

 November 8, 2023



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WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY 2023

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WTPD 2023 WORK PROGRAM

Opening Session Welcome from:

Dan HUANG, RPP, MCIP - President, Canadian Institute of Planners

Angela BROOKS, FAICP - President, American Planning Association

Jing ZHANG, AICP - Chair, APA International Division

Host: Bruce STIFTEL, FAICP - Vice-chair for Special Projects, APA International Division



Keynote Speaker:

Nicholas YOU

Executive Director,
Guangzhou Institute for Urban
Innovation, Guangzhou, China

URBAN INNOVATION STARTS IN MY BACKYARD

Cities worldwide are actively innovating to advance equity, social justice, and resilience. Drawing from examples including Quito's land value capture, Milan's food policy procurement, Copenhagen's flash flood strategy, and La Paz's at-risk youth initiative, Nicholas YOU will draw lessons for peer learning.



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NEW CHALLENGES FOR OLD PROBLEMS: HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

11:15 – 12:15

The session will explore new ways to address old problems regarding lack of housing. Five International Fellows in MIT's Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies will discuss how Buenos Aires is trying to integrate "informal areas", both economically and politically, into the main city; Mexico's Social Housing Federal Program; the work of Without Borders to retrofit and strengthen old housing; construction of infrastructure in Bhutan's low-income settlements; and a proposed zoning tool to enable middle to low income landlords in Mexico City develop mid density housing without having to sell their land to private developers or partner with them if they prefer.

SPEAKERS:

Bish SANYAL ~ Jing ZHANG ~ Augustina RODRIGUEZ BIASONE ~ Carina ARVIZU MACHADO ~ Nicolas MAGGIO ~ Tenzin JAMTSHO ~ Salvador HERRERA

HOST: Lyndsey DEATON, AICP, Vice-chair, APA International Division, and Clemson University

FOSTERING INNOVATIVE INT'L PLANNING EDUCATION TO MEET THE GLOBAL AGENDA FOR PLANNING

12:30 – 13:30

This session will draw out innovative approaches to teaching international planning and identify the key skills future planners will need to address the global challenges the world is currently facing. It begins with an exploration of the global agenda for planning and how it is shaping international planning education and practice. This is followed by specific examples of how planning education is changing to address trans-national perspectives and associated challenges. These approaches are then grounded by a discussion of how local planning practice is developing innovative ways to engage with the global planning agenda.

SPEAKERS:

Olivier SYKES ~ Giulio VERDINI ~ Kristy MACARI

HOST: Carter WILLIAMS, Student Representative, APA International Division, and City of Reno, NV

PLANNING CHALLENGES IN UKRAINE

14:00 – 15:00

Four planning organizations from Ukraine or for Ukraine who are involved in reconstruction plans on the urban and regional scale will present themselves and a key project discussing the challenges Ukraine is facing.

SPEAKERS:

Lilet BREDELDES ~ Gala KORNIYENKO ~ Alice ALEXANDROVA ~ Nathan HUTSON ~ Ivan VERBYTSKY

HOST: Ruibin LI, RPP, MCIP and McElhanney, Kelowna, British Columbia

SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE: FAST AND FUN

15:15 – 16:05

Five presentations on innovative sustainability- and resilience-oriented projects:

- **Nuwani KANGANA:** Development of a Web-application to Assess Urban Flood Vulnerability Levels Using Night-time Light Data
- **Axel David MURILLO:** Nature-Based Solutions and the Value of Nature: a debate on the renaturalization of urban rivers.
- **Henry ONAWOLE:** Bridging the Gap: Preparing Urban Planners for the AI Revolution
- **Lisa DALLA ROSA:** Beyond the Games - An Urban Planning Perspective of the Community Building Benefits of Hosting Mega-Events
- **Elizabeth SHAY & Shea BRUER:** Planning in High Places: North Carolina's High Country and the Scottish Highlands

Moderator: Mike SULLIVAN, MPI, RPP, MCIP, and LandPro Planning Solutions



SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION: CALL TO ACTION

16:15 – 17:15

This session provides an important opportunity to convene to discuss the Commonwealth-led Call to Action on Sustainable Urbanisation (CTA) and the Declaration on Sustainable Urbanisation, share good practices and explore strategies for creating a practical plan of action. This panel discussion will directly contribute to the overarching WTPD theme of “Sustainability and Resilience through planning” by bringing together a multi-disciplinary panel to discuss how global collaboration toward a common goal can have a lasting local impact.

SPEAKERS:

Kelley MOORE ~ Eleanor MOHAMMED ~ Peter OBORN ~ Lucy SLACK ~ Victoria HOBDAV ~ Annabel BOUD

HOST: Sean TAPIA, APA International Division, and AECOM

HOW CAN PLANNERS SUPPORT RECOVERY FROM URBAN CRISES AND BUILD ADAPTABILITY TO FUTURE CHALLENGES

17:30 – 18:45

This session will outline lessons for land use recovery from severe weather, earthquakes, and climate change from New Zealand, Australia, and the United States, and encourage planners to explore their role in the recovery process and to take action before a disaster strikes their community.

SPEAKERS:

Wendy SAUNDERS ~ Gavin SMITH ~ Stephen DREDGE

HOST: Tom SANCHEZ, AICP, APA and Virginia Tech

EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: FAST AND FUN

19:00 – 19:50

Five presentations on innovative equity- and social justice-oriented projects:

- **Aabiya Noman BAQUAI:** Visual Ethnography through Walking in Public Spaces: A Case Study of Gendered Experiences Islamabad, Pakistan
- **Alejandra BEJARANO:** Global at Home: Public/Private/Academic Collaborations to Support International Students
- **Ruth BERRY:** Building Better Homes and Cities Where No-One Gets Left Behind
- **Kirsi FORSS:** How Citizen Engagement Creates Equitable Communities with Location-Based Data
- **Tilahun FIKADU:** Exploring Green Space Perception in Informal and Formal Settlements Among East African Cities

MODERATOR: Tippi MORLAN, AICP, APA International Division and President APA Utah Chapter

CLOSING REMARKS

19:50 – 20:00

SPEAKER:

Bruce STIFTEL, FAICP, Vice-chair, APA International Division, and Georgia Tech



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KEY NOTE SPEAKER:



Nicholas YOU

Executive Director, Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation, Guangzhou, China. Nicholas is the Co-Chair of the Open Green City Lab in Shenzhen, and senior green finance advisor to the China City Development Foundation. He regularly advises central and local governments, technology companies, and civil society organizations on urban sustainability, urban governance, and urban innovation. He has written and co-authored key policy papers for the U20. You previously served as the senior policy and planning advisor to UN-Habitat and as the manager of the Habitat II Conference held in Istanbul in 1996. He is the founder and honorary chairman of the UN-Habitat World Urban Campaign Steering Committee, a former think tank and thought leader for the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Siemens, ENGIE, and the Global Cities Business Alliance.

NEW CHALLENGES FOR OLD PROBLEMS: HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE



Bish SANYAL

Ford International Professor of Urban Development and Planning and Director of the Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies (SPURS)/Hubert H. Humphrey Program. He served as Head of the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT from 1994 to 2002 and was Chair of the MIT faculty from 2007 to 2009. Sanyal's research, teaching, and academic leadership reflect his multidisciplinary education in architecture, urban planning, and international development planning.



Jing ZHANG, AICP

Transportation Planner, Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in Morgantown, West Virginia. Jing serves as the Chair of the American Planning Association International Division, co-chairs the Japan and U.S. Collaboration Interest Group, and leads the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Task Force of the APA's Divisions Council. In addition, Jing contributes his expertise as a member of the Committee on Public Engagement & Communications of the Transportation Research Board, and is appointed by Secretary Buttigieg to the Transportation Equity Advisory Committee of U.S. Department of Transportation.



Agustina RODRIGUEZ BIASONE

Lawyer, magister in public policy, urban practitioner; Hubert H. Humphrey Program Fellow. Agustina is a lawyer with a master's in public policy. She worked for more than 7 years on the most ambitious urbanization project for informal settlements in Argentina, and was part of the crisis committee of the Ministry of Human Development and Habitat of the City of Buenos Aires during the COVID pandemic. In the last period she was in charge of executing strategies to address the social economy of the most vulnerable neighborhoods in Buenos Aires.



Carina ARVIZU MACHADO

Architect, urban planner and urban policy specialist; Hubert H. Humphrey Program Fellow. Carina is a Mexican architect, urban planner and urban policy specialist. She has more than 10 years of professional experience in the public and private sector, NGOs and international organizations, including as former National Deputy Secretary of Urban Development and Housing for Mexico, and former Cities Program Director for Mexico and Colombia at the World Resources Institute. She has coordinated and designed public policies and projects regarding urban development, housing, mobility and road safety at the local, subnational and national level.



Nicolas MAGGIO

Sociologist, CEO - Weatherizers Without Borders (WWB); Hubert Humphrey Fellow. Nicolas has worked for 20+ years in lower income housing and energy intersections. CEO at WWB, nonprofit based in the US designing and implementing sustainable home improvement public policies in Latin America. Working on low income housing and energy efficiency since 2002, he created, developed and implemented projects such as: weatherization, EE & renewables for lower income housing, training centers. WWB has active cooperation agreements with National governments of Argentina, Chile, Peru, Ecuador and Mexico.



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CONT'D NEW CHALLENGES FOR OLD PROBLEMS: HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE



Tenzin JAMTSHO

Director of Administration and finance, Druk Gyalpo's Institute, Bhutan; Hubert H. Humphrey Program Fellow. Tenzin is the Director of Administration and Finance at the Druk Gyalpo's Institute (DGI), Bhutan. He has previously served as the Chief Engineer for the DGI. He was also a part of the Royal Academy Construction Project team responsible for the construction and development of the Royal Academy campus and served in Bhutan's civil service in the Urban Infrastructure Services Division and Water and Sanitation Division under the Ministry of Works and Human Settlement.



Salvador HERRERA

CEO of Urbanistica; Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow. Salvador is CEO (since 2013) and founding partner of Urbanistica, where he is responsible for the company's portfolio development, client management, research and methodology leadership. He holds twenty-three years of experience as an urban and mobility planner in the government, NGO and private sectors. Salvador worked for ten years in urban and transportation planning in various cities and countries, including the United States, Spain, and Mexico; and was Chief Operating Officer at WRI Mexico for six years.

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Olivier SYKES

Planning Lead, University of Liverpool, UK. Oliver's main areas of research and teaching relate to international and comparative planning studies. He has worked on planning, urban and environmental policy systems in different countries for funders, including the EU, regional and local government, the UK and French governments, and the RTPi. He is one of the authors of a new book, International Planning Studies – An Introduction (Palgrave, 2023).



Giulio VERDINI

Professor in Urban Planning, Director MA International Planning & Sustainable Development, University of Westminster. He is also a Visiting Professor at Mohammed VI Polytechnic University in Morocco and worked previously at Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University in Suzhou, China (2010-2016). His research explores pathways of sustainable territorial development primarily in the context of fast urbanizing countries, with a focus on cultural sustainability and social innovation.



Kristy MACARI

Co-Head of Undergraduate Programmes, Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Dundee, UK. Kristy is interested in the function and relationship of planning and place and explores this through her current Professional Doctorate in Education focusing on experiential transdisciplinary education to support the wellbeing of people and place. Kirsty has strong links to planning practice. She is a Board Member of Architecture & Design Scotland.

PLANNING CHALLENGES IN UKRAINE



Lilet BREDELS

Project Leader, Ro3kvit, Urban Coalition for Ukraine. Lilet is an art historian living and working in Amsterdam. She is the director of the Archis Foundation, a cultural think tank promoting debate on spatial and urban urgencies, and publisher of Volume Magazine. Archis initiates projects, exhibitions, and debates all over the world. Breddels is co-founder of the Architecture of Peace project in 2010 and curated (with Arjen Oosterman) several exhibitions that investigate the possible role of architecture and urbanism in post-conflict situations. In March 2022 she became part of Ro3kvit, Urban Coalition for Ukraine. Breddels is a guest teacher, curator, and lecturer mainly on issues dealing with the crossroad of art and architecture and its role in society.

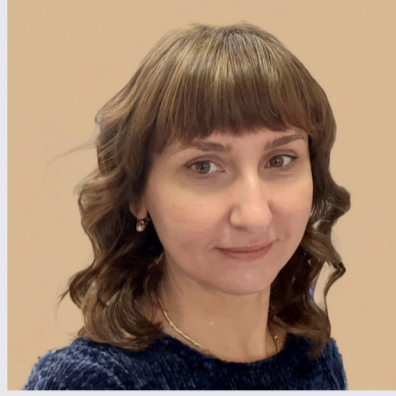




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Gala KORNIYENKO

Lecturer in City and Regional Planning, Ohio State University. Dr. KORNIYENKO (UA) is the Director of Research at the National Youth Advocate Program. She was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Kansas, where she holds a Master of Urban Planning. Gala works on the nexus of planning, urban design, and neuroscience to solve the problem of sensory overload and unnecessary stress triggers for neurodiverse persons, with a particular focus on autism and inclusive public participation. As a Ukrainian, Dr. KORNIYENKO contributes to the work of the Ukrainian Rebuilding Action Group, which is part of the International Division's effort to help Ukraine (www.urag.org).



Alice ALEXANDROVA

Architect, Ro3kvit. Alice is a researcher, graduate, and lector at KhSA. Previously, Alice was a member of «Urban Reforms», and she is a columnist.



Nathan HUTSON

Professor of Urban Planning, University of North Texas. Nathan is a consultant to the World Bank on trade and transportation in the ECA region. Currently involved in a project to assess how different war resolution scenarios may impact goods movement patterns and economic restructuring within Ukraine and its trading partners. Experience with maritime, rail, urban mobility, Soviet-era housing, and historical conservation.



Ivan VERBYTSKY

Director, Cedos. Ivan is working on the topic of the social impact of the war. Cedos took part in drafting the National Recovery Plan for Ukraine and is now assisting different Ukrainian municipalities in organizing their local recovery planning in a participative way. Ivan was trained in political science and sociology. He was a national expert for the Council of Europe, GIZ, Heinrich Böll Foundation, and the World Bank.

SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE: FAST AND FUN



Nuwani KANGANA

Research Assistant, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. Nuwani is a dedicated and passionate researcher specializing in urban planning and disaster resilience. She holds a Bachelor of Science with Honors in Town and Country Planning from the prestigious University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka and currently reading for a Master of Science by Research at the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. Her primary areas of interest lie in leveraging technology for disaster mitigation and prevention, as well as promoting participatory approaches in urban planning to ensure sustainable and resilient cities.



Axel David MURILLO

Professor, Externado University of Colombia. Axel David is a dedicated lawyer with a unique expertise in city design and a strong commitment to working with communities. Throughout my career, I have blended my legal knowledge with a deep understanding of urban planning and community development to create impactful and sustainable solutions. As a lawyer, I have successfully represented clients in a wide range of legal matters, with a particular focus on urban and environmental law. My journey as a lawyer, city design expert, and professor continues to be a rewarding and fulfilling adventure.



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Henry ONAWOLE

Solution Engineer Manager, Pfizer.

“I am the eldest of five siblings, hailing from Lagos, Nigeria. My educational journey has been marked by dedication and a thirst for knowledge. With a bachelor’s degree in Geography and Regional Planning, a Master’s degree in Transportation Studies, and an additional Master's in Business Administration. Beyond my professional endeavors, I find joy in watching soccer, embracing new technologies, research, presenting and attending conferences and cherishing moments with my family. I’m married and live in Sacramento California.”



Lisa Dalla ROSA, RPP, MCIP

Associate-Planning, Fotenn Planning and Design, Ottawa, Ontario. Lisa has over 15 years of experience in land development and policy planning. She has managed the development process from land acquisition to concept creation through to approvals and build-out. Currently completing an Executive MBA, she is learning how to apply a business perspective to community building. As someone who is OBSESSED with the Olympics, not just from an athlete’s point of view but also as an urban planner. She has always been interested in what it means for a City to host. You always hear about the reasons not to, but what about the why to? What good can come from it? This presentation is based on a paper done for her EMBA and allowed her the opportunity to combine her love of sports with an interest in community building.



Elizabeth SHAY, AICP

Associate Professor, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC. Dr. Shay is the Director of the Planning program, in the Department of Geography and Planning.

Shea Bruer

Student, Appalachian State University. Shea is a senior in the Department of Geography and Planning at Appalachian State University, Boone NC, graduating in 2024 with a degree in Community and Regional Planning and a certificate in Geographic Information Systems. He studied planning in Cork Ireland in 2023.

SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION: CALL TO ACTION



Kelley MOORE, RPP, FCIP

Secretary General, Commonwealth Association of Planners. Kelley is a Registered Professional Planner and Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners with extensive experience in public, private, and not-for-profit sectors. Over the past 25 years, Kelley’s work has focused on improving the quality of life for citizens by delivering high-quality programs and services. Her expertise spans a wide range of interdisciplinary fields including community planning, human service delivery and integration, public administration, and international development. Her passion for international development continues through her voluntary appointment in 2021 as Secretary General and Trustee of the Commonwealth Association of Planners.



Eleanor MOHAMMED, RPP, MCIP

President, Commonwealth Association of Planners. Eleanor is the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada. She is an Executive Leader with over 18 years of public, private, and not-for-profit sector experience, having worked for local and provincial governments, and the consulting industry. As a passionate professional who regularly speaks and presents at international events on city building, Eleanor is a champion for good governance, climate action, equity and inclusion, resilient communities, technology adaptation, and sustainability. She holds a Master of Arts with Distinction in Town and Country Planning from the University of the West of England, Bristol, U.K., and has an Honours Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto with a specialization in Environmental Management.





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Peter OBORN

President, Commonwealth Association of Architects. Peter is a chartered architect and client adviser with considerable experience working internationally. He recently led a four-year strategic capacity development programme as part of the UK Foreign Commonwealth & Development Offices Global Future Cities programme, supporting 30 projects in 19 cities in 10 countries in South America, Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia. He has previously served as Vice President International at the Royal Institute of British Architects and, in August 2022, was elected President of the Commonwealth Association of Architects.



Lucy SLACK

Secretary General, Commonwealth Local Government Forum. Lucy took on the role of the Secretary General of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum in December 2021 having worked in programme and policy development within the organisation for a number of years. CLGF is responsible for bringing together cities and local governments, local government associations and ministries with responsibility for local government from across the Commonwealth. The organisation's work focuses on global, Commonwealth and national advocacy to enhance local democracy and to promote decentralisation, especially in the context of the role of local government in achieving global development targets and the Agenda 2030; capacity building to strengthen service delivery and policy; and learning and exchange of good practice. CLGF manages two networks – Commonwealth Women in Local Government Network and the Commonwealth Sustainable Cities Network.



Victoria HOBDAV, MRTPI

Senior Programme Manager (International), The Prince's Foundation. Victoria is a qualified planner and has worked for over 25 years in Trinidad and Tobago and the UK in public and private sector organisations. Having recently served as Coordinator for the Commonwealth Sustainable Cities Initiative, she is currently working on scaling up The Prince's Foundation's Rapid Planning Toolkit for Urban Expansion across the Commonwealth. She also is the Coordinator for the Commonwealth Association of Planners. She is a chartered member of the Royal Town Planning Institute and a professional member of the Trinidad and Tobago Society of Planners.



Annabel BOUD

Head of Scholarships at the Association of Commonwealth Universities. She leads the ACU's diverse portfolio of international scholarship, fellowship, and grant programmes. Annabel joined the ACU in 2013 and has over 20 years of experience working in higher education and sustainable development in Australia, Fiji, Sri Lanka and the UK. Annabel Leads the ACU's thematic work on refugee access to higher education and engagement at COP28.

HOW CAN PLANNERS SUPPORT RECOVERY FROM URBAN CRISES AND BUILD ADAPTABILITY TO FUTURE CHALLENGES?



Wendy SAUNDERS

Land Use Planner, Toka Tū Ake Earthquake Commission. Wendy is a champion of land-use planning for the New Zealand government's insurer of natural hazards. She is a specialist in risk-based land use planning, including pre-event recovery planning, managed retreat, sustainable and resilient communities, and risk tolerance assessments. Wendy is currently advising on national planning direction for natural hazards.



Gavin SMITH

Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning, North Carolina State University. Professor Smith's teaching and research focus on hazard mitigation, disaster recovery, and climate change adaptation, and the integration of research and practice through deep community engagement.



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Stephen DREDGE

Director, Meridian Urban, Australia. Stephen is a trusted advisor to government and communities in resilient urban growth management, disaster risk reduction, and adaptation. He has designed and delivered multi-year and multi-million dollar planning programs that have influenced for the better where and how our settlements develop. He has a passion for enabling local communities to realize their visions for sustainable and resilient settlements.

EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: FAST AND FUN



Aabiya Noman BAQUAI

PhD Candidate, The University of Texas at Austin. Aabiya's research focuses on the ways marginalized groups, such as Christian women from informal settlements, use the built environment to confront the national government's claim to a single imagined national identity in Islamabad, the capital city of Pakistan. Aabiya has a Master's in Public Policy from the University of Texas at Arlington and a Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design from Dar Al Hekma University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.



Alejandra BEJARANO

Economic Development Planner, Region 9 Development Commission, Minnesota. Alejandra leads regional economic development initiatives. She has a diverse background living in large metropolitan areas and small towns, and she has gained a unique perspective on navigating different local and economic contexts. Alejandra has a passion for global affairs, entrepreneurship, and economic development that drives her to explore new cultures and learn multiple languages. She holds an MPA from Minnesota State University.



Ruth BERRY

Co-Director, New Zealand National Science Challenge. Ruth is Co-Director (Tangata Tiriti) of the Building Better Homes, Towns and Cities; He Kāinga Whakamana Tangata Whakamana Taiao National Science Challenge, a ten year mission-led research programme tasked with improving outcomes in housing, homes, neighbourhoods, communities and regions. The challenge is co-governed and Ruth co-leads alongside the Co-Director (Tangata Whenua). We undertake research programmes partnered with communities and focused on developing, testing and implementing tools, process and knowledge to improve outcomes for communities.



Kirsi FORSS

Lead Consultant & DACH Representative, Maptionnaire. Kirsi holds an MSc in Planning Geography and Regional Studies and has been working with Maptionnaire since 2017. As Lead Consultant and Contact for the German-speaking countries, she supports and manages online participation projects. She is particularly fascinated by how the local insights of people can help to create more livable and sustainable cities. Maptionnaire is a powerful community engagement tool that helps urban planners create map-based tools to get ideas and insights from residents.



Tilahun FIKADU

PhD Candidate, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Tilahun's research focuses on enhancing the availability, social usability, and accessibility of urban green spaces in East African Cities. Using the case of Addis Ababa and Kampala, he studied how the legal and institutional frameworks, social perception, and physical accessibility shaped the social usability of urban green spaces. Tilahun obtained his master's in applied Ecology from the University of Poitiers (France) and his first degree in Applied Biology from Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia).

