



PROGRAMME



# Africa Conference

Challenges in urbanisation

Wednesday, 18 June 2025

Sandton International Convention Centre,  
161 Maude Street, Sandton

in collaboration with:



### Course level

Foundation



### Type of event

Face to face



### CPD Hours

5.5  
Formal



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Once again, we return to South Africa and partner with the Women's Property Network to bring you an unmissable and informative RICS conference. Join us in June where industry leaders, experts, and professionals from across the continent will explore the dynamic trends shaping Africa's economic, urban, and investment landscape. This full-day event offers a deep dive into critical topics, including the latest economic and political trends, the challenges of rapid urbanization, advancements in property valuation, and the future of financing and investment in Africa.

Through engaging keynote sessions, panel discussions, and real-world case studies, you'll gain actionable insights into sustainable urban development, harnessing technology for smarter cities, and addressing emerging challenges in the valuation and investment sectors.

The conference is designed to provide an unparalleled platform for learning, collaboration, and networking. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with industry experts, policymakers, and peers during dedicated networking breaks, as well as at our cocktail reception to close the day.

Whether you're looking to stay ahead of industry trends, explore innovative solutions, or build meaningful partnerships, this event is your gateway to shaping the future of Africa's built environment.

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the conversation driving progress and innovation across the continent.

# Programme



**AFRICA**  
18 Jun 25

## Time zone:

SAST

**8:00**

### Registration & coffee

**9:00**

### Chair's opening remarks

Chair: Kura Chihota, Consultant eXp South Africa

**9:05**

### Main sponsor's address

**9:15**

### Economic trends and political shifts: Insights for the year ahead

In this opening session, our speaker will provide a comprehensive analysis of the latest economic trends across the continent, featuring up-to-date data on housing, investment, and projections for the coming year. The presentation will also examine the impact of key global political events, including elections in South Africa, the USA, and other pivotal regions, offering insights into their implications for economic growth and stability.

Speaker(s): Annabel Bishop, Chief Economist at Investec Bank Limited, South Africa

**9:50**

### Urbanization in Africa

This session explores the pressing challenges arising from rapid urbanization across the African continent. Through real-world examples, we'll highlight innovative strategies and success stories from industry leaders addressing these issues, offering insights into sustainable and effective urban development practices.

Speaker: Yasmin Coovadia, Executive Manager: Programmes at South African Cities Network

Panellists: Sibusiso Ndlovu, Business Development Manager at Fortress Real Estate Investments and Thandiwe Dhlamini, AUHF Programme Manager at Centre for Affordable Housing Finance Africa (CAHF)

**10:30**

### Coffee & networking



**Time zone:**

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**11:00**

**Property valuation in rapidly evolving urban areas**

Join our industry expert as they unpack the complexities of property valuation in fast-growing urban regions. This presentation will highlight key challenges, emerging trends, and practical approaches to accurately assess value in dynamic and rapidly changing urban markets.

Speaker(s): Riaan Fourie, Director, Head of Valuation & Advisory at CBRE Africa

**11:30**

**The future of valuation in Africa**

This dynamic panel brings together leading professionals from across the continent to discuss and debate the key challenges shaping the future of property valuation in Africa.

Topics include:

- Harnessing data and technology in valuation practices
- The influence of ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) factors on property valuation
- Addressing urbanization and the complexities of valuing modern developments
- DEI initiatives and lack of diversity

Join us for a thought-provoking dialogue on the trends and innovations transforming the valuation profession.

Panellists:

Moses Lutalo CEO | Broll Uganda

Charles Golding, Senior Specialist Valuation & Investment Advisory at RICS

Dianne De Wet, Professional Valuer

Shadrack Mella, Head Valuation Advisory – Africa at AIRE | AI Real estate



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**12:30**

**Lunch & networking**

**13:30**

**Financing Africa: A case study in development success**

This session highlights a public-private sector collaboration that has driven the development of a thriving residential/commercial/infrastructure project. Through this case study, we'll explore the strategies, challenges, and key factors behind its success, offering valuable insights into financing transformative projects across the continent.

Speaker(s): Ivan Cornet, Managing Partner at Latitude Five

**14:00**

**The future of investment in Africa**

Join a panel of industry experts as they explore the evolving landscape of project financing across Africa. The discussion will cover diverse approaches to attracting capital, including foreign investment, public sector funding, and innovative alternative financing methods, offering insights into the opportunities and challenges shaping Africa's investment future.

**Panellists:**

Ivan Cornet, Managing Partner at Latitude | Five

Adeniyi Adeleye, Head, Real estate Finance (Africa) at Standard Bank Group

Gerhard Zeelie, Divisional Executive Property Finance Africa at Nedbank Limited

Deo Onyango, Senior Industry Specialist at Financial Institutions Group IFC

**15:15**

**Networking & coffee**



**Time zone:**

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**15:45**

**Harnessing Technology for urbanization: Building smarter cities**

This presentation delves into how technology serves as a transformative tool in shaping the future of urban development. Through real-world examples, we'll explore innovative strategies for integrating cutting-edge technologies into city planning processes, unlocking smarter, more sustainable, and efficient urban environments.

Speaker(s): Craig Clulow, CEO at Kigali Innovation City

**16:15**

**RICS Update**

RICS representative to join (virtually) and give update from RICS to members across the region.

Speaker(s): Mureen Ehrenberg FRICS, RICS Senior Vice President

**16:35**

**Chair's closing remarks**

**16:45**

**Cocktail reception & networking**

**17:00**

**WPN Closing remarks and thanks**

**17:10**

**RICS Closing remarks**

## Delivering confidence

We are RICS. As a member-led chartered professional body working in the public interest, we uphold the highest technical and ethical standards. We inspire professionalism, advance knowledge and support our members across global markets to make an effective contribution for the benefit of society. We independently regulate our members in the management of land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. Our work with others supports their professional practice and pioneers a natural and built environment that is sustainable, resilient and inclusive for all.

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