



INTALInC news update

It's been an exciting few months for INTALInC as we continue to grow and Network activity spreads further across the globe. We have secured funding from the **Volvo Research and Educational Foundation**, allowing us to welcome new partner institutions to the Network and **securing support for continued activity until January 2019**. Members met at our third 'Research into Practice' workshop held in Lagos in October, and we are busy planning for another event at the University of Makerere, Uganda in January 2018.

Meeting the needs of informal settlements and slum dwellers, Lagos

The third INTALInC workshop, co-hosted by Lagos State University and University College London, brought Network members and stakeholders together to look at the mobility needs of slum dwellers in Lagos, the most densely populated area of Africa.

A highlight of the meeting was a fieldtrip to **Makoko**, a riverine settlement in Lagos State. A tour of Makoko, and meeting with community leaders served to emphasise the extent to which residents of this area, and others like it, are isolated both physically and socially. Nevertheless, they are self-sufficient and resilient in many aspects of their daily lives, especially their local mobilities, which are almost all by non-motorised boats.



Despite the lack of comprehensive research into the needs of low income populations in Nigeria, it is clear that these **communities are largely ignored by transport planners**, often with serious consequences for their wider connectivity to markets, public services and employment.

A thorough overview of the workshop, and our findings, is now online at: www.intalinc.leeds.ac.uk

Volvo Research and Educational Foundation funding

In October, INTALInC secured 680,000 SEK funding from new partner, the Volvo Research and Educational Foundation (VREF) (<http://www.vref.se/>). This will enable us to produce **five new scoping studies** in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa and Uganda. The reports will examine the impact of the current transport situation on social exclusion in each country. INTALInC will organise **additional 'Research into Practice' workshops** in Kenya and South Africa. The funding will also ensure continued support for the Network until January 2019.



New partners join the INTALInC journey

In the last few weeks, INTALInC has welcomed four new partner organisations to our Network. We will be working with colleagues at the **University of Nairobi** and the **University of Cape Town** to produce the VREF studies. A workshop in Cape Town is planned for April 2018, and a meeting in Nairobi will take place later in the year.



Global charity, **Walk21** is working to promote walking, making it an enjoyable part of daily transport, recreation and health. The charity is overseeing the Sidewalk Challenge project, which aims to build or rehabilitate 100,000 kilometres of pavement where it is needed the most. Walk21 joins us to develop research into walkability in the Global South - we will soon be on the lookout for additional partners with expertise in the field. Watch this space!



Global Inequalities workshop, Leeds

Members of the INTALInC team at the University of Leeds took part in a Global Inequalities workshop in November. The event was co-organised by INTALInC, with other GREF-funded networks based at Leeds University, and the Leeds Social Sciences Institute (LSSI) and Centre for Global Development (CGD) (<https://cgd.leeds.ac.uk/>). The workshop brought together academic staff with a **common interest in issues of inequality** to identify potential **research partnerships and funding opportunities**. Mike Savage, Professor of Economics at London School of Economics and Director of the Inequalities Centre (<http://www.lse.ac.uk/International-Inequalities>) gave a keynote presentation looking at ways in which inequalities research has developed in the fields of economics and social science.

Commonwealth Rutherford Fellowships

The Commonwealth Rutherford fellowship scheme provides an opportunity for skilled researchers from Commonwealth countries (other than the UK) to support world-class research and innovation, and contribute to the UK's research base by attracting high-calibre international candidates and encouraging links and collaboration. Funded by the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Rutherford fellows have the opportunity to spend one or two years at a UK university conducting post-doctoral research. More information is available on the INTALInC website: www.intalinc.leeds.ac.uk

Forthcoming workshop



Our fourth international workshop will take place at the **University of Makerere, Uganda on 23-24 January 2018**.

The workshop, co-hosted by INTALInC partners, **Urban Action Lab** and **Manchester University**, will advance discussions toward understanding how mobility systems can be transformed to meet the needs of disadvantaged groups. The workshop will explore **relationships between poverty, mobility and access to services in Kampala**, the organisation and governance of transport in the city, and how planning and policy could be improved to meet the needs of disadvantaged groups. Participants will be encouraged to identify research and evidence gaps for **promoting pro-poor transport strategies**, and develop key lessons to improve governance of sustainable transport in Kampala and other Ugandan cities.

And finally...

Our website, www.intalinc.leeds.ac.uk, is updated with Network news on a regular basis. We have recently added a **Latin America section** to our Resources page, which will soon be populated with relevant papers and other interesting information. We're busy with our Twitter feed, **@intalinc**, which we use to report news on a day-to-day basis. **Do join in!**

