

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING IN AFRICAN CITIES: EXPLORING THEORIES, POLICIES AND PRACTICES FROM SIERRA LEONE

WEEK 3 Governance and participatory planning

STEP 3.10 Taking learning further (DISCUSSION)

This week we have learned about the complexity of urban governance as a process that involves a large range of actors. We discussed political issues with the unequal distribution of powers and resources between different actors. Then, we have discussed a set of participatory planning approaches which have been able to provide urban residents with a voice in shaping the development of their neighbourhoods and cities.

Could you share an example of participatory planning in your city? If you can't find one, please reflect on how you think participatory planning could be used in your city.

Going deeper

If you are interested in exploring the work of the Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre and its partners in participatory planning, we have some resources for you. You can watch this video of participatory photography, a tool of participatory planning, which was used in Freetown to contribute to a neighbourhood planning process:

https://youtu.be/Un_iX57-378

This is an additional video, hosted on YouTube.

Here you can see the initial stages of neighbourhood planning in Cockle Bay, during a change-by-design workshop.

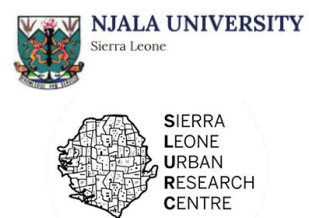
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This is the report of the participatory planning workshop, explaining the work and methodology: [How can neighbourhood planning bring about inclusive city-making in Freetown?](#)

Next week

In our final week, we will discuss urban risk, health, and infrastructures, and we will draw some conclusions from the course.

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