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Dorcas is a sustainable urban development specialist and researcher based in Germany. Her work focuses on advancing sustainable development in rapidly urbanising cities, with particular emphasis on decarbonisation, sustainable urban mobility and inclusive urban growth. She was a visiting researcher at Eindhoven University of Technology, where she contributed to research on sustainable mobility and urban development in African cities. She has also worked extensively on policy-oriented research and recommendations, collaborating with academic, public-sector and international development partners to translate research into actionable strategies for sustainable urban transformation.



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Prof. Dr. Michael Simon combines academia, consulting, and industry experience in the field of sustainable real estate. As a Professor at Hochschule RheinMain University of Applied Sciences and Managing Director of simon+savas, he works at the intersection of climate adaptation, decarbonization, circular construction, and strategic portfolio development. His professional mission is to translate research and innovation into practical solutions for real estate owners, investors, and public-sector organizations. He looks forward to exchanging ideas on climate-resilient buildings, sustainable portfolio transformation, and international best practices in the built environment.

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