



## Urban Agenda Platform

*The global platform for sharing progress, action and knowledge on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda to achieve sustainable urban development.*

# Inclusive Urban Design and Planning with Informal Workers

Region	Sub-Saharan Africa
Award Scheme	World Urban Campaign
Themes	Innovation Local Economic Development Waste Management
Sustainable Development Goals	Goal 11 - Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

## Summary

AeT has pioneered an alternative approach to urban place-making amongst development professionals demonstrating the value of hybridity in terms of economic activities and land-use.

## Background and Objective

AeT's objective is to contribute to redress as a socio-political imperative, by empowering the African population that constitute the urban informal workforce that were previously repressed, marginalized and excluded from economically viable urban environments.

## Actions and Implementation

AeT addresses the deficit of creative and alternative approaches within urban design and planning which fosters inclusive development with informal workers. AeT has confirmed that the provision of appropriate and enabling infrastructure decisively alters the development trajectory to the benefit of informal workers utilizing public space. This has contributed to establishing an innovative developmental approach supporting the resilience of informal workers that are increasingly being mainstreamed as active contributors within urban economies - with increased voice, visibility and validity. IWs operating from public spaces constitute one of the largest categories of informal work in Africa.

## Innovative Initiative

Promotion of social capital / Empowerment in the urban space