

U20 2025 Webinar Programme

**“Unlocking urban economic opportunities:
Building resilient and inclusive cities”**

**31 March 2025
14:00 to 15:30 (GMT +2)
Microsoft Teams**

Programme

Facilitator: Mr Khulekani Mathe		
Time slot	Item	Role
5 minutes	Welcome remarks	Cllr Nasiphi Moya Executive Mayor of the City of Tshwane and U20 Co-chair City of Tshwane, South Africa
5 minutes	Introduction and scene setting	Mr Khulekani Mathe Chief Executive Officer: Business Unity South Africa (BUSA)
15 minutes	Panellist 1: Global perspective The role of development finance institutions in bulk infrastructure investment to unlock urban economic growth	Ms Camille Viros Head: Inclusive Growth in Cities, OECD
15 minutes	Panellist 2: African perspective Support mechanisms required to drive inclusive economic growth: The case of a young entrepreneur from Ga-Rankuwa township in Pretoria, South Africa	Mr Paseka Lesolang Chief Executive Officer: Water Hygiene Convenience (WHC), South Africa
15 minutes	Panellist 3: South American perspective Policy interventions to support sustainable and inclusive economic growth – what do cities need from national governments?	Prof Mauricio Rodas Former Mayor: Quito, Ecuador Visiting Professor University of Pennsylvania
30 minutes	Facilitated panel discussion	Facilitator
5 minutes	Summary - Chart the common urban city agenda	Prof Geci Karuri-Sebina University of the Witwatersrand South Africa