

Section: Our Projects

Sub Section: Urban Land

Title: Towards Inclusive Cities

Source: UL Team / Practice Brief

**Resources/product name (title):** Towards Inclusive Cities: community-based planning for informal settlement upgrading (2014)

**Description:** This practice brief argues that inclusive cities can only be built through processes that draw on the experiences and expertise of local communities. It shows that community-based planning offers key principles and methods that are useful for formulating upgrading interventions that are grounded in community participation and that promote the co-construction of inclusive, just and sustainable urban living environments. While the approach is not without its limits, it offers strategies for ensuring that development processes are not imposed, but rather made through collaboration between various stakeholders. Such strategies hold immense potential in the South African context, where transformation can come only when residents are included in the process of city-making.

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