



TOWARDS A NEW URBAN AGENDA

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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HABITAT III)

Habitat III is the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development to take place in Quito, Ecuador, on 17-20 October 2016.

In resolution 66/207 and in line with the bi-decennial cycle (1976, 1996 and 2016), the United Nations General Assembly decided to convene the Habitat III Conference to reinvigorate the global commitment to sustainable urbanization, to focus on the implementation of a *New Urban Agenda*, building on the Habitat Agenda of Istanbul in 1996.

The Conference welcomes the participation of all Member States and relevant stakeholders, including parliamentarians, civil society organizations, regional and local government and municipality representatives, professionals and researchers, academia, foundations, women and youth groups, trade unions, media, and the private sector, as well as organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations.

Habitat III will be the first UN global summit after the adoption of the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda and, hopefully, a new climate change agreement.



HABITAT I - 1976

The United Nations General Assembly convened the Habitat I Conference in Vancouver in 1976, as governments began to recognize the need for sustainable human settlements and the consequences of rapid urbanization, especially in the developing world.

At that time, urbanization and its impacts were barely considered by the international community, but the world was starting to witness the greatest and fastest migration of people into cities and towns in history as well as rising urban population through natural growth resulting from advances in medicine.

Main outcomes:

// Recognition that shelter and urbanization are global issues to be addressed collectively

// Creation of the United Nations Center for Human Settlements (UNCHS-Habitat)

WORLD URBAN POPULATION
37.9%

HABITAT II - 1996

The Vancouver commitments were reconfirmed twenty years later, at the Habitat II conference in Istanbul.

World leaders adopted the Habitat Agenda as a global plan of action for adequate shelter for all, with the notion of sustainable human settlements driving development in an urbanizing world.

Main outcomes:

// Cities are the engines of global growth

// Urbanization is an opportunity

// Call for a stronger role of local authorities

// Recognition of the power of participation

WORLD URBAN POPULATION
45.1%

HABITAT III - 2016

Forty years later...

It is becoming more and more clear that achievements on sustainable development will depend on how we will manage and guide global urbanization:

// Urbanization as an endogenous source of Development

// New urban models are required to effectively address the challenge of Climate Change

// Urbanization as a tool for Social Integration and Equity. In 2010, UN-Habitat reported that more than 827 million people were living in slum-like conditions.

HABITAT III - THE CONTEXT: GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS

Cities today occupy approximately only 2% of the total land, however:

Economy (GDP) 70%

Global energy consumption over 60%

Greenhouse gas emissions 70%

Global waste 70%

“Cities are where the battle for sustainable development will be won or lost”

HLP 2013



CLIMATE CHANGE



PEACE AND SECURITY



INEQUALITY

World Urban
Population 54.5%

URBANIZATION

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A CONFERENCE FOR RETHINKING THE URBAN AGENDA

Member States of the General Assembly, in resolution 67/216, decided that the objective of the Conference is:

- // to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable urban development;
- // to assess the 1996 Habitat Agenda accomplishments to date;
- // to address poverty and,
- // to identify and address new and emerging challenges

The Conference will result in a concise, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented outcome document: the **New Urban Agenda**.

Rethinking the Urban Agenda is:

// Embracing urbanization at all levels of human settlements, more appropriate policies can embrace urbanization across physical space, bridging urban, peri-urban and rural areas, and assist governments in addressing challenges through national and local development policy frameworks.

// Integrating equity to the development agenda. Equity becomes an issue of social justice, ensures access to the public sphere, extends opportunities and increases the commons.

// Fostering national urban planning and planned city extensions.

// Deciding how relevant sustainable development goals will be supported through sustainable urbanization.

// Aligning and strengthening institutional arrangements with the substantive outcomes of Habitat III, so as to ensure effective delivery of the new Urban Agenda.





KEY ELEMENTS FOR A NEW URBAN AGENDA

Elements to be considered at Habitat III to create a pattern of sustainable urban development fostering a new model of city

// **Social Cohesion and Equity – Livable Cities**

(Inclusive Cities, Safer Cities, Urban Culture and Heritage, Migration and Refugees,...)

// **Urban Frameworks**

(Urban Rules and Legislation, Urban Governance, Municipal Finance,...)

// **Spatial Development**

(Urban Planning and Design, Urban Land, Urban-Rural Linkages, Public Space,...)

// **Urban Economy**

(Local Economic Development, Jobs and Livelihoods, Informal Sector,...)

// **Urban Ecology and Environment**

(Urban Resilience, Urban Ecosystems and Resource Management, Climate Change, Risk Management,...)

// **Urban Housing and Basic Services**

(Infrastructure and Basic Services, Transport and Mobility, Housing, Smart Cities, Informal Settlements,...)



Operational factors to maximize the advantages of the urbanization process

// Urban Rules and Regulations. The outcomes in terms of quality of an urban settlement is dependent on the set of rules and regulations and its implementation. Proper urbanization requires the rule of law.

// Urban Planning and Design. Establishing the adequate provision of common goods, including streets and open spaces, together with an efficient pattern of buildable plots.

// Municipal Finance. For a good management and maintenance of the city, local fiscal systems should redistribute parts of the urban value generated.



TOWARDS a...

Sustainable
Prosperous
Equitable
Just
Equal
Safe

CITY

OPPORTUNITIES OF A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

Habitat III offers a unique opportunity to discuss the important challenge of how cities, towns and villages are planned and managed, in order to fulfill their role as drivers of sustainable development, and hence shape the implementation of new global development and climate change goals.



// Only a UN conference has the convening power to bring together the needed actors to achieve global goals. Solutions for the complex challenge of urbanization can only be found by bringing together member states, multilateral organizations, local governments, private sector, civil society.

// Habitat III will guarantee outcomes take place within the global development Agenda (SDGs framework). It stands to be the first implementing conference of the 2030 Development Agenda.

// An inter-governmental process links results with national legislation.

// A successful UN conference can provide a tremendous boost for achieving more prosperous societies.



GLOBAL, INCLUSIVE AND PARTICIPATORY PROCESS

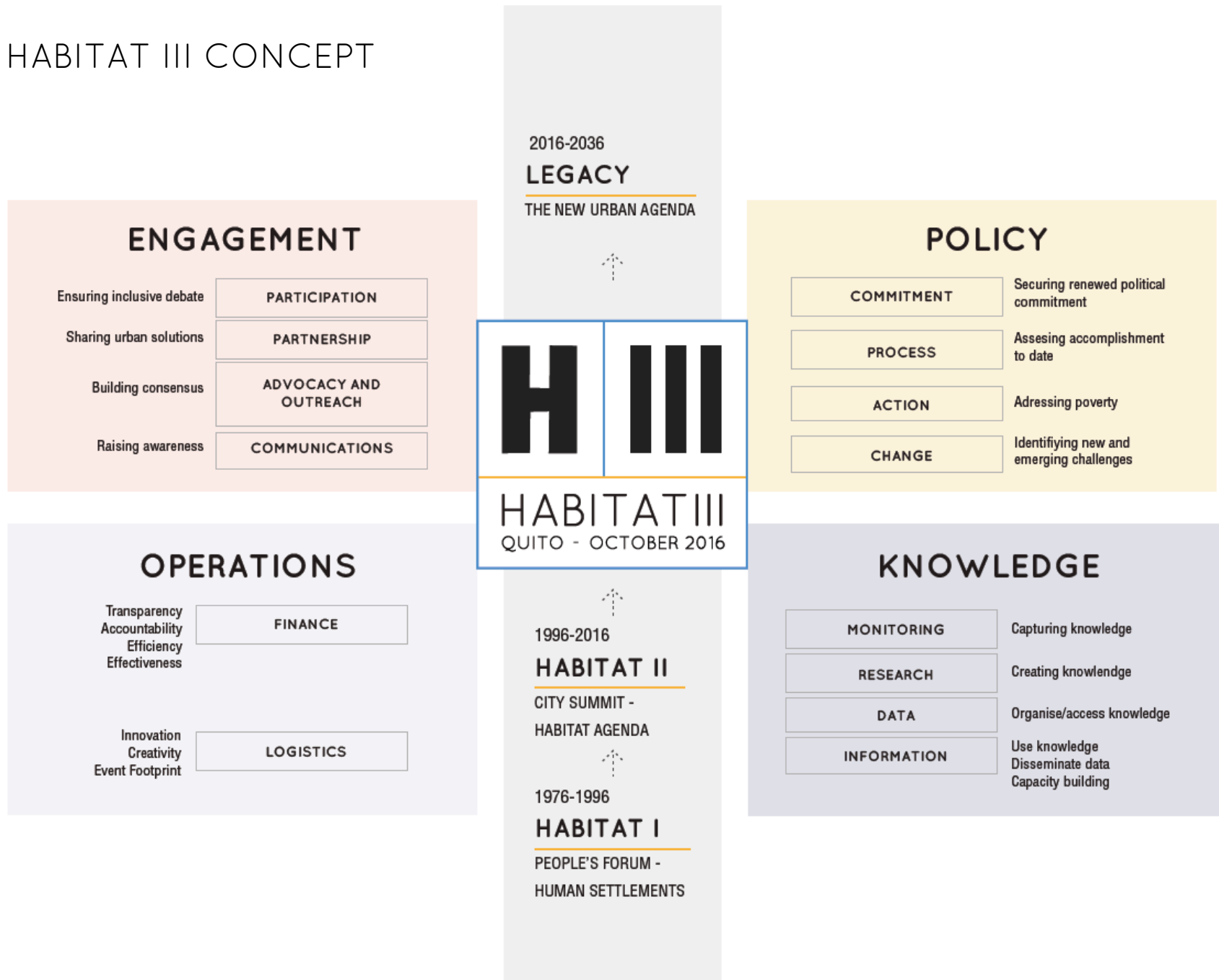


GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS

Growing recognition of urbanization reflected in global frameworks for sustainable global development



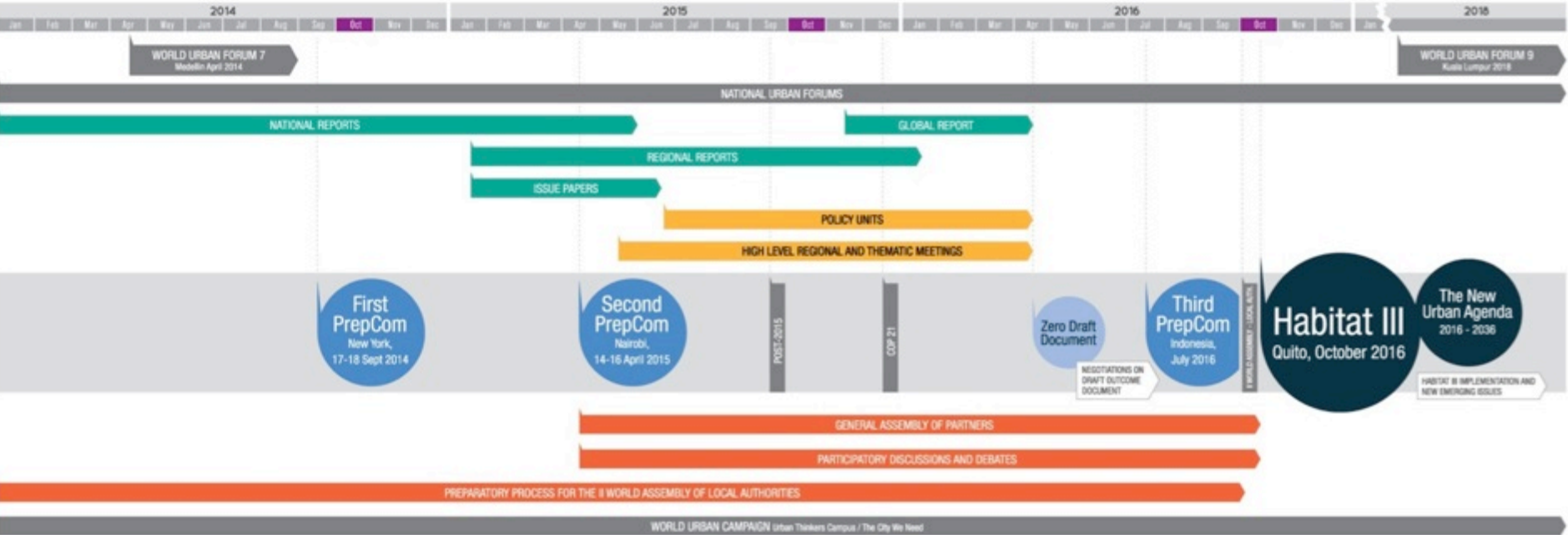
HABITAT III CONCEPT



ROADMAP TOWARDS HABITAT III



- Knowledge**
Monitoring and research
- Policy**
Commitment and action
- Engagement**
Building consensus
- Urban October**
World Habitat Day, World Cities Day



A ROAD TOWARDS A NEW URBAN PARADIGM

SUMMER 2015 FALL 2015 SPRING 2016 SUMMER 2016 FALL 2016



KNOWLEDGE
Monitoring & Research

National Reports

Regional Reports
Global Report



POLICY
Commitment & Action

Regional/Thematic Conferences
Policy Units



ENGAGEMENT
Urban Solutions

National Urban Forums / National Urban Campaigns / Journalism Academies



ENGAGEMENT
Creating Consensus

World Urban Campaign - Urban Thinkers Campuses
General Assembly of Partners

PREPCOMS

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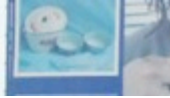
GLOBAL MILESTONES

Financing for
Development

SDG's COP21

New Urban Agenda
Zero Draft





KNOWLEDGE



KNOWLEDGE - MONITORING AND RESEARCH

NATIONAL REPORTS

Prepared by member states to provide evidence based knowledge on the implementation of the Habitat Agenda at the national level

REGIONAL REPORTS

Prepared by the 5 UN Regional Economic and Social Commissions and UN Habitat in collaboration with the Habitat III Secretariat, building on the national reports received and integrated by relevant researches

GLOBAL REPORT

Prepared by high level urban experts, coordinated by the HIII Secretariat, it will build on the outcomes and contents of National and Regional reports. It will include a comprehensive analysis on the global state of urbanization as well as good practices and tools both at the policy and intervention level.

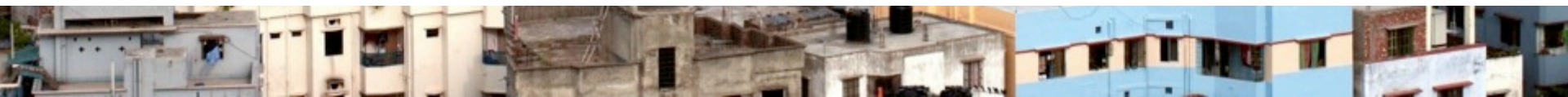
ISSUE PAPERS

A total of 22 stock taking papers on relevant topics are developed through a collaborative exercise of the UN system coordinated by the Habitat III Secretariat. The finalized papers are published on the HIII webpage for public revision. Official comments and online discussions were compiled and constituted a complementary report to the Issue Papers.





POLICY



POLICY – COMMITMENT AND ACTION

POLICY UNITS

A total of 10 policy papers on relevant topics will be developed by policy units composed of 20 experts each, coming from different geographic areas and constituencies.

// Bring together high-level expertise to explore state-of-the-art research and analysis;

// Identify good practices and lessons learned;

// Develop independent policy recommendations on particular issues regarding sustainable urban development.



AREAS	ISSUE PAPERS	POLICY UNITS
<p>1. Social Cohesion and Equity – Livable Cities</p>	<p>1. Inclusive cities (a.o. Pro-poor, Gender, Youth, Ageing) 2. Migration and refugees in urban areas 3. Safer Cities 4. Urban Culture and Heritage</p>	<p>1. Right to the City and Cities for All 2. Socio-Cultural Urban Framework</p>
<p>2. Urban Frameworks</p>	<p>5. Urban Rules and Legislation 6. Urban Governance 7. Municipal Finance</p>	<p>3. National Urban Policies 4. Urban Governance, Capacity and Institutional Development 5. Municipal Finance and Local Fiscal Systems</p>
<p>3. Spatial Development</p>	<p>8. Urban and Spatial Planning and Design 9. Urban Land 10. Urban-rural linkages 11. Public Space</p>	<p>6. Urban Spatial Strategies: Land Market and Segregation</p>
<p>4. Urban Economy</p>	<p>12. Local Economic Development 13. Jobs and Livelihoods 14. Informal Sector</p>	<p>7. Urban Economic Development Strategies</p>
<p>5. Urban Ecology and Environment</p>	<p>15. Urban Resilience 16. Urban Ecosystems and Resource Management 17. Cities and Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management</p>	<p>8. Urban Ecology and Resilience</p>
<p>6. Urban Housing and Basic Services</p>	<p>18. Urban Infrastructure and Basic Services, including energy 19. Transport and Mobility 20. Housing 21. Smart Cities 22. Informal Settlements</p>	<p>9. Urban Services and Technology 10. Housing Policies</p>

POLICY – COMMITMENT AND ACTION

REGIONAL AND THEMATIC MEETINGS

A limited number of official regional and thematic high level meetings involving a wide range of participants, will debate priorities for the New Urban Agenda and issue recommendations in the form of a final participants' declaration. The final declarations from regional and thematic meetings will be considered official inputs to the Habitat III process.

// Asia-Pacific – Indonesia (21-22 Oct 2015)

// Civic Engagement – Tel-Aviv (7 Sept 2015)

// Europe – Czech Republic (16-18 March)

// Metropolitan Areas – Montreal (6-7 Oct 2015)

// Africa – Nigeria (31 Jan 2016)

// Intermediate Cities – Cuenca (9-11 Nov 2015)

// LAC – Mexico (11-13 April 2016)

// Renewal Energy – Abu Dhabi (18 Jan 2016)

// Smart Cities – Barcelona (Feb 2016)

// Slums – Johannesburg (Feb 2016)

// Financing the NUA – Mexico DF (9-11 March 2016)



ENGAGEMENT



ENGAGEMENT – BUILDING CONSENSUS

Beyond the governmental participation in the process through the General Assembly

// **National Urban Forums.** To discuss and deliberate on national priority subjects including the preparation of the HIII National Reports

// **General Assembly of Partners (GAP)**

// Preparatory process for the **II World Assembly of Local Authorities**

// **Together Towards HIII – Global Survey (2015/16)**

// **Urban Dialogues – habitat3.org**

Other advocacy and awareness events under the “Together Towards Habitat III”

// **National and Local Campaigns.** To raise awareness on the Conference and specific topics of the New Urban Agenda

// Media engagement through the **Urban Journalism Academies**





Feed the conversations
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