



# INTALInC Newsletter, Spring 2019

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## Director's news

When we first set up INTALInC through the Global Challenge Fund Network (GCRF) funding, I did not think it could achieve so much in such a short time. We now have more than 300 members signed up to the Network across 20+ different countries. The Network has grown from 12 member organisations and to include 4 additional universities, 3 new internationally facing NGOs, 5 new case study demonstration cities and 50 plus local community-facing organisations. We have organised 18 workshop events with our partners and have physically engaged with approximately one hundred individuals through INTALInC's local workshop events.

We have also secured a major new funding partner in the form of the Volvo Research and Education Foundations (VREF) enabling us to undertake several country-specific studies about the transport and accessibility needs of low income populations in Africa. We also managed to secure two internal awards from the University of Leeds and Manchester to run 5 additional workshops with city and local community partners and Walk21.

We have also won recognition for our networking activities from the GCRF who has selected INTALInC as a best practice example of project impact in its latest round of awards. All of this has been achieved in just 2 years! And the story goes on because the GCRF has now announced its much-anticipated 2019 Collective Programme with many funding opportunities for further research related to the meeting the needs of informal and vulnerable communities. We are actively involved in several bidding collaborations, and we hope to include as many of you as partners in the co-production of knowledge to promote policy and planning action and improved service delivery to improve the mobility opportunities of vulnerable groups.

So it's onwards and upwards for INTALInC and all its members. We are making a difference but need to keep pushing this agenda until it is mainstreamed in every city worldwide. We all need to work together to promote the message of transport and social justice, wherever we live.

## Network update

INTALInC has continued to grow over the last few months with a new injection of funding from HEFCE.

The funding of nearly £100,000 will enable INTALInC lead partners at the University of Leeds to collaborate with NGO, Walk21 and Manchester University, as well as local partners at University of Asia Pacific in Bangladesh and the University of Nairobi, Kenya. Together, we will deliver two workshops aiming to promote stakeholder dialogue so that local communities can engage with key decision makers and deliver improved walking environments.

We are looking forward to bringing together old and new partners and expanding the INTALInC network even further in the Global South.

## New website content

INTALInC has published five briefing notes, providing an overview of sustainable transport needs in each of our original case study countries: Bangladesh, Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria and Uganda.



The briefing notes provide an overview of INTALInC activity as it relates to each country, as well as our findings and recommendations for research, policy and practice.

The briefing notes are a free resource and can be downloaded from the relevant country section on our website.

## Walkability workshops

During February and March, INTALInC partners, the University of Manchester and Walk21 ran workshops in Manila, Kampala and Concepcion. The Sustainable Transport Equity Partnerships (STEPs) workshops were funded by a £26,500 Global Impact Accelerator grant and brought together stakeholders to link research with the STEP's model to walkability. Participants were guided through steps to make their cities walkable, from initial commitment to developing suggestions for signature projects.

In support of the project, Mr Mark Richmond de Leon, the Undersecretary for Road Transport and Infrastructure in Philippines, who attended the workshop in Manila said, 'Pedestrians have been an afterthought, if they have been thought of at all, and it is time to change the paradigm from car focused planning [...] to one where the convenience of the people matters the most.'



Without you, our partners, INTALInC would not exist. Your continued support and interest is vital in keeping the network's momentum going. There are plenty of ways to keep in touch: via our website ([www.intalinc.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.intalinc.leeds.ac.uk)); conversations on Twitter (@intalinc); and email ([e.l.tsoneva@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:e.l.tsoneva@leeds.ac.uk)). Do let us know what you're up to, especially if you have some exciting news you would like us to include in our summer newsletter.

## Working studies: Nigeria, Uganda, Ghana and South Africa

Outputs from funding awarded to INTALInC by the Volvo Research and Education Foundations will soon be available on our website.

INTALInC worked with partners to produce five scoping studies examining the impact of current transport situations on social exclusion in Lagos, Kampala, Cape Coast and Cape Town. The reports, which follow up on the INTALInC workshops held in each city, provide an analysis of local conditions, short case studies and conclusions and recommendations.

The working studies are complemented by an overarching report which will also be made available for download.



## T-SUM: Expanding INTALInC to Sierra Leone and Mozambique

An interdisciplinary team led by Peter Jones at UCL's Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering and Development Planning Unit have been awarded a 30-month GCRF-funded research project for understanding mobilities in rapidly growing African cities.

T-SUM Transitions to Sustainable Urban Mobility, is an interdisciplinary and cross-sector collaborative project that aims to identify the conditions under which sustainable and inclusive transport and land use development can be accelerated in growing cities in the Global South.

T-SUM will initially focus on Maputo, Mozambique, and Freetown, Sierra Leone, as representative examples of growing urban economies in Sub-Saharan Africa and other parts of the Global South.

International research partner organisations include Sierra Leone Research Centre and Mozambican Think Tank WAZA and University Eduardo Mondlane in Maputo. INTALInC is a project partner of T-SUM and several network members sit in the project's external advisory board.

The project's first international meeting in March 2019 involved international co-investigators, high level officials from the Transport Ministry of Sierra Leone, the Mayor of Freetown Ivonne Akki Sawyer, the Director of the Transport Metropolitan Agency of Maputo and representatives of local governments in Maputo and Matola. T-SUM also welcomed the World Bank and the French Development Agency (Afd).

The project hosted two public events in March 2019: 'Public-private relationships in urban transport: considerations & experiences from the Global North & South' and a public lecture discussing 'Principles underpinning sustainable urban transitions'.

More information can be found in [www.t-sum.org](http://www.t-sum.org) and on twitter @tsum\_africa.

## INTALInC LAC update

### International seminar series

In September 2018, INTALInC LAC organised an international seminar series focusing on Contemporary Mobilities in Latin American cities: 'Contemporary Mobilities: Accessibility in search for more inclusive cities in Latin America'. The event was hosted by universities in Brazil, Colombia and Mexico.

Four thematic tables discussed: City and urban form; Accessibility and mobility policies; Access differentials; and Accessibility and urban identities.

The event is available to view (with subtitles in English) at <http://bit.ly/2Hu84Fb>.

### Forthcoming book

Daniel Oviedo (UCL), Natalia Villamizar (Universidad Nacional de Colombia) and Ana Ardila (Universidade de Minas Gerais, Brazil) are the editors Urban Mobility and Social Equity in Latin American Cities: Evidence, Concepts, and Methods for more Inclusive Cities to be published later this year as part of the Emerald Transport and Sustainability Book Series.

The edited collection examines conceptual, methodological and empirical developments through applied research, emphasizing on how spatial and social mobilities are intertwined in the reproduction of both spatial and social inequities in Latin American cities.

Contributors were selected from participants of the INTALInC-sponsored panels at the LASA conference in May 2018.

### Special session at Latin America Division Conference of the Regional Studies Association (2019)

INTALInC LAC requests abstracts for its session 'Mobility and social inclusion for local economic development: Towards new understandings of urban accessibility', part of the Regional Studies Association conference in Bogotá from 30 September - 1 October 2019. Researchers should present papers that address urban accessibility from innovative perspectives.

[www.regionalstudies.org/events/2019latinamericadivision](http://www.regionalstudies.org/events/2019latinamericadivision)  
Abstract submission deadline. June 7, 2019.