

The question of affordable housing for low-income groups has been recognized as one of the key challenges in the global discussion on the Sustainable Development Goals. Many states have already responded through new mass housing programmes, but due to bureaucratic, managerial, financial or contextual inadequacies the new housing packages, if delivered, so far often fail to build adequately diverse, adaptable live-work environments which match the demands and resources of the end-users. "Co-op City Network" believes that sustainable housing solutions are only possible (in quantity and quality) if government resources and delivery capacities are brought together with the resources, skills and expertise of the end-users themselves. COOP CITY NETWORK is a trans-disciplinary global initiative bringing together social science researchers, planning practitioners, NGOs and governmental bodies from India, Brazil, Africa and Europe with the aim to a.) critically examine current housing delivery models, b.) understand potentials of local user-driven practices and c.) consider how residents can become more effective actors in the formal housing sector, and d) consider which potentials of user-driven practices public administrations can incorporate into their delivery schemes.

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SMART PEOPLE & URBAN COMMONING

Re-negotiating top-down and bottom-up? Learning from smart informality to approach global urbanization challenges.

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TU Berlin, Hardenbergstraße 16-18, Raum HBS 005

The event will be in English.

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