



uKESA Newsletter

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What's in this edition?

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In this edition of our newsletter, we are excited to announce the launch of the upgraded uKESA website, that went live in mid-July 2024.

Additionally, we delve into the South African Department of Human Settlements' draft White Paper, compiling media releases and commentaries that capture the diverse views expressed by various organisations earlier this year.

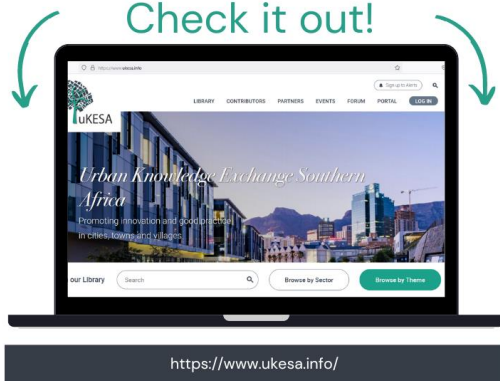
We also highlight significant partner content, including an in-depth analysis of multiple deprivation and spatial inequalities at the local municipality level in South Africa, updated for 2022. Other featured works include a chapter on transitioning to a circular economy within human settlements, a detailed report on South Africa's residential property market, and the City of Johannesburg's latest Human Settlements Research Publication focusing on backyard housing.

Furthermore, we present insights from the Reconstructing the Future for People and Planet conference and explore strategies for community planning in the face of social, environmental, and economic changes.

Recent uKESA content

uKESA Website Upgrades Now Live!

Check it out!



uKESA Website Upgrade Release Notes

The upgraded uKESA website is now live as of July 2024. Following several months of dedicated work on various fixes and enhancements, the website now features an array of new functions designed to improve user experience. For more information on how to utilise these new features, please refer to the uKESA FAQs. Feedback can be shared at ukesa@csir.co.za.

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Commentaries on the draft White Paper for Human Settlements

Early in 2024, the South African Department of Human Settlements accepted comments on a draft White Paper and engaged with various sectors. Official announcements were made on the Department's website. This document compiles media releases and commentaries to record the views expressed by various organisations regarding the draft White Paper.

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Popular partner content



Multiple Deprivation in South Africa at Local Municipality Level in 2022

This report examines multiple deprivation and spatial inequalities at the local municipality level in South Africa, funded by the Northern Ireland Department for the Economy. It updates the South African Index of Multiple Deprivation (SAIMD) for 2022, using a composite measure that includes employment, education, material deprivation, and living environment factors.

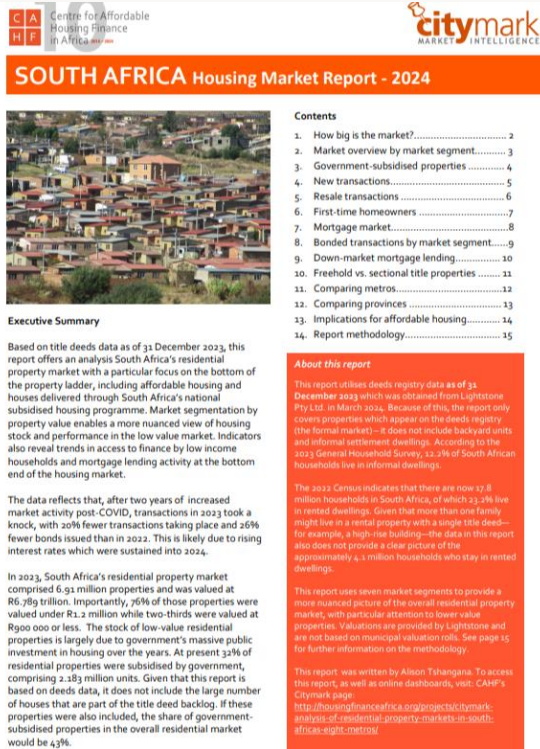


The circular economy, human settlements and municipal government

This chapter examines the linear economy, where resources flow in a single direction from extraction to disposal and evaluates how this model impacts human settlements. It focuses on current resources' potential for transitioning to a circular economy, explores expected trends and resource constraints, and analyses the economic and socio-economic effects of the linear economy.

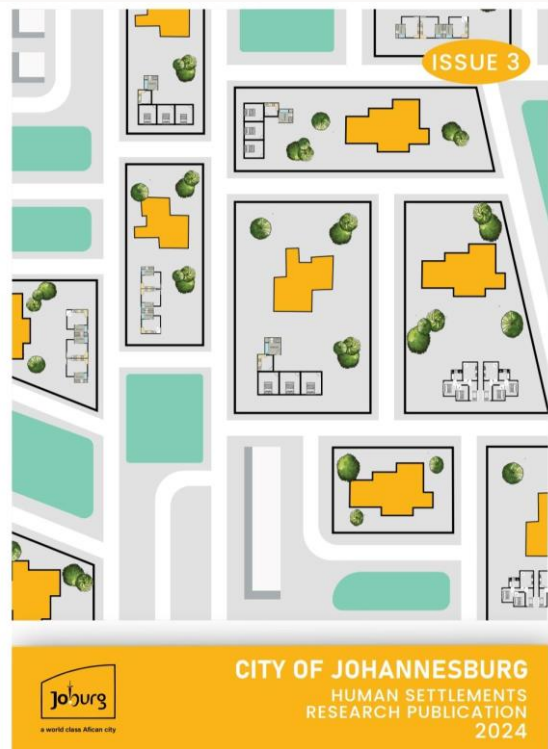
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Citymark National Housing Market Report

This report offers a detailed analysis of South Africa's residential property market as of December 31, 2023, focusing on affordable housing and properties from the national subsidised housing programme. It reviews market segmentation by property value, revealing a notable decline in market activity due to rising interest rates.



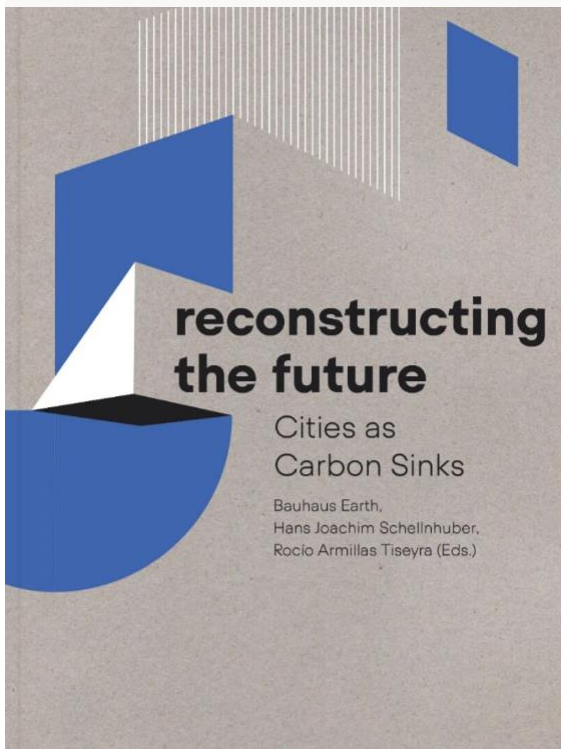
CoJ Human Settlements Research Publication 2024

The City of Johannesburg's third issue of its Human Settlements Research Publication focuses on backyard housing, which has grown faster than informal settlements in Gauteng since 2001. This issue includes a SALGA position paper recommending policy changes for municipal support of backyard housing and postgraduate research

from our student support programme.

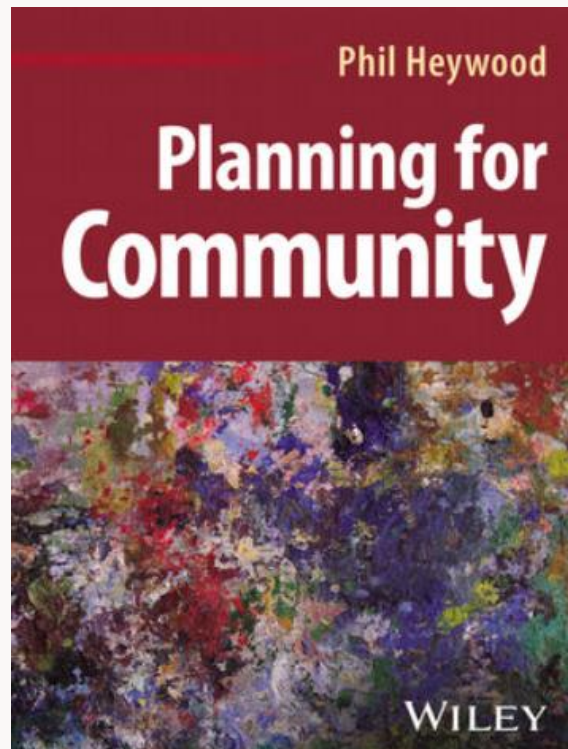
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Reconstructing the future

This book presents insights from the June 2022 Reconstructing the Future for People and Planet conference at the Vatican. Led by Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, the



Planning for community

This book explores the impacts of social, environmental, and economic changes on community life. It provides strategies for anticipating and managing these

conference aimed to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions in building by 2050 and restore the climate by 2200. It features discussions on sustainable construction and urban planning.

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changes, focusing on challenges in housing, work, transport, health, and environment. It offers insights into community planning and aims to inspire greater involvement in local and broader communities.

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In conclusion

Thank you for engaging with the content highlighted in this newsletter. If you have interesting new content to submit, please get hold of us, or sign up as a Contributor and upload directly to the platform. We hope you enjoy the enhanced website experience.

This newsletter issue is the last one to be produced by Dimakatso Modise who has been with the CSIR for the last two years as the chief uKESA content editor and website administrator. We would like to thank Dimakatso for his significant contributions to all aspects of the knowledge initiative in his time with us and wish him well in his next venture.

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 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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