Figure 2 - Street trading in central Nairobi: A territorial battle over the control of space

Chronology of the relocation of street traders

1 - Relocation to Mwariro Market (All Africa Games)
2 - Demolition of kiosks on Kipande road
3 - Relocation next to Nairobi river / Kirinyage road
4 - Relocation to Burma market (next to city stadium)
5 - Construction of Ngara market
6 - “Temporary” relocation to the back lanes (East of Tom Mboya Avenue)
7 - Eviction from the back lanes - Relocation to Ngara
8 - Relocation to Muthurwa market
9 - Demolition of Mwariro market

A disputed central space

NCBDA’s perimeter of action: the CBD
Territory concerned by the colonial municipal by-law: CBD + River Road

The CBD: disputed emblematic city core
River Road: The “no go zone”
River bank, used as a bridging space to relocate the vendors

Formal markets