

**EQUITY
& GROWTH:
IN LIGHT OF THE
CLIMATE CRISIS**

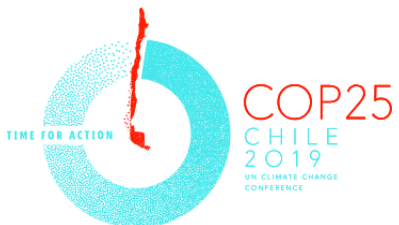
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**ENGAGING RESEARCH IN POLICY
MAKING**

CITIES ALIANCE JWP-Program
IN COOPERATION
NAERUS, REDEUS LAC AND AURI

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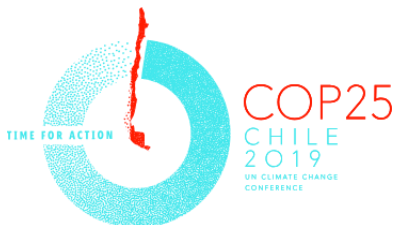
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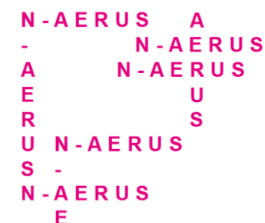
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Equity, Services and Economic Development in Cities of the Global South: Engaging Research in Policy Making

Cities are often considered “**engines of economic growth,**” yet many **cities struggle** to increase productivity and provide significant **economic opportunities** to their growing populations.

Access to public goods and services benefits the poor and strengthens growth and productivity. However, there is a need for more knowledge on the links between public goods and services and **equitable economic growth** and **how to support** such processes locally and globally.



Equity, Services and Economic Development in Cities of the Global South: Engaging Research in Policy Making

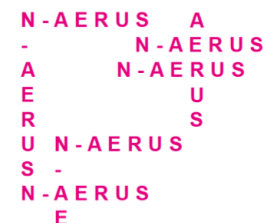
Against this background....

New Cities Alliance grant: “Equity, Services and Economic Development in Cities of the Global South: Engaging Research in Policy Making,” part of Cities Alliance Joint Work Programme (JWP) Equitable Economic Growth Cities Campaign initiative.

Aims to develop critical reflections and reviews on:

The linkages between public goods and services and more equitable economic developments in cities of the Global South

Enhance INTERDISCIPLINARY AND LOCAL KNOWLEDGE with the Network Association of European Researchers on Urbanization in the South (**N-AERUS**) from Europe, the African Urban Research Initiative (**AURI**) from Africa and the Network of Sustainable Urban Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (**REDEUS_LAC**).



'Engaging research with policy making'

Objectives:
Identify knowledge gaps and provide policy recommendations

Design possible research-policy interfaces

Research networks unite different regions and stakeholders, which will in turn, through local partners, encourage new knowledge frameworks

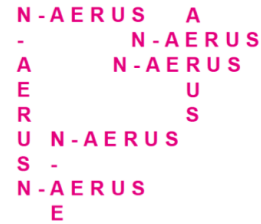
Actors need further clarification in order to achieve more inclusive and sustainable urban development (Jakobsen, Verschuere et al., 2012; Osborne & Strokosh, 2013).



Knowledge:
Co-production of knowledge and resources by local and international networks need to be enhanced to understand complex urban problems
Co-production described as collaborative learning process (Watson, 2014)
Knowledge originate from a broad local, national or international actor network. Co-production contributes significantly to the change of competence models in urban development projects (Watson, 2014)



Modus operandi Networks:
The project will produce reflection papers, webinar series and reports on policy recommendations, knowledge gaps and further areas of required research.



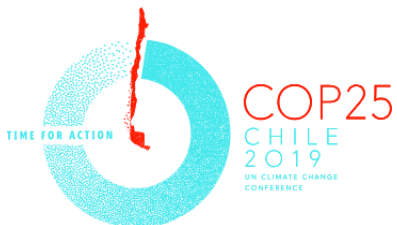
N-AERUS – NETWORK PRESENTATION

* **WHAT IS IT ?** a pluri-disciplinary network of researchers and experts working on urban issues in developing countries, created in March 1996 by a group of European researchers....and counting over 500 members today.

** **OBJECTIVES:** to mobilise and develop the European institutional and individual research and training capacities on urban issues in the South

...with the support of institutions and individual researchers with relevant experience in this field N-AERUS will work in association with researchers and institutions in developing countries.

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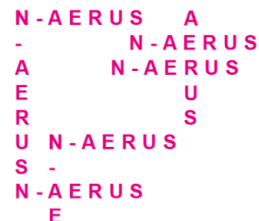
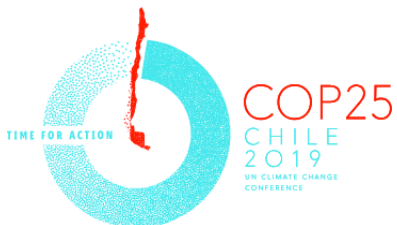
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NETWORK PRESENTATION FOR JWP

About the Networks collaborating with N-AERUS

AURI was initiated in 2013 with the aim to generate research in African cities and regions, to share resources, methodological approaches and to facilitate information by sharing among city labs. It serves as a point of dialogue between African researchers based at universities, think tanks, and NGOs across the continent.

REDEUS-LAC was initiated in 2016. Today the network has more than one hundred registered members mainly from Latin America, but also from other areas of the world. Its work emphasizes three key issues identified in LAC for the implementation of the NUA: (a) integral neighborhoods; (b) critical resources as water and energy, city's responsiveness, integration from emergency to reconstruction); and (c) governance and participation.



POLICY & RESEARCH INTERFACE: BACKGROUND

- * **The sovereignty of a city is not with the municipal government alone**, but equally determined by the diverse institutions and groups that hold a stake in it. The responsibility for urban development is a collective one and relationships need to be driven by mutual accountability.
- * **Local structures and institutional frameworks** affect the relations amongst actors such as politicians and bureaucrats ...
- * More locally adapted aims need to address:
 - * Adaptive systems
 - * Connection, synergies, efficiency
 - * Balancing and managing urbanisms
 - *Enhance evidence based policy-making

POLICY & RESEARCH INTERFACE: BACKGROUND

Understanding within the context of state-society relations

Shifting government attitudes to citizen and science (Citizen Science) as basis for varying policies

Much state-led activity aiming to 'formalise' cooperation with different actors for understanding background, actions and possible impact

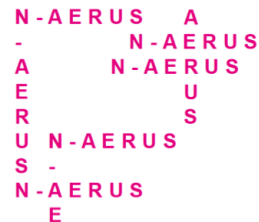
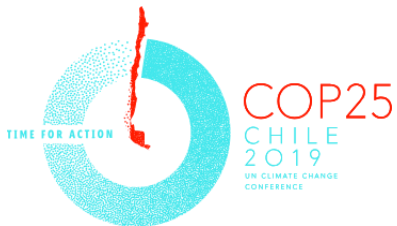
Calls for better informed policy-makers in order to design appropriate policies

Building on the interface towards co-production

'Institutionalised co-production' is an alternative to conventional approaches in urban services delivery – idea from 1970s that has been revived, with increasing investigation of the many forms it can assume;

Interdisciplinary knowledge production between different actors:

Based on undefined, informal & continuously negotiated relationship between state & citizens; Power over resources shared between state and groups of citizens.



URBAN TRANSFORMATIONS

- * **Urban transformations are a result of negotiations between different actors that balance public and private interests**
- * **Urban governance** requires the skills to engage multiple stakeholders to come forward with plans and ideas that a coalition of stakeholders is ready to accept and implement development programs. This goes beyond a formalized participatory process and implies to share and further develop decision making skills among all actors.
- * **“Social over economics”, setting new/ balancing priorities of political over institutional interests**

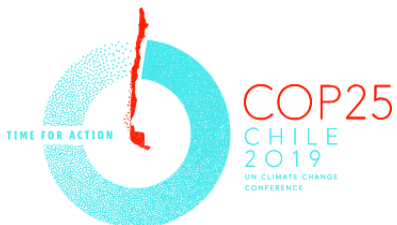
KEY ISSUES – WHAT POLICIES DO WE NEED

Tackle challenges of climate change/crisis:

Intelligent use of technological means for analysis, interpretation, monitoring and learning (including combination of subjective and objective views in quality analysis)

Apply new urban agenda with the prongs of planning design to housing and planning, legislation and finance/ economy, but include governance to the legislation prong.

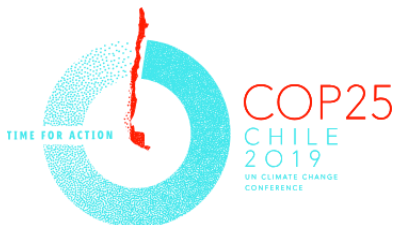
Systematic Policies, that acknowledge the complexity of urbanization and do not apply tools within silo-thinking



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KEY ISSUES – NEED AND NEED TO DO

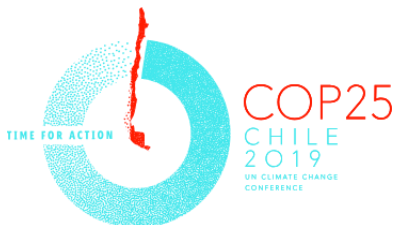
- **Strengthen and support the capacity building role** of universities as complex and large scale urbanisation brings along need for qualified experts
- Engage in **cross-sectoral partnership and knowledge hubs** develop Curriculum that are practice oriented and co-developed (as structure and as process)
- Encourage development of **skills-sets of transferring academic knowledge to practice** e.g. amend indicators impacting on how research relevance and impact is measured and **research demands of other sectors** (international organization and civil society)



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KEY ISSUES – NEED AND NEED TO DO

- Nurture access of researchers to **case studies and pilot schemes** (integration of information rather than accumulation and multiplication of databases)
- Continue to promote the understanding of **various themes reflecting all branches of science** (don't concentrate on natural sciences, technology and engineering only)
- Question power relations and actively pursue integration of marginalized **groups**



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NEXT EVENT: WEBINAR

Climate Policy for All Equity and Growth in Light of the Climate Crisis

Join the
WEBINAR

Join our experts

Nicola Borregaard
Luis Eduardo Bresciani, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
Eduardo Noboa, GIZ Ecuador
Cities Alliance

17.12. - 16.00 CET
Webinar Climate
Policy for All

webinar topic

Effective climate policy requires a rapid increase in monetary, political and civil investments and coordination at all levels of decision-making. At the same time, responses to climate change have to address the uneven impact of the crisis on vulnerable populations and the corresponding social challenges. How can the policy making that is required to address the climate crisis be made compatible with demands for increased economic justice and social equity? What strategies exist to include or exclude those vulnerable populations most immediately at risk from climate

crises into the development and implementation of climate policy?

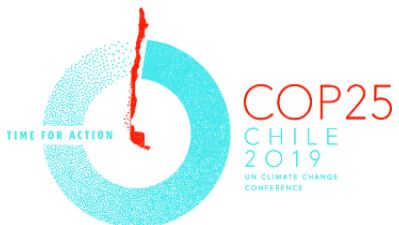
We invite you to join us on a webinar to discuss these questions with experts on climate change policy and ongoing struggles for social justice in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean. We bring together regional research on the implementation of global agendas, equitable economic development practices and responses to climate challenges in the region. The webinar also gives an opportunity to reflect on discussions from the COP25 and to highlight cases where a focus on equitable economic development is being integrated into global climate policy making - and where it is not.

webinar series

This webinar is one of a five-part series to evaluate, contextualize and operationalize existing research by Cities Alliance on equitable economic growth in cities of the Global South. Three research networks, working in Europe, Africa and LAC, collaborate to identify common problems cities face in pursuing social equity and economic growth, to share tested strategies for integrating policy making and research, and to disseminate these strategies to broader urban contexts. By targeting a global audience, we can share experience both within and beyond the regional focus of each webinar.

For more information on the project, please go to:

<https://www.citiesalliance.org/newsroom/news/cities-alliance-news/cities-alliance-announces-grant-to-berlin-equity-services-and-growth>



TIME FOR ACTION

COP25
CHILE
2019
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This Webinar is part of the partnership between Cities Alliance and The Regional Networks Naenus, Auri and Redeus

NEXT EVENT: WEBINAR

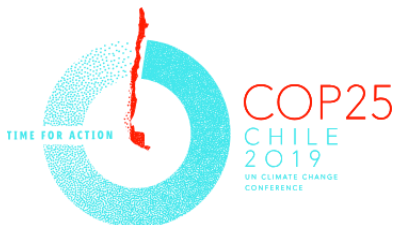
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General Questions

How to understand experiences and the challenges of keeping social equity in mind when making climate policy?

How can/does existing climate policy include/exclude vulnerable populations most immediately at risk from natural disasters and climate crises and without the necessary means to respond?

- * Understand the role of social and economic inequalities within the climate crisis
- * Reflect on policy making for climate crisis made compatible with demands for increased economic justice and social equity



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