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NETWORKING EVENT REPORT

Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of lead organization	Habitat UNI – Climate Change Hub and Urban Action Lab (UAL), Makerere University
City and country where lead organization is based	Kampala, Uganda
Title of the event	Leapfrogging for Sustainability in Urban Africa
Date of Networking Event	10/20/2016
Networking Event room number	Room 13
Name of partner organizations with city and country where these organizations are based	Habitat UNI and Slum Dwellers International
Number of participants	20
Percentage of women participants	60%
Background information on Networking Event (themes, issues, context).	To move towards success and progress on Sustainable Development Goal 11, cities in Africa will have to deal with multi-dimensional aspects of urban development. African cities will have to leapfrog to sustainability. Characterized largely as informal, leapfrogging may have to build on the informality foundation with diverse social, economic, physical and infrastructure systems that may offer some possibilities. From housing, diverse infrastructure, innovative livelihood activities, patterns of growth and sprawl, economy, labor market, industrious innovativeness and social differentiation, this 'informality' has supported the livelihoods and shaped the lifetime experiences of many people in Africa. There is a counter-argument that informal is the city because the informal has demonstrated sustaining of livelihoods, provided diverse opportunities and challenges that create compelling reasons to rethink the city in sub Saharan Africa. The discussion in the networking event therefore focused on how different actors can contribute to harnessing the potential in informality for the 'new urban agenda'.
Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed.	Discussions in the networking event surrounded critical issues such as widening the conceptual framing of leapfrogging in the context of climate change, and how different actors can respond to challenges like corruption, security, migration and community engagement to effectively harness the potential of informality especially in the Global-South.



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