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MAKING URBAN LAND MARKETS WORK FOR THE POOR

Launch of training materials

One of Urban LandMark's themes, professional development, aims to ensure that relevant outputs from research and projects are made available for inclusion in the teachings of academics, experts, teachers et al. The focus in this theme area is therefore on the development of teaching learning material from selected Urban LandMark research reports and projects.

Teaching learning materials and case studies produced to date are listed below. They are approximately 10 pages in length, each case study provides a summary, but also detailed information on issues covered in the research reports. The Case studies will be available for download from the 22nd April 2010.

1. **Voices of the poor: Access to urban land: A case study**
   In 2007 Urban LandMark undertook a series of consultations as part of the Voices of the Poor project. Four workshops, attended mostly by civil society organisations and non-governmental organisations, were conducted. This case study presents the perspectives and experiences of these organisations with regard to access to urban land by the poor, as derived from the consultations.

2. **Co-existing urban land-use management practices**
   The case study is based on findings from a research study that investigated 'land biographies' in three areas in Gauteng, namely Thokoza, Doornfontein and Diepkloof. It draws on research that investigated how urban land is claimed, used or divided and the various land-use management (LUM) practices that exist around these various and sometimes competing land uses.

3. **Urban land development in practice: Developers and municipalities share experiences**
   This case study draws on research that sought to understand the process of urban land development in practice, from the perspectives of developers and municipalities.

4. **Land governance and its influence on access to urban land**
   Based on research undertaken into the experiences of a poor community attempting to access land through formal channels in peri-urban South Africa, the case study analyses the difficulties the community experienced in the process.

5. **Informal urban land markets and the poor**
   The case study is based on findings from research that investigated the extra-legal ways in which poor people access, trade and hold urban land.

6. **Informal land registration in urban areas**
   This case study examines specific examples of localised and informal land registration practices.

7. **Access to land in poorer parts of towns and cities**
   Based on research that investigated the extra-legal ways in which poor people access, trade and hold urban land, this research included in-depth interviews with 74 households in nine settlements in three South African metropolitan areas (Cape Town in the Western Cape, Ekurhuleni in Gauteng, and eThekwini in KwaZulu-Natal).

The Urban Land Markets Programme (Urban LandMark) is a think tank dedicated to making urban land markets work better for poor people. We aim to influence policies and practice in southern Africa by investigating and promoting sustainable ways to access affordable urban land.
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