

Prof McCormick Participates in VREF Workshop

Prof Dorothy McCormick represented IDS at the annual workshop for the Centres of Excellence funded by the Volvo Research and Educational Foundation (VREF) in New York City in late October 2014.

The workshop's theme was: Transforming Access, Mobility, and Delivery in Cities – Turning Knowledge into Action

Her main contribution to the workshop was as a discussant in the panel on 'How best design and implement better access in cities.' She also used the opportunity to discuss present and future transport research with colleagues from the African Centre of Excellence for public and non-motorised transport (ACET), participants from other VREF Centres of Excellence, and with VREF representatives.

Other ACET members present were Prof Roger Behrens of the University of Cape Town, overall coordinator of ACET, Mr Herrie Schalekamp of UCT, and Mr George Makajuma of the African Development Bank.

The workshop was hosted by Columbia University's Centre for Sustainable Urban Development (CSUD) whose researchers have also been studying issues of transport in Nairobi. Other centres are located in Beijing, Berkeley, Cape Town, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne, New Delhi, Santiago, and Troy.