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**Professor Antwi Akom, Scholar of Equity and Sustainability, to Address CNU 23
*Will Deliver Plenary on Friday, May 1 at Dallas/Fort Worth Congress***

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Dallas, TX — San Francisco State University Professor Antwi Akom, a leading thinker on equity and sustainable development, will address the 23rd annual Congress for the New Urbanism in Dallas/Fort Worth, April 29-May 2. Dr. Akom, an associate professor of Environmental Sociology, Public Health, and Education, is an internationally recognized scholar and the co-founder of Institute for Sustainable Economic, Educational and Environmental Design, or I-SEEED.

As the executive director of I-SEEED, Dr. Akom promotes inclusive, community-driven placemaking in disadvantaged neighborhoods. His work helps expert practitioners contextualize urbanist issues locally and ensure that projects are driven by the needs of citizens and community institutions.

Additionally, Dr. Akom is a leading advocate for equity in sustainable development, working to ensure that green amenities and lifestyle choices are designed to be available to all members of a community. In his scholarly work, he has examined how sustainable placemaking can help to combat inequality and social stratification.

Dr. Akom also serves as Co-Director of the Educational Equity Initiative at the Cesar Chavez Public Policy Institute, and on the board of directors at EcoDistricts.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Dr. Akom to CNU 23,” said Lynn Richards, President and CEO of CNU. “Antwi’s outstanding work on equity and sustainability speaks to the core principles laid out in the Charter of the New Urbanism, and he offers a unique perspective to our discussion of how to build more sustainable and vibrant communities.

As a plenary speaker at CNU 23, Dr. Akom will join over 100 experts and workshop leaders addressing 1500+ architects, designers, planners, engineers, and developers around the central theme of Meeting the Demand for Walkable Places. “From working to connect neighborhood institutions to studying innovative practices in community outreach, Dr. Akom’s accomplishments make him a perfect fit for CNU 23,” said Richards.

At CNU 23, Dr. Akom will speak on Friday, May 1 at 9:00 a.m. CT. Speakers and sessions will be announced as they are confirmed. Visit cnu23.org and sign up for the mailing list to stay updated on the latest news about the 23rd annual Congress for the New Urbanism, April 29-May 2 in Dallas/Fort Worth, TX.

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