

ABSTRACT
PARALLEL WORKING SESSION
THE REDUCTION OF POVERTY

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Urban Poverty: progress towards the MDGs

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The talk will explore the level, nature and dynamics of urban poverty in African cities. This will be set against official estimations about the degree of progress that has been made with regard to the "urban" MDGs. The evidence of UN-Habitat will also be used to indicate the nature of progress thus far. Against the trends data, I will explore what is required to dramatically improve the performance of African governments with regard to the reduction of urban poverty. The talk will explore both policy and research implications.