OVERVIEW

UN-Habitat in a Snapshot
Urban Planning and Design 2014-19
Compact, Integrated and Connected Cities
National Urban Policies and Planned City Extensions
Implementing Resolution 24/3: IG-UTP
Towards a Global Agenda
Mission and vision

Adequate shelter for all
Sustainable urban development

History-milestones of UN-Habitat

1976 – Habitat I conference in Vancouver
1978 - United Nations Center for Human Settlements (UNCHS) established governed by Commission with 58 member states
1996 – The Habitat Agenda – Habitat II conference in Istanbul
2000 – Millennium Declaration targets on slum dwellers, access to water and sanitation
2002 – Center upgraded to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme
2012 – Identification of New Focus Areas
2015 – Sustainable Development Goals
2016 – The New Urban Agenda to be approved at Habitat III conference.
Our partners

- Governments
- Local authorities and their associations
- Inter-governmental organizations
- Civil society
- Private sector
- Research and professional institutions

UN-Habitat portfolio of projects

Note: The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by UN-Habitat.
“Business as usual” versus “Sustainable Urban Development”

Urban Sprawl > Compact
Segregation > Integrated
Congestion > Connected

Strategic Result SP2
Urban Planning and Design

“City, regional and national authorities have adopted improved policies, plans and designs for more compact, socially inclusive, better integrated and connected cities that foster sustainable urban development and are resilient to climate change.”
EA1: Improved national urban policies and spatial frameworks

Modalities:

- Develop International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial planning (Res. GC24/3): Opportunities to link with ongoing and upcoming urban planning projects in all regions.
- Support the development of National Urban Policies (NUP) (Res. GC24/5): Requests for support have been received from 20+ countries, with special interest from Africa and Arab States.
- Metropolitan Planning: Exchange of experiences amongst emerging economies, including from Latin America, China and Southeast Asia.
- Urban Patterns for a Green Economy: Follow up of requests (e.g. China, Ecuador, South Africa) based on publication launched at Rio+20.

National Urban Policy

- National Spatial Framework
  - Urban functions and hierarchies
  - Determinants for a “System of Cities”
  - Territorial perspective

- Fundamentals of Urbanisation
  - Compact, Connected, integrated & inclusive cities
  - Urbanisation Blueprint (criteria on street pattern/frame, planning, building rules)

- National Urban Policy (NUP)
  - Goals, strategy and instruments
  - Budget, monitoring

Impact of Urbanisation in economic development
Drivers of urbanisation
“Urban footprint” in national budgets and legislation

NUP Instruments
Planning & spatial instruments
Regulatory & economic instruments
Localised instruments
Criteria for urban sectoral policies
**EA2: Improved policies, plans and designs for “CICI” cities**

**Modalities:**
- Expand work on Planned City Extensions *(Res. GC24/5)*. Responding to requests from 30+ cities.
- Rapid Urban Planning Studios to explore scenarios for urban expansion.
- Capacity development on key topics related to sustainable urban planning and design for planners associations, local leaders and communities.
- Special focus on Intermediate Cities and market towns, with UCLG, IFAD.
- Support to Design and Revitalization of Public Spaces *(Res. GC23/4)*: Public space network and Future of Places conference series.
- Guidelines for planning of sustainable “New Cities” in response to demand from Arab States and elsewhere.

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**Planned City Extensions**

**What?**
1. Urban extension areas
2. Infill and Densification
3. Connectivity and public spaces
4. Peripheral poles
5. New towns

**Where?**
1. Intermediate cities/ Market cities
2. Large cities with low density (inefficient land uses)
3. Different scales of cities
4. Metropolitan and city-regions with very large populations
5. Non urbanised regions

Five strategies: UN-Habitat’s Planned City Extension (PCE) approach.
EA3: Improved strategies for cities to mitigate and adapt to climate change

Modalities:

- Urban Climate Change Planning: support intermediate cities and expand collaboration with UNEP on ecosystem-based adaptation
- Urban Low Emission Development Strategies: further expand collaboration with EC and ICLEI, particularly in emerging economies
- Expand collaboration with partners on Urban Agriculture and in the context of climate change and loss of biodiversity
- Implement Res. GC22/3 and the recommendations of and the Cities and Climate Change (CCCI) Mid-Term Evaluation, incl. expanding to LAC region and Arab States
- Enhancing Cities’ Access to Climate Change Financing: Pursue opportunities for UN-Habitat to act as bridge between cities and climate change financing

Regional Spread

The Urban Planning and Design Branch is working with UN-Habitat Regional Offices in 39 countries in all major regions:

- **Africa** (15): Benin, Burkina Faso, Cap Verde, Chad, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan, Tanzania, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia
- **Arab States** (6): Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Palestine, Somalia
- **Asia and the Pacific** (13): Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Vanuatu, Vietnam
- **Europe** (1): Kosovo (within context of UN Security Council Res. 1244 of 1999)
- **Latin America and the Caribbean** (4): Brazil, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador

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Inclusive and sustainable urban planning and elaboration of international guidelines on urban and territorial planning

- **OP4.** Requests the Executive Director ... in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives to initiate the elaboration of *international guidelines on urban and territorial planning* that will provide a *global framework for improving policies, plans and designs* for more compact, socially inclusive, sustainable, better integrated and connected cities and territories and to present the draft guidelines to the Governing Council at its twenty-fifth session for approval;

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- **OP. 5.** Encourages UN-Habitat ... to elaborate a set of agreed universal principles for urban and territorial planning at the city level, in particular regarding *planned city extensions*, at the regional and the national level, with a particular focus on *national urban policies*;
- **OP. 6.** Also encourages UN-Habitat ... to elaborate these principles in the framework of decentralization, as provided by the guidelines on *decentralization and strengthening of local authorities* and the guidelines on *access to basic services for all*;
- **OP. 7.** Further encourages UN-Habitat ... to elaborate a set of recommendations for *central Governments, local authorities, civil society and experts, as well as other relevant stakeholders*, to improve urban and territorial planning;
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- **OP8. 8.** Requests the ED of UN-Habitat, in consultation with the CPR, in the drafting of international guidelines on urban and territorial planning to **engage in an inclusive consultative process** with the regional offices of the UN-Habitat, national Governments, international associations of local authorities, including *United Cities and Local Governments*, all relevant United Nations organizations, international finance institutions, development agencies, relevant international professional associations and members of the Habitat Professional Forum, including the *International Society of City and Regional Planners* and non-governmental organizations, and other national and international stakeholders, in order to **inform the drafting process with best practices and lessons learned from different contexts and at different scales**;

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**PROGRESS (April-Sept 2013):**

- Background note produced, including rationale, scope and possible draft structure of the international guidelines
- Ad-Hoc Expert Group members nominated by Member States and relevant organizations and appointed by Executive Director
- **Countries:** Japan, China, Indonesia; Brazil; Tanzania, Ghana, Uganda, Zimbabwe; Morocco; Norway, Germany, France, Belgium
- **Organizations:** UNCRD, WB, OECD, ISOCARP, UCLG, ISO, RSA, FIABCI, ENDA-TM, Habitat Partners Universities
- Proposed Road Map: meetings of Ad-Hoc Expert Group: 1st meeting Oct 2013 in Paris hosted by France; 2nd meeting may be scheduled at WUF 7 in Medellin Apr 2014; Japan may host 3rd meeting in Oct 2014; if needed 4th meeting may be held depending on progress of guidelines related to GC25 Apr 2015.
Global Mandates and Processes

- Develop **International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial planning** (Res. GC24/3) – Ad Hoc Expert Group
- Support the development of **National Urban Policies** and expand work on **Planned City Extensions** (Res. GC24/5) – Barcelona Communique
- **ISO/TC 268**: management system for sustainable development and resilience of communities
- **10YFP on Sustainable Consumption and Production** – Beyond Urban Sprawl
- Towards a **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) on Cities** (Res. GC24/10)

Thank you!

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