



Our NUA Learning Series

September 2025

NUA Components

Implementation

Monitoring

Reporting

Open global kick-off webinar Our NUA: Shared Vision, **Shared Responsibility** 29th September

Open global webinar From Global Commitments to National Urban Plans 15th October

> **Urban Agenda Platform**



Register here and find the series material!

March 2026

Open regional webinar 1

Mobilizing Resources for Transformative Action

12th November Africa (English) 14th November Africa (French)

Open regional webinar 2

Designing Inclusive and Resilient Cities

10th December Africa (English) 11th December Africa (French)

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Powering Local Action Through Participation and Partnerships

21st Januaru Africa (English) 22th January Africa (French)

📍 Open regional webinar 4

Tracking Progress with Purpose: NUA Indicators in Practice

W1 February Africa (English) W2 Februaru Africa (French)

> Open global webinar From Action to Report: NUA for Better Urban Governance W1 March

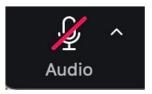
Open global wrap-up webinar Our NUA: Shared

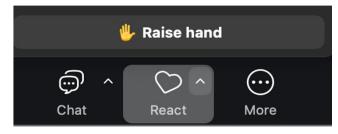
Learnings and Next Steps

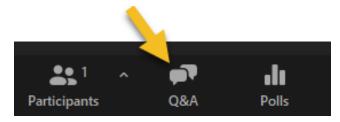
W2 March

Housekeeping Rules

- 1. Mute your microphone
- 2. Raise your hand to ask your questions
- 3. Write your questions in the Q&A box
- 4. This webinar is recorded
- 5. Keep your phone close by
- 6. Enjoy, participate and stay with us!
- 7. Turn your camera on







NUA Champions Campaign - Certification

Why Should you Join?

NUA Individual Champions

Awarded to active participants who complete the learning series

Attendance 6 out of 8 sessions Engagement 4-5 sessions Participation in discussions

NUA Country Champions

Awarded to **country teams** (ROs, COs, ministries, local, national governments) that accomplish one of the following:

Coordinated participation across sessions (3 representatives/ country, per session, 8 sessions in total.

Demonstrate cross-level engagement (national + local voices).

Share one case study or concrete NUA practice during the series (presentation or NR)



Certificates will be delivered upon request



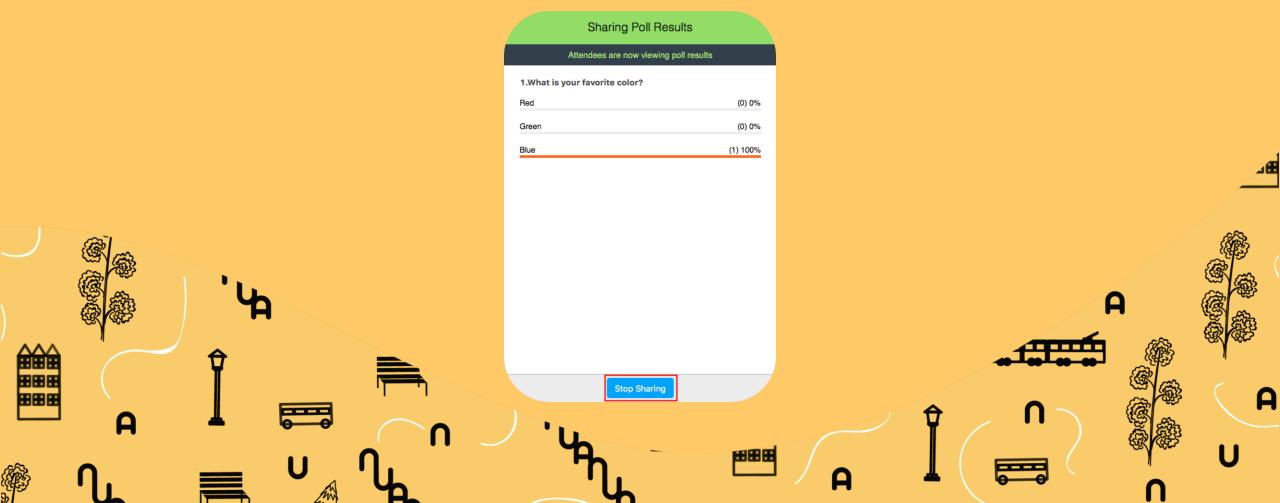
Promotion of this achievement on the NUA platform and UN-Habitat social media



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Our Audience Today

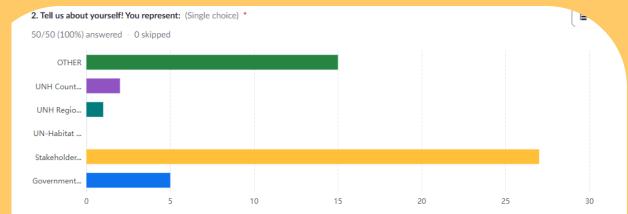
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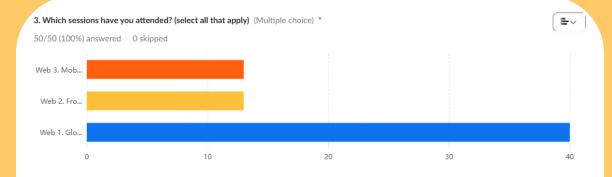
1. · Q1. Where are you connecting from? (Short answer) *

50/50 (100%) answered - 0 skipped





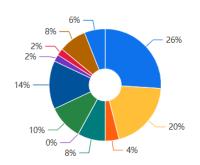
Options	Responses ‡
Government representative	5/50 (10%)
Stakeholder (Academia, private sector, NGOs, etc.)	27/50 (54%)
UN-Habitat Head Quarter	0/50 (0%)
UNH Regional Offices	1/50 (2%)
UNH Country offices	2/50 (4%)
OTHER	15/50 (30%)



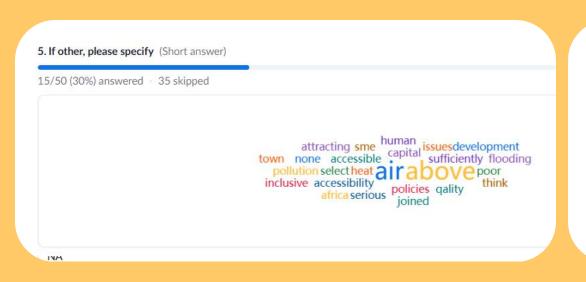
Options	Responses ‡
Web 1. Global kick-off webinar	40/50 (80%)
Web 2. From Global Commitments to National and Local Urban Plans	13/50 (26%)
Web 3. Mobilizing Resources for Transformative Action (EN/FR)	13/50 (26%)

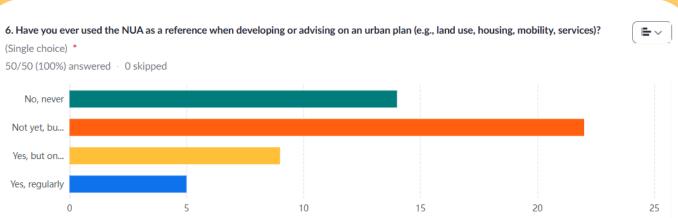
4. What is one pressing planning challenge in your city today? (select 1) (Single choice) *

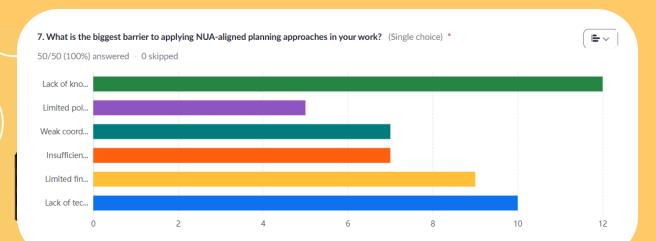
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Rapid urban growth outpacing planning capacity Lack of affordable and adequate housing Informal settlements expanding without



















Today's session

Today's learning

- 1. Turn NUA into concrete, inclusive and sustainable urban-planning practices.
- 2. Align planning frameworks with NUA principles (housing, land-use, mobility, energy and basic services)
- 3. Examine current opportunities and gaps in different contexts

Agenda

1. Expert presentation:

Integrated urban planning and its linkages with the New Urban Agenda

2. Interactive activity:

fictional neighbourhood transformation.

3. Expert presentation:

Adequate housing & integrated basic services

4. Case Studies panel:

Nigeria and Ethiopia

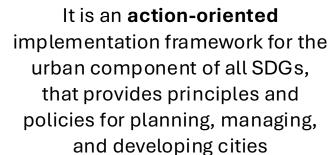


NUA Structure











CORE DIMENSIONS OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA



Social Sustainability

Empowering Marginalized Groups

Gender Equality

Planning for Migrants, Ethnic Minorities and Persons with Disabilities

Age-Responsive Planning



Economic Sustainability

Job Creation and Livelihoods

Productivity and Compet itiveness



Environmental Sustainability

Biodiversity & Ecosystem Conservation

Resilience & Adaptati on to Climate Change

Climate Change Mitigation



Spatial Sustainability

Spatial Sustainability and Equity

Spatial Sustainability and Urban Density

MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION



Intervention Mechanisms

National Urban Policies

Land Policies

Housing & Slum Upgrading Policies

Urban Legislation & Regulations

Urban Design

Municipal Finance

Urban Governance



Hard Measures for Infrastructure & Services

Transport & Mobility

Energy

Solid Waste

Water & Sanitation



Soft Measures

Culture

Educ ation

Health

Urban Safety



Technology

Transportation

Construction & Building Technology

Mapping & Spatial Data



1. Expert presentation:

Integrated urban planning and its linkages with the New Urban Agenda

Salvatore Fundaró

Programme Manager, Urban Lab UN-Habitat





Designing inclusive and resilient cities: Integrated urban planning and its linkages with the New Urban Agenda

Salvatore Fundarò, Regional Programme Division, Urban Lab

The Global Population Shift: Cities, Towns, and Rural Areas

Mid-20th Century (1950)

The Shift Begins (1950s - 1970s)

The Balance Tips (1996)

Current Distribution (2025)



Only **1/5** of the 2.5 billion global population (500 million) lived in **cities**.

Populations in cities and towns grew rapidly, while the rural population grew slowly.

By the mid-1970s City dwellers outnumbered those in rural areas.

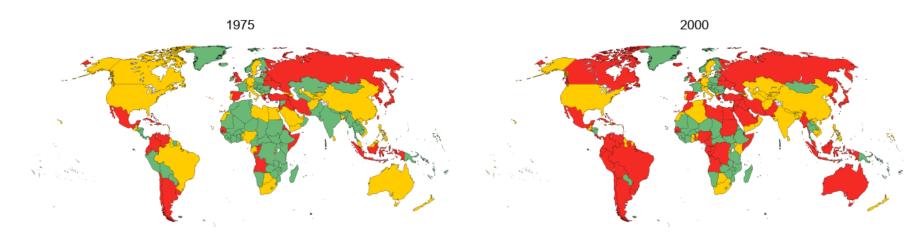
The collective population of **cities surpassed** that of **towns** globally.

The city population share reaches 45% (projected).

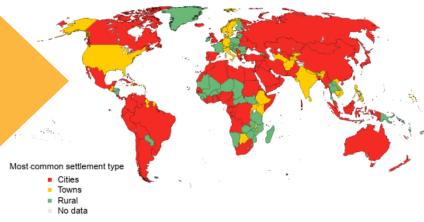
Cities are now the largest category, with towns at 36% and rural at 19%.



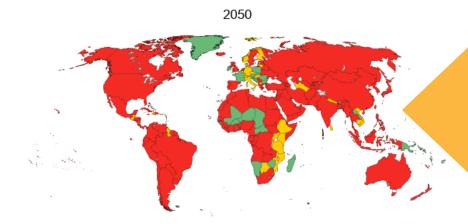
Most common settlement type by the Degree of Urbanization



By 2025, cities had become the most prevalent settlement type in 104 countries.



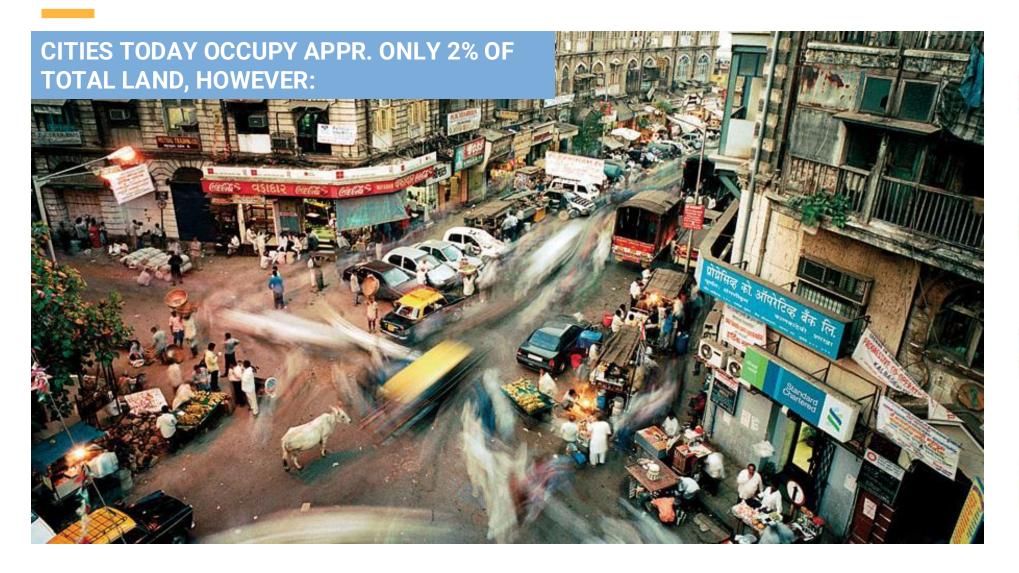
2025



This number is projected to grow to 127 by 2050.



Urbanization Trends: urban growth



70% Global Waste

70% Greenhouse Gas Emissions

over 60% Global Energy Consumption

70% Economy (GDP)

















New Urban Agenda and Integrated Planning



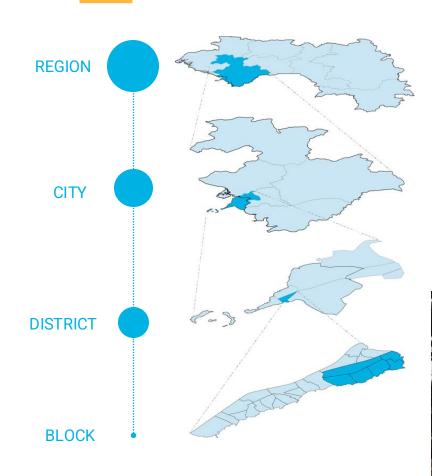


Integrated urban planning is covered mostly in the following paragraphs: 88, 98, 99, 100

Key concepts: Integrated urban and territorial planning, prevention of sprawl, social inclusion, public space and mobility, cross sector coordination.



Integration of Urban and Territorial Planning (multi-scalar approach)







Integration of urban planning, finance and legislation



2. Urban Laws and Regulations

Three-Pronged Approach

MONOPOLY

3. Municipal Finance



Adequate planning rules and regulations are a prerequisite to the design, production and management of efficient and equitable human settlements.

Urban Planning and Design

The quality of urban planning and design has a determining impact on the value generated by human settlements through efficient and equitable public space, streets and buildable areas.

Efficient and transparent municipal finance systems are key to investments, maintenance and management of the city. They should ensure redistribution of benefits generated by urban endogenous development.



Participative approach







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To learn more:





NEW URBAN AGENDA

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UN-Habitat Five Principles for Neighbourhood Planning (2013) & My Neighbourhood (2022)

- 1 SPACE FOR STREETS AND PUBLIC SPACE
- 2 ADEQUATE HIGH DENSITY
- 3 MIXED LAND USE
- 4 SOCIAL MIX







5 CONNECTIVITY



My Neighbourhood The five city objectives











Effectively manages land occupancy while delivering a balanced provision of basic services offering its inhabitants the possibility to make use of various public services and activities within walking distance.

(Dense Urban Form - Infrastructure balanced provision - Proximity to key services - Proximity to variety of uses)

Effectively provides a road network that facilitates walkability and an efficient public transportation system that facilitates the mobility of the inhabitants.

(Road network provision - Permeable road network - Public transport balanced provision - Public transport diversity offer)

Provides its inhabitants with adequate physical housing conditions and spatially balanced distribution of key services (quantity, quality).

(Living conditions - Utility service access - Equitable provision- Equitable service access)

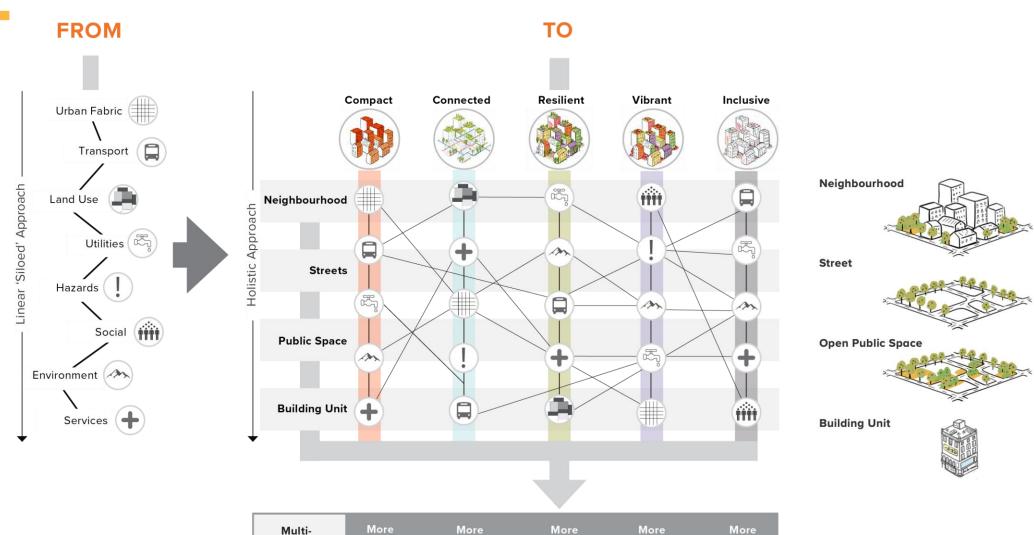
Establishes the setting that **facilitates the encounter between economic activities and pedestrians' influx**, which translates into an energetic and lively environment that mirrors its economic vigor.

(Attractive areas - Pedestrian movement density)

Manages natural resources sustainably and reduces the impact of natural disasters through prevention, response, adaptation, and recovery to shocks and stresses.

(Environmental assets management - Exposure level – Sensitivity level - Cope capacity)

My Neighbourhood Integrated Framework



Connected

Resilient

Vibrant

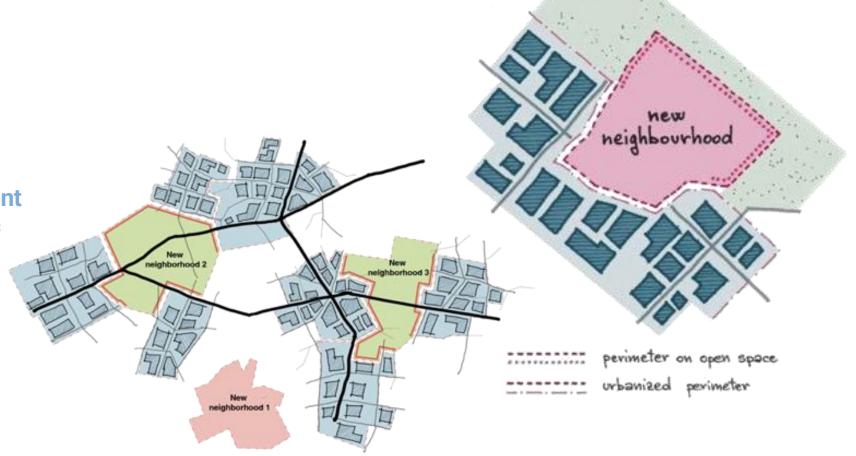
Dimensional





URBAN FORM: compactness

✓ Promote spatial continuity between the new development and the existing urban fabric



SPATIAL CONTINUITY





URBAN FORM: density





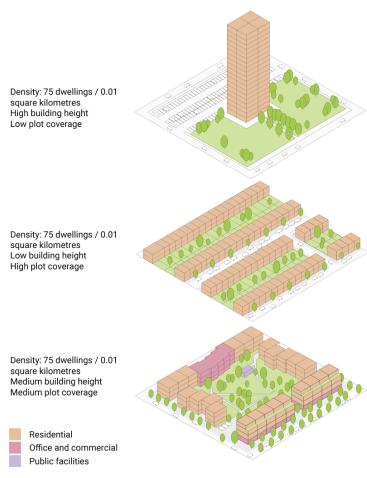




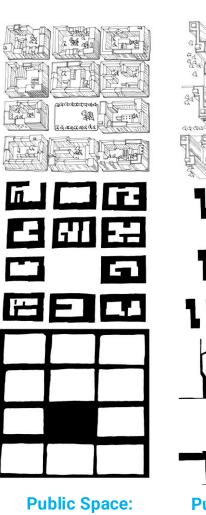


COMPACT CITY

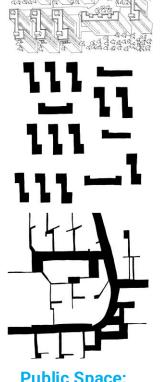
URBAN FORM: density





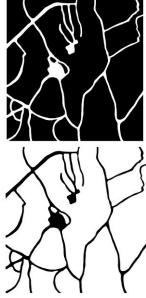


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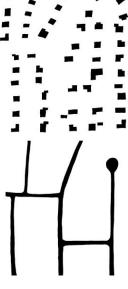
Public Space: 13%





Public Space: 12%





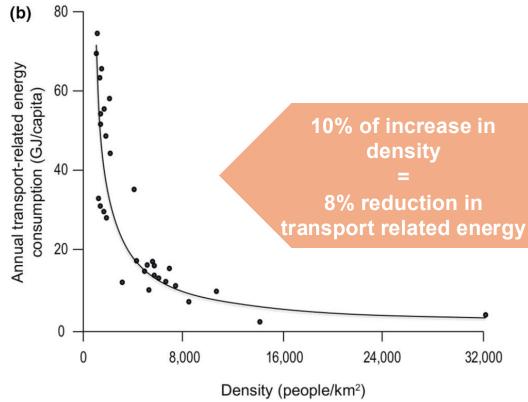
Public Space: 11%





URBAN FORM: density and energy









URBAN FORM: density and public transport



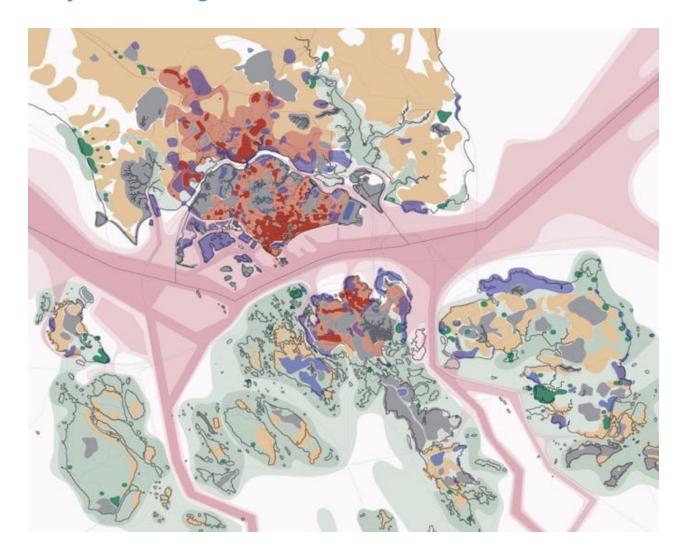






TERRITORIAL SCALE: connectivity and linkages

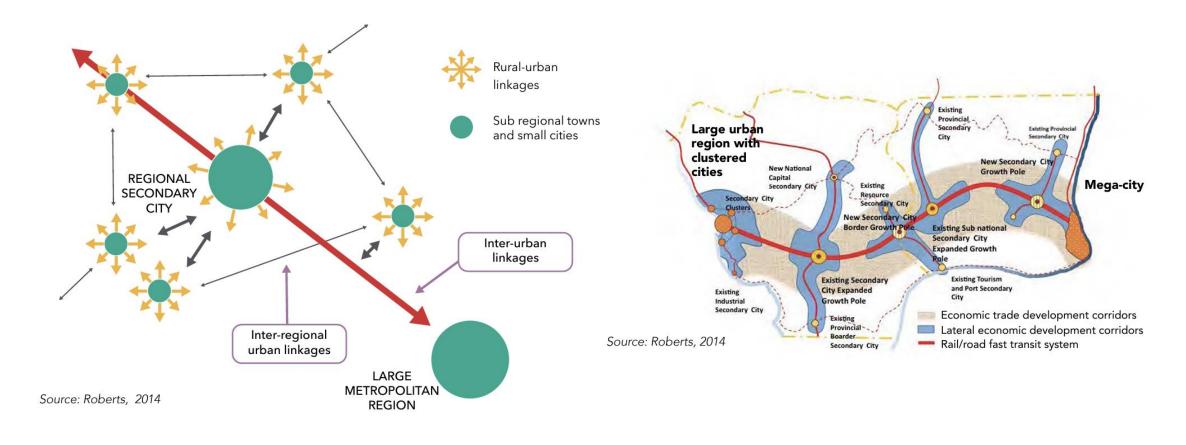
- ✓ Achieve territorial connectivity
 - ✓ Ecosystemic linkages
 - ✓ Infrastructural linkages
 - ✓ Economic linkages
 - ✓ Demographic linkages
 - ✓ Socio-cultural linkages







TERRITRIAL SCALE: connectivity, functions and linkages



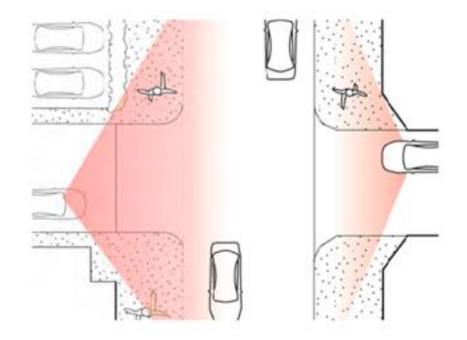


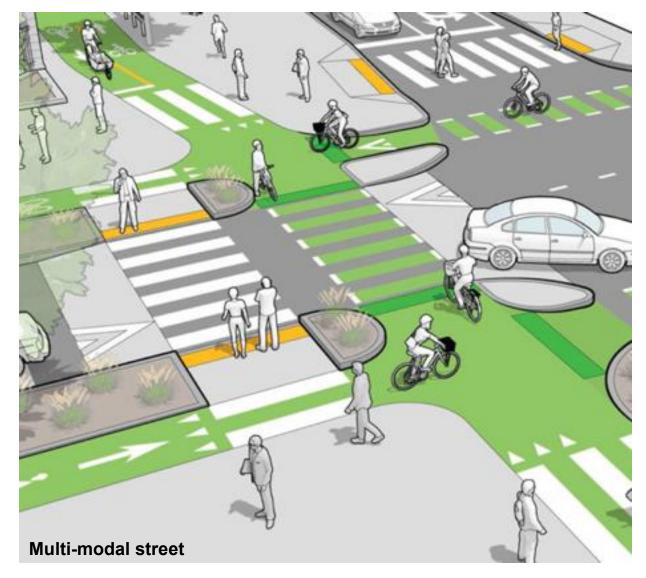


CONNECTED CITY

STREETS

✓ Crossover design features to maximise visibility and pedestrian safety





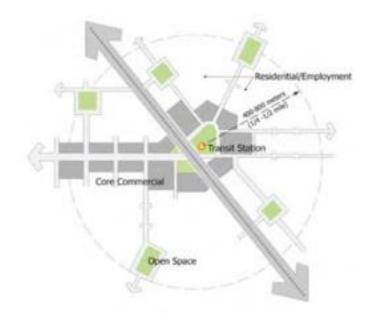




CONNECTED CITY

PUBLIC TRANSPORT



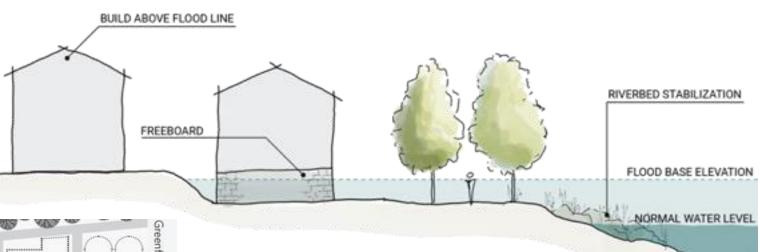


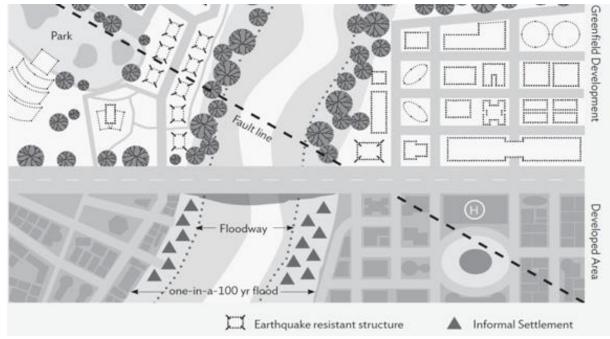






✓ Include special regulations and zoning in hazard-prone areas









Use nature-based solutions to enhance the city's social and environmental resilience



























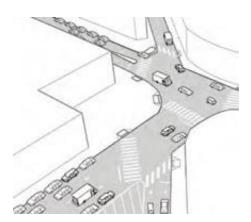






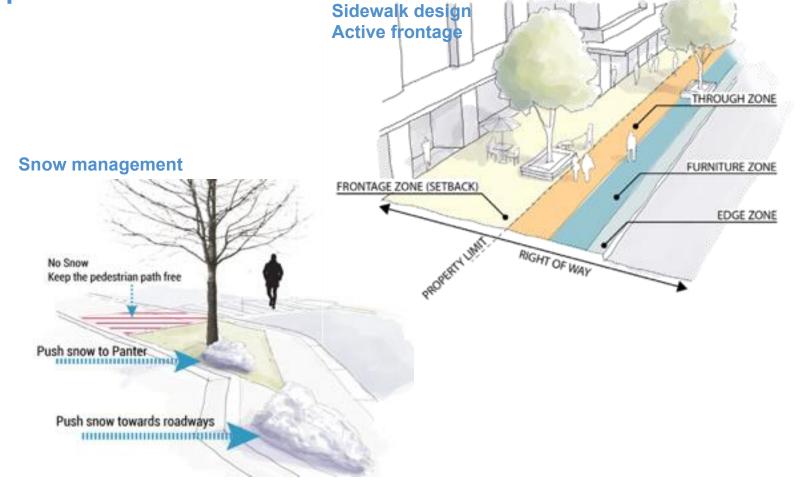


PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT



Intersections









- ✓ Encourage diversity of tenures, housing typologies and tenure-blind design
- Engage communities and stakeholders early on in the design process
- ✓ Provide quality services and public facilities that respond to the current and future needs of the population
- Provide innovative solutions to enhance pedestrian accessibility













If you could improve ONLY ONE issue, what would it be?

Flooding	Urban infrastructure	Implement Green infrastructure
Drainage	Infrastructure	Reduce flood risk
Informality	Informal housing	Planning and greening
Housing	Promote good GOVERNANCE	give adequate housing
Cinnectivity	Hazard Risk Management ie flooding and Waste collection and didposal	Urban infrastructure
re-settling households in the flood plain	Flood protection	Sainitation
Protection from flooding	Green infrastructure	Flooding
Connectivity	Circulation	Greenery
Reduce housing density	Decongestion	Blue Green Infrastrucure, urban resilience, addition of biophilia
adequate housing	Adequate housing	Control landslide!

If you could improve ONLY ONE issue, what would it be?

Affordable housing	Drainage	Urban greening
Greening	Flooding	Saintation
housing	Land use plan	Enhance climate resilience — better drainage, greener streets, and flood-
Urban Infrastructure	Improved Urban drainage	proof infrastructure
Infrastructure & greenery	Increase greenery	Housing and safety
Strict enforcement of urban regulations	Infrastructure upgrading	Governance
BLUE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE	implement green infrastructure	Design of Infrastructure
Reduce flood risk	Road linkage	Infrastructure
Food Security		Active mobility
Flooding mitigation and adaptation	Enabling community	Housing

If you could improve ONLY ONE issue, what would it be?

Flooding mitigation and adaptation	Flooding	Diverseration
Widespread use of eco-friendly and biodegradable materials	Grey and green infrastructure	River protection
Drainage and Flood design	Housing	Governance
improve housing	Greening	Weak enforcement of urban laws
Community empowerment	re-settlement	Emergency planning
improve housing	Greening	Emergency planning
Community empowerment	re-settlement	good housing infrastructure
Decentralising services	Political empowerment	Enhance safety for pedestrians and
Accessibility	Flooding by introducing sponge city concept look for the best practices around the world and try to impliment it	cyclists

in other places community integration in

deccission making and how they

benefit

WHY ONE SOLUTION IS NEVER ENOUGH

- Fixing the road alone can increase runoff and worsen flooding.
- Creating a river buffer zone may require resettling families.
- Stabilising slopes without improving housing doesn't solve safety.
- Better housing without access roads traps people in emergencies and reduces connectivity.



WHAT ELSE CAN THESE INTERVENTIONS IMPROVE?



MOBILITY:Besides mobility, what else can the REDESIGN OF ROADS improve?

Drainage	Safety	Reduce Heat island effects
Livability	Speed limation	Economic activity
Urban flooding	Aesthetic	Adding green
Safty	City Aesthetics	Safety
Waste management Bridges and drainage	Shade walkability	Accessibility Quality of life
Commuting	Tree	Urban security
Greening-flood management	Enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists	Greening
Equal accessibility	Air quality with planting	Integration with Ground Floor, Greenery, Inclusive Mobility Design
Disaster risk planning	Connectivity	Safety

MOBILITY:Besides mobility, what else can the REDESIGN OF ROADS improve?

Social quality	Time	Flood Mitigation with retaining walls
Pedestrian mobility	Environmental protections	Apply urban road standards
Using NbS solutions so that heat island effect could be handled	Drainage inclusion	Economic development
walkability	Modal shift towards active mobility	Green SPACES
Safe public space	Less accident	Accessibility
Greening	Health e.g. walking spaces allow for healthier lifestyles	Accessibilty
productivity	Food Source	Evacuation/emergency
efficient delivery of good and services	Urban Farming	Improved health via reduction of dust pollutants
Urban Farming	quality of life	Street scape Walkability
Drainage and access		

MOBILITY:Besides mobility, what else can the REDESIGN OF ROADS improve?

productivity

efficient delivery of good and services

Urban Farming

Drainage and access

Soil structure

Food Source

Urban Farming

quality of life

safety

Evacuation/emergency

Improved health via reduction of dust pollutants

Street scape Walkability

Design streets for community interaction





Road redesign can also help to:

- Mitigate floods (Water retention, bio-swales)
- Reduce heat (Trees, vegetation, shading)
- Boost local economy (active frontage)
- Improve safety and emergency access



STEEP SLOPE: What else can SLOPE STABILISATION improve, besides just reducing landslide risk?

Landscape	urban farming	Housing
Building	More green space	Flood risk mitigation
Accessible streets	Housing design	vegetation
Safety	Support ecological resilience by improving water absorption, reducing runoff, and enabling safe land use	Buildings strenght
Accessibility	Possibility for greenery improvement	Income by farming
Floods	Safety of the community	Erosiin control
Water runoff (flooding)	Water management and flood	planting tree will enhance aesthetics
Road construction	resilience	protect infrastructure
mobility	Quality of grounwater	Accessibility
	Recreational amenities	

STEEP SLOPE: What else can SLOPE STABILISATION improve, besides just reducing landslide risk?

Better view for everyone

Erosion

Improve landscape, livelihood activities, forestation, biodiversity

urban farming

Improve security Urban agricultur

Urban parks

Traffic speed

Greening

Live water edge for ecosystem services

safety

Biodiversity

Can also help create a working landscape

Strength green spaces





Slope stabilisation can also help to:

- Create jobs (urban agriculture, landscaping, tourism)
- Strengthen ecosystems and Improve microclimate (Cooling, green ventilation corridors)
- Provide inclusive access and mobility in steep slope areas.







HOUSING:What else can UPGRADING HOUSING improve, besides safety and comfort?

helps tourism

Open space

ground water recharge

Business generation

improves the quality of life

Green Infrastructure

Use of sustainable material to decrease carbon emmision And hence reduce health risk

Beautifies the city

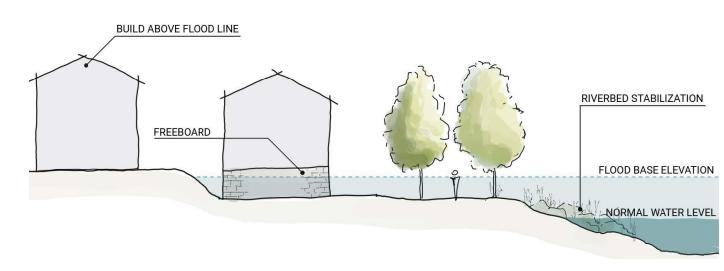
Housing rights

Job creation

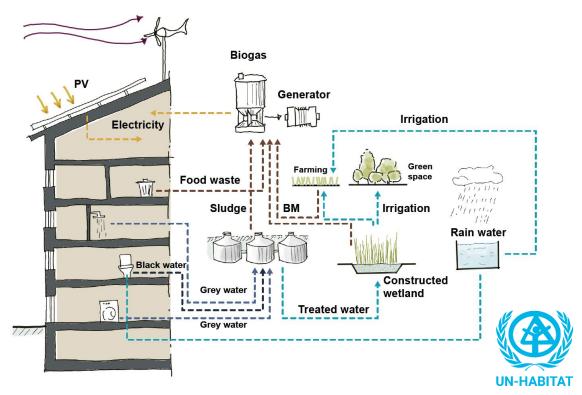




The upgrading of housing can also:



- Mitigate risks
- Optimise land use and efficiency (adequate density)
- In-situ resettlement for relocated families (risk areas)
- Improve access to basic services (water, sanitation, electricity)
- Improve livelihood (Workshops, commerce, small home-based businesses)
- Contribute to sustainable and green development





Thank you!

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3. Expert presentation: Adequate housing & integrated basic services

Jordi Bosh Sustainable Urban Mobility Expert UN-Habitat





Integrated Basic Services for Adequate Housing Practical Solutions For Equitable Access

Presenter: Jordi Bosch Pla (UBSS)



Urban Basic Services – Who we are



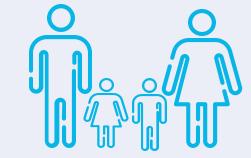
Water and Sanitation, GWOPA

Sustainable Energy

Solid Waste Management Sustainable Urban Mobility

Two Decades Of Impact

3.9 Million people in informal settlements gained **access to Urban Basic Services**



Total States



39 developing countries have adopted pro-poor Policies and norms aimed at expanding equitable Access to basic services



Over 200 cities in 39 countries strengthened through training and capacity development

Over \$244.7 Million mobilized through the Urban Basic Services Trust Fund between 2003 and 2024 to increase access to basic services for the poor





6 Global Reports plus several **toolkits** and **guidelines**.

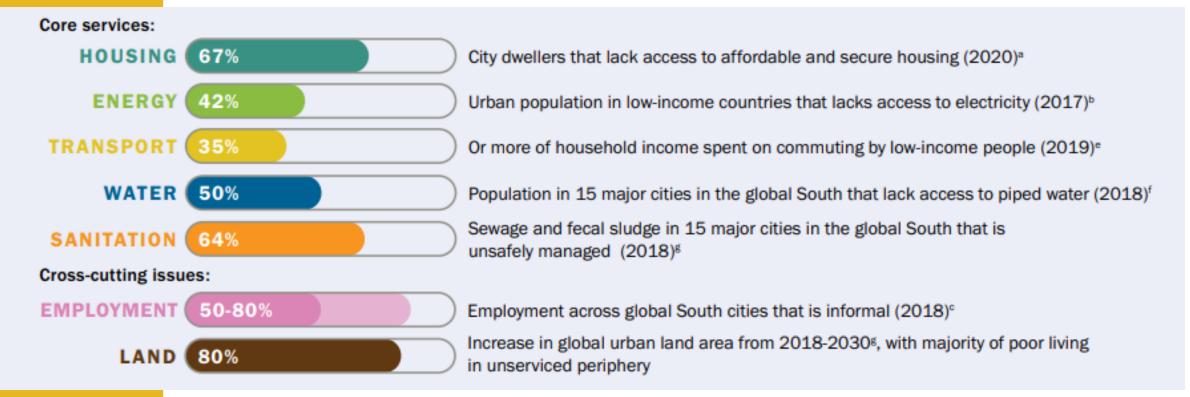
Methodologies for **monitoring** urban related **SDGs** and the **New Urban Agenda** developed





HOUSING, LAND AND BASIC SERVICES

Urban Dwellers lacking **reliable**, **affordable**, and **safe access** to core services and opportunities offered by cities







CHALLENGES AND DIVIDE

Reliable. affordable water access-wakes at a reasonable time, knowing there is water in the taps

No indoor water-



stake?

An illustrative urban dweller living in good quality housing or a better served area of the city, with reliable, affordable and safe access to water, sanitation, transport and energy

An illustrative urban dweller living in inadequate housing or a poorly served area of the city, with limited access to water, sanitation, transport, and energy

> Access to public transit or a private vehicle-has a short,

swift, and affordable commute

No access to affordable

public transit or private

vehicles-walks or

commutes long distances

in congestion, paying

Secure housing with private and safely managed sanitation-lives in decent housing with access to services and opportunities, with few concerns about family health and safety Better-



Constant, reliable



multiple fares, rain or shine

Daily Activities





A GLOBAL HOUSING CRISIS

UN-Habitat's Strategic Plan 2026 -2029









Housing, Land and Urban Basic Services





How Urban Basic Services link to Adequate Housing?

Water & sanitation → Without access to water and sanitation, housing cannot be considered adequate. Water and sanitation are also essential for a decent quality of life in slums and informal settlements. Focus on strengthening capacities of service providers, circular economy and climate-resilient water and sanitation infrastructure.

Solid waste management → Sustainable housing must address waste collection, recycling, and resource recovery, fostering cleaner and healthier living environments.

Mobility → Well-connected, safe, accessible, and affordable transport in the vicinity of housing improves livability and economic inclusion, enabling access to jobs, education, and services. New developments around high-capacity public transport in the context of transit-oriented development.

Sustainable energy → The transition to clean, resilient, and inclusive energy systems ensures that low-income housing benefits from reliable and affordable electricity, enhancing overall quality of life. Access to reliable, cheaper and clean energy services to produce building materials, reduces the overall cost of building making it more affordable.

Applying principles of accessibility, connectivity, proximity, affordability, equity, economic opportunity, and climate resilience, allow housing solutions to go beyond shelter to create inclusive, safe, and thriving urban communities.





Seven aspects of adequate housing

Public water and sanitation services for lowincome customers lacking tenure security (LNOB)

Formalising informal water and sanitation service providers

Drinking water and sanitation

Wastewater treatment and reuse

Energy for home uses

Solid waste management

Well-designed streets. transport services and infrastructure

Financial and time burden of **transport** to access opportunities

Equitable tariff for water and sanitation services

Affordable toilet construction (subsidies)

Affordable, reliable and sufficient energy

Climate resilient infrastructure and basic services

Waste management

Low-carbon **building** materials

Sustainable **sanitation** infrastructure

Housing with universally-accessible streets and transport networks

Accessibility and connectivity for social inclusion

Proper mobility and roads for provision of water and sanitation services

Proximity to public transport for access to employment and social facilities

Environmental ly safe areas (e.g. not dumpsites)

> Safety and well- lit streets

Shared WASH infrastructure within proximity

Water and sanitation infrastructure. compliant with local practices

Gender sensitive. participatory approach for provision of infrastructure

Culturally appropriate building materials and waste segregation







Our Approach

Status Quo



Sectoral approach to housing, land use, infrastructure and basic services



Lack of capacity and delivery of basic services



Urban Sprawl is hindering the efficient delivery of basic services



Lack of coordination between cities and service providers



Short-termist, **project-based delivery** of services and infrastructure



Top-down, single-sector led delivery of UBS



Fragmented municipal budgets and poor financial mgt

UN-Habitat's value add



Integrated visioning; Integrated area-based planning



Capacitated, integrated basic services delivery



Compact and dense development to boost basic service efficiency and financial viability



Better governance of urban basic services



Foresightful planning and delivery of land use, housing and services



Participatory governance, people-centered delivery of services



Improved **own source revenue** collection and holistic budgeting

Aspiration

Low carbon, resilient, equitable, healthy, economically productive, inclusive cities and neighborhoods





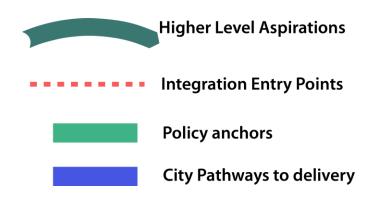


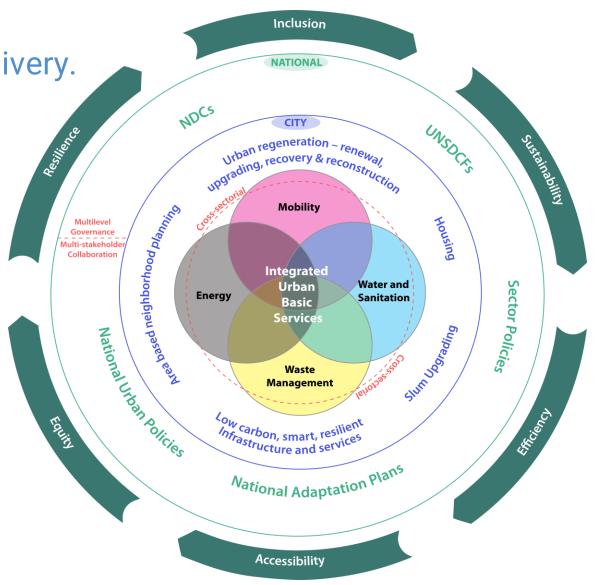
The UBS Opportunity

Integrated basic service as vehicle for delivery.

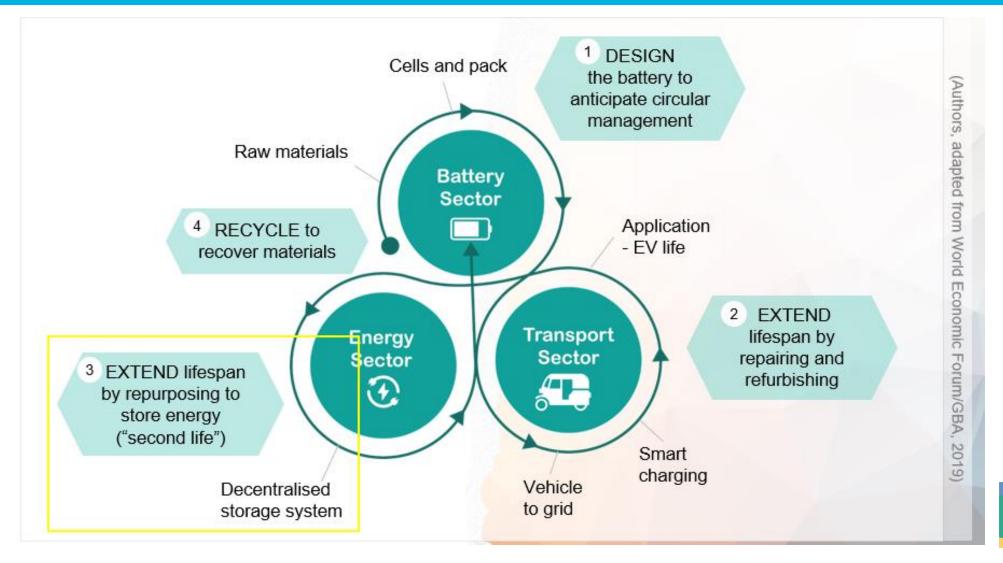
A holistic approach o planning and policy

Integrated UBS can optimize efficiency, reduce costs, enhance resilience and ensure equitable access for all residents





Sector Coupling in Action







Sector Coupling in Action

- ☐ Li-ion battery to dominate the electric vehicle market for the next 10 years
- □ 100-120 GWh of EV batteries retired by 2030, comparable to current annual battery production (IEA, 2020)
- □ Policies and practices so far focussed on other types of e-waste and lead-acid batteries



Need for a circular management of batteries

Batteries still retain 70 to 80% of their initial capacity at the time when they reached the end of their automotive life. (great potential for second use).





Sector Coupling in Action





Rehabilitation in Dandora



Main identified issues:

High crime rate, youth unemployment, Urban decay,
 Unregulated dumpsite

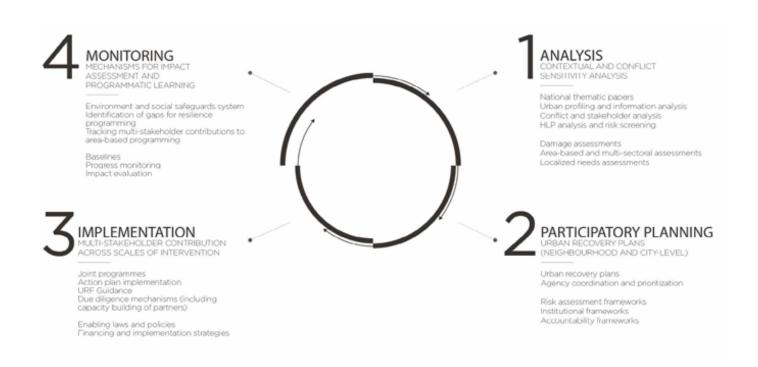
Results from intervention

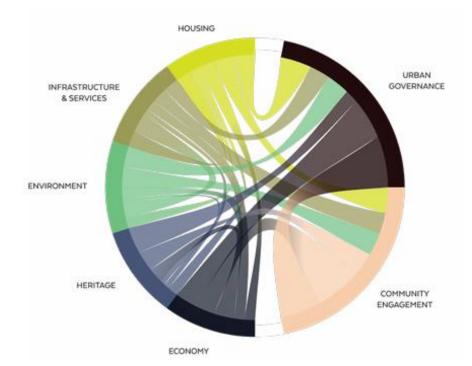
- Improved perceived safety and security
- Improved likelihood opportunities
- Improved relationship with authorities and community engagement
- Improved drainage and environmental quality
- Improved play opportunities for children





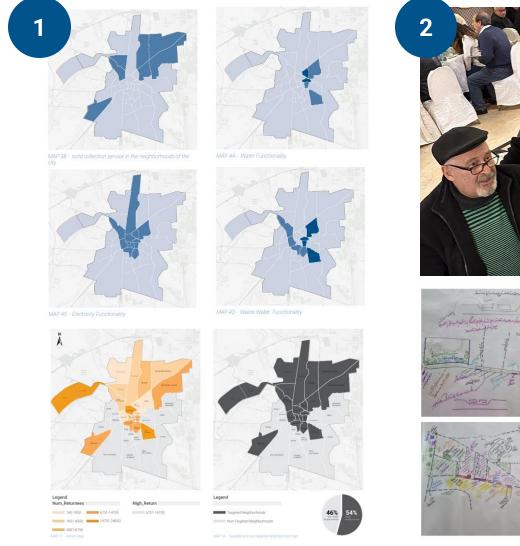
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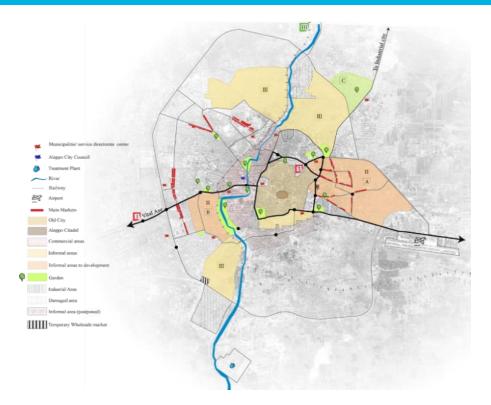


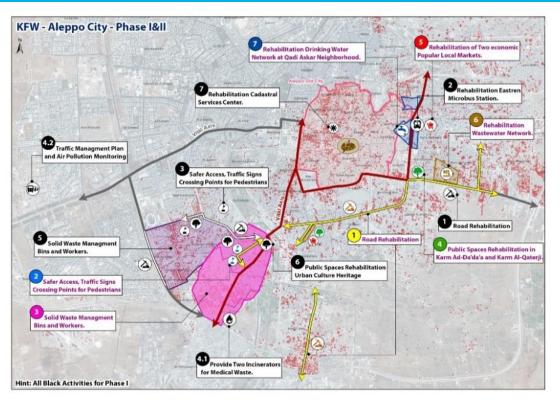






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3. NUA in Action Case Study Panel

Designing Inclusive and Resilient Cities



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How is your country integrating strategic and integrated urban planning approaches—such as mobility planning, land-use management, and public space design—into recent urban development initiatives?

Nigeria (Ms. Banmi Alugbin)

- Use of planning instruments: 19 operative development plans, Lagos State Development Plan (2022–2052), Lagos Resilience Strategy, Climate Action Plan and Urban Renewal Guidelines to quide land-use, regeneration and resilience.
- Mobility & land-use integration: promoting transit-oriented development and multimodal transport (including waterways) tied to activity-center planning so transport investments align with land use.
- Public space & implementation: urban renewal guidelines and resilience work promote nature-based solutions, streets/public space redesigns, and projects (e.g., new deep-sea port, new airport) implemented via coordinated agencies.
- **Delivery approach**: strong emphasis on public-private partnerships and multi-agency coordination to finance and implement integrated interventions.

Ethiopia (Mr. Belayneh Agonafer)

- Mobility planning: corridor development linking commercial, industrial and residential areas (corridor projects from Addis to secondary cities) to improve integrated movement and access.
- Land-use & infrastructure integration: corridors combine transport, utilities and other infrastructure so development is delivered in an integrated package rather than piecemeal.
- Public space & non-motorized priority: adding pedestrian walkways, dedicated cycle lanes and bus-only lanes to make streets more pedestrian/cyclist friendly and reduce traffic accidents.
- Delivery approach: emphasis on community participation, PPPs, stronger coordination among city offices and utility providers, and use of digital tools/urban observatories for monitoring and scaling to secondary cities.

What are the main challenges you face in managing rapid urban growth or spatial expansion, and what planning tools or strategies have proven most effective in addressing them?

Nigeria (Ms. Banmi Alugbin)

Main challenges: extreme population pressure (Lagos ~20+ million in small land area); informality and slums; flooding and climate-related shocks; difficulty in providing basic services to rapidly growing populations.

Effective tools/strategies: operative development plans (19 local ODPs) and a forthcoming comprehensive strategic plan to guide land use; Lagos Resilience Strategy and Climate Action Plan for shock preparedness; Urban Renewal Guidelines to direct regeneration; transit-oriented development and multimodal transport (including waterways) to manage growth and mobility; leveraging public-private partnerships (PPPs) and multi-agency coordination to fund and implement projects (e.g., deep-sea port, new airport).

Ethiopia (Mr. Belayneh Agonafer)

Main challenges: large housing shortage and informal settlements; deficits in basic services (water, sanitation); traffic congestion and pedestrian safety due to vehicle-oriented infrastructure; general infrastructure gaps with limited financing.

Effective tools/strategies: corridor development (integrated transport and infrastructure corridors linking commercial, industrial, residential areas) to shape spatial expansion; incorporation of pedestrian walkways, cycle lanes and bus-only lanes to improve safety and mobility; stronger coordination among city institutions and utility providers to avoid fragmented interventions; community participation and PPPs to mobilize resources; adoption of digital tools/urban observatories for monitoring and management.

Could you share an example from your current project (corridor development, territorial plans, or city-level planning) that illustrates how climate resilience or risk-sensitive planning is being incorporated?

Nigeria (Ms. Banmi Alugbin)

- Climate-resilience examples: Lagos Resilience Strategy and a dedicated Climate Action Plan guide risk-sensitive planning (flooding, shocks like pandemics).
- Project examples: urban renewal guidelines and transit-oriented / multimodal transport
 initiatives (including waterways) are being implemented with nature-based solutions and
 resilience principles to reduce flood risk and improve adaptive capacity. Large
 infrastructure projects (new deep-sea port, new airport) are being advanced with
 multi-agency coordination and PPP financing tied back to the plans.

Ethiopia (Mr. Belayneh Agonafer)

- Climate-resilience examples: corridor development (linking Addis and secondary cities)
 used as an integrated delivery mechanism that combines transport, utilities and
 infrastructure to reduce vulnerability from piecemeal growth.
- Project examples: corridor projects incorporate safer pedestrian walkways, dedicated cycle lanes and bus-only lanes (reducing traffic risk and improving access) and emphasize coordination with utility providers, community participation and PPP financing; adoption of digital tools/urban observatories is used to monitor performance and inform risk-sensitive decisions.

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How do you ensure meaningful collaboration between national government, local authorities, and communities in the planning and implementation process?

Nigeria (Ms. Banmi Alugbin)

- Institutional frameworks and plans: Use of operative development plans, Lagos State Development Plan, Lagos Resilience Strategy and Urban Renewal Guidelines to align mandates across agencies.
- Multi-agency coordination: Emphasis on bringing MDAs (ministries, departments, agencies) together so transport, land-use, utilities and renewal programs are coordinated rather than siloed.
- Community & stakeholder roles: Engagement with communities and organized private sector; fostering ownership (e.g., in urban renewal) so citizens maintain improvements.
- Financing & delivery: Heavy reliance on public-private partnerships to mobilize funds and implement projects jointly with government and private actors.

Ethiopia (Mr. Belayneh Agonafer)

- Community participation: Active involvement of communities in infrastructure delivery (community-built road segments, local inputs) to share costs and ensure buy-in.
- Institutional coordination: Strengthening coordination between city government offices and utility providers to avoid fragmented implementation.
- PPPs and developer engagement: Use of public-private partnerships and private developers to mobilize resources for housing and infrastructure.
- Evidence & monitoring: Adoption of digital tools and urban observatories to monitor projects and support transparency and joint decision-making.

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Looking ahead, what are the key priorities or opportunities you see for strengthening sustainable urban development in your country, and where could regional or international partners provide the most support?

Nigeria (Ms. Banmi Alugbin)

- Key priorities/opportunities: finalize/implement comprehensive strategic plans; scale transitoriented and multimodal transport; accelerate urban renewal and climate resilience (naturebased solutions); mobilize more PPP investment for large infrastructure (ports, airport, transport); strengthen multi-agency coordination and community ownership.
- Where partners can help: technical support for implementation and capacity building, financing
 and blended-finance instruments, knowledge exchange on resilient/compact city solutions,
 support for PPP structuring and nature-based resilience pilots.

Ethiopia (Mr. Belayneh Agonafer)

- Key priorities/opportunities: scale corridor development to secondary cities; strengthen
 institutional coordination (city-utilities); expand pedestrian/cycling and safe public transport;
 improve housing delivery via PPPs and community engagement; adopt digital monitoring/urban
 observatories for data-driven management.
- Where partners can help: finance and technical assistance for corridor and secondary-city scaling, capacity building for inter-agency coordination, digital tools and data systems, support for PPP frameworks and community-inclusive financing models.



6. Last Reflections

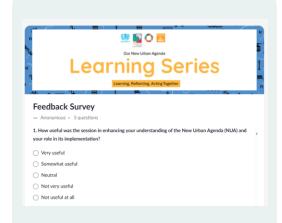
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