



**5th Annual National Postgraduate Student Conference
on Local Government & Urban Governance**

***Urban Inclusivity as a Complex Process: Reflections on South
African Cities Post-1994***

2 - 3 October 2024

Room K120 in Building F5 (Faculty of Law) on the Potchefstroom Campus of
the North-West University
*hybrid event

Conference registration on / before:

27 September 2024 @ <https://forms.office.com/r/NrHthX4r3f>

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 02 OCTOBER 2024

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09:00 – 9:05 Opening and house rules

Dr Fredua Agyemang

*Postdoctoral Fellow at the South African Research Chair Initiative:
Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability (CLES, NWU)*

09:05 – 9:20 Words of welcome

Prof Oliver Fuo (virtual)

*Interim Chairholder at the South African Research Chair Initiative:
Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability (CLES, NWU)*

09:20 – 09:40 Keynote address

**How can spatial planning be enhanced to effectively address
disaster risk reduction? A look at Gauteng cities**

Mr Tobela Michael Zenzele Twala

*Senior Advisor (Built Environment & Planning)
South African Local Government Association (SALGA)-Gauteng
Province Region*

09:40 – 10:30 DISCUSSION AND BREAK

SESSION I

Theme: Governance, participation, and inclusivity

Chair: Dr Fredua Agyemang

**10:30 – 10:45 The readiness of South African local government law and
policy for collaborative modes of municipal service delivery**

*Krisdan Bezuidenhout (virtual),
North-West University*

**10:20 – 10:35 Citizen engagement through Facebook during covid-19:
precepts for urban inclusivity in Musina local municipality**

*Stella Mangwaya (virtual),
University of Venda*

**10:35 – 10:50 Reimagining urban inclusivity: navigating complexity in
post-apartheid South Africa**

*Pikolomzi Qaba,
Durban University of Technology*

10:45 – 11:00 DISCUSSION

SESSION II

Theme: Water security and the city

Chair: Dr Lourens Erasmus

- 11:10 – 11:25** **The right to water and sanitation in post-apartheid South Africa**
Kafuoa Mosala,
North-West University
- 11:25 – 11:40** **Urban inclusivity and access to water – through a legal lens**
Meeschka Diedericks,
North-West University
- 11:40 – 11:55** **Municipal planning instruments for estuarine management**
Viandrie Robertson,
North-West University
- 11:55 – 12:10** **DISCUSSION**
- 12:10 – 13:15** **BREAK FOR LUNCH**

SESSION III

Theme: Climate change and disaster risk in cities

Chair: Ms Henrike Saunders

- 13:15 – 13:30** **Inclusive urban planning precepts for reducing human settlements vulnerability to flood risk in Deelpan South Africa**
Nompha Nethononda (virtual),
University of Venda
- 13:30 – 13:45** **Community disaster risk and climate resilience: implications for spatial planning, development, and implementation post-colonial era**
Natasha Mumba,
North-West University
- 13:45 – 14:00** **Redefining urban inclusivity through gender-sensitive disaster reduction in cities**
Nesia Chido Manguleni,
North-West University
- 14:00 – 14:15** **A legal analysis of climate change mitigation measures of South African cities in the energy efficiency sector**
Inocentia Mahlangu,
North-West University
- 14:15 – 14:35** **DISCUSSION**

END OF DAY 1

16:30 – 20:00 **Braai reception / Social gathering @ B14b**

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 03 OCTOBER 2024

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09:00 – 09:15 Introducing CLES*InPress* Newsletter

Meeschka Diedericks (Editor-in-Chief)

*PhD Researcher at the South African Research Chair Initiative:
Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability (CLES, NWU)*

SESSION I

Theme: Urban inclusivity: challenges and opportunities

Chair: Dr Wendy Muzangaza

09:15 – 09:30 The persistent legacy of colonial spatial planning in the post-apartheid city of Johannesburg

*Malaika Lesego Samora Mahlatsi (virtual),
University of Johannesburg / University of Bayreuth*

09:30 – 09:45 A right to the city for South African urban inclusivity

*Michaela O'Donoghue,
Stellenbosch University*

09:45 – 10:00 The impact of spatial planning policies on urban Inclusivity in Post-Apartheid South Africa

*Shumani Mutwanamba,
University of Venda*

10:00 – 10:15 The promotion of urban inclusivity in the post-apartheid cities' landscape in South Africa

*Englebert B.T Chikodza (virtual),
Stellenbosch University*

10:15 – 10:55 DISCUSSION AND BREAK

SESSION II

Theme: Case studies and best practices

Chair: Mr Cassius Latlhang (virtual)

10:55 – 11:10 Brownfields redevelopment in decaying inner cities: a case study of Port Elizabeth CBD

*Umpa Mphaphuli, Sijekula Mbanga and Purity Hamunakwadi
(virtual),
Nelson Mandela University*

11:10 – 11:25 The role of traditional leaders in land allocation: a case study of Mamahule

*Sedzani Gracious Tshikunde,
University of Venda*

- 11:25 – 11:40** **Mobilising NEETs to lead spatial change through transformative place-making: The tale of two South African townships**
*Nkosiyomozi Dassie,
North-West University*
- 11:40 – 11:55** **Delictual liability of South African municipalities in the execution of their developmental duties**
*Thato Mphahlele,
North-West University*
- 11:55 – 12:10** **A false dichotomy between expropriation of land and 'access to adequate housing': A case for land expropriation for the purpose of human settlement**
*Alfred Maropefela,
University of Cape Town*
- 12:10 – 12:35** **DISCUSSION**
- 12:35 – 12:45** **Award ceremony**
Ms Sibusisiwe Ndlela
Administrator at the South African Research Chair Initiative: Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability (CLES, NWU)
- 12:45 – 13:00** **Closing and word of thanks**
Dr Rumbidzai Wendy Muzangaza
Postdoctoral Fellow at the South African Research Chair Initiative: Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability (CLES, NWU)
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