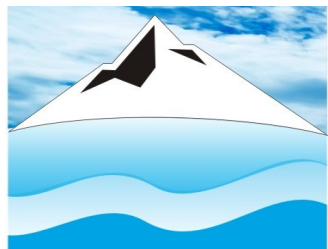


# LAGOS DEVELOPMENT ENVISION LAB



CALL FOR APPLICATION

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## **1. BACKGROUND, NEED AND PROGRAM DELIVERY METHODOLOGY**

Lagos, a meta city-state in Sub Saharan Africa, has grown from trading post to regional economic and commercial hub in more than a century. The city is the industrial heart and a major driver of Nigerian economy. At more than 23 million population (Lagos Bureau of Statistics, 2012), its status as commercial capital of Nigeria has continued to attract visitors and residents majorly from other parts of Nigeria and West African sub-region. People from other African countries and around the world have also chosen Lagos for businesses and residences. The city has a peaceful and receptive population while the United Nations Environment Program in 2013 described the city Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) as one of the 30 innovative and visionary approaches to sustainable infrastructure development in the cities across the world.

With the growing population at 3.2% rate per annum (Lagos Bureau of Statistics, 2012), the infrastructure to meet the need of the rising population has been inadequate. Delivery of housing, transportation, water and sanitation, energy and other infrastructure has remained a key challenge for the city. The shortage has created near desperate residents' scenario for the city and many policies appear to be responding to the scenario rather than addressing fundamental infrastructure gap.

Solutions to meeting the city need sometimes provoke misunderstanding between residents and city managers. Attempts at new housing delivery has pitched slum communities with the city officials, street vendors considered city sponsored environmental preservation as threatening their livelihood while some property owners along new road expansion felt excluded because of lack of compensation.

While the argument about the right model for developing the city persists, the capacity to understanding the fundamental challenges facing the city is inadequate. Many built environment practitioners cannot establish the reasons for slum proliferation; they cannot understand the presence of street vendors in the city nor fathom the reason why motorcycles (*okada*), keke (*tricycle*) and mini-buses (*danfos*) are prominent on the roads. Most significantly, the young professionals seem to be far from development orientation, scope and transformation of the city. Considerable number of urban planners, architects, cost estimators and land surveyors among others do not have clear understanding of the city's fundamental development challenges hence inability to initiate, create or develop appropriate measures. Many communities too are not seeing their unplanned, irregular and below habitable indicator neighborhoods as a challenge, hence inability to make an informed demand from the relevant government on the service delivery level. While many residents in the slums and informal settlements have limited knowledge of the implications of their

precarious communities, they also lack inventive measures to resolving the challenges. Without proportional understanding of the problems in the city, solutions will remain inadequate and often counterproductive.

In addressing the observed capacity gap, the Arctic Infrastructure (AI) and the Heinrich Boll Stiftung Nigeria (hbs) have developed a program, “**Lagos Development Envision Lab**” that will bring community groups and professionals together under the same knowledge platform. The Lab is a residence training program that will bring selected talented youth from slums and informal settlements together with young professionals from the built environment to share knowledge on the fundamental problems and alternative development strategies for the city of Lagos. The program intends to close the huge gap observed in the human capacity to effect development changes that could respond to the needs of the majority of the residents. The Lab will focus on “Housing in the Larger Development of Lagos”

The youth numbering 16 will be selected through identification and competitive application. They will reside in a common location for four days. In addition to making audio visual presentations and initiating solutions among themselves, policy makers, experts from the private sector, Non-Governmental Organizations and professional associations who hold passionate views about the city will be invited to facilitate sessions with the participants. Cohorts will also participate in city tour.

## **2. QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION**

The youth numbering 16 will be selected through identification and competitive application. Pre-identified youth from communities will be joined by selected young professionals. Communities can also introduce youth whose documentation will be assessed before selection. Eight cohorts each from the community and professional sides are expected to participate in the four day residency program. Cohorts will be selected based on the criteria outlined below;

- 2.1. Ideally, youth from the low-income/informal community will have the following characteristics;**
  - a. Aged between 25 and 35 years by October 1, 2017 with documented evidence
  - b. Active in community development affairs with confirmation from leadership of the community
  - c. Minimum of senior secondary school certification

**2.1. Ideally, young professional will have the following characteristics;**

- a. 35 years or less than by October 1, 2017 with documented evidence
- b. Minimum of four years of post graduation practice **in Lagos**
- c. Degree in urban planning, architecture, surveying, engineering, sustainable infrastructure, development/public finance, environmental management or other related disciplines is acceptable.

Cohort will submit the following documentation as part of the application to participate in the Lab;

- a. Letter of application to participate in the Lab. Letter should be addressed to Arctic Infrastructure
- b. Curriculum vitae (not more than 3 pages) with functional email address
- c. Evidence of age declaration (Birth certificate, LASRRA Card or other nationally recognized age bearing document)
- d. 2 pages concept note on how a cohort will transform housing in the city of Lagos.
- e. Copies of academic and professional credentials

All applications should be addressed in a single file to Arctic Infrastructure (AI) on or before **May 31, 2017** through [career@arcticil.org](mailto:career@arcticil.org)

**3. TIMELINE**

S/N	Activity	Timeline
1	Call for Application	April 1 – May 30, 2017
2	Selection of Candidates, Confirmation and Acceptance to Lab	July 15 – August 31, 2017
3	Envision Lab	September 10 – 14, 2017

**4. VENUE AND RESIDENCE**

The program is a four (4) day residence program to take place within Ibeju-Lekki Local Council Development Area of Lagos State.

**5. BOARDING AND TRANSPORTATION**

The program will provide shared accommodation, feeding and transportation to and from the venue.

## 6. PROGRAM

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