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Thinking Johannesburg's way into the twenty-first century is the aim of the Urban Age conference organised by the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and Deutsche Bank's Alfred Herrhausen Society.

Urbanists from all corners in Johannesburg will be joined by a multidisciplinary group of international experts to debate the city's present problems and future prospects. An impressive group of decision-makers will gather to discuss more sustainable forms of city development and opportunities for urban life in mega-cities. Top-level members of city governments in the Americas and Europe such as the Mayor of Washington D.C., the Chief Executive of the Greater London Authority and the Chief Planner of Barcelona, will share their expertise of working in cities with similar problems and their innovative approaches.

Andrew Boraine of the South Africa Cities Network, Saskia Sassen of the University of Chicago, Bruce Katz of the Brookings Institution, Richard Sennett of the London School of Economics, Mphethi Morojele, Jeremy Cronin, Tokyo Sexwale, Lael Bethlehem and Lindsay Bremner are part of the long list of academics and practitioners, architects, urban designers and planners, business and civic leaders from across the city and the world that will debate alternatives and interventions for a city with enormous economic, social and environmental challenges that nevertheless seems to be regaining ground in terms of its urbanity.

Discussions will centre on social inclusion and race, transport and justice, as well as quality housing and public spaces within the city. A particular focus includes the revival of Downtown Johannesburg, the relationship of Alexandra township and Sandton City, the future of transport interchanges such as Park Station and urban densification strategies for Soweto. The overarching issues of urban governance and management will be addressed throughout the conference and in regards to all themes above.

Our partners in Johannesburg are the City of Johannesburg, the Johannesburg Development Agency and the University of the Witwatersrand.

This event is part of a joint initiative called "Urban Age" of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and Deutsche Bank's Alfred Herrhausen Society to discuss the shape of rapidly expanding world cities and what can be done to improve the everyday lives of urban dwellers around the globe. After New York, Shanghai, London and Mexico City this is the fifth conference of this project.

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