

PROGRAMME



Africa Conference

Challenges in urbanisation

Wednesday, 18 June 2025

Sandton International Convention Centre,
161 Maude Street, Sandton

in collaboration with:





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.



Time zone:

SAST

8:30

Registration

9:30

Chair's opening remarks

Kura Chihota, Regional Property Consultant, eXp South Africa

9:40

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.

10:15

Urbanisation 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.

10:50

Coffee & networking

11:20

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.



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11:50

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; Influence of ESG factors on property valuation; Addressing urbanization and the complexities of valuing modern developments; and DEI initiatives and lack of diversity.

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

12:50

Lunch & networking

13:50

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.

14:25

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.

15:15

Networking & coffee



Time zone:

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15:45

Harnessing Technology for urbanisation: 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.

16:20

RICS Update

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

16:55

Chair's closing remarks

17:00

Networking and cocktail reception

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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