The Institute for Spatial Planning (IRPUD) at TU Dortmund University in Germany, the Institute of Human Settlement Studies and the School of Spatial Planning and Social Sciences at Ardhi University in Tanzania cordially invite you to participate in the fifth conference of the Association of African Planning Schools (AAPS).

GOPLAREA, a research-cum-training programme at TU Dortmund University of Dortmund in Germany and Ardhi University in Tanzania, has organised several workshops with urban researchers and practitioners, in which capacity gaps in planning practice, flood resilience, capacity building and governance challenges for mainstreaming innovative concepts were discussed. The results of the discussions highlighted the need to understand and learn from dynamics of socio-spatial systems and networks, which transcend the formal-informal divisions of cities of Sub-Saharan Africa. In addition, the discussions brought to the fore the need for rethinking concepts such as urban resilience, urban governance and planning from local perspective. Ultimately, these questions open up the debate on how to reform planning education so that a new generation of planners will be better equipped to pro-actively deal with the actual and future challenges.

**Thematic Tracks:**
- Track 1: Localising Planning theories
- Track 2: Innovating planning education to fit the challenges of climate change
- Track 3: Participatory and multi-governance approaches for urban resilience
- Track 4: Toward pro-livelihood adaptation and risk management approaches
- Track 5: Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for inclusive spaces

**Keynote Speakers:**
- Prof. Dr. Stefan Greiving: TU Dortmund University
- Prof. Dr. Robert Kiunsi: Sciences, Ardhi University
- Prof. Dr. Wilbard Kombe: Ardhi University
- Prof. Dr. Garth Myers: Trinity College
- Prof. Dr. Sophie Schramm: TU Dortmund University
- Prof. Dr. Vanessa Watson: University of Cape Town

**Important Dates:**
- 15th April 2020: Deadline abstract submission
- 30th April 2020: Confirmation of acceptance
- 1st August 2020: Registration for conference participation opens
- 31st August 2020: Deadline paper submission
- 18th - 20th November 2020: Conference

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