

## Geci KARURI-SEBINA

## (South Africa; Urban Development, Innovation, and Foresight)

## **Biography**

Dr. Geci Karuri-Sebina is Executive Manager for programmes at South African Cities Network, an urban research and learning network. Her interests span a range of development foresight, policy, planning and practice topics, particularly relating to urban governance, the built environment, innovation systems, and local development. She has two decades' experience working and publishing in these fields. Her most recent publication is the book *Innovation Africa* (Emerald Books, 2016).

Geci is a Council Member on the South African Council of Planners, and an Associate Research Fellow of the Institute for Economic Research on Innovation (IERI) and the National Research Foundation's South African Research Chair on Innovation and Development. She is also a founding director of the Southern African Node of the Millennium Project, co-founder of ForesightForDevelopment.org, an Associate Editor for the African Journal for Science, Technology, Innovation and Development (Taylor & Francis), and Africa Regional Editor for Foresight: The journal of future studies, strategic thinking and policy (Emerald).

## **Main works**

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