

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Monday 9th February 2015

THE GROWING INFORMAL CITIES PROJECT

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 INTRODUCTORY PANEL
Chair: **Caroline Skinner**, WIEGO and African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town
AFRICA'S INFORMAL CITIES: **Edgar Pieterse**, African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town
GROWING INFORMAL CITIES PROJECT: **Jonathan Crush**, Balsillie School of International Affairs and University of Cape Town
- 9:45 PANEL 1
Chair: **Edgar Pieterse**, ACC
MIGRANT ENTREPRENEURS IN CAPE TOWN: **Godfrey Tawodzera**, University of Limpopo and **Abel Chikanda**, Balsillie School of International Affairs
MIGRANT ENTREPRENEURS IN JOHANNESBURG: **Sally Peberdy**, Gauteng City-Region Observatory
- 10:45 BREAK
- 11:00 PANEL 2
Chair: **Jonathan Crush**, BSIA
CROSS-BORDER INFORMAL TRADE WITH ZIMBABWE: **Godfrey Tawodzera** and **Abel Chikanda**
CROSS-BORDER INFORMAL TRADE WITH MOZAMBIQUE: **Ines Raimundo**, Eduardo Mondlane University
- 12:00–13:00 POLICY ROUNDTABLE
Chair: **Paul Okwi**, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
Caroline Skinner, University of Cape Town
Brian Raftopoulos, University of the Western Cape
Chris Rogerson, University of Johannesburg

The Growing Informal Cities (GIC) project focuses on informality and migrant entrepreneurship. With high rates of formal unemployment, the informal economy has emerged as a major source of income and livelihoods for poor urban households. Migrants play a critical role in the informal economy, yet the importance of that role is invisible to researchers and policy-makers.

The purpose of the GIC is to examine and profile the “hidden” role of migrant informal entrepreneurship in different Southern African cities. In South African cities like Cape Town and Johannesburg, migrant entrepreneurs come from throughout Africa including Zimbabwe and Mozambique. In Maputo and Harare, most migrant entrepreneurs are local but they structure their businesses around the opportunities afforded by cross-border migration to and from South Africa.

The GIC is generating a comparative body of knowledge about informal migrant entrepreneurs, raising their profile in regional, national and municipal policy debates and effecting positive change in the environment in which they operate. By allowing migrant entrepreneurs to expand and reach their full potential, a major contribution can be made to facilitating inclusive growth through informal entrepreneurship.

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