AFRICAN CITIES
Finding solutions to the Development “Conundrum”

This event marks the launch of International Development Policy (DevPol) journal’s latest issue: “African Cities and the Development Conundrum”.

Africa is urbanising faster than any other region on the planet, challenging its long-held rural image. The diversity and complexity of African cities contest conventional understandings of the urban as well as standard development policy responses. What governance and policy measures are needed to ensure a sustainable future for African cities for all stakeholders?

9:00 Welcome and Introduction
UGO PANIZZA, Editor in Chief, International Development Policy
CAROLE AMMANN, Guest Editor, African Cities Thematic Issue

9:10 Panel 1 – The Rural vs. Urban Conundrum
What governance arrangements can be made to address the gravitation to urban centres, the development of industry, and the preservation of local cultures and peoples?

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Moderator
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9:50 Break

10:00 Panel 2 – Governing Urbanisation
Finding the right mix for Africa’s diverse urban landscape to ensure sustainable development in policy and planning is vital. How do we go about it when so many actors are involved and so much is at stake?

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10:40 Commentary
NICOLAS KERGUELEN, Service de la Solidarité Internationale (SSI), Geneva

10:50 Q&A
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TILL FÖRSTER, Guest Editor, African Cities Thematic Issue

11:20 Conclusion
UGO PANIZZA, Editor in Chief, International Development Policy