

## Urban Sustainability in Africa: Circular and Resilient Cities

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The planet Earth is facing a climate emergency. Economic and population growth are the most relevant drivers of increases in CO2 emission from fossil fuel combustion. Notably, cities produce 50% of global waste and 60-80% of GHG emissions. Meanwhile, population is expected to increase by 2 billion people in the next 30 years, the Sub-Saharan African region is projected to double the population by 2050. African cities are suffering a bold development most often without the benefit of policies or investments able to meet these challenges. This is the time to intervene in order to enhance administration and liveability of urban agglomerations. This meeting wants to quest if there is space for concepts as circularity and resilience in African cities. Those two concepts were born in Europe, but today lower and middle-income economies are more 'circular' and 'resilient' than their counterparts in high-income countries, and a shift towards a sustainable living might be more intuitive and immediate.

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Closing remarks: **Eugenio Morello**, Polimi

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