

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING IN AFRICAN CITIES: EXPLORING THEORIES, POLICIES AND PRACTICES FROM SIERRA LEONE

WEEK 1 Introduction to development and planning

STEP 1.14 Taking learning further (DISCUSSION)

This week we have reflected upon the key concepts of development and planning, and explored the evolution of urban planning and growth in Africa and Freetown. We have then introduced two analytical lenses to explore the city: spatial injustice and social diversity.

To conclude the week, we would like you to think about an example from a city you know about that demonstrates the importance of either spatial justice or diversity or both. Please post your comment below and make sure you read and engage with other participants' contributions.

Going deeper

If you want to learn more, we suggest this chapter written by the Lead Educators and their colleagues on the management and planning of African Cities.

Rigon, Andrea, Joseph M. Macarthy, Braima Koroma and Alexandre Apsan Frediani (2018), "[The politics of urban management and planning in African cities](#)" in Eds Tony Binns, Kenneth Lynch and Etienne Nel, The Routledge Handbook of African Development, pp. 415-425, Routledge, New York.

Next week

We will learn about urban land and informalities, discussing the challenges of accessing land and the problems with definitions of formal and informal. We will highlight the contribution of residents of informal settlements to the wellbeing of the city.

It is possible that you don't know Freetown well. Do you want to travel for one minute through the western part of Freetown, inside a Keke, a popular mode of transport in the city? If so, watch this video:

<https://youtu.be/dBckKdtyvE0>

This is an additional video, hosted on YouTube.

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