



## uKESA Newsletter

### URBAN KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE SOUTHERN AFRICA

*Promoting innovation & good practice in cities, towns & villages*

## What's in this edition?

**June 2023**

We're happy to present the inaugural edition of the uKESA Newsletter. The aim is to keep you updated about top content hosted on the site and the latest developments in the broader Urban Knowledge Exchange initiative. In this edition we focus on key pages and reports recently developed and published by the uKESA editorial team and by our knowledge partners. We would like to thank all involved in creating new content and for freely sharing this with uKESA user base.

## Recent uKESA content



**SA Human Settlement Degrees and Courses**

**Developing and Managing Municipal Land**

A new information page that outlines many of the courses currently offered at higher learning institutions across South Africa.

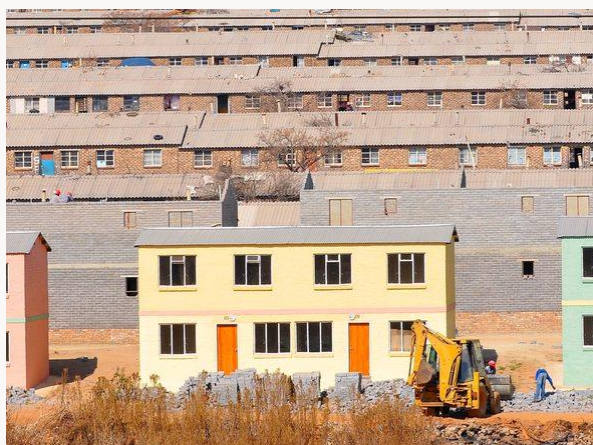
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Read about some of the creative ways that municipal ities can bring more land on stream and manage their land assets more effectively

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## New partner content



### CAHF South Africa Housing Report

Recently released by the Centre for Affordable Housing Finance in Africa, the South Africa Housing Market Report uses deeds registry data to provide valuable insights into new trends in the formal housing market. In 2021, 15% of the approximately 121 800 households who became homeowners for the



### Wake Up, This Is Joburg

Photographic and narrative book that shares people's private and work lives and the extraordinary spaces of the metropolis. The authors show that Johannesburg's urban transformation occurs not in a series of dramatic, wide-scale changes but in the everyday lives, actions, and dreams of individuals.

first time were beneficiaries of new government-subsidised housing.

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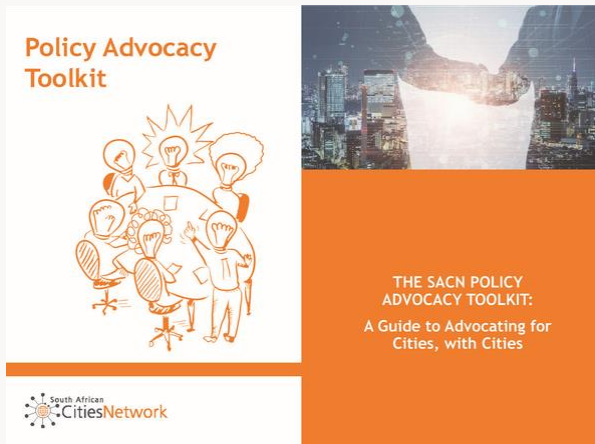
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### SmartCity. ZA Collection

This collection curated by the SmartCity ZA partnership, has been created to ensure that a trusted source aggregating existing smart city know-ledge of relevance to our southern context is accessible.

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### SACN Policy Advocacy Toolkit

This Advocacy Toolkit provides guidance on how to conceive and execute initiatives using a range of resources and tools that offer a structured approach to developing practical and effective policy advocacy interventions.

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## In conclusion

Last year, the uKESA online knowledge hub doubled its traffic from 6,421 users in 2021 to 12,937 users in 2022. In 2023, we established an Advisory Committee that represents a diverse range of interests from the public, private, NGO, and academic sectors. The objectives of the Advisory Committee are to create the space to be open and accountable, to receive new ideas, to be well advised by knowledgeable people, and to get more diverse views from different types of users. Lastly, at the moment we are holding a User Survey and would love to hear your views about your user experience.

[User Survey](#)



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## The uKESA Mission

- To develop, build and maintain a user-friendly, open access platform for exchanging quality information, value added content, and reliable advice amongst state, civil society, private sector, professional and academic partners above in the built environment.

- To provide opportunities for, and facilitate, shared learning and the best application of available knowledge across the different sectors (knowledge exchange).



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