies in Latin America” and includes papers on comprehensive habitat improvement programmes, the challenges to participation, the implementation of social policies, and urban violence. All the papers listed below can be accessed at no charge from [www.ingentaconnect.com/content/iieal/meda](http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/iieal/meda).

- All that’s urban is social and all social is urban? Urban dynamics and dilemmas in public policies – *Joan Subirats y Ismael Blanco*
- Implementation of social policies: looking into their political dimension – *Fabián Repetto*
- Urban violence: a city issue – *Fernando Carrión M*
- Decentralization of social policies; is it the adequate strategy to maintain social cohesion in face of the global crisis? – *Adriana Clemente*
- Land tenure regularization in Comprehensive Habitat Improvement Programmes – *Florencia Almansi*

The November 2009 issue will be on “Environmental burdens in peri-urban areas”, and will include papers on spatial fragmentation and social segregation in Latin America and a series of papers looking at environmental and governance

issues in Moreno, a municipality on the edge of Buenos Aires with a high concentration of low-income groups.

An annual personal subscription to the print edition of the journal (two issues) costs US\$ 28 for those outside Latin America; payment can be arranged by credit card through IIED (e-mail: [humans@iied.org](mailto:humans@iied.org)). An institutional subscription for those outside Latin America, which includes both print issues and e-access, costs US\$ 100 and can be arranged through IIED (e-mail: [humans@iied.org](mailto:humans@iied.org)). For more details of the work of IIED–América Latina, see <http://www.iied-al.org.ar/>.

## X. A NEW ASIAN JOURNAL: CALL FOR PAPERS

An Asian edition of *Environment and Urbanization* will be published by Sage India from New Delhi, from March 2010. This will be similar to *Environment and Urbanization's* sister journal in Latin America, *Medio Ambiente y Urbanización*, in that it will publish mainly on urban and environmental issues from its region. This is a call to invite: articles, book reviews and book notes from researchers, teachers, NGOs and community workers for the first two issues. Like the international edition, the Asian edition aims to support the exchange of ideas in the fields of urbanization, environment and human settlements among the research and academic community, civil society and non-governmental organizations. Articles, book reviews and book notes may be sent to the Editor, Om Prakash Mathur, Professor of Urban Economics and Finance, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, 18/2, Satsang Vihar Marg, Special Institutional Area, Near JNU, New Delhi 110 067, India. E-mail: [opm@nipfp.org.in](mailto:opm@nipfp.org.in); [om\\_mathur@yahoo.com](mailto:om_mathur@yahoo.com); [opmathur@niua.org](mailto:opmathur@niua.org).

## XI. TWITTERING

The Editors are considering setting up a web-based information service for readers, which will be freely available and will report on new publications, events, websites and discussions; these reports will draw on *Environment and Urbanization's* editorial and advisory board. The service will also have provision for readers to contribute items. See <http://eau.sagepub.com/> or <http://www.environmentandurbanization.org/> for details.