

"Social Inclusion and Energy Management for Informal Urban Settlements (SES)"

Thematic Training at the Faculty ITC, University of Twente and field trips

The Faculty ITC of the University of Twente hosted a thematic training and field trips in the Netherlands from the 11th -17th of June, 2017. The training included the participation of partners from University of Gonder (UoG), Ethiopian Institute of Architecture, Building Construction and City Development (EiABC), University of Mekele (UoM) from Ethiopia and DUK (Austria).

ITC staff organized a series of micro lectures on participatory mapping, social indicators, community quality of life monitoring, slum mapping, green energy, participatory

modelling upgrading and governance.

Participants from UoG, EiABC, UoM presented their initial case studies ideas and the learning approach.



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Ethiopian partners discussing on their initial case studies ideas

ITC also presented on project based learning approaches as they could be used in teaching and learning with case studies.



A series of micro lectures conducted by ITC staff



The programme also included several site visits in Enschede (Roombeek), Amsterdam (Bijlmermeer and GWL) and Olst (Earth House Project). The field trips were related to the theme “Social housing, renovation,

and environmentally friendly residential areas”. Roombeek is a neighbourhood located in the north of Enschede city. After the explosion of a fireworks factory on May of 2000, the neighbourhood was reconstructed with the active participation of the local neighbours and as a result new housing, cultural facilities, recreational areas and jobs were relocated.

Bijlmermeer (built between 1966 and 1975) is characterized by the renovation efforts after the failure of its modernist approach, which included strict segregation of residential, traffic, recreational and commercial functions.



Visit conducted at GWL

In contrast, GWL is a car-free environmentally friendly residential area built at the in 1989 in the Westerpark municipal district of Amsterdam.

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The last visit included the theme of “Sustainable Building & Cohousing” and included a guided tour on the Earth House Project and Transition Towns initiative in Olst.

The project was finalized in 2015 and includes 23 houses and a Community Building and is the first ecovillage project in the Netherlands.



Visit conducted at Olst



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