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THE AFRICA
NETWORK
FOR WALKING
AND CYCLING

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Upcoming Event:

Coalition building to fast-track advocacy for walking and cycling

The Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety and ANWAC Working Group 5 will host a capacity building workshop themed: Coalition Building to fast-track advocacy for walking and cycling in Africa

The Workshop will be **hosted online on 28th February 2022.**

Read more about it and [register here](#)

01 | Word from the Network Chair

Welcome to the first newsletter from the Africa Network for Walking and Cycling.

Thank you to everyone for your engagement and enthusiasm for the network during its first year. We had a very successful inaugural Annual Forum during Africa Mobility Month last year, with two days of workshops.

Our Working Groups have been working hard to put together their work-plans. You can meet the chairs and explore their ideas below and see how you can fit in and be part of these developing opportunities.

This will be a critical year for the network, with COP27 being hosted in Egypt, bringing an opportunity for us to grow momentum across the continent for recognizing the value of walking and cycling for climate solutions, for improving road safety and for ensuring we can all enjoy livable communities.

Mark your diaries - our first Whole Network meeting will be on Thursday 31 March from 12noon - 2pm GMT.

I look forward to working with you throughout the year and to taking great strides for walking and cycling in Africa.



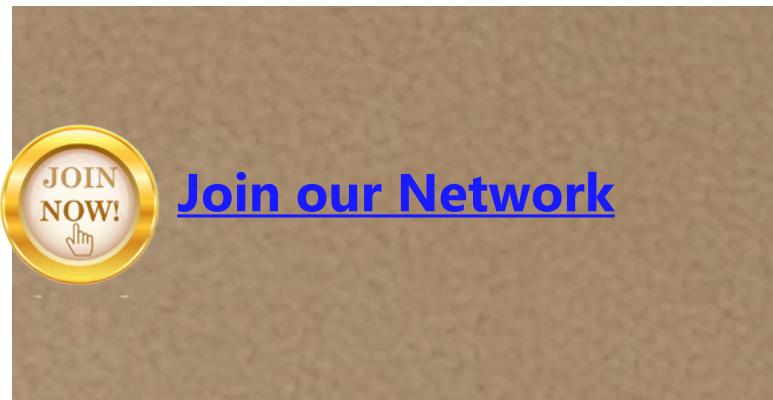
Bronwen Thornton
The Network Chair and CEO, Walk21 foundation

02 | Network Overview

The network launched in October 2020 and is a space for organizations and experts to convene and collaborate around a common goal: **making the life of people who walk and cycle in Africa countries safer, healthier and more comfortable - through our combined action, expertise and influence.**

Our approach is to provide a platform to champion best practice and influence research, policy and practice as well as strengthen partnerships and share experiences and knowledge. This will be achieved through 7 Working Groups and coordination in the centre. The Working Groups have developed work plans to guide their approach.

The Network currently has an active membership of over 150 individuals drawn from more than 50 organizations from across Africa and internationally with projects or interests in walking and cycling in Africa. Members are working in all nations across the continent.



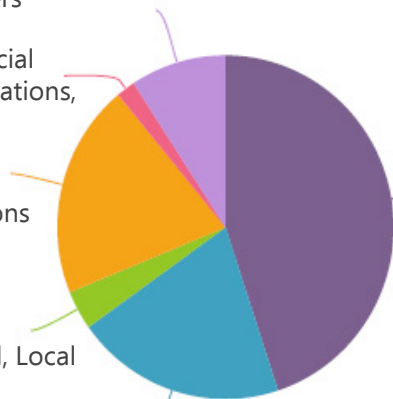
9% Private Institutions and private practitioners

2% Funders, financial institutions, foundations, donors

20% Academia- Research Institutions and Researchers

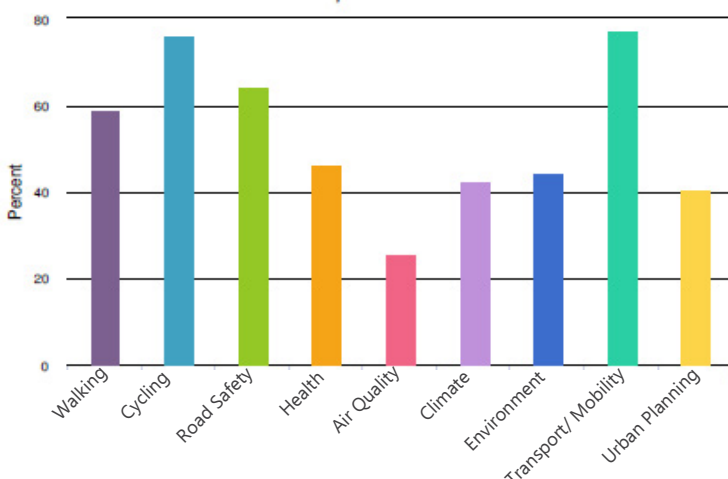
4% Government- National, Regional, Local

20% local, regional NGOs- including civil society, advocacy



45% international organizations and NGOs

Members are drawn from a wide variety of organisations



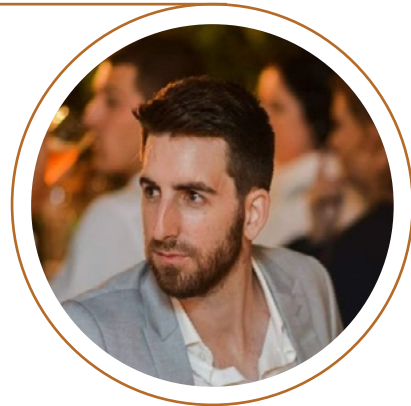
With a range of interests

03 | Meet the Working Group Chairs

1. Nexus between Research and Practice

Sean Cooke is a researcher in the Centre for Transport Studies in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Cape Town. He has an interest in the evolution of transport planning as a practice in African Cities. He has also undertaken research with UN Environment in areas of Climate Change.

- The Working Group aims at developing an academic hub that connects those in academia and practice as well as an online repository to share research on walking and cycling



2. Financing for Walking and Cycling (multi-laterals and development partners)

Gashaw Aberra is the ITDP Country Manager, Ethiopia. He holds a Master's Degree in Urban Administration and Planning, University of Seoul, Korea. He has experience in developing NMT strategies, Bike Sharing and Street Design Manuals.

- The Working Group is exploring ways to attract more funding for walking and cycling and bringing in more financial institutions to the Network.



3. Government Support and Financing for Walking and Cycling

Carly Gilbert-Patrick manages the UNEP team for Active Mobility, Digitalization and Mode Integration. Carly is also the Regional Coordinator for the Central and Eastern Europe Region. She has worked in the field of sustainable mobility for almost 15 years including, road safety, bus rapid transit, congestion charging, low emission zones and bike share systems.

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4. Data for Walking and Cycling

Paschalin Basil is a researcher and PhD Student at the Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi, Kenya. She is also the Ass. Coordinator of the Kenya Transport Research Network (KTRN). Her current research interests are in Motorized, Non-Motorized transport, governance and informal economy and social protection.

- The Working Group is working towards developing a guide on data methodology (indicators) and Dissemination



5. Building Capacity for Local NGOs and Civil Society

Eng. Emmanuel John is a sustainable transport expert with 24yrs experience in Urban transport and traffic safety both at government and NGO levels. He is CEO of Ochenuel Mobility and founder/director of Africa Sustainable Urban Mobility Course as well as Open Streets Abuja. He is Board Member and Vice President of the World Cycling Alliance and President of the Africa Urban Cycling Organization.

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6. Public Transport

Amanda Gibberd is the Director of Universal Design and Access in Public Transport at the Department of Transport, Pretoria, South Africa. She holds a Master's in Universal Access in Urban Planning from the University of Pretoria, South Africa. She is currently undertaking a PhD at the University College in London, UK

- The Working Group is exploring ways of making public transport inclusive by integrating walking and cycling. It also aims at developing KPIs to measure public transport effectiveness and access.



7. Rural Mobility

Susan Bornstein is the Global Director, Institutional Partnerships & Influence at World Bicycle Relief. The highlight of 2021 for this Working Group was its side event at the UN Global Sustainable Transport Conference on Models for Systemic Change: Accelerating Rural Access to Sustainable Transport in Africa, that generated policy recommendations for the UN, funders, governments and NGOs, in collaboration with UNEP and other organizations.



- The Working Group is looking at developing measurement indicators of rural access to inform advocacy and funding for inclusive rural mobility.

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Summary of the Key Action Points: ANWAC Annual Forum October 2021

The Network hosted its first annual forum on **12&13th October 2021**. The Forum brought together over 50 organizations and experts that saw participants engage in 13 sessions organized by members and 3 external sessions.

The Key Action Points from the sessions were as follows:

- Need for non governmental players to strengthen their working relations with Government and international agencies involved in Walking and Cycling
- Sensitize and mobilize the community to be at the forefront in the Walking and Cycling Agenda at the grassroots level
- Champion the formulation of adaptive African based road design standards to ensure inclusive roads that caters for NMT, public transport as well as for persons living with disabilities

- Need to develop a methodology to measure the need and impact of Walking and Cycling so as to have standardized way of evaluating transport infrastructure and for fund raising
- Need to tie public transport with Walking and Cycling . And improve the access and safety for women , children and persons living with disabilities.
- Need for joint lobbying for funding for road infrastructure to be tied with walking and cycling infrastructure
- Lobby for Walking and Cycling to be an integral part of all rural access initiatives including agriculture, livelihoods and access to basic services such as health and education

[Access the Full Proceedings Here](#)

ANWAC Forum 2021 Hosts



05 | Calendar of Events

February	
07 Feb	Chair's Meeting
15 Feb	Newsletter- 1st Quarter
21 Feb- 31 March	Working Group Meetings
28 Feb	WG 5 and Global Alliance of NGOs Capacity Building Workshop More Details Here
28 Feb	Walk21 Ireland 2022 Conference Call for Submission More Details Here
March	
01 Mar	Public Space & Place making in African Cities. Call for Papers More Details Here
28-31 Mar	Middle East and North Africa Climate Week 2022 More Details Here
31 Mar	Whole Network Meeting
April	
16 Apr	Newsletter - 2nd Quarter
May	
10 May	Transport and Climate Change Week - Africa Day More Details Here
TBC	Working Group Meetings
June	
09 June	Chairs Meeting
July	
07 July	Whole Network Meeting
TBC	UNEP/WG3: Africa Knowledge Share Worksho-Government National & Cities
15 July	Newsletter- 3rd Quarter
August	
01 Aug	Call for the Annual ANWAC Forum
September	
08 Sep	Chairs Meeting
17 Sep- 17 Oct	Africa Mobility Month More Details Here
19-23 Sep	Walk21_Ireland 2022 Conference in Dublin City More Details Here
October	
06 Oct	Whole Network Meeting
11- 12 Oct	Annual ANWAC Forum
28 Oct	Newsletter- 4th Quarter
November	
07-18 Oct	COP 21 in Egypt, Africa More Details Here
TBC	Working Group Meetings
December	
01 Dec	Network Advocacy Plan

Meet the Network Coordinator



Juliet Rita is a trained Urban and Transport Planner. She holds a Master's degree in Infrastructure Planning from the University of Stuttgart, Germany. She is a Lecturer at the Technical University of Kenya.

Juliet is responsible for coordinating the network and supporting the working groups, workplan activities, and network events.

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