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Milango Housing Projects

Milango. A community-based organization located in the informal settlement of Mathare Valley, Nairobi, Kenya. Our organization started in 2022 and was officially registered in february 2024.

<https://milangohousing.org>



Geert De Pauw

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Geert has over 30 years' experience advocating for the right to housing in the city of Brussels. After a 2008 visit to Champlain Housing Trust, he championed the creation of a Community Land Trust (CLT) in Brussels, coordinating its feasibility study and later serving as CLT Brussels' coordinator from 2013 to 2025. He now leads innovation, advocacy and is co-president of the International Center for CLTs.



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Abstract

This webinar brings together researchers and practitioners to explore how CLTs can serve as innovative institutional frameworks that promote long-term housing security, collective stewardship, and equitable participation for informal settlement communities and for foreign migrants in particular often excluded from conventional housing markets and decision-making structures. A key focus of the session will be the exchange between Milango, project located in Matharé Nairobi, with the participation of local activists and the experience of Community Land Trust Brussels with Geert De Pauw co-president of the International Center for CLT, about transnational learning processes and inclusive governance models. The discussion will highlight comparative experiences and methodological insights on: CLTs “how to” as instruments for reducing structural inequalities in access to housing focussing on the case of Matharé. Participatory mechanisms that foster representation and shared ownership, engaging foreign migrants in CLT creation and governance Cross-border knowledge exchange within the global CLT movement
The webinar is intended for scholars, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners working at the intersection of migration studies, urban governance, housing justice, and community-led development.



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