

In April 2014 UN-Habitat launched the Global Urban Lectures: lecture packages focused on subjects related to cities and urbanization. Each package consists of a 15 min video, a synopsis of the topic, a biography of the speaker and links to in depth study.

The speakers are associated with UN-Habitat's work, recruited from universities, think-tanks, governments, NGO's, and private sector institutions. The series wishes to demonstrate a sound evidence-based analysis of a given problem and issues at stake, identify propositions to address them and provide examples that demonstrate how such propositions actually work, are being tested or have been implemented.

Find a sample of our lectures below, the full list includes three seasons of 40+ lectures, available for free at [unhabitat.org/urbanlectures](http://unhabitat.org/urbanlectures)



**DR JOAN CLOS** UN-HABITAT 'PRINCIPLES OF PLANNED URBANIZATION'

In this lecture, Dr Clos discusses planned versus spontaneous urbanization, the issues this entails and three concrete principles for planning sustainable cities. Together they form a three-legged approach to sustainable urbanization.



**JANE WERU** AKIBA MASHINANI TRUST, KENYA 'TOO PRESSED TO WAIT'

Jane Weru, Executive Director of Akiba Mashinani Trust, here discusses the water and sanitation hygiene systems in informal settlements in Nairobi, and how they are causing a strain on both the physical and psychological health of people who live and work in these settlements, in particular women and girls.



**SHLOMO ANGEL** STERN URBANIZATION PROJECT, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY 'MAKING ROOM FOR A PLANET OF CITIES'

This lecture argues that the Containment Paradigm, also known as urban growth management, smart growth, or compact city—is inappropriate in the rapidly-urbanizing countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. It calls for a new paradigm for coming to terms with rapid urbanization: The Making Room Paradigm.



**JACKIE KLOPP** THE EARTH INSTITUTE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY 'OPEN TRANSIT DATA - THE DIGITAL MATATU STORY'

By telling the story of the DigitalMatatus, which gave birth to the first open database and public transit map for Nairobi, this lecture will show how creative use of cellphones and open data can help people better navigate and plan transit for their city as one important step towards greener, smarter urban transport.



**REINHARD GOETHERT** MIT 'INCREMENTAL HOUSING — THE NEW SITE & SERVICES'

Informal builders provide the bulk of affordable housing and define large areas of our cities. Over time the resultant informal housing generally matches higher income standards. This incremental process has been adopted into programmes called 'site and services', a methodology developed to offer a base for developing effective policies in supporting incremental builders.