



AMOLLO AMBOLE

Development and Innovation expert | Inclusion champion

CURRENT WORK

Independent Consultant

- [African Cities Research Consortium](#) - I am the In-City Urban Development Research Lead for Nairobi, Kenya. In this role, I am supporting the ACRC research teams in Nairobi to gather relevant lessons from their action research. (June to present).
- [Open Cities Lab](#) - I am leading strategic partnership work for OCL in co-designing data governance frameworks for African Cities (March 2024 to present).
- [UrbanBetter](#) - I am carrying out a scoping study for UrbanBetter on youth-driven citizen science in LMICs. (Dec 2023 to present).

Adjunct faculty positions

- [African Leadership University](#) - I am teaching 2 online courses on 'creativity & innovation' and 'idea generation & future thinking' to undergraduate students in the Entrepreneurial Leadership program (May - Aug 2024).
- [University of Nairobi](#) - I will teach research methods to postgraduate students in the Design department (Sept - Dec 2024). I am also seeking long-term research collaborations with international universities (2024 - 2026).
- [University of Cape Town](#) - I am an honorary research associate at the African Centre for Cities, allowing me to collaborate with researchers at the centre (2022 - 2027).

PREVIOUS WORK

Inaugural AMALI Program Director

As the inaugural program director of the African Mayoral Leadership Initiative ([AMALI](#)) I designed and led the implementation of the initiative with the following partners: Big Win Philanthropy, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and the African Centre for Cities (Jan 2021 - Jan 2024).

Full time Lecturer & academic researcher

I held full time lecturer positions at Maseno University (2007 - 2009) and at University of Nairobi (2010 to 2020). At University of Nairobi, I won research grants totaling USD 250,000 (2017 - 2020).

EDUCATION

2016

Ph.D. in Public & Development Management - School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.

2013

Diploma in Bridging Research and Policy for Sustainable Development - Doclinks Summer School, University of Helsinki, Finland.

2007

Master of Arts in Design - University of Nairobi, Kenya.

EXPERT SKILLS

+++ Strategy, innovation & partnerships

+++ Programs & implementation

+++ Academic research & teaching

++ Coaching & mentoring

CONNECT

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