

IIUD

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*The Institute for International Urban Development is committed to promoting sustainable urban and regional development through community-based planning initiatives and research. We operate at the policy, program and project levels with teams that include regional experts and members of our network of local affiliates.*

**NEWS FROM THE FIELD**

**May-July 2010**

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**Technical Assistance to Ladysmith/Emnambithi Local Municipality**

IIUD is continuing its technical assistance to the Ladysmith/Emnambithi Municipality in South Africa by preparing a regeneration plan for Ezakheni Township. In April, the IIUD/KV3 project team submitted an interim report to the Municipality, which focused on key planning issues and outlined the draft urban design framework for Ezakheni. Currently, we are developing proposed diagrams for the key development nodes in Ezakheni, schemes for the priority revitalization projects as well as finalizing the strategic regeneration plan.

Natalie Pohlman

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**State of the North African Cities**

In June 2010, Mona Serageldin, Frank Vigier and Kendra Leith completed the final drafts of the State of the North African Cities report and the Urban Land Market paper for UN-HABITAT. The reports will be presented as part of *The State of African Cities 2010: Governance, Inequality and the Economies of African Cities*.

Kendra Leith

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## Strategic Planning in Arusha, Tanzania

The IIUD staff continues to provide technical assistance to the Regional Commissioner and his Task Force in Arusha, Tanzania. Following up on the IIUD field work in 2009 and early 2010, Biorn Maybury-Lewis and Caroline Jordi recently revisited Arusha.

Biorn completed meetings with the remaining eight ward leadership teams during the week of June 7, 2010. He discussed with each the prospects and challenges for development in the region. It emerged that despite the important new university, public sector, and private sector construction and business initiatives underway (or about to be), many of Arusha's urban poor are still not benefiting. A consensus emerged that regional government and multi-lateral support for employment generation actions, particularly for small businesses, infrastructure improvements, health care clinics, the environment (improved trash collection, especially), as well as primary education would best serve the community's interest in the near term. Caroline documented land use in important development nodes and collected data on the new township boundaries and the new annexed municipal areas.

Based on this information and previously collected data, the IIUD staff is developing an action plan for the region. Mona Serageldin will travel to Arusha in late July to present the plan and discuss it with key stakeholders in the community.



Arusha's ubiquitous informal economy (left) and grinding poverty in its backstreets.



Two Maasai walk in front of a poster of President Obama.  
(photos: Biorn Maybury-Lewis, June 2010)

### **Technical Assistance to the Municipal Government of Mutare, Zimbabwe**

Working in tandem with KV3 Engineers from Pretoria, South Africa, the IIUD team is providing technical assistance to the Municipal Government of Mutare, Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe has been through two traumatizing civil wars, hyperinflation, economic collapse, and relatively recent “dollarization” of the economy. Medium- to large-scale industries have stopped operations and/or ceased investments because of the uneasy political climate and unreliable infrastructural services, particularly provision of electricity. Once being the breadbasket of southern Africa, Zimbabwe’s farm production has ground to a halt.

Mutare, located on Zimbabwe’s eastern frontier with Mozambique, is nevertheless poised to attempt a recovery. Biorn Maybury-Lewis—following up on Mona Serageldin’s visit to the area earlier this year—joined Senior KV3 Administrator and Engineer Richard Kruger as well as KV3 Environmental Officer François Humphries on a data gathering mission there in the week of June 1, 2010. The team met with municipal authorities and senior planners and organized focus group encounters with citizens and leaders of three of Mutare’s poorest urban neighborhoods: Sakubva, Dangamvura, and Hobhouse. The major challenges facing the community are unemployment and overcrowded housing, along with electrical, water, and sewerage infrastructural problems. Informants agreed that the top priority is employment generation through support of small businesses.

The immediate solution is the creation of places to work. Every neighborhood wants the municipal government to provide a marketplace with a roof and workspace floor, proper drainage, bathrooms, lighting, storage facilities, security, and regular waste removal. Within these new urban market/business spaces, small businesses and traders could then install themselves, hire, generate surpluses, and begin locally Zimbabwe’s recovery.



An irregular market and roadside stall (right): Mutare's citizens need organized marketplaces for small businesses.



Zimbabwe's future.  
(photos: Biorn Maybury-Lewis)

Biorn Maybury-Lewis

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**Institute/ICLRD Linkages with the Joint Center for Housing Studies continues in 2010**

John Driscoll was reappointed as an affiliate of the Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies for the academic year 2010. The Joint Center has been very supportive of our work in Ireland and has hosted academic exchanges with ICLR partners and co-sponsored events with the Institute. In 2009, the Institute and the Joint Center organized a seminar at the Graduate School of Design with Minister Conor Murphy of the Department of Regional Development in Northern Ireland.

John Driscoll

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**Connecting People and Opportunities: University of Hawaii---IIUD Board Member---IIUD Cambridge----ICLRD Armagh---Queen's University Belfast**

Janine Clifford, one of the first Board members of the Institute, lives and practices in Hawaii (<http://i2ud.org/Pages/clifford.html>). She is also teaching in the graduate program at the University Of Hawaii School of Architecture. One of Janine's students, Takara Tada, is a PhD candidate interested in studying conflict resolution and the capacity of the built environment to inform reconciliation efforts.

Around St Patrick's Day Janine was in touch with the Institute to ask if we could suggest an organization where Takara could undertake a semester long practicum. Through our ICLR D program and Irish activities, we were able to connect Takara to Karen Keaveney, a lecturer at Queens University in Belfast. Tarka now has a fall 2010 semester placement at the Institute of Spatial and Environmental Planning in the School of Planning, Architecture and Civil Engineering at Queen's University Belfast. The Belfast connection is very appropriate given that Tarka has selected three cities she wants to focus on in her research: Belfast, Beirut and Nicosia.

We very much appreciate Karen's assistance in finding a placement for Takara. In 2008, Karen was able to use her own research funding to come to Cambridge where we gave her a home base for three months to undertake research on US planning practices. We fondly refer to her as our first visiting scholar. Karen returned to the Institute in 2009 and continues to stay in touch and is actively involved in various ICLR D research and training initiatives.

John Driscoll

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**Summer Intern**

Janaki Kibe began her summer internship at IIUD in early June. Janaki is pursuing a master's in Urban Planning at the Harvard Graduate School of Design and has just completed her first year. Having grown up in Washington, D.C. and Istanbul, Turkey, she graduated from Harvard College in 2008 with a B.A. in Economics. Prior to her graduate studies, Janaki worked for Cambridge Associates in Boston. Her academic interests center on international development and affordable housing. At the Institute, Janaki is currently involved in mapping and urban design work for the regeneration strategy for Ezakheni Township, Ladysmith, South Africa.

Natalie Pohlman

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**New Co-op**

During the first week of July, Alison Prier, the new Northeastern University Co-op will begin her six month internship at IIUD. Alison is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and an interdisciplinary minor in Environmental Economics at Northeastern. Her interests focus on sustainable development in transportation and energy sectors in developing countries. Alison has recently returned from Ireland, where she served as a Parliamentary Intern and gained experience completing legislative research and composing legal briefs.

Kendra Leith

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## Development

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