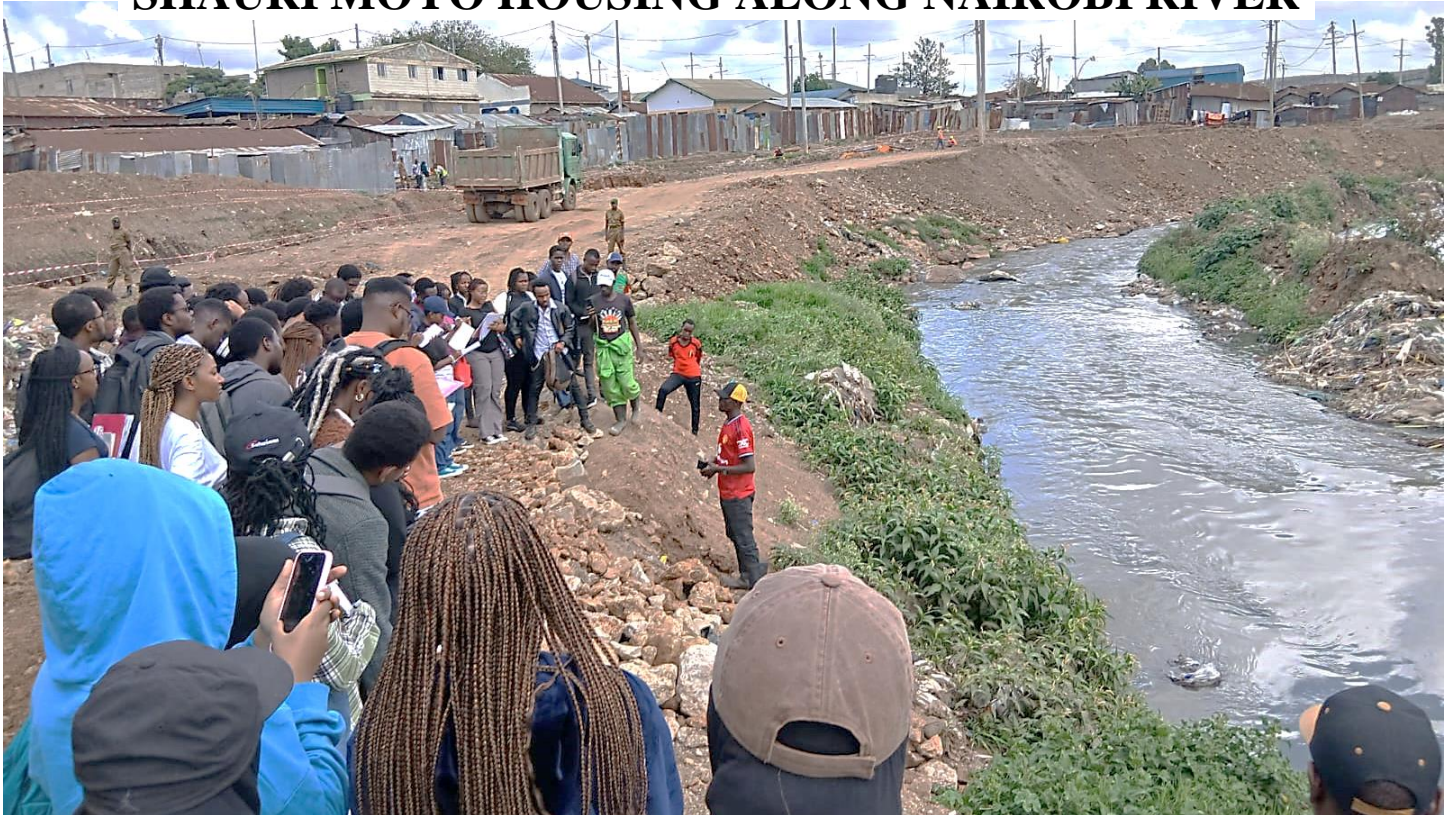


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SHAURI MOYO HOUSING ALONG NAIROBI RIVER



PHOTOS: UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI 5TH YEAR BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS
(TOP) CROSSING ONDIRI SWAMP, THE WETLAND THAT FORMS THE HEADWATERS OF NAIROBI RIVER
(BOTTOM) NAIROBI RIVER AS IT FLOWS THROUGH NAIROBI'S EASTLANDS AT KOROGOCHO - KOMB GREEN (NOVEMBER 2025)

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STUDIO PROJECT REPORT

OVERARCHING RESEARCH PROJECT: (PEARLS) PROMOTING A NEW COMMUNITY OF KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE ON PEOPLE-CENTRED AND RESILIENT SPACES RELATED TO URBAN RIVERS

STUDIO PROJECT THEME: INTEGRATING HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT WITH RIVER REGENERATION

STUDIO PROJECT TITLE: SHAURI MOYO HOUSING ALONG NAIROBI RIVER

1. INTRODUCTION

OVERARCHING RESEARCH PROJECT BACKGROUND

University of Nairobi's Department of Architecture is collaborating with two academic partners: Norwegian University of Science and Technology and Kathmandu University (Nepal) as well as non-academic partners: Kounkuey Design Initiative and UN-Habitat, in the on-going **PEARLS Project** (2025-2028). The Project is promoting a New Community of Knowledge and Practice on Urban Rivers and aims for more inclusive and climate-friendly cities through people-centred and resilient urban spaces. Furthermore, it promotes new learning practices that are transdisciplinary, exploratory and informed by case-studies through contextualising solutions to address local needs. Ultimately, its thematic focus is on the relationship between *urban rivers* and *riverine communities* in *times of climate change*.

5TH YEAR STUDIO HOUSING PROJECT BACKGROUND

During the academic year 2025-2026 the 5th Year Bachelor of Architecture Studio was guided by a team of tutors including Dr. Margaret Macharia Kedogo, Dr. Kigara Kamweru, Prof. Jerry Magutu, Dr. Yusuf Ebrahim and Dr. Linda Nkatha.

The 1st Semester Housing Studio Project's theme focused on **Integrating Housing Redevelopment with River Regeneration**. As such it aimed to investigate housing conditions and socio-ecological conditions along Nairobi's riparian, urban corridor.

As part of the introduction to the 5th Year's Housing Studio Project, they embarked on a field visit along the Nairobi River corridor on 17th November 2025. The aim of the field visit was to provide insights for proposing **sustainable, inclusive, and ecologically-sensitive urban design interventions** as well as **affordable housing** particularly for the **existing residents** as well as **future residents**.

2. SITES THAT WERE VISITED

Site #1: – Korogocho People’s Park, initiative by Komb Green (Community based organization)



Photos above: 5th Year's, at Komb Green offices with CBO officials, Mr. Fredrick Okinda and team; along Nairobi River and Korogocho People's Park.

Site #2: Along Nairobi River at the City Carton site (opposite Kiambiu) hosted by Nairobi River Commission's Major Salim Mohamed



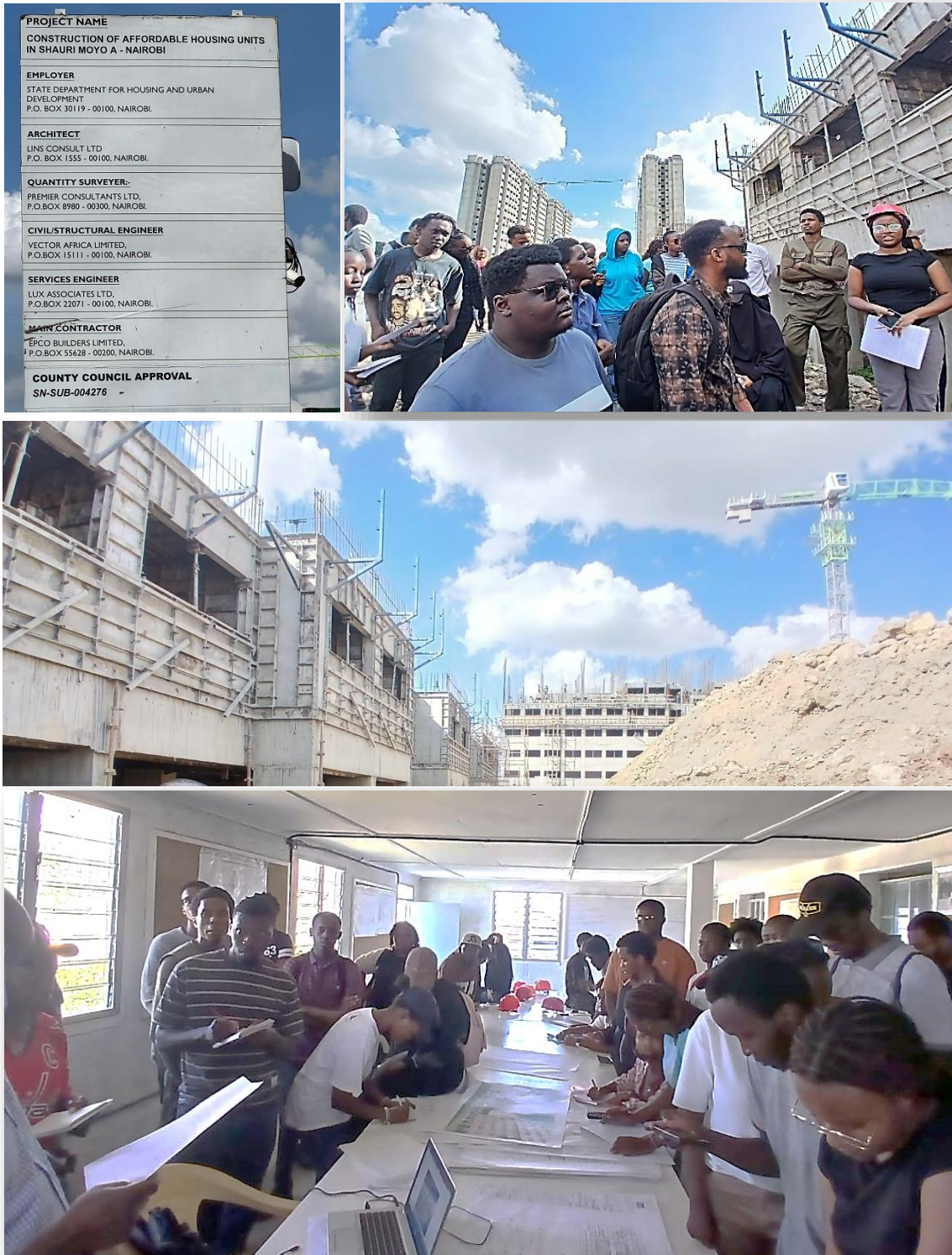
Photos above: 5th Year's, along Nairobi River's City Carton Regeneration Project Site

Site #3: Nairobi River Regeneration Project Site ~ Kamukunji Park



Photos above: 5th Year's at Nairobi River Regeneration Project Site at Kamukunji Park, hosted by Nairobi River Commissioner Lt. Lemomo and team.

Site 4: National Government's Affordable Housing Programme's Project Site ~ Shauri Moyo A



Photos above: 5th Year's at Shauri Moyo Site, hosted by the State Department for Housing Officer: Mr. Munene Njiriani and Clerk of Works: Wilson Gituhi.

Site #5: Ondiri Wetland ~ Nairobi Rivers Headwaters



Photos above: 5th Year's at Ondiri Wetland, hosted by the Friends of Ondiri Wetland Kenya team.

3. GUEST LECTURES TO 5TH YEARS



Photos above: 1st December 2025 ~ Kounkuey Design Initiative consultants give lecture to 5th Year's on Nature-based Design Solutions for River Regeneration Projects (Jack Campbell Clause and Shirley Chebet)



Photos above: 4th December 2025 & 11th November 2025 ~ UN-Habitat consultant (Sharon Ogoti) & Nairobi Rivers Commissioner/UoN DURP Lecturer (Dr. Karisa Dadu) give lectures to 5th Years regarding Neighbourhood Planning & Nairobi River Regeneration Project.

**PANEL REVIEW OF 5TH YEAR'S 1ST SEMESTER STUDIO HOUSING PROJECT
(18.02.2026)**



DR. KITIO GIVING FEEDBACK ON AUF EXHIBITION POSTERS (17.03.2026)



**SOME 5TH YEAR'S EXHIBITED THEIR HOUSING PROJECT PROPOSALS AT THE
AFRICAN URBAN FORUM WITH SUPPORT FROM UN-HABITAT (DR. KITIO) 8TH-10TH
APRIL, 2026 & ALSO EXHIBITED THEIR HOUSING PROJECT PROPOSALS AT UN-
HABITAT IN GIGIRI (GEF-8 PROJECT) 13TH-17TH APRIL 2026**



4. INVITATION TO EXHIBIT DURING ‘THE GREAT REPAIR’ BY MUNYU ART CURATORS IN COLLABORATION WITH ARCH+ JOURNAL

Since 2023, the Exhibition project “The Great Repair” has explored the contradictions between growth and ecology. Using examples and concepts from art, architecture, and spatial practices, these exhibitions make repair and the preservation of the existing tangible as a new design paradigm. The objective of the dialogically developed edition of “The Great Repair” in Nairobi is to raise public awareness of a **reparative, resource-conscious approach to architecture and everyday life, of sustainability and climate protection, and of the potential for civil society to promote more sustainable local development.**

“The Great Repair” originally developed by ARCH+, ETH Zürich (Prof. Milica Topalović), University of Luxembourg (Prof. Florian Hertweck), and the Academy of Arts/Akademie der Künste, was initially funded by the German Federal Cultural Foundation. This follow-up exhibition in collaboration with munyu, is planned to take place from 30 July - 31 October 2026 at munyu and additional locations in Nairobi including University of Nairobi’s Department of Architecture (A.D.D Building) in August 2026.



Photos taken on 31st March 2026 during the Munyu curators’ visit to see the 5th Year’s selected African Urban Forum Posters.

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