

ABSTRACT

Daraja Mbili market is seen as one of such spaces that has over time taken up a social role aside from its imposing functional role as an informal market. However there are wide disparities and contestations over the use of this space. They therefore arises a need to develop the market in a manner to integrate it with the existing and planned for urban fabric of Kisii town. This development project endeavours towards achieving this goal by providing a framework with which to effectively and efficiently integrate Daraja Mbili market in Kisii town.

This is because with a well-designed market space there exists other accruing benefits such as enhanced security, higher economic returns, better space legibility and space control, smoother and clearer traffic flow and direction and reduced congestion and conflict points. The data collection process involved collection of both primary and secondary data. Primary data was primarily observation during fieldwork, taking photos and sketches among others. The secondary data involved the use of already documented materials such as books and journals and also involved reliance on remote sensing material such as satellite images for space analysis and generation of maps.

The development alternatives outlined indicate the possible courses of action that can be taken to address the development problem. From this then a best alternative is taken after analysis of the pros and cons of each alternative is weighed against the desired goals and then proposals detailing the best alternative are made. The development project proposals provide a practical method to planning for informal markets in urban districts while using the markets as units for structural reconfiguration of deteriorating or unplanned centres. It provides for ways in which such a development can be integrated by taking care of all critical issues within the immediate market environment. The project then is concluded by the preparation of an environmental management plan that seeks to sustain an environmental equilibrium with which both the users of the said space and the development works operators are able to live in harmony with the environment irrespective of the development implications of implementation to the environment.