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**Rashiq Fataar is a respected urbanist and the Founder CEO of Our Future Cities an urbanism practice, consultancy and think-tank based out of Cape Town South Africa . For over a decade Rashiq Fataar has passionately advised and co-developed projects which promote more equitable, inclusive and innovative cities. He holds a Bachelor of Business Science in Actuarial Science degree from the University of Cape Town and serves on the Board of The Independent School for the City based out of Rotterdam.**

Rashiq Fataar has advised and worked on projects and initiatives that promote more equitable, inclusive, and innovative cities for over a decade.

After leaving a career in Actuarial Science, Fataar founded Our Future Cities (OFC), which quickly became an internationally recognised forum for discussing cities in Africa, with over 120,000 followers on social media alone.

Today, as an urbanism practice, consultancy, and think tank, Fataar oversees the work and direction of OFC in various locations and contexts, providing advisory services to the most progressive businesses and government agencies.

In addition to lecturing and presenting his work at international conferences and events, he has also contributed to a number of books and publications. Fataar's work and ideas have also been featured in Icon Magazine, The Guardian, BBC Future, Monocle TV, and exhibitions at the Guggenheim Bilbao, Vitra Design Museum, and FRAC Centre.

As an educator, he has worked with students from Northeastern University (Boston), the Strelka Institute (Moscow), the University of Botswana, and others. He currently serves on the Board of The Independent School For The City, a post-graduate educational platform based in Rotterdam, the Netherlands .

Fataar has previously served on the Heritage Western Cape Impact Assessment Committee, the Board of Cape Town Tourism, and is one of more than one hundred invited Placemaking-X leaders.

As a curator, he co-curated the Department of Design with Christine de Baan in 2014, the #cocreateDESIGN Festival in 2018 and 2019, the Constructing Future Cities residency, South Africa's Urban Festival in 2020 and 2021, and the RISE Africa Action Festival in 2021 and 2022.

He has a Bachelor of Business Science (Actuarial Science) degree from the University of Cape Town with majors in both finance and economics, and he previously worked for a prominent South African insurance company.