



Greetings from the Participatory Slum Upgrading - Team!

We are pleased to introduce our first Newsletter, a quarterly collection of events, updates, achievements, and upcoming actions from the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme (PSUP).



"We transform cities, we leave no one behind"

Our Motto for the 3rd International ACP/EC/UN-Habitat Tripartite Conference from November 14th to 16th 2018 in Brussels

1 Billion people live in slums today – these are **one in eight people** worldwide! We take action to create a change. Ministers, Mayors, representatives of NGOs, of the private sector, from universities and our financing partners from across the globe joined in a common dialog for the same vision: To better the lives of slum dwellers all over the world and halve the number by 2030. As a result of this international conference, we signed the [Brussels Declaration and Action Framework](#)

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New roads for Old Accra

Our Workshop in Ghana

Two settlements, James Town and Ussher Town are part of Accra's famous historic district Ga Mashie. In 2008, we initiated a series of changes to upgrade this unique part of the city. A major milestone: new roads in almost the whole of Ga Mashie. In **October 2018**, the Mayor of Accra, Mr Mohammend Nii Adjei Sowah and the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, represented by Deputy Minister Hon. Kwasi B. Adjei, hosted us for a workshop where participants from seven countries came together to learn from



Ghana's experiences in upgrading a city: since Accra is amongst the best practice in the PSUP implementation.

Esteemed visitors from Pointe Noire



Mayor Jean François Kando and a government delegation from the Republic of Congo visited us in **January 2019** at the Headquarters of UN-Habitat for several days. Together with the Congolese politicians, we discussed ways to implement country wide the PSUP Phase III, especially in the city of Pointe Noire. In a jointly signed Memorandum of Understanding, the government agreed to support PSUP projects with a substantial financial contribution.

New from the PSUP

The last few months have seen the launch of several exciting new publications including:

» **Addressing the most vulnerable first: Pro-Poor Climate Action in Informal Settlements**
Published in November 2018, this thematic guide to climate change adaptation is the first in a series of resources to discuss how to build resilience for the billion urban dwellers who are estimated to live in informal settlements.

» **Prosperity for All: Enhancing the Informal Economy through Participatory Slum Upgrading**
In partnership with UN-Habitat, Cardiff University published this report exploring the intersection of slums and the informal economy to raise awareness of the potential of the local economy in slums as a key component of participatory slum upgrading.

As we approach these upcoming events, do not hesitate to visit our website or get in touch with us.

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