Towards A New Urban Agenda – Advocating for Integrated and Inclusive Sustainable Urbanisation
Cities are where the battle for sustainable development will be won or lost...

scarce recognition of the role of urbanization
MDGs & Sustainable Urbanisation...

Targets:

1. Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes and reverse the loss of environmental resources
2. Reduce biodiversity loss, achieving, by 2010, a significant reduction in the rate of loss
3. Halve, by 2015, the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation
4. Achieve, by 2020, a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers
Why the World needs an Urban SDG?

SDSN, UN-Habitat, UCLG, ICLEI, Cities Alliance

1. Educate and focus attention on urgent urban challenges and future opportunities
2. Mobilize and empower all urban actors around practical problem solving
3. Address the specific challenges of urban poverty and access to infrastructure
4. Promote integrated and innovative infrastructure design and service delivery
5. Promote land use planning and efficient spatial concentration
6. Ensure resilience to climate change and disaster risk reduction
Why the World needs an Urban SDG?

1. In the quest for sustainable development, a focus on cities is unique because it foregrounds space and place as well as the subsidiarity of local government.

2. Cities constitute the arena where action is concretized. As engines of growth they are transformative; they concentrate the institutions and infrastructure required to bring about change.

3. As hubs of peer-to-peer learning and knowledge sharing they are integrative; their championing of innovative approaches strengthens institutions and builds capacities.

4. As homes for a majority of the world’s people, they are universal - there are significant sustainable urban development challenges in all major regions of the world.
Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

1. By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services, and upgrade slums

2. By 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons

3. By 2030 enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacities for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries

4. Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world’s cultural and natural heritage

5. By 2030 significantly reduce the number of deaths and the number of affected people and decrease by y% the economic losses relative to GDP caused by disasters, including water-related disasters, with the focus on protecting the poor and people in vulnerable situations

6. By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality, municipal and other waste management

7. By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, particularly for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities
Post2015 Agenda and SDGs - Goal 11

Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

a. Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning.

b. By 2020, increase by x% the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters, develop and implement in line with the forthcoming Hyogo Framework holistic disaster risk management at all levels.

c. Support least developed countries, including through financial and technical assistance, for sustainable and resilient buildings utilizing local materials.
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**Urbanization and Sustainable Development...**

1. **New Urbanization Model**
   - [Universal & adaptable](#) to different national circumstances; based on key urbanization challenges & opportunities **shared by all countries**

2. **Mechanisms & procedures > respect, protect & promote human rights**

3. **Equitable** urban development & **inclusive** urban growth, which entails bringing **equality & non-discrimination** considerations, including **gender equality**, to the **center of urban development**

4. Integration in implementation - address the environmental, social & economic objectives of **sustainability**; inter-linkages and the concerns of **different levels of government**

5. **Empowerment of civil society**, expanding **democratic participation & reinforcing collaboration**

6. **Green cities & environmental sustainability**, which involves establishing a critical connection between science, environment, economic growth, urban planning & governance

7. Innovations that facilitate **learning & sharing of knowledge**, which entails creation of supportive learning, science, technology and innovation policies as well as **development of capacities**

8. **Global data revolution for effective, results-based, implementation & monitoring** of the new urban agenda at the local, national & global levels
City – Home of Prosperity
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Paradigm Shift
Habitat III Roadmap 2014/2016 – Arab Region

Policy
Commitment & Action
- Policy Units
- Policy and Strategic Planning
- High Level Regional and Thematic Meetings

Knowledge
- Monitoring & Research
  - National Reports
  - Regional Reports
  - City Regime

Engagement
- Building Consensus
  - Campaign "The City We Need"
  - Regional Events

Urban Solutions
- National Urban Forums
- Regional Forums
- World Urban Forums

Phase I
1st PrepCom
- 1st AMFHUD April 2014

Phase II
2nd PrepCom
- 2nd Arab Forum on Sustainable Development April 2015

Phase III
3rd PrepCom
- Final Negotiations on Draft Outcome Document 2016

Habitat III
- New Emerging Issues and Implementation 2016

World Urban Forum 8 2016

The New Urban Agenda

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The city we need...

... is socially inclusive
... is well planned
... is regenerative city
... is economically vibrant and inclusive
... has a singular identity and sense of place
... is safe city
... is healthy city
... is affordable and equitable
... is managed at the metropolitan level