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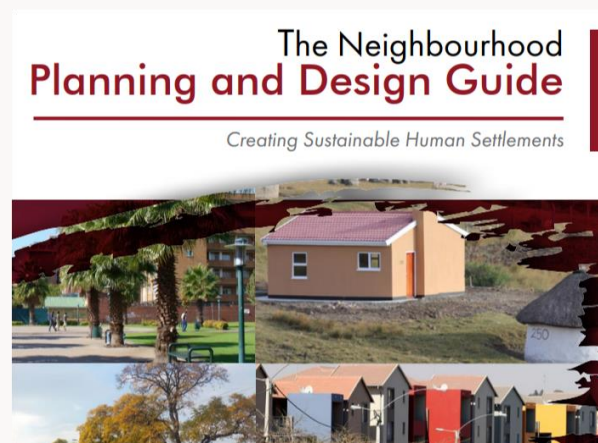
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What's in this edition?

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In this edition we keep you updated about popular new content hosted on the Urban Knowledge Exchange. It includes a resource page about the 2022 South African Census, how to download the whole Red Book, newly released international work on child-responsive urban policies, land and conflict, and South Africa-focused insights on national economic strategy, small-scale rental housing, and inclusionary housing. Finally, it includes a popular, historical investigation on the impact of formal retail centres in townships.

Recent uKESA content



Get the latest stats information

On this information page, we present all news and commentaries related to the 2022 South African census, the fourth of its kind. The page features extensive data, reports, and information that emerged with the release of the highly anticipated census information by Statistics South Africa.

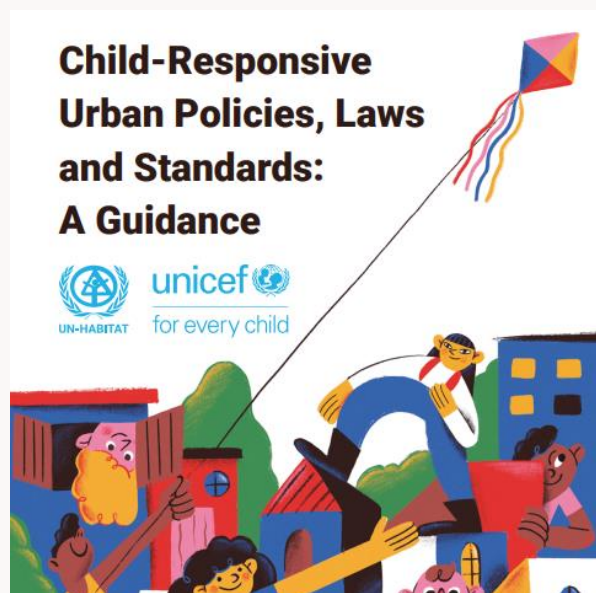
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Download the whole Red Book

Did you know you can now download a consolidated version of the Neighbourhood Planning and Design Guide as one PDF? This newest version provides a chapter-by-chapter bookmarked index for ease of consumption. On the Red Book page, scroll down to 'Download the whole document'.

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Popular partner content



Child-responsive urban policies, laws, and standards

Learn how children's rights can be integrated into urban policies and legislation in this guide. The guide makes specific recommendations pertaining to the integration of child-responsive standards in various aspects of urban planning, such as ensuring secure, quality, and affordable housing, prioritising child safety in road infrastructure, and promoting the accessibility and safety of public spaces.

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Land and conflicts

Land is a highly contested resource in many contexts. This updated portfolio on land and conflicts by Land Portal delves into the wide spectrum of factors triggering land and resource conflicts. The factors range from historical injustices, systemic poverty, gendered inequalities, environmental degradation, to rapid urbanisation, and lagging infrastructure development.

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A Country in Crisis

First steps towards a growth strategy



A country in crisis: First steps towards a growth strategy



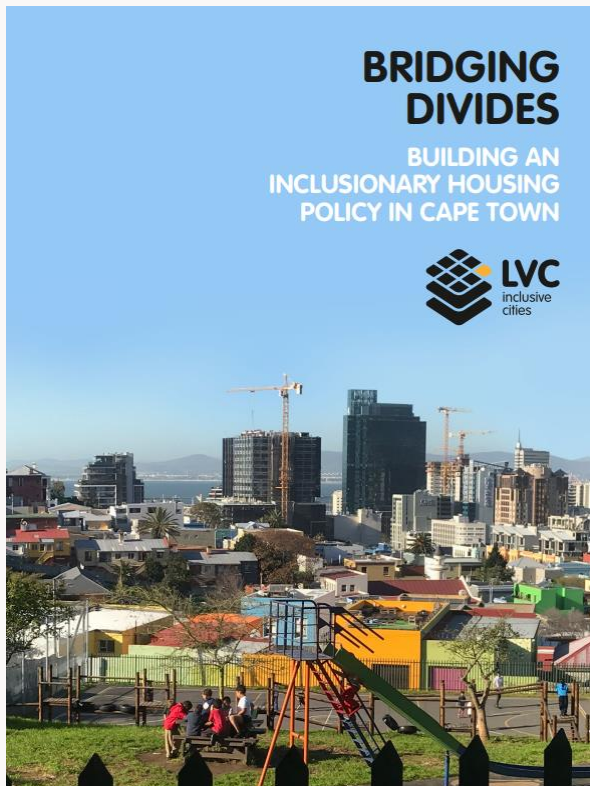
Unlocking the potential of small-scale rental housing

The Centre for Development and Enterprise report underlines the urgent need for a comprehensive strategy to reverse the current economic decline. Key considerations for such a strategy include enhancing security and reinforcing the rule of law, tackling pressing issues in the energy and logistics sectors, and stabilising the country's public finances.

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This policy brief explores the multifaceted role of Small-Scale Rental Housing in South African cities, shedding light on its contributions to affordability, economic development, and social transformation. It calls for a more supportive government approach to guide and regularise the SSRH sector, as well as collaborative efforts to provide a strong foundation for crafting an improved regulatory environment.

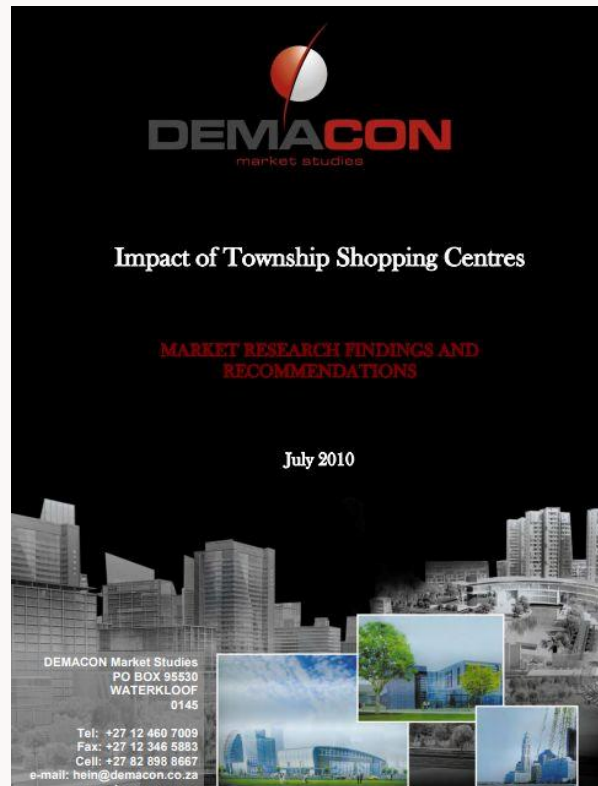
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Bridging divides: Building an inclusionary housing policy in Cape Town

Get a glimpse into the inner workings of the Municipal Planning Tribunal (MPT) in Cape Town and its involvement in high-stakes disputes surrounding urban development. The article critically highlights the pivotal role of the MPT in upholding the principles of spatial justice within the city's planning and decision-making processes.

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The impact of the development of formal retail centers in 'emerging economy' areas in South Africa

Get access to one of the most popular historic reports by Urban LandMark. The report, now housed on uKESA, critically explores the impact of the presence of formal retail centres in 'emerging economy' areas in South Africa.

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In conclusion

Thanks for reading about new, popular content hosted on the Urban Knowledge Exchange.

If you missed the recent uKESA webinar about [Online tools for social accountability in informal settlements](#), we have made the webinar recording and the presentations available on that page.

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