



## uKESA Newsletter

**URBAN KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE SOUTHERN AFRICA**

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

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### **What's in this edition?**

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In this second newsletter, we keep you updated about interesting new content hosted on the Urban Knowledge Exchange. We highlight recently launched uKESA information pages that focus on resources for designing environments to reduce crime, and an index of online planning support tools from the CSIR. We then feature recently released reports by the HSRC, the African Development Bank and the Centre for Affordable Housing Finance, and the City of Johannesburg. Finally, we feature a legacy guideline from the National Upgrading Support Programme that is still in demand.

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## Recent uKESA content



### CPTED Resource Page

Learn how designing the physical environment differently can in turn help prevent crime. These CPTED resources were collated from years of work done on crime prevention through environmental design. It highlights a multi-disciplinary approach to crime prevention that involves urban and architectural planning and design, as well as the management of the built and natural environments.

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### CSIR Planning Support Tools

The use of evidence-based information to inform quality urban planning decisions has long been advocated for in the policy arena. Over the years, CSIR and partners have made significant efforts to develop a range of tools that provide evidence-based information on a variety of urban planning issues, including climate, population, housing, employment, transportation, and the environment.

[Read more](#)

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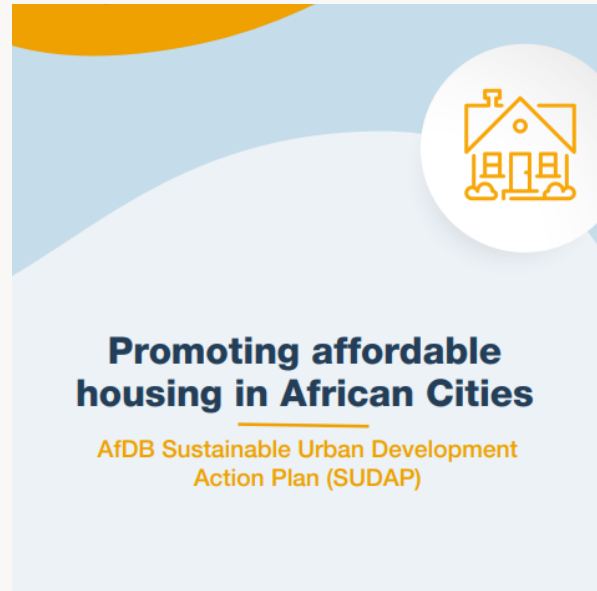
## New partner content



### Cities Economic Outlook 2023

Get key insights into South Africa's spatial economy based on tax records. For the first time, granular spatial economic data exists to help answer vital policy and research questions about urbanisation, uneven development, territorial disparities and the productivity of cities and towns; and all of these are explored in this economic outlook report.

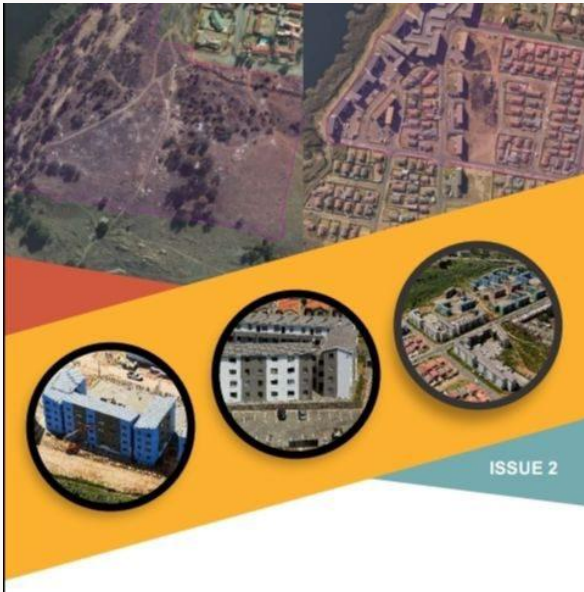
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### Promoting Affordable Housing in African Cities

Read about how issues facing Africa's housing sector might support the development of targeted interventions by the African Development Bank in its Sustainable Urban Development Action Plan for the next five years. The Centre for Affordable Housing Finance in Africa contributes a chapter on housing.

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### **City of Johannesburg Human Settlements Research Publication**

This two-part research publication by the City of Johannesburg’s housing department discusses the challenges arising from the misalignment of policy and the implementation of the Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme in Johannesburg. Secondly, it provides an outlook on the residential property market in the city.

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### **National Upgrading Support Programme Resource Kit**

This Resource Kit provides you with the latest thinking, information, and approach to informal settlement upgrading, as well as training materials, to enhance the ability of development practitioners and key stakeholders to implement upgrading initiatives. Not available online for a few years, we have now brought it back into circulation.

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## In conclusion

We have successfully hosted our very first uKESA webinar with the Centre for Affordable Housing Finance Africa (CAHF), South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and the Institute for Security Studies African Futures (ISS) on the 22nd of June; themed: The Role of Knowledge and Data Platforms in Monitoring and Predicting Change. Very interesting views and suggestions came out of the webinar. If you missed it, check out the presentations and recording [here](#). Keep an eye on our [events](#) section for the announcement of the next webinar, and upcoming conferences, seminars, webinars and more.

Thank you for participating in the uKESA User Survey. It closed in the first week of July and we are busy looking at the findings and processing the many useful suggestions.

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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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