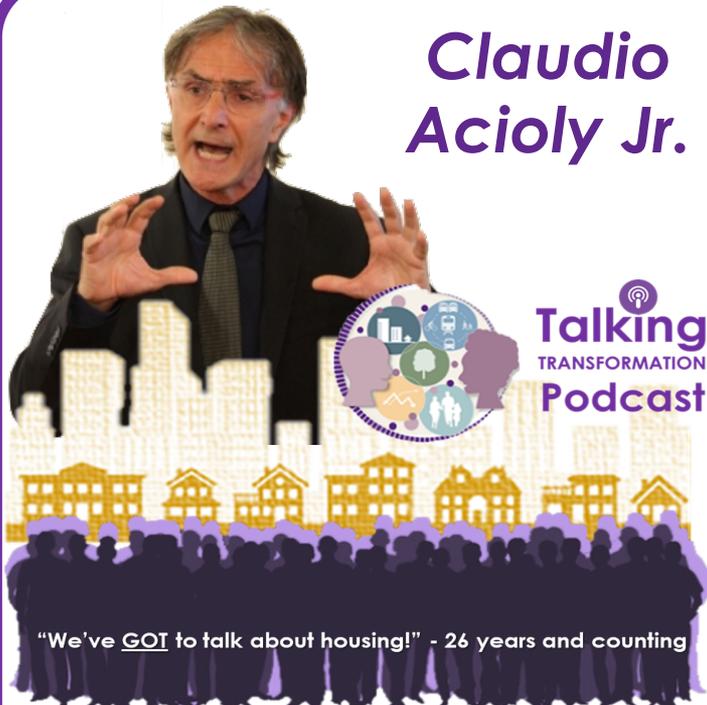


# Claudio Acioly Jr.



In this Talking Transformation Podcast episode we hear from renowned architect and urban planner, [Claudio Acioly Jr.](#): the latest in our **"We've GOT to talk about housing!" - 26 Years and counting! 'Deep-Dive Series'**.

Four decades of practical and research experience working across the world establishes Claudio as one of the leading housing and settlement upgrading experts globally. Until recently, he headed up the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. He has worked for global organisations, advised national, provincial, and local governments around the world; worked closely with community-based organisations and lectured to international students via the IHS, Netherlands. Simply put, Claudio has *"been there, done that, designed and worn the t-shirt"*. Closer to home he is a Board Member of the Centre for Affordable Housing Finance in Africa ([CAHF](#)) – friends of the TTPod and featured in [Episode 14](#).

His diverse and rich insights come during a period of increasing land invasion and informal settlement growth during the lockdown period: the tangible, spatial consequences of the pressures of urbanisation and faltering national and regional economies. These are the challenges faced by cities in South Africa and globally.

During this episode we consider: What can informal settlements offer cities at a time when supply and demand is adversely impacted by the impact of the pandemic? What is it that cities fail to learn and need to accept / adapt to maximise the opportunities? How do these differ in during and after the crisis? Where can we look for inspiration and innovation?

Presentation material referred to in the podcast can be accessed via: <https://claudioacioly.com/>

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## Episode 27:

### "Masterclass!"

### **Reflections on global approaches to urbanisation and settlement upgrading**

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