

27 January 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Invitation to launch the research project on “Shaping East African Cities as Systems to Work Better for All”**

The East Africa Research Hub (EARH) cordially invites you to attend a **launch** for the research project on ***Shaping East African Cities as Systems to Work Better for All***.

The project aims to test a new approach to urbanisation research, treating each of a selection of individual cities in East Africa as an **‘integrated system.’** The objective is to deliver integrated, multi-disciplinary research that helps us understand and influence political settlements, institutions (formal and informal) and governance in rapidly growing cities, and through these support the design of targeted and integrated interventions that promote inclusive growth, poverty reduction and access to livelihoods. The intention is explicitly practical – the ‘system’ approach and integration of political economy and/or ‘political settlement’ analysis aims to understand and help overcome constraints to development in different sectors and for cross–sectoral interventions.

The meeting will take place on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2017** at the **PwC Tower on Waiyaki Way, Nairobi Kenya**. It is scheduled to begin at **2:00 pm** up to **3:30pm**.

More information including the **programme of events** and details for **remote participation** will be shared in a follow up email closer to the event. In addition, a record of the question and answer session will be availed on the EARF website after the meeting.

Interested organizations are encouraged to familiarize themselves with all documents in the application pack that can be found on the provided link <http://www.earesearchfund.org/research>

Seating is limited and available on a **first come first serve basis** therefore, please R.S.V.P to Jennifer Nyakinya on [jennifer.nyakinya@ke.pwc.com](mailto:jennifer.nyakinya@ke.pwc.com) not later than **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017** for planning purposes.

We look forward to hosting you.

Yours sincerely,  
**For: East Africa Research Fund**



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