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**Abstract:**
Based on a study in Nakuru town, Kenya, this volume deals with the multi-spatial (or multi-local) livelihoods of households with livelihood sources in different localities. It focuses in particular on the rural livelihood sources of urban households. To cope with the adverse economic effects of increasing unemployment, the escalating cost of living and decreasing purchasing power, households - both poor and rich - are having to diversify their sources of income. A large majority of Nakuru households now appear to have a rural livelihood source, usually for food. Another coping strategy witnessed in Nakuru town is the sending of some urban household members to live at the rural home. Generally speaking, urban households that engage in rural farming (multi-spatial livelihoods) and have access to a source of food for their household are more favourably placed regarding their food situation than households without a foothold in the rural areas (mono-spatial livelihoods). Linkages between urban and rural households are essential to an urban household's ability to survive, especially for poor urban households that are more vulnerable to economic stress and shocks than the non-poor. Contrary to the situation a few decades ago, those living in rural areas are no longer only the recipients of goods and services from the urban areas but have become important contributors to the livelihoods of relatives in urban areas.

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**TS01D - Bridging the Rural/Urban Divide Wafula NABUTOLA, MSc.**

Bridging the Urban and Rural Divide: The Test Case for Kenya (5253). FIG Working Week 2011: Bridging the Gap between Cultures: Marrakech, Morocco, 18-22 May 2011. 1/24. The subject of Rural Urban Divide is real; in some instances the two are as different as day and night, literally. Bridging the gap becomes a tall order, and perhaps the only chance of realizing any “detente” is at the “fringes”, in the peri-urban sphere, where there is no clear line between the countryside and the city. Export from Urban Areas to Rural Kenya Money at Christmas; School fees every start of school term or school year; Used Clothes; Old people; The dying; The dead; Visitors during vacation (this cuts both ways?) The national urban-rural divide narrative is one that touts (or bemoans) the all-consuming growth of our nation’s largest cities finds that stronger links between urban and rural areas are key to spurring local, regional and state economic growth. By examining four key areas — broadband access, educational attainment, high-value business growth and prosperity growth — the report offers policymakers glimpses in The prima facie case for an urban-rural digital divide is widely acknowledged, but detailed accounts of the spatial patterns of digital communications infrastructure are more. The Internet can bestow significant benefits upon those who use it. This research provides an investigation of the utility of the sustainable livelihoods approach in identifying the mobility and accessibility needs of the poor, with specific reference to rural-urban links. Our objectives were to measure more. Bridging the rural-urban divide for local economic development in Nekemte and its hinterlands, Oromia, Ethiopia. This study explores some of the challenges to strengthening rural-urban linkages for local economic development in the Guto Gidda district of Oromia Region, Ethiopia.