

# Uganda - Kampala

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# Aims of the workshop

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Relationships between poverty, mobility and access to services in Kampala

How transport is currently organised and governed within the City?

How could transport planning and policies be improved to meet the needs of disadvantaged groups?

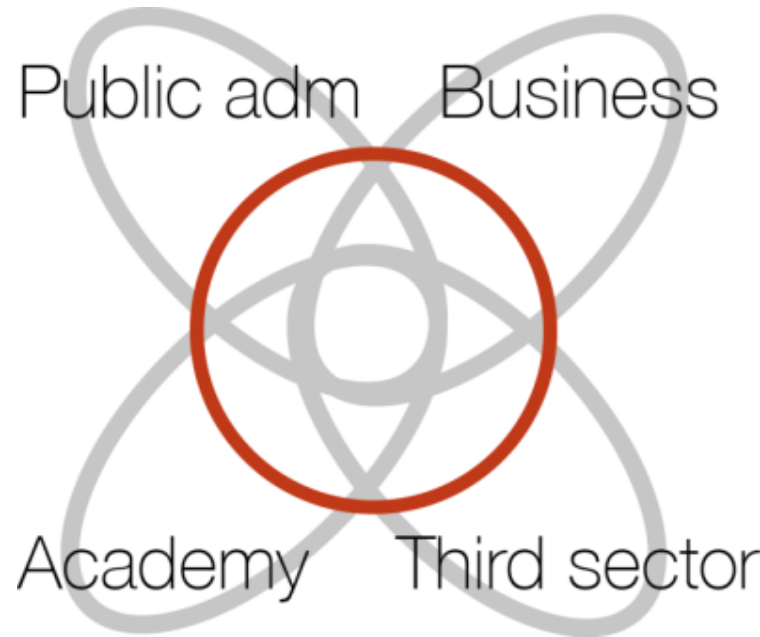
What new collaborations, governance and capability are needed to enhance access to sustainable mobility in Kampala?

What are the evidence and research gaps for promoting pro-poor transport strategies at the local and national level?

What are the key lessons and new understandings to take forward informal/formal governance arrangements for pro-poor transport in Kampala and other Ugandan cities?

# Who took part?

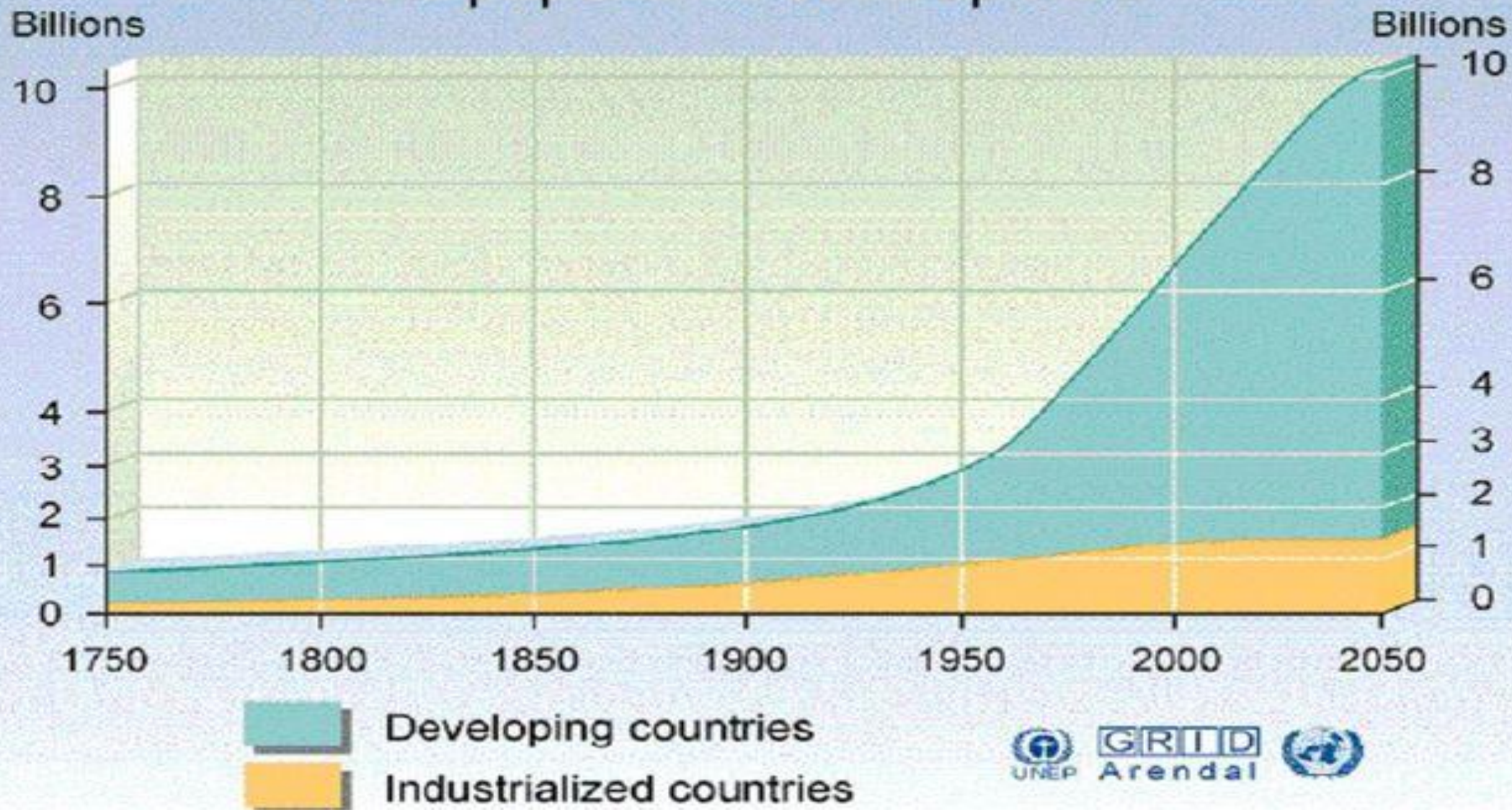
- Michael Wilkerson, CEO of Tugende
- Samuel Mabala, Commissioner for the Department of Human Settlements
- Enos Baluku, Transport Planner at the Ministry of Works and Transport
- Shuaib Lwasa, Associate Professor at Makerere University



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- Frances Birungi, Director of Programme for UCOBAC
- Gerald, from the Ministry of Works and Transport



# World population development



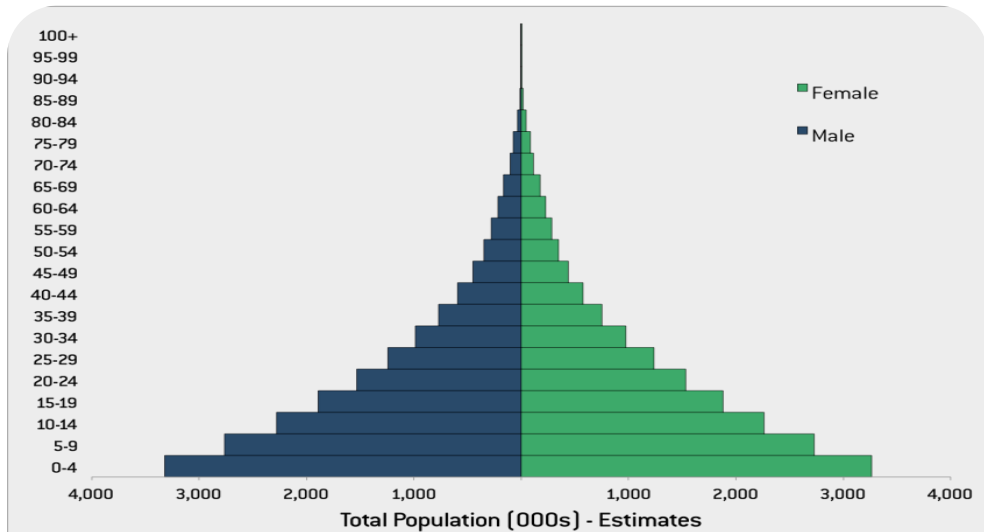
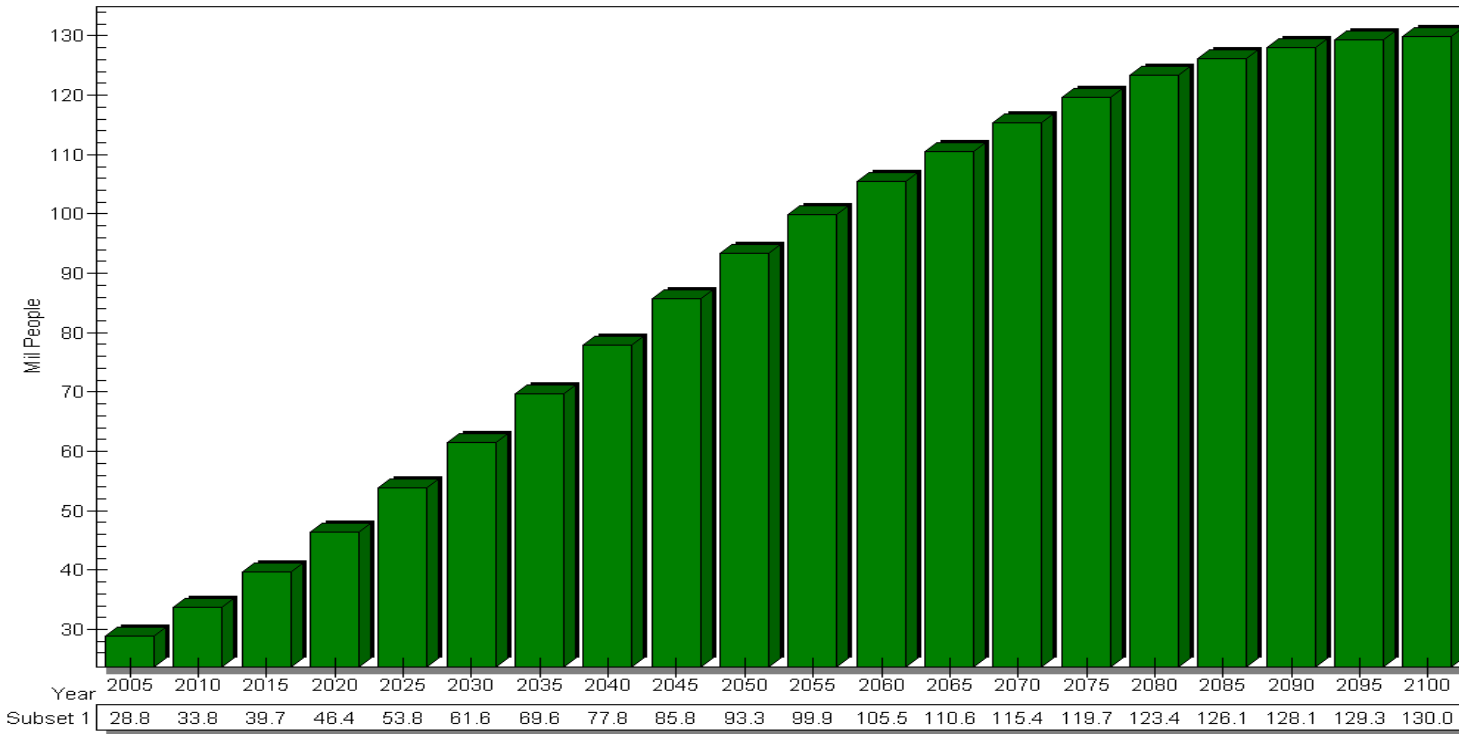
- 95% of the build out of humanity will occur in the urban areas of developing countries.
- These areas will drastically change and their population will double in size in the next generation

| 2100          |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| City          | Pop. (millions) |
| Lagos         | 88.345          |
| Kinshasa      | 83.494          |
| Dar es Salaam | 73.678          |
| Mumbai        | 67.240          |
| Delhi         | 57.334          |
| Khartoum      | 56.594          |
| Niamey        | 56.149          |
| Dhaka         | 54.250          |
| Kolkata       | 52.395          |
| Kabul         | 50.270          |
| Karachi       | 49.056          |
| Nairobi       | 46.661          |
| Lilongwe      | 41.379          |
| Blantyre      | 40.911          |
| Cairo         | 40.543          |
| Kampala       | 40.136          |
| Manila        | 39.959          |
| Lusaka        | 37.741          |
| Mogadishu     | 36.372          |
| Addis Ababa   | 35.820          |
| Baghdad       | 34.103          |
| New York      | 30.193          |
| N'djamena     | 28.815          |
| Kano          | 28.277          |
| Sana'a        | 27.213          |
| Lahore        | 27.006          |
| Chennai       | 25.813          |
| Tokyo         | 25.631          |
| Bangalore     | 24.768          |
| Ibadan        | 23.680          |
| Luanda        | 23.551          |
| Hyderabad     | 23.170          |
| Bamako        | 22.951          |

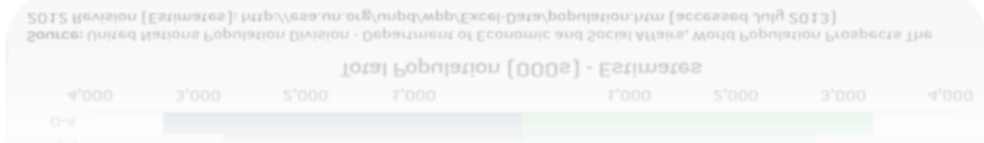
# Uganda – fastest growing population?

**Uganda, Projected Population: 2005-2100**

Source: International Futures, 2010



Source: United Nations Population Division - Department of Economic and Social Affairs, World Population Prospects The 2012 Revision (Estimates): <http://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/Excel-Data/population.htm> [accessed July 2013]













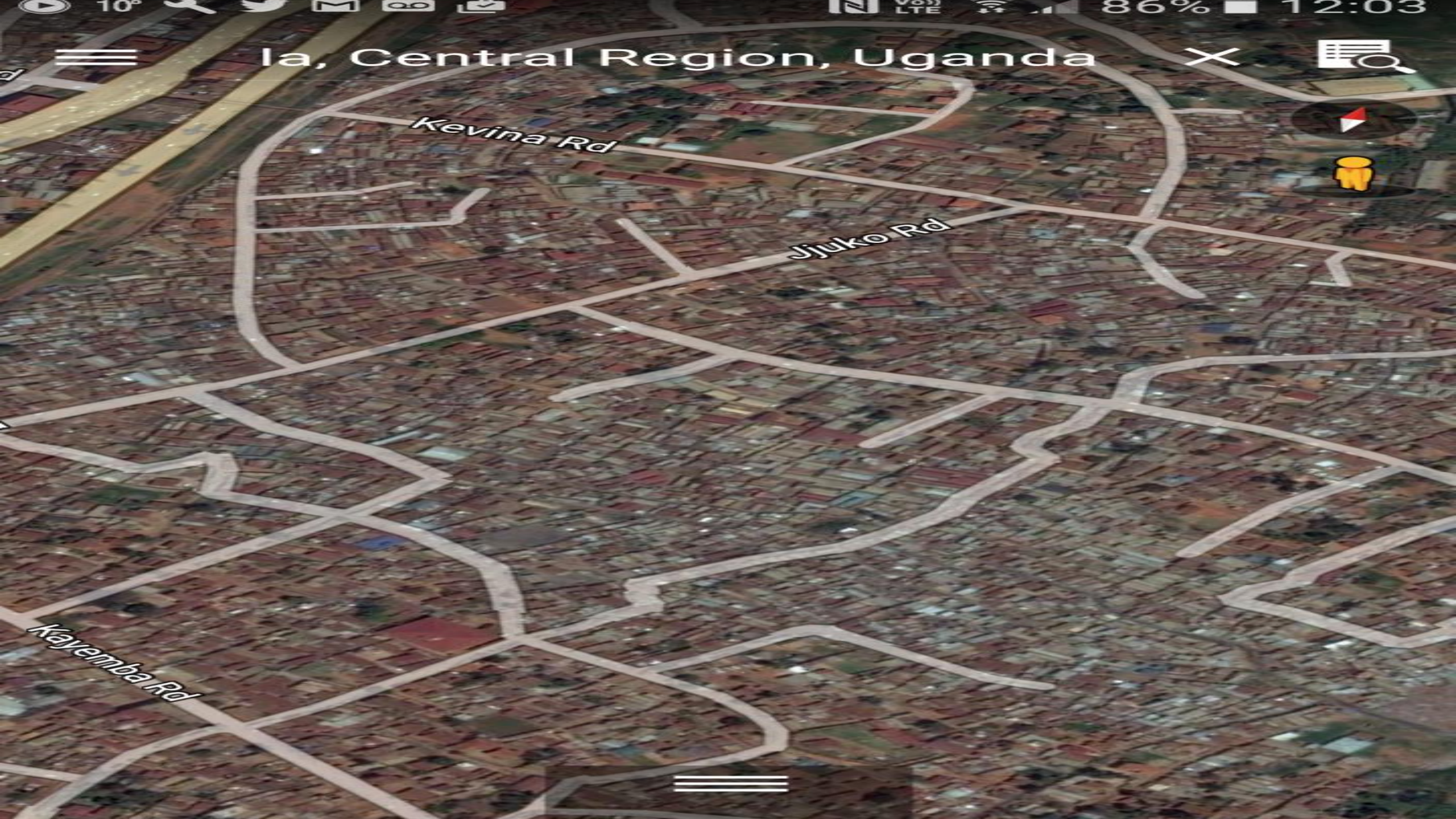
# Poor and transport











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# Investment



# Key topics

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- Poverty challenges and relations to transport system and mobility
- Urban planning and governance
- Pathways to transformation
  - Taking ideas forward locally
  - Developing a future research agenda for INTALInC
  - Developing appropriate methodologies for coproduced research with communities
  - Mechanisms for involving policy stakeholders







# Key issues - safety

- In 2010, almost 3000 people died due to road accidents in Uganda, of which 17% were operators or passengers of motorcycles
- Pedestrians - road crossings, pavements etc









# Gender





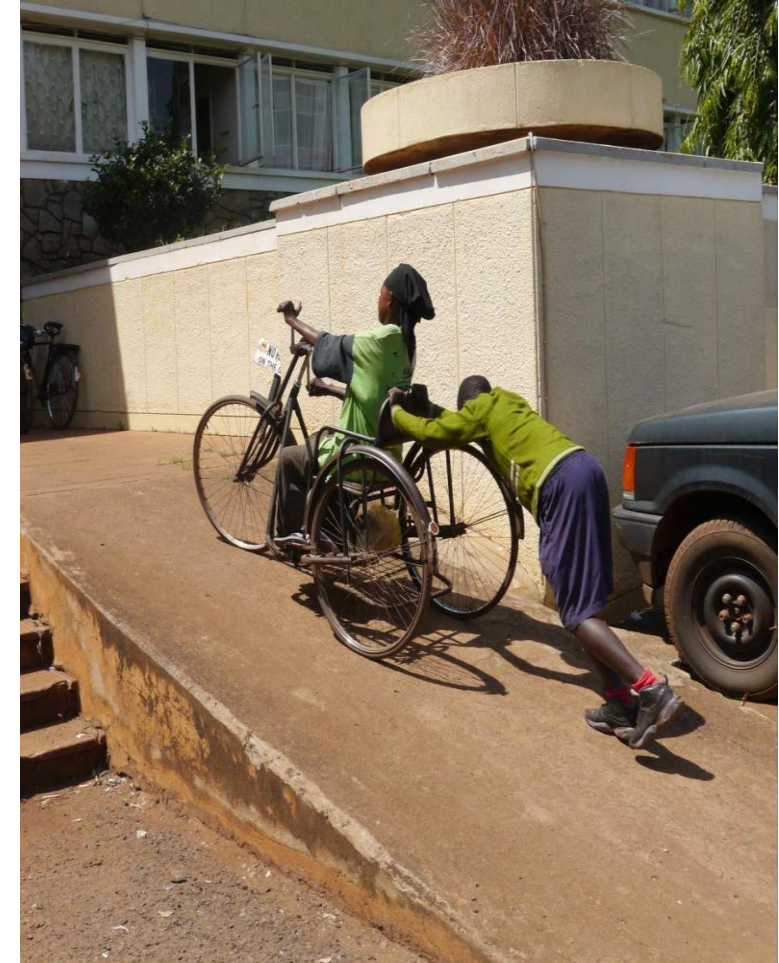




# NMT Policy

*“to increase mobility, accessibility to services and promote sustainable economic and social development that will improve quality of life”*

- To increase the recognition of NMT as one of the key transport modes.
- To Increase the recognition of walking and cycling in transport planning, design, and infrastructure provision
- To provide safe infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists
- To mainstream resources for walking and cycling in agencies' financial planning
- Adaptation of policy issues to all agencies that provide access and standards to communities for NMT users
- To improve regulation and enforcement to enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists.





# Top down, bottom up, and middle out



- Government
- ... to governance
- Combinations



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## Towards a geography of informal transport: Mobility, infrastructure and urban sustainability from the back of a motorbike

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Informal transport is vital to billions of people living in rapidly growing cities in the Global South, yet is increasingly marginalised as governments legislate against modes of transport that do not conform to ideals of the “modern city”. Using an innovative combination of GPS and qualitative methods, this paper investigates how the estimated 145,000 boda-boda motorcycle taxis in Kampala, the rapidly growing capital of Uganda, provide mobility and income for its inhabitants. While careful not to over-romanticise the informality of African cities, we argue that there is a pressing need to understand the contribution that uniquely adapted local transport solutions like motorcycle taxis make to the sustainability of the planet’s most rapidly growing cities. The paper shows how mobile methods reveal the ways in which informal transport weaves the city and the lives of its residents together, and proposes a research agenda to make informal urban transport and the kinds of mobility it enables more visible within debates concerning the future of cities.

### KEYWORDS

informal transport, infrastructure, Kampala, mobility, qualitative GPS, sustainable urban development

### 1 | INFORMAL TRANSPORT, MOBILITY AND URBAN SUSTAINABILITY

Lack of mobility affects billions of people across the world, with up to 90% of households lacking adequate transport to fulfil basic development needs (Lucas & Jones, 2012). At the same time, megacity leaders identify transport and congestion as the most pressing issue that they face (Economist Intelligence Unit, 2007). In terms of sustainability urban transport constitutes 60% of kilometres travelled globally and is the largest cause of carbon emissions and air pollution (Van Audenhove, Kornichuk, Dauby, & Poushaix, 2014). These problems have been exacerbated in the Global South by rapid population increase, the marginal location of informal settlements, widespread motorisation and the inability of municipalities to cope with the pace and scale of urban growth (Kamija & Skorte, 2009; Kutbach, 2009). In Africa alone, 350 million more people will live in cities by 2030 (Pamell & Pleteme, 2014), but the region will receive less than 5% of global investment in transport infrastructure (UN Habitat, 2013).

Mobility is vital to the survival and development of booming urban populations and, in the absence of planned public transport, informal alternatives like rickshaws, tuk-tuks, minibuses and motorbikes have spread rapidly in cities across Asia, Africa and South America to meet demand. Informal transport describes unregulated and unconventional transport modes with flexible fares, schedules and routes (Cervero & Golub, 2007). While informal transport makes a major contribution to

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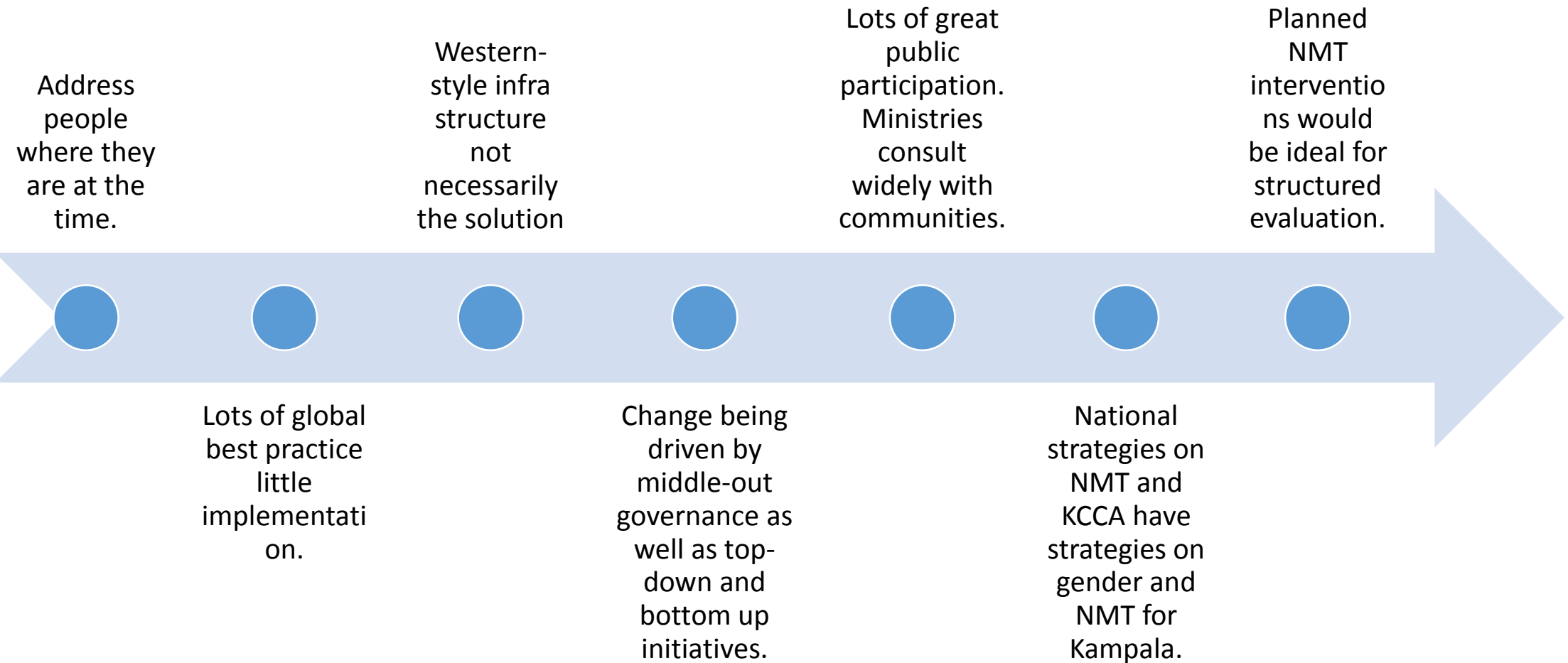
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Leadership

Market-based



# Lessons





# What do policy makers and practitioners need from the research community?

| Principle | Present up-to-date issues                           | Ability to co-define 'problems'  | Necessary to deal with 'how to' issues                            |
|-----------|---|--|---|
| Access    | Access to data, networks, research participants     | Open doors to other groups<br>Assist in learning about and navigating policy landscape/culture | Access to recent knowledge  |
| Actions   | Accommodate student placements and applied projects | Help understand research for transport problems  | Demonstrate local context of issues ie trend, presence and impact |
| Outputs   | Provide local solutions                             | Policy development   | Help secure funding   |



# Recommendations



Produce evidence concerning importance of NMT in Kampala (and Uganda) targeted at policy-makers and funding bodies.

Understand local context to produce bespoke solutions that will actually work.

Guidance on what types of data are available / required and new ways to collect relevant data.

Develop proposals with workshop participants to access funding opportunities and develop NMT actions to deliver stated policy aims.

Action research projects, methods and know-how to link policy makers and communities more effectively.

Capacity building projects and partnerships of the kind managed by the Makerere Urban Action Lab and the INTALiNC workshop and network.

Include wider range of stakeholders in transport governance – e.g. SMEs, communities etc and methods to empower them and build their capacity to drive change.





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