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Maison de la paix, Auditorium B, chemin Eugène-Rigot 2, 1202 Geneva

## 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?

Authors  
KAREN BÜSCHER, University of Ghent  
SEBASTIAN PROTHMANN, Dakar, Senegal  
FLORIAN STOLL, University of Bayreuth, Germany  
Moderator  
FILIPE CALVÃO, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

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?

Authors  
CLAUDIA BAEZ-CAMARGO, Basel Institute on Governance  
LUCY KOECHLIN, University of Basel  
GEORGE OWUSU, University of Ghana  
Moderator  
DENNIS RODGERS, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

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

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

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

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