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SANORD - DDRN Events on Urban Environmental Management in Southern Africa December 5-7, 2007 – Cape Town, South Africa

1. Introduction

Increasing urban population and growing levels of industrialization have led to a series of environmental problems in many cities around the globe, including Southern Africa. The deterioration of the environment experienced in many urban spheres is among other things a consequence of insufficient strategic urban environmental framework and knowledge sharing. Effective urban environmental management (UEM) still meets many challenges, e.g. low level of government commitment to UEM policies and their enforcement; limited coordination and integration of UEM in research strategies; limited collaboration, data and knowledge sharing among different national agencies and bodies, lack of UEM training and staff with specialized skills.

Development and sharing of knowledge and engagement in research aimed at developing locally relevant responses to UEM challenges are crucial elements in addressing the problems and negative effects of environmental degradation on poor urban communities. To promote a constructive dialogue on ongoing research, knowledge needs and new initiatives aimed at improving current UEM practices, the Danish Development Research Network is organising two events on UEM knowledge and research for development to be held in South Africa in December 2007. Both events are linked to the [First Annual SANORD Centre Conference: Higher Education, Research and Development: Shifting Challenges and Opportunities](#). The conference aims to strengthen and demonstrate the success of existing networks between institutions in the North and South and create a space for North and South to network and further intensify current relationships and establish new ones. The conference thus provides an ideal setting for exchange of ideas and experiences on UEM in a North/South perspective.

Event I: DDRN Pre-Conference Workshop on UEM research and knowledge for development in South Africa

The main purpose of organising the DDRN pre-conference workshop on UEM is to enable researchers and other key stakeholders within the field of UEM from Denmark and South Africa to meet and present their research ideas, collaboration and knowledge needs to each other. The pre-conference workshop has the following specific objectives:

- To provide a platform for exchange of knowledge and research between Danish and South African researchers, and between researchers and other stakeholders within UEM.
- To provide an overview of results, gaps and competences in recent development research collaboration projects on UEM in Southern Africa with Danish involvement
- To identify the knowledge needs of Danish development programmes on UEM in Southern Africa
- To map existing mechanisms and opportunities for funding N/S research collaboration on UEM
- To discuss other possible strategies for strengthening future partnerships and collaboration activities

What is in the UEM workshop for YOU?

By the end of the workshop the participants are expected to:

- be better informed about research and competences on UEM in Southern Africa and Denmark
- have acquired new insights of the knowledge gaps in development programmes and strategies on UEM in South Africa
- be equipped with information on funding sources for N/S collaboration projects
- have shared ideas on future collaboration and established new links & contacts

Event II: SANORD Symposium on Urban Environmental Management

The symposium at the SANORD Conference aims to identify and discuss challenges and opportunities in development oriented N/S research collaboration within UEM, and to create a space for North and South to network and further develop current relationships and establish new ones. The symposium has the following specific objectives:

- To present 2-4 N/S research collaboration projects, which address knowledge needs and problems of relevance to South African national policies and plans for UEM, and for Danish assistance to UEM in Southern Africa
- To highlight key strengths and challenges of existing partnerships and discuss the possibilities of building upon existing UEM related initiatives and networks in Southern Africa and Scandinavia, and hereby contributing to development of a strategic approach for N/S research collaboration within UEM
- To inform about the activities and benefits of joining DDRN

What is in the UEM symposium for YOU?

By the end of the workshop the participants are expected to:

- have acquired new knowledge about ongoing N/S research collaboration projects, networks and development programmes on UEM in Southern Africa
- be well informed about the key issues addressed, the collaboration opportunities offered and the challenges faced within SANORD
- have established new links and contacts and shared ideas for future collaboration and coordination

Two DDRN documents (in drafts) will be briefly presented at both events: 1) An UEM competence catalogue including the individual profiles of UEM experts, and 2) an analytical overview of results and other relevant information from ongoing research collaboration projects with Danish involvement. The documents will be circulated at both DDRN events and will be completed after the conference with possibility of including input from more researchers and other key actors within UEM attending the pre-conference workshop and/or the SANORD symposium.

Draft programme

DDRN Pre-Conference Workshop on UEM research and knowledge for development in Southern Africa Wednesday, December 5, 2007, 8.30-16.00, University of Cape Town

8.30-9.00	Registration Welcome and introduction, including brief presentation of DDRN Outline of objectives and programme, <i>by Anne Sørensen, DDRN</i>
Session 1: Ongoing N/S research and competences within UEM	
9.00-10.00	Presentation of report on DK/SA research collaboration projects on UEM and competence profile on UEM – results, key issues, gaps and perspectives in future research collaboration, <i>by Hans Hessel-Andersen, UEM consultant</i> "Cross-sector collaboration in integrated development planning in South African cities" <i>by Ralph Hamann, University of Cape Town</i> "Participation, collaboration and consensus decision-making among stakeholders in research", <i>by Kevin Winter, University of Cape Town</i>
10.00-10.30	Break
Session 2: Knowledge interests/needs	
10.30-13.00	Knowledge needs of Danish development programmes on UEM in SA and Mozambique, and other stakeholders, <i>by UEM-SA programme, UEM-Mozambique programme (to be confirmed)</i> Group discussions on areas of common interest (open space or café groups)
13.00-14.00	Lunch
Session 3: Funding and future strategies	
14.00-14.30	Funding mechanisms and opportunities for financing North-South partnership projects. Funding opportunities in Southern Africa and Denmark. <i>By, DDRN</i>
14.30-15.30	Discussion on future strategies for strengthening partnerships and collaboration activities within UEM
15.30-16.00	Conclusion and way forward

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SANORD Symposium on Urban Environmental Management SANORD conference session 3: Urban Environmental Management December 6, 2007, 14-17, University of Western Cape	
14.00-14.30	<p>Welcome, introduction (including brief presentaiotn of DDRN) and outline of objectives of session , <i>by Anne Sorensen/Marianne Forti, DDRN</i></p> <p>Brief presentation of results from pre-conference workshop on UEM research and knowledge for development in SA, held on December 5, 2007, <i>by DDRN</i></p>
14.30-16.00	<p>South-North collaboration - key issues, experiences and opportunities:</p> <p>"Key issues in UEM – Presentation of review findings of relevance to UEM research in Southern Africa", <i>by Joergen Eskemose, Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, School of Architecture, Department of Human Settlements (DHS)</i></p> <p>"Housing, health and the environment in the Msunduzi Municipality", <i>by Robert Fincham, Centre for Environment, Agriculture and Development (CEAD), University of KwaZulu Natal</i></p> <p>"ENERKEY as a key element of sustainable megacities and sustainable N/S partnerships", <i>by Harold Annegarn, Environmental Management and Energy Studies, University of Johannesburg</i></p> <p>"Capacity development and knowledge sharing in UEM", <i>by Peter Vangsbo Madsen, National Environmental Research Institute, Denmark, and Roseanne Diab, School of Environmental Sciences, University of KwaZulu-Natal</i></p>
16.00-17.00	<p>Discussion of potentials, key strenghts and challenges of partnerships and networks, and identification of key areas where further research is needed, hereby contributing to development of a strategic approach for research collaboration between Southern Africa and Scandinavia within UEM</p>
SANORD conference session 7: Urban Environmental Management December 7, 2007, 11.30-13	
11.30-13.00	<p>Main conclusions and way forward</p>

Contacts and registration:

To attend the DDRN events, please register with Marianne Forti at maf@ddrn.dk before November 25, 2007. See registration form attached. Participation is free of charge.

If you have any questions regarding the events, please contact Anne Sørensen at ams@ddrn.dk or Marianne Forti, maf@ddrn.dk.

For information on the SANORD conference, please visit the [SANORD website \(www.sanord.org\)](http://www.sanord.org) and/or contact the SANORD coordinator Leolyn Jackson at ljackson@uwc.ac.za. Please note that the registration fee for the SANORD conference amounts to R 3.000 but a rebate of R 1.500 is given to students and may also be granted to participants whose institutions do not provide of funds to cover the fee.