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Flourishing Communities and Inclusive Cities

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WWC Event: Strategies to Meet Urban Health Needs in Africa

More than half the world's population is now urban, and more than a quarter of the 100 fastest-growing cities are in Africa. Though urbanization is often associated with improved health, African cities are struggling to cope with the demands of growing populations.

Please join the Woodrow Wilson Center's Urban Sustainability Laboratory for a discussion on public health trends and interventions that have made an impact in African cities. The panel will feature representatives from USAID, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Africa Population and Health Research Center and Management Sciences for Health.

A reception and art exhibit will follow, featuring photographs from A Corridor of Contrasts reporting on urban health issues in West Africa.

WHEN: October 28th 3 - 5 PM

WHERE: Woodrow Wilson Center

1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington D.C.

RSVP for the event [here](#).

AEI Event: The SDGs and Moving Beyond Economic Growth

Last month, the United Nations unanimously adopted an ambitious new global development agenda to end poverty by 2030 and pursue a sustainable future. Yet previous top-down development strategies have not driven the economic growth necessary to bring countries out of poverty.

Please Join AEI and the Consensus for Development Reform for a joint event on the fundamental role of economic growth to a robust global development strategy, featuring an opening discussion with Senator Bob Corker (R-TN), two expert panels, and closing remarks by Congressman Ed Royce (R-CA).

WHEN: Tuesday October 20th, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

WHERE: 1150 17th St NW, 12th Floor
Washington D.C.

Find more information and RSVP [here](#).

The event will also be broadcast live.

RTI Article: Strategies to Successfully Implement the SDGs

A longtime IHC member RTI recently published an article in Devex discussing the critical elements needed to successfully meet the Global Goals by 2030.

Paul Weisenfeld, executive vice president of their International Development Group, argues that ensuring integrated approaches, reconsidering new funding structures, and scaling effectively are three strategies that need greater attention and focus.

Read the full article [here](#).

In the News and Around the Web

- Read an article from *CitiScope* arguing that SDGs don't adequately spell out cities' role in implementation [here](#).
- Listen to a podcast from the *Center for Global Development* proposing that

worrying about achieving all 17 Global Goals and accompanying 169 targets misses the point of the framework [here](#).

- Read a *BBC* article highlighting the poor living conditions of Europe's Roma population [here](#).

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