

Workshop

Transport and Urban Development: Urban Station Communities - Challenges and Opportunities

BACKGROUND

Urban Stations Communities (USC) is a knowledge process initiated in GOLIP 2013 in which the participating agents initiate various projects and co-creative activities. In line with the idea behind Mistra Urban Futures, our work has co-creation as its starting-point. Projects and activities are conducted as cross-boundary and transdisciplinary initiatives. They involve different public organisations and provide an interface between professional practice and various research disciplines. Currently, the following agents are involved in the overall knowledge process: The Gothenburg Region Association of Local Authorities, The VGR county administrative board, the Swedish Transport Administration, The Region Västra Götaland (VGR), eleven municipalities as well various research organisations as CTH, GU, KTH and LTU.

In the USC knowledge process the focus is on the interface between urban/community planning and transport planning/mobility aiming at sustainable cities, towns and other population centres by developing green, fair and accessible areas connected to train and bus stations. The need for support from researchers and experts can vary between participating agents but a common denominator is co-creation and the ambition to contribute to smoothly functioning dialogue among the participating stakeholders

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The overall aim of the workshop is to initiate a discussion of future collaboration between researchers and practitioners within all platforms and other external stakeholders with regard to co-creative planning and design of fair, green and accessible urban station communities.

Purpose

The specific purpose of this workshop is to take the discussion and R&D related to co-creation in Urban Railway Station Communities a step further, mainly using practice-oriented research and development studies in Sweden (GOLIP) and Kenya (KLIP) as a starting-point. Some of the tools presented in the Mistra Urban Futures newly published report “Co-creation in urban stations

communities” (www.mistraurbanfutures/urban station communities) and the article “Tools for co-creative planning processes (www.mistraurbanfutures.se see [urban](http://www.sklinternational.se) stations communities.) as well as in the SymbioCity Approach conceptual framework (www.sklinternational.se) will be tested in the workshop. Co-creative methods and tools will be applied in small scale in order to define key issues and future options for the development of urban station communities in a fair, green and accessible way. The urban station community related to the Kisumu station will be used as a case in the workshop in order to make the discussion relevant for the African context but at the same time with the ambition to achieve an understanding of common denominators and differences between all platforms in Mistra Urban Futures.

SCHEDULE AND STRUCTURE

Possible schedule for the seminar/workshop

Part 1: Presentation of the USC knowledge process in GOLIP and challenges for planning and design of fair, green and accessible station communities in Kenya/Kisumu

Overall presentation of the urban station communities knowledge process and some results from practice-oriented R&D and co-creation based on the Mistra Urban Futures report 2017:2, Co-creation in urban station communities

Senior Professor Ulf Ranhagen, GOLIP 13 10 – 13 25

Social, spatial and institutional challenges in the planning of urban station communities in Kenya, specifically Kisumu station

Professor Georg Mark Onyango, Maseno University KLIP 13 25 – 13 45

Round-table 1: Regional and local key issues for spatial planning of fair, green and accessible urban station communities in Kisumu using the information from introductions as well as experiences from the participants

13 45– 14 30, presentations 14 30 – 14 55

Structured brainstorming exercise, individual reflections, clustering of individual reflections, prioritization and selection of TOP-FIVE key issues. Mixed groups with representatives from all platforms but if possible also for other delegates.

Introduction of methodology for back-casting and scenario development

Professor Ulf Ranhagen 14 55 – 15 10

Health break 15 10 – 15 40

Round-table 2: Development and evaluation of regional and local scenarios for Kisumu station using scenario-matrix and a simplified MCA as tool. The case of Kisumu is prepared so the

groups can work on basic maps of the location of the station and with evaluation of different alternatives (scenarios). The top five key issues may be used as evaluation criteria but it is also possible to use politically decided or discussed local conditions for the urban station development as a base.

15 40 – 17 00 presentations 17 00 – 17 20

Wrap-up and final reflections 17 20 – 17 40

Conclusions will be drawn from the workshop as a whole. Possible issues to bring to the table:

- Lessons-learned from this small scale co-creative process?
- How can our experiences be utilized in the further collaboration – comparative study, further activities for co-creation and co-production etc?
- What is a possible future step for R& D and collaboration between Mistra Urban Futures Platforms in a short-term, medium-term and long-term perspective?

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

Representatives from all platforms who has a R&D and professional interest in and commitment to co-creation as a core activity for involving stakeholders in a triple helix collaboration aiming at integrated land-use and transportation planning of fair, green and accessible cities, towns and other population centres. In order to make the workshop function well we would like to get at least 15-20 participants organized in 4 working groups, two with a regional focus and two with a local focus (teams).

Connected to SDG: 7, 9, 11

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