

**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?

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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

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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.

Post2015 Agenda and SDGs - Goal 11

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

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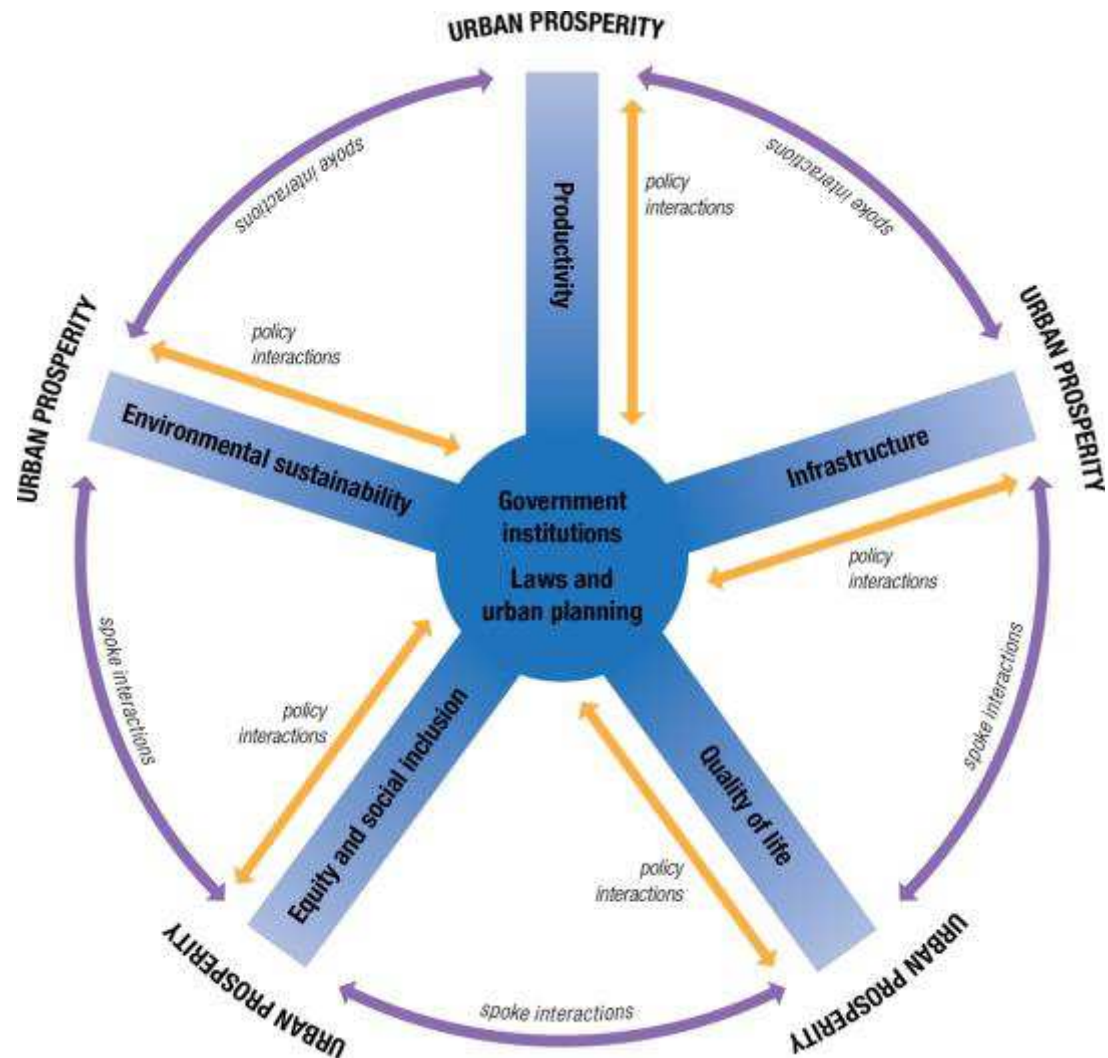
- a. Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening **national and regional development planning**
- b. By 2020, increase by x% the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards 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...

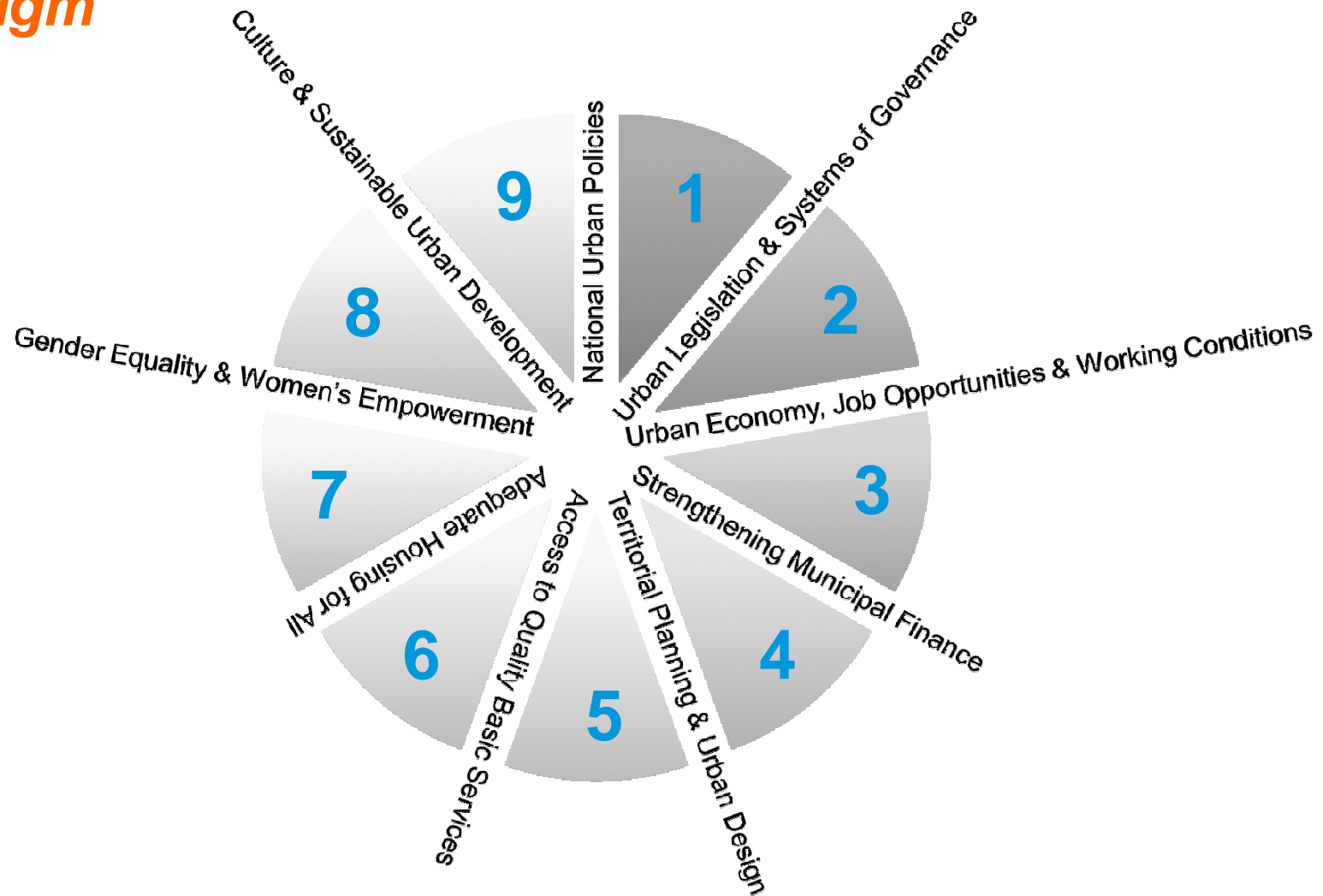
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| 1 | New Urbanization Model | Universal & adaptable to different national circumstances; based on key urbanization challenges & opportunities shared by all countries |
| 2 | | Mechanisms & procedures > respect, protect & promote human rights |
| 3 | | Equitable urban development & inclusive urban growth, which entails bringing <u>equality</u> & <u>non-discrimination</u> considerations, including <u>gender</u> 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

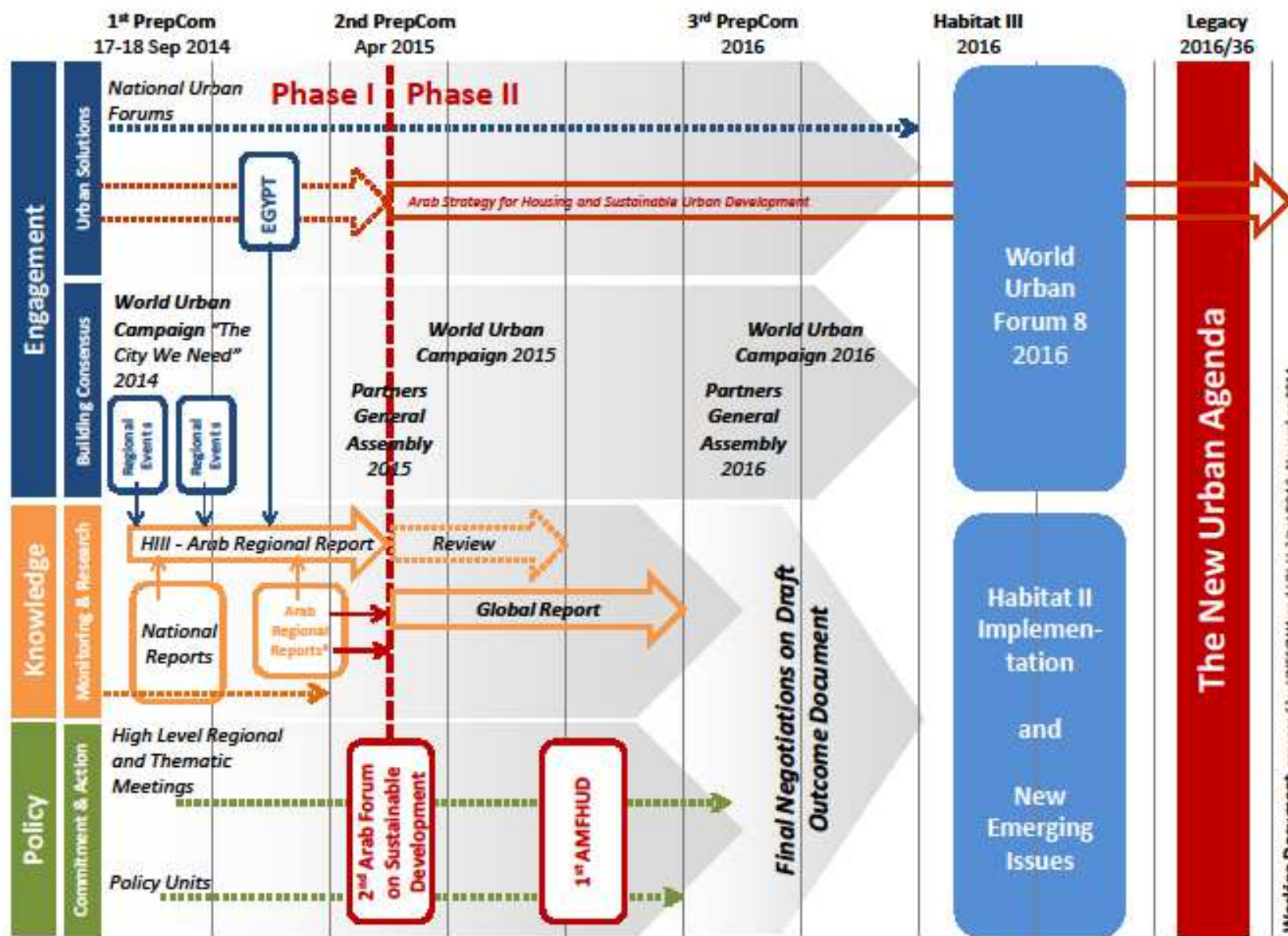


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Paradigm Shift



Habitat III Roadmap 2014/2016 – Arab Region



*Inclusive Social Development in the Arab Region (UNESCWA)

** Arab Sustainable Development Report (UNESCWA)

Working Document, prepared by UNESCWA and UN-Habitat ROAs; November 2014

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**

I'M A CITY
CHANGER