



SDI – a global grassroots organisation leading the urban poor out of poverty

21 May

SDI Speakers: Rose Molokoane, SDI Coordinator, South Africa
Jockin Arputham, SDI President and co-Founder, India

Venue: Myntkabinettet, Slottsbacken 6, Stockholm
Time: 21 May 8.00–9.30 am

Hear the story of SDI's journey from an Indian organisation founded by a group of slum dwellers to a global agenda setter with a global membership of millions. This seminar will give an introduction to how the SDI network operates in the slums of 30+ countries across the Global South and showcase the outcomes of SDI's work to date. We will highlight and unpack SDI strategies for change, such as daily savings, peer-to-peer exchange, and community-driven data collection and mapping to examine their success to date in organizing a critical mass of urban poor communities as drivers of transformative change in the architecture of the global urban agenda.

The seminar will place special focus on the Know Your City campaign, an initiative of SDI and its partners. Know Your City is a ground-breaking global campaign for participatory pro-poor, people-centred urban governance that unites organized slum dwellers and local governments in partnerships anchored by community-led data collection and mapping. KYC holds potential to guide not only local governments, but national and international policies, programs and investments at scale, and to contribute significantly to managing the persistent social, economic, environmental and political risks facing cities and nations.



On the frontlines of creating truly inclusive cities – What can Sweden learn from the Global South?

22 May

SDI Speakers: Sarah Nandudu, SDI Board Member, Uganda
Joseph Muturi, SDI Management Committee member, Kenya

Venue: Myntkabinettet, Slottsbacken 6, Stockholm
Time: 22 May 8.00–9.30 am

Addressing exclusion in cities is a global challenge and key to achieving the sustainable development goals. Welcome to a breakfast seminar discussing SDI's experiences of co-production, collaboration, informality and building trust between communities and local government. In this seminar, co-hosted with SKL International, we will present stories from informal settlement communities, share our learnings, and initiate a discussion on what Swedish cities can learn from the Global South – all in the name of creating more inclusive, resilient and sustainable cities.

The event is jointly organized by SDI, SKL and the SymbioCity Secretariat.



Optimising the value of urban investments

23 May

SDI Speakers: Sheela Patel, SDI Board member, India
Sonia Fadrigó, SDI Management Committee member, Philippines

Venue: Myntkabinettet, Slottsbacken 6, Stockholm
Time: 23 May 8.00–9.30 am

In the Global South, there is an acute finance gap when it comes to inclusive urban development. This seminar explores how this gap can be bridged by leveraging community, public, and private sector resources to ensure inclusive city developments. The seminar is co-hosted by Human Cities Coalition (HCC), a coalition committed to pioneering viable, large-scale business models for urban infrastructure development.

Community networks and private sector both have serious contributions to make to create cities that work for all. Despite this, there have been few sustainable partnerships that engage these two stakeholders. SDI and Human Cities Coalition have been working together to collect citywide slum data in Jakarta, Indonesia and Manila, Philippines. This seminar will bring these partners together to highlight the importance of community-collected data and partnerships in attracting and assuring inclusive private sector investments in order to make inclusive urban planning and development possible at scale.



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