AUHF’s annual conference is held each year in a different member’s country to coincide with its annual general meeting.

**THEME: THE NEXT FRONTIER IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING: ALTERNATIVE BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES**

Africa is growing through its cities, and every day, as people flock to urban centres in search of opportunity and change, the demand for housing grows. With an annual urbanisation rate of 3.5% over the past two decades, Africa’s cities are the fastest growing in the developing world. Currently, about 40% of the continent’s one billion people live in cities and towns. It is estimated that in the next few years, some African cities will be home to as much as 85% of their country’s population. Contemplating the challenge of meeting this need can be overwhelming. The residential opportunity is obvious.

And yet, housing delivery is not reaching the scale, sustainability or affordability levels that these pressures demand. Investors, lenders and developers will miss the market if they do not consider the realities of affordability and the very real need for scale and sustainability across the continent. **What kinds of alternative building technologies should be considered? And how can these be financed?**

**TARGET AUDIENCE**

All directors and executives in both the public and private sectors involved in affordable housing development including:

- Raising finance for development
- Granting finance for development projects
- National, provincial and municipal planning authorities
- NGOs
- Developers, Architects and Consulting Engineers

**PROGRAMME SUMMARY**

**DAY 1: New Technologies And Innovative Practice**

**Session 1:** Charting Africa’s Housing Construction Challenge and Contribution to Economic Growth and Job Creation

**Session 2:** Promoting Sustainable Housing: New Green Technologies

**Session 3:** Championing Scale: Rapid Construction Methodologies

**Session 4:** Realising Affordability: Affordable Construction Technologies

**Session 5:** Understanding the Demand Side

**DAY 2: Financing Affordable Housing & New Technologies**

**Session 6:** Construction Financing for Affordable Housing

**Session 7:** Green Financing for Affordable Housing

**Session 8:** Building and Financing at the Bottom of the Pyramid

- Building companies specialising in the design and construction of affordable housing
- Suppliers of building material and components for affordable housing
- Suppliers of fixtures and fittings for affordable housing

**EXHIBITION**

A trade exhibition will run alongside the conference offering suppliers an outstanding opportunity to promote their products. Refreshments plus lunch and a cocktail party will take place in the centre of the exhibition area providing excellent exposure to the delegates.

Exhibitors will also have the opportunity to address the delegates and present a mini case study on one of their housing projects. As time is limited these slots will be available on a first come basis. Exhibitors may book to attend the conference at 50% discount off the delegate fee.

**Note stand cost per 9m² include:**

- Shell scheme, carpets, power point, lighting and facia name
- Lunch and refreshment catering for 1 person
- Attendance at the cocktail party for 1 person

**Exhibition Stands:** Available in 9m² and multiples thereof

- **Exhibition Cost:** $250/m² (US dollars)
- 10% discount for bookings and payments before 15 October 2014

**Build-up**

- From 07:00 on 17 November 2014
- Open:
  - 12:30 - 19:30 on 17 November 2014
  - 10:00 - 18:00 on 18 November 2014

Suppliers can also gain additional exposure through the variety of promotional opportunities for sponsors.

**DAY 3: Meetings and Site Visits**

**Morning**

- AUHF AGM (AUHF members only)
- AUHF Board Meeting (Directors only)

**Afternoon**

- Site visits including picnic basket lunch and refreshments - **Sponsored by International Housing Solutions**

**Evening** Free