

HABITAT III

Towards a SA position on the New Urban Agenda

URBAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES
(UEDS)

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Policy Papers on UEDS

THEMATIC AREA	Urban Economy
ISSUE PAPERS	Local Economic Development Jobs & Livelihoods Informal Sector
POLICY UNITS	Urban Economic Development Strategies

ISSUE PAPERS	MAIN CONCEPTS	KEY DRIVERS FOR ACTION
Local Economic Development	Local Economic Development Strategies, Agglomeration economies, Dis-agglomeration economies, Partnerships and networks, Business-enabling environment, Effective support to raise capacities for developing LED Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure that local values and objectives drive the development of actions that support the local economy - Use LED strategies to ensure coordinated land use, transportation, infrastructure and investment planning
Jobs & Livelihoods	Decent work, Sustainable Urbanisation, Gender pay gap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Link decent work and jobs to the development of a new spatial form for cities and towns - Make use of local resources and competitive advantages in a global context, to (1) create resilient and sustainable cities with decent jobs and (2) stimulate economic activity. - Promote urban job creation - Harness the urban demographic dividend - Bring equality and human rights
Informal Sector	Informal sector, Informal enterprises, Informal employment, Informal economy, Gender equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage a wide range of policies to influence formalisation. - Consider appropriate policy responses to mainstream the informal economy - Implement an integrated approach to urban planning and management where workers are provided affordable shelter

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- **Our shared vision**

10d. We envisage human settlements that: meet the challenges and opportunities of sustainable and inclusive present and future growth leveraging urbanization for structural transformation, high productivity, value-added activities and resource efficiency, harnessing local economies, recognizing the contribution of the informal sector and supporting a sustainable transition to the formal economy;

- **Our principles and commitments**

11b. Sustainable and inclusive urban economies, by leveraging the agglomeration benefits of well-planned urbanization, high productivity, competitiveness and innovation; ensuring full and productive employment creation and equitable access for all to economic and productive resources and opportunities; preventing land speculation; and promoting secure land tenure.

Quito Implementation Plan

- **SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE URBAN PROSPERITY AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL**
Commitments:

39. to develop **vibrant, sustainable, and inclusive urban economies**, building on endogenous potentials, competitive advantages, cultural heritage and local resources, as well as **resource efficient and resilient infrastructure**, promoting **sustainable and inclusive industrial development** and fostering **an enabling environment for businesses and innovation**, as well as livelihoods.

41. to strengthen national, sub-national, and local institutions to **support local economic development**, fostering **integration, cooperation, coordination, and dialogue across levels of governments and functional areas** and relevant stakeholders.

42. to facilitate effective **participation and collaboration** among all stakeholders, including local governments, the private sector, civil society, women and youth organizations, as well as those representing persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, professionals, academic institutions, trade unions, employers' organizations, migrant associations and others, **in ascertaining the opportunities for urban economic development** as well as in **identifying and addressing existing and emerging challenges**.

45. to develop **urban spatial frameworks**, including urban planning and design instruments that promote sustainable management of land, appropriate compactness and density, polycentrism, and mixed uses, through infill or planned urban extension strategies as applicable, to **trigger economies of scale and agglomeration**, and **enhance resource efficiency, urban resilience, and environmental sustainability**.

47. to **increase economic productivity** through the generation and use of renewable and affordable energy and transport infrastructure, achieving the benefits of connectivity and **reducing the financial, environmental, and public health costs** of inefficient mobility, congestion, air pollution, urban heat island effect, and noise. We also commit to pay particular attention to the energy and transport needs of all people, particularly the poor and those living in informal settlements.

48. to promote a **healthy society and labor force** with the **knowledge and skills** to contribute to an **innovative and competitive urban economy**, by ensuring **universal access to adequate, inclusive, and quality public services, social infrastructure and facilities**, such as health-care services, including sexual and reproductive health-care services, and cultural and educational facilities, among others.

49. to **generate full and productive employment, decent work, and livelihood opportunities** in cities and human settlements with special attention to the needs and potential of women, youth, persons with disabilities, indigenous people, refugees and internally displaced persons, and migrants, regardless of migration status, particularly the poorest and those in vulnerable situations, and to **ensure that all people have equal access to income-earning opportunities**, respecting and leveraging cultural diversity and territorial specificity.

50. to **create an enabling, fair and responsible business environment**, based on the principles of environmental sustainability and inclusive prosperity, promoting investments, innovations, and entrepreneurship. We also commit to address the challenges faced by local business communities, through **supporting micro, small and medium enterprises and cooperatives** throughout the value chain, in particular businesses and enterprises in the social and solidarity economy, operating in both the **formal and informal economies**.

51. to **recognize the working poor in the informal economy**, particularly women, as contributors and legitimate actors of the urban economies, including the unpaid and domestic workers. We further commit to **develop a gradual approach to formalization** with a view to facilitating the transition from the informal to the formal economy, extending **access to legal and social protections** to informal livelihoods, as well as support services to the informal workforce.

52. to **sustain and support urban economies to progressively transition to higher productivity** through high value added sectors, promoting diversification, technological upgrading, research and innovation, including the **creation of quality, decent and productive jobs** in both the formal and informal sectors, including through promoting cultural and creative industries, sustainable tourism, performing arts, and heritage conservation activities, among others.

53. to **harness the urban demographic dividend**, where applicable, and promote access for youth to education, skills development and employment to **achieve increased productivity** and shared prosperity in cities and human settlements.

54. to **address the social, economic, and spatial implications of ageing populations**, where applicable, and harness the ageing factor as an opportunity for new decent jobs and sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, while improving the quality of life of the urban population.

61. to **support local provision of goods and basic services**, leveraging the proximity of resources, recognizing that a heavy reliance on distant sources of energy, water, food, and materials poses sustainability challenges, including vulnerability to service supply disruptions, and that **local provision enables better access** for inhabitants to resources.

B. EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION

PLANNING AND MANAGING URBAN SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT

86. We will promote **integrated urban and territorial planning**, including planned urban extensions based on the principles of equitable, efficient, and sustainable use of land and natural resources, compactness, polycentrism, appropriate density and connectivity, multiple use of space, as well as mixed social and economic uses in the built-up areas, **to prevent urban sprawl, to reduce mobility challenges and needs, service delivery costs per capita, and harness density, economies of scale and agglomeration**, as appropriate.

MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION

117. We strongly urge states to **refrain from promulgating and applying any unilateral economic, financial, or trade measures** not in accordance with international law and the Charter of the United Nations that **impede the full achievement of economic and social development**, and in this regard, the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.



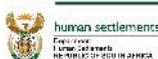
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119. We will promote **context-sensitive approaches in financing urbanization** and in **enhancing financial management capacities** at all levels of government, adopting **specific instruments** and mechanisms necessary to **achieve sustainable urban development**, recognizing that each country has the primary responsibility for its own economic and social development.

120. We will mobilize endogenous **resources and revenues** generated through the capture of benefits of urbanization, as well as the catalyzing effects and maximized impact of **public and private investments** in order to **improve the financial conditions for urban development and open access to additional sources** recognizing that, for all countries, public policies and the mobilization and effective use of domestic resources, underscored by the principle of national ownership, are central to our common pursuit of sustainable development, including achieving the New Urban Agenda.

121. We will support **appropriate policies and capacities** that enable sub-national and local governments to **register and expand their potential revenue base**, especially with regard to local taxes, while ensuring that women and girls, children and youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, poor households, and marginalized communities are not disproportionately affected.

122. We will promote a **sound and transparent system of financial transfers** from national government to sub-national and local governments based on their needs, priorities, functions, mandates, and on performance-based incentives -- providing them with adequate, timely and predictable resources and enhancing their own abilities to raise revenues and manage expenditures.



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123. We will support the development of vertical and horizontal models of **distribution of financial resources to decrease inequalities** across territories, within urban centers, and between urban and rural areas, as well as to **promote integrated and balanced territorial development**. In this regard, we emphasize the importance of improving transparency of data on spending and resource allocation as a tool to assess progress towards equity and spatial integration.

124. We will implement **policy frameworks to capture the increase in land and property value generated as a result of urban development processes, infrastructure projects and public investments**. Measures will be put in place to **prevent its solely private capture** as well as **land and real estate speculations**, by introducing adequate taxation and site and city-wide redistribution of gains. We will reinforce the **link among fiscal systems, urban planning as well as urban management** tools, including land market regulations. We will ensure that efforts to generate land-based finance do not result in unsustainable land use and consumption.

African Position on UEDS

Pillar 1: Harness the potential of Urbanization to accelerate structural economic transformation and inclusive growth:

Inclusive economic growth - decent job creation and improved living standards
Transforming the urban economies - high productivity and value adding activities

Pillar 2: Link Sustainable Urban and Human Settlements Development with Resilience:

Resilience of human settlements - social and economic resilience along the rural/urban development continuum, and enhancing rural-urban linkages

Pillar 4: Strengthening institutions and systems for promoting transformative change in human settlements:

Strengthening urban governance - create an enabling environment for efficient and effective service delivery, encompassing appropriate legislations and regulations, functional institutions, and adequate allocation of public finance between the local and national levels

Sound policy and regulatory frameworks – harness land-based revenue, improve good land governance, enhance gender equity, and ensure urban equity and sustainability.

Pillar 6: Enhance Africa's global competitiveness through Urban and human settlements development

Specialization amongst major African cities to maximizing the continent's value addition.

Inclusive cities through advocacy & outreach - articulated in the African Agenda 2063

Promote strategic synergy and forge a dynamic network of urban and human settlements that are globally competitive, within the continent's integration framework

Develop smart cities - improved urban systems that improves functionality, efficiency and effective services and infrastructure delivery

TOWARDS A SOUTH AFRICAN POSITION ON UEDS

