

Learning for Resilience

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**Architecture**  
**Activism**

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# Kosovo informal Settlement SOUTH AFRICA

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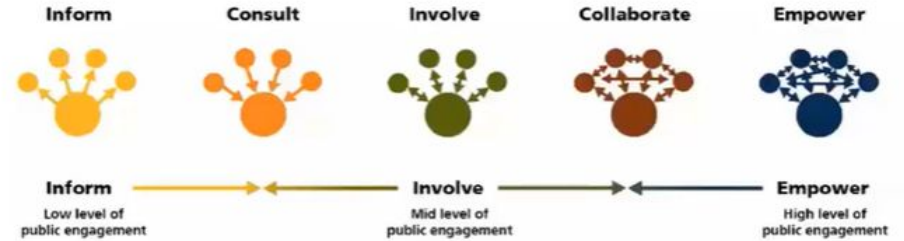




- Kosovo informal settlement, SOUTH AFRICA
- How do we make our cities more inclusive?



## - Participatory design process



# 1

- Engage with local users in design activities in order to uncover new ideas, priorities, and flows.
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# 2

- Consistent meetings and workshops with the community to ensure a transparent design process.
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# 3

- Harvest and employ local skill and invest in training the community of Kosovo
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“ How does architecture serve society and how does architecture encourage new forms of collaboration with the people we are building for? ”



## Additional Supporting Materials and Resources

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- The recording of the session can be accessed [here](#). [39:45 – 1:12:14]
- <http://www.designspaceafrica.com/>
- <http://www.designspaceafrica.com/studio2#/director/>





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