

Deep Dive

HOW TO PREPARE A NEW URBAN AGENDA NATIONAL PROGRESS REPORT

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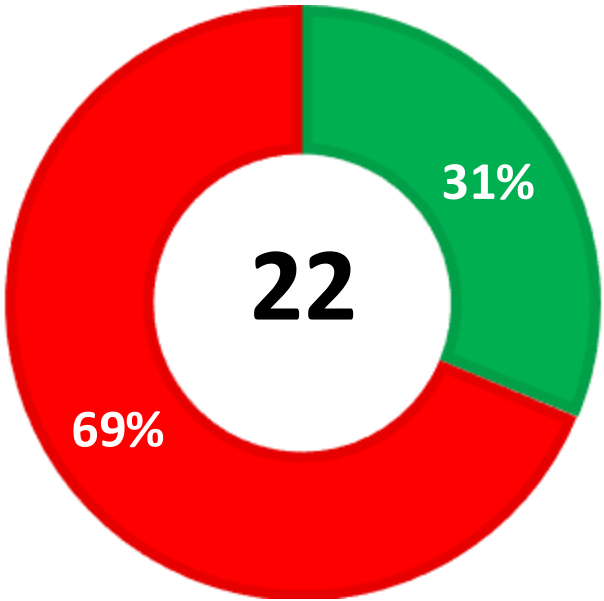
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First reports

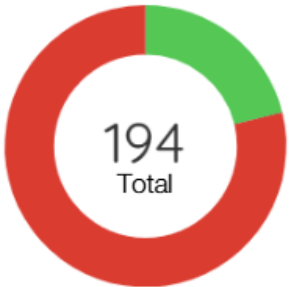
10 Arab States submitted their first National Voluntary Report (2016-2020)

Algeria	Bahrain	Egypt	Jordan	KSA
Kuwait	Lebanon	Morocco	Palestine	Tunisia

Submitted Not Submitted



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Submitted 41
Not submitted 153

Status of National Progress Reports

Statistics on QR 2026





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Key Findings

- Significant interest in urbanization issues and their importance.
- Good understanding of the challenges facing urbanization.
- The need to address challenges through collective efforts, joint coordination, and regional and international cooperation.



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A Tale of 2 Strategies

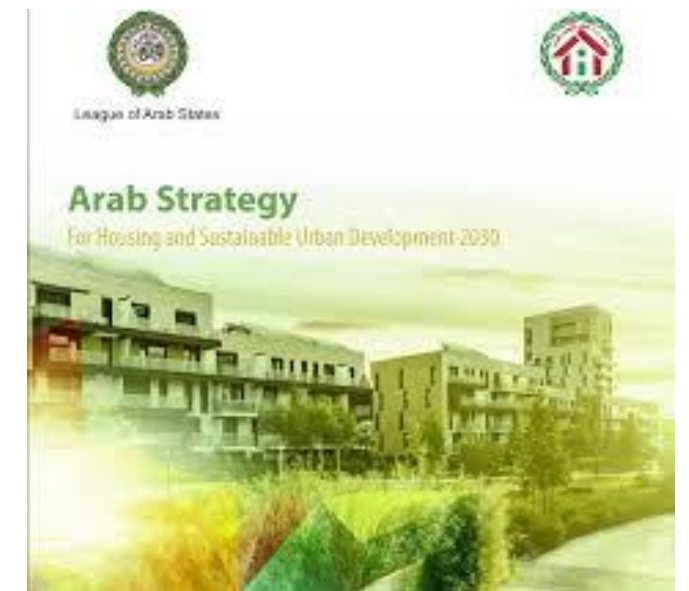
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Vision

- Member countries can inhabit and produce **just, safe, healthy, accessible, affordable, resilient, and sustainable cities** and human settlements, to **foster prosperity and quality of life for all**.
- Member countries are able to develop **integrated and sustainable human settlements, resilient and competitiveness**, providing a **better quality of life** in the Arab world.



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3 Main Pillars



1. Transformative commitments for sustainable urban development
 - (1-1) Sustainable urban development for social inclusion and ending poverty
 - (1-2) Sustainable and inclusive urban prosperity and opportunities for all
 - (1-3) Environmentally sustainable and resilient urban development
2. Effective implementation
 - (2-1) Building the urban governance structure
 - (2-2) Planning and managing urban spatial development
 - (2-3) Means of implementation
3. Follow-up and review

6 Goals

1. Ensuring universal access to adequate, safe, and affordable housing and basic services, and achieving well-being
2. Achieving development equity and social inclusion
3. Planning integrated and sustainable human settlements in all countries of the Arab region
4. Applying the principles of good urban governance and capacity building for planning and managing human settlements
5. Improving urban environmental sustainability, enhancing resilience to climate change, and protecting natural resources
6. Enhancing urban productivity to achieve economic growth and sustainable development at the national and regional levels



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Principles

Both plans represent an integrated framework for strategic urban planning	Include a vision, strategic objectives, and implementation mechanisms over a long-term
	Depend on innovation, to create a comprehensive transformation and a qualitative leap towards sustainable urban development, with humans as the central pillar
	Consider the irreversible and indivisible rapid urban growth in light of resource and capacity constraints that challenge the urbanization process
	Focus on responding to fast-moving events, managing change, and improving the quality of life
	Outline growth and urban expansion directions, mechanisms to sustain and develop the city's existing economic base, enhance its competitiveness
	Implement programs to protect and improve the quality of life for city residents
	Consider environmental factors and address climate change challenges
	Follow a participatory approach that involves all relevant levels and stakeholders, and adopt policy-based evidence
	Emphasize continuous development and dynamism, practical implementation, and a forward-looking approach to anticipate future developments
	Promote flexibility, responsiveness, and resilience by balancing the considerations of city growth and development with environmental factors, while anticipating crises and challenges that may hinder the achievement of the city's future goals

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Common Reporting

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(2-1) Building the urban governance structure (2-3) Means of implementation	4. Applying the principles of good urban governance and capacity building for planning and managing human settlements
(2-2) Planning and managing urban spatial development	3. Planning integrated and sustainable human settlements in all countries of the Arab region

NUA and ASHUSD

Common Reporting: Technical Assistance

- ROAS created **awareness** among Arab States' representatives in LAS about the importance and effectiveness of **common reporting mechanism**.
- ROAS and UNHABITAT Countries' offices held **capacity building and orientation workshops** to explain the **synergies** between the 2 log-term plans, and the methodology to develop a common reporting mechanism.
- ROAS is developing a **tool kit/manual** to prepare comprehensive, evidence-based, and analytical monitoring reports.
- The tool kit/manual adopts a **participatory, multi-level, multi-stakeholders, inclusive, and transparent methodology**, that promotes the use of new technology and big data.
- **Technical assistance** is also provided for all member States, and a “**Regional Monitoring Report**” is envisioned.
- The **expected outcomes** include building **in house capacities** to support the continuous reporting for NUA and ASHSUD, stimulating **effective coordination** between different stakeholders, and improving **data collection and computation of indicators**.

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THANK YOU!

