

Website Intro_ October Blog Series

The Africa Network for Walking and Cycling officially launched in 2020 and held its first working group meetings in September 2021. We have grown to a membership of approximately 200. We held our first annual forum last October 2021. This year we want to share our stories, personal experiences and research in Africa. This is an opportunity for the network members to share and learn from each other through the October Blog Series running throughout the month of October.

The working groups are active and working on their initial work plans centred around the areas below:

- Creating databases and mapping
- Lobbying and formulating an advocacy plan
- Preparing manuals, guidelines and reports
- Conducting and supporting research on walking and cycling
- Creating collaborations and partnerships
- Events and forums

Collectively the working groups agreed on forming a resource centre that will be the main reference point on:

1. **Working Group 1: Nexus between research and practice: Research Library**
This will be a collection of walking and cycling research related to the African continent. The library will be centrally hosted and crowd-sourced, either through a survey or through direct submission by ANWAC members.
2. **Working Group 2: Financing for walking and cycling (multilaterals and development partners): Financing Methodology**
This will borrow from ongoing initiatives by our partners to develop a methodology to make walking and cycling projects more bankable.
3. **Working Group 3: Government support and financing**
Develop an interactive database/catalogue of African countries and support their walking and cycling projects.
Leading the network as the key consultative body on the Pan-African Action Plan for Active Mobility (PAAPAM) project.
4. **Working Group 4: Data for walking and cycling**
Develop a data-sharing platform and a methodology for data collection and dissemination on walking and cycling in Africa.
5. **Working Group 5: Building capacity of local NGOs and Civil Societies**
Identify and map out local NGOs and civil societies working on walking and cycling in Africa. Identify their needs in carrying out their operations and establish areas for peer-to-peer learning to enhance their capacities.

6. **Working Group 6: Public Transport**

Develop key performance indicators for public transport. To help evaluate public transport in African cities and tie it to accessibility and connectivity to active mobility.

7. **Working Group 7: Rural Mobility**

Mapping of individuals and organisations in the rural mobility space.