

### **Climate Sustainability Working Group**

# Session 7 Finding New Solution through Building Smart Cities

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## Smart-city defined in New Urban Agenda

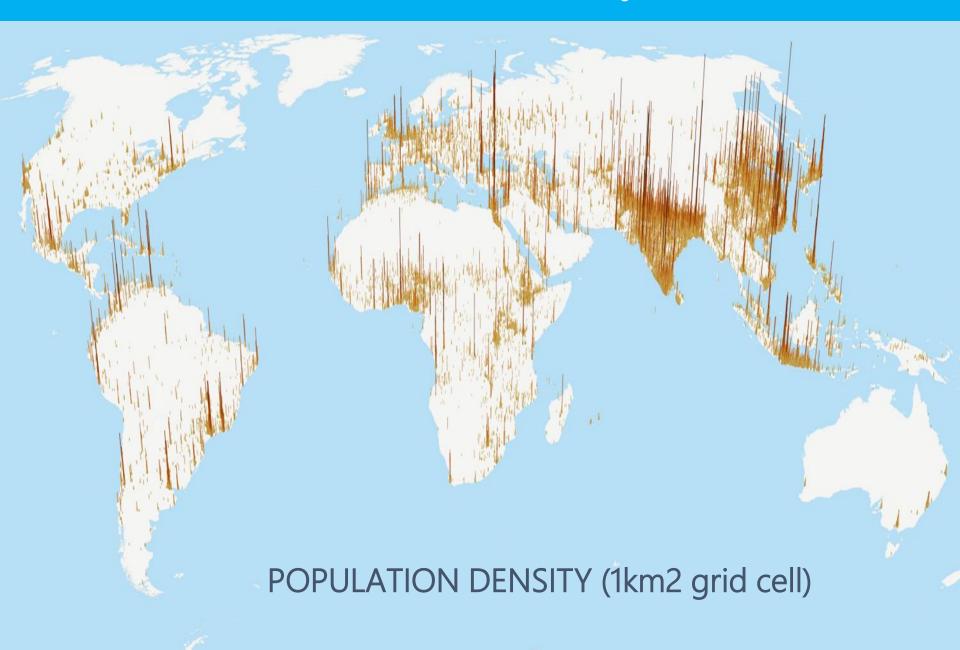
Environmentally sustainable and resilient urban development

66. We commit ourselves to adopting a smart-city approach that makes use of opportunities from digitalization, clean energy and technologies, as well as innovative transport technologies, thus providing options for inhabitants to make more environmentally friendly choices and boost sustainable economic growth and enabling cities to improve their service delivery.

### **Smart City Initiatives**

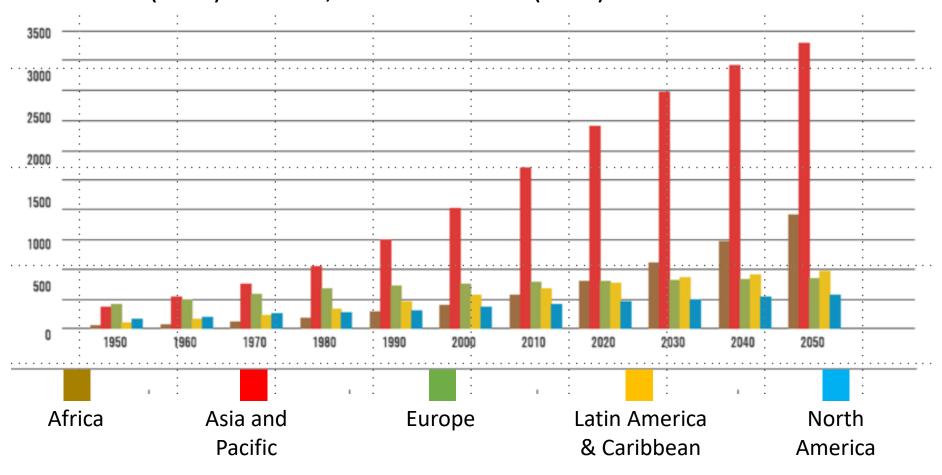
- The "Smart City" was popularized as a concept in the early 2010s to describe how digital technology, clean energy technologies and innovative transport technologies can be used to improve urban planning, management and service delivery.
- It has been driven by advanced technologies and their suppliers, but recently governments and cities have started leveraging technologies and innovations to address urban challenges to achieve smart and sustainable development.

# **Urban Century**



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Urban population was 2.3 billion (43%) in 1990 3.9 billion (54%) in 2014, and 6.3 billion (66%) in 2050.



### **Urban Century**



By 2050, the world's urban population will nearly double, consequently about two thirds of world population will be urban

"Our struggle for global sustainability will be won or lost in cities"

Ban Ki-Moon, former UNSG



2% of Total Land

Consume
60% of
Global
Energy

Produce 70% of Global Waste Account for 70% of Green Gas Emission

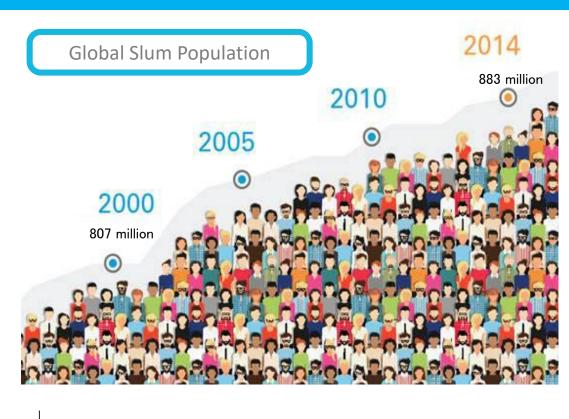
# Challenges from rapid urbanization

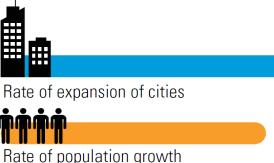


Today, 1.6 billion live in inadequate housing conditions.
By 2030, billion people will need housing.



In the last 20 years, cities grew at 1.5 times the rate of the population.





## Challenges from rapid urbanization

AIR QUALITY IN CITIES IS ALARMING

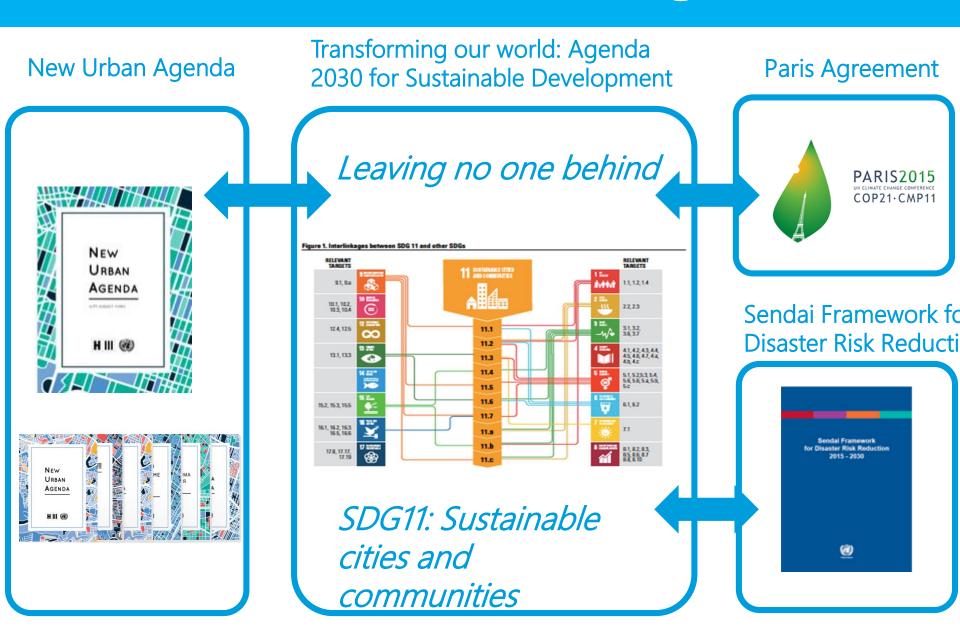
SOLID WASTE IN CITIES

Neglected agenda



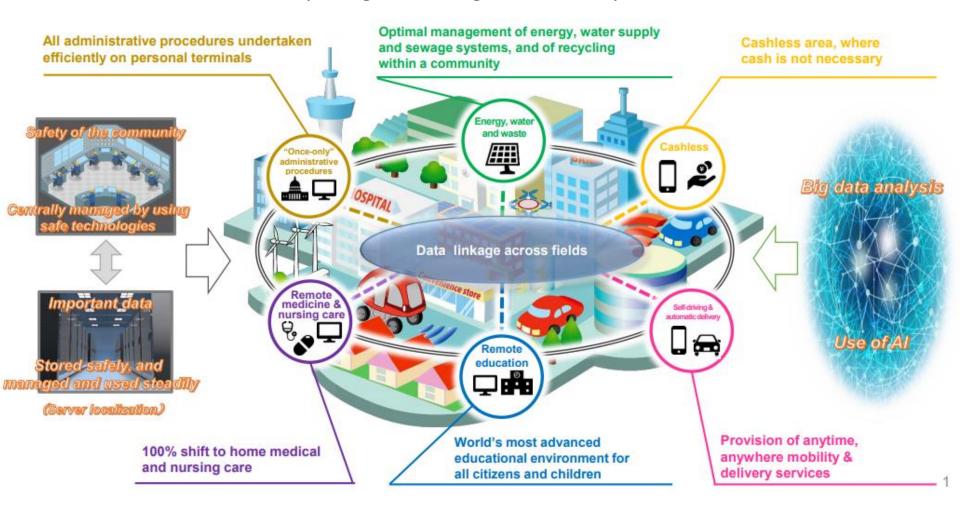


### SDGs, NUA and other agenda



# Super City Initiative in Japan

The Super City initiative aims to implement measures for "once-only" administrative procedures, a cashless society, self-driving & automatic delivery, remote medicine & nursing care and remote education by using AI- and big data-based systems across different fields.



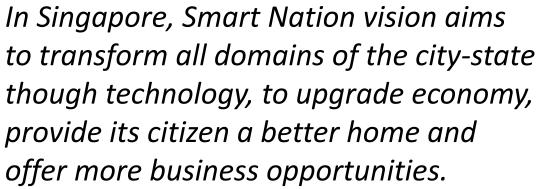
### Many initiatives across Asia

In Korea, Presidential Committee on the Fourth Industrial Revolution and MOLIT announced plans to build new 'smart city" in Sejong City and Busan by 2023.

In China, smart city is a national strategy to accelerate industrialization, informatization, urbanization and agricultural modernization. China is home to about 500 of them.







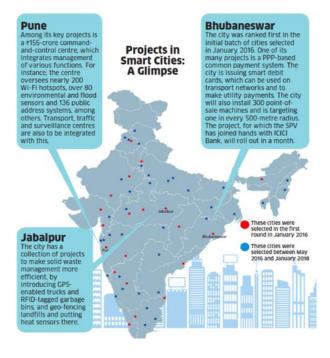


### Many initiatives across Asia

ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN) is established as a collaborative platform for 25 ASEAN cities network towards the common goal of improve the lives of ASEAN citizens

India's mission of "100 Smart Cities" underscores the importance of effective funding and central coordination mechanism to provide sustainable and robust infrastructure systems.



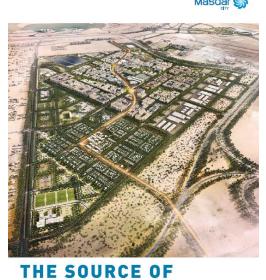


### Many initiatives in the world

Masdar City is one of the world's most sustainable urban communities, a low-carbon development made up of a rapidly growing clean-tech cluster, business free zone and residential neighborhood with restaurants, shops and public green spaces.







THE SOURCE OF NOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

"The experimentation that takes place in this new community has the potential to demonstrate the viability of new smart city concepts and serve as an example for cities nationwide and globally," Brooks Rainwater, the director of the City Solutions and Applied Research Center at the National League of Cities (Business Insider).

### **UN-Habitat's projects and initiatives**

### United for Smart Sustainable Cities

ITU and UNECE global platform for knowledge sharing on feasible smart city practices.

### Rwanda Smart City Masterplan

UN-Habitat works with the Rwanda Ministry for Youth and ICT and the Smart Africa Alliance to prepare Rwanda Smart City Masterplan.

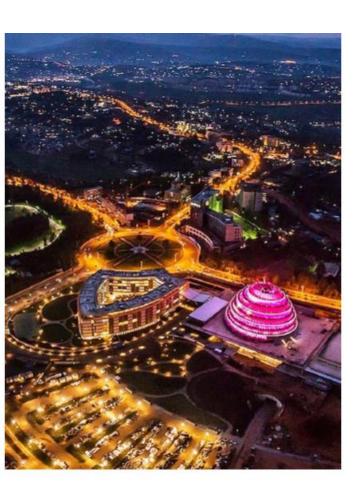
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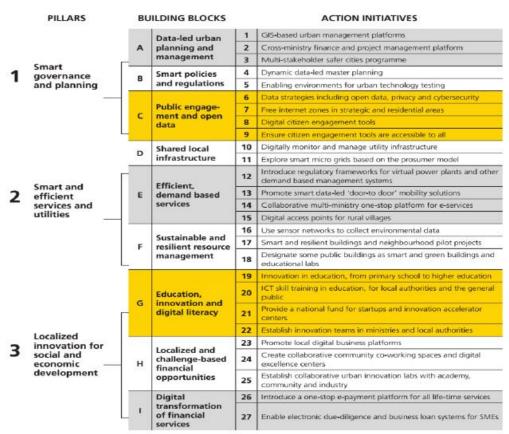
UN-Habitat and Ericsson investigated how digital technologies such as sensors, shared data and interaction platform could support access to water in informal settlements in Nairobi.

### **\*** Future Cities Programme

UN-Habitat is supporting the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the implementation of a project which uses data and technology to produce urban planning feasibility studies in 19 cities in 10 countries (Nigeria, Turkey, South Africa, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Brazil)

### **Smart City Master Plan for Rwanda**







# Smart cities for all

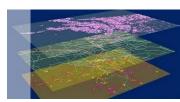




Water ATMs in slums with IoT devices

Leaving no one and no place behind

Empowering locally developed technological solutions 'fit-for-purpose' – affordable – feasible and rooted in communities.



Artificial intelligence, remote sensing and big data for detecting illegal dumpsites

Respect and uphold human rights

Empowering youth creativity and entrepreneurialism



Augmented reality for participatory mapping of infrastructure, housing, in slums

Harnessing local capabilities and resources "(human & financial) in emerging economies for scaling projects



Biosensor helmets for mapping cyclists stress and improving streets



Mobile apps to connect waste pickers / producers



Using Minecraft Mixed reality for participatory urban



Mobile app for sustainable building materials



Smart Cities Master Plan Rwanda



Artificial intelligence for mapping post conflict reconstruction of destroyed cities

# Implications and hallenges

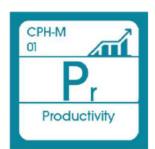
- Emerging innovations based on smart technologies are increasingly connecting various urban functions to create smart cities.
- Smart cities are not panacea to all issues that cities are facing today. Successful smart city projects are limited or many projects till remain at an experimental stage.
- In some cases, it is observed that society's or people's needs do not commensurate with fast advancing technologies and possibilities they can facilitate.
- Solid governance system and institutional capacity are a prerequisite to maximize the effects of such highlyadvanced technologies.

## **Moving forward**

- Smart Cities for All leave no one behind Studies on smart cities from policy perspectives: "Future of Asia-Pacific Cities Report 2019" (UNESCAP, UN-Habitat) is underway, one chapter "Sustainable Smart City Systems in Asia Pacific ☐ Smart City KPI (Key Performance Indicators) : **UN-Habitat's City Prosperity Indicators** (6 dimensions and 32 variables) can provide food for thought for Smart City KPI. Policy guidelines to support smart city initiatives, addressing: Dynamic and efficient urban governance system Integrated planning and development approach Financial sustainability Enhanced communication and wider stakeholder consultations including end users, vulnerable groups and urban poor.
- G20's Initiatives for Smart Cities, e.g. expert group meeting, are welcome.

### The City Prosperity Initiative – the basic CPI

#### Cities are evaluated across 6 dimensions and 32 variables



#### **PRODUCTIVITY**

City product per capita Old Age Dependency Ratio Unemployment Rate



#### **INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT**

Improved Shelter Traffic Fatalities
Improved Water Length of Mass Transport
Physician Density Intersection Density
Internet Access Street Density

Use of Public Transport Land Allocated to Streets



#### **QUALITY OF LIFE**

Life Expectancy at Birth Under-Five Mortality Rate Literacy Rate Mean Years of Schooling Homicide Rate Green Area per capita



#### **EQUITY & SOCIAL INCLUSION**

Gini Coefficient
Poverty Rate
Slum Households
Youth Unemployment
Equitable Secondary School Enrollment



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUST.**

PM2.5 Concentration

CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

Solid Waste Collection

Waste Water treatment

Share of Renewable Energy Consumption

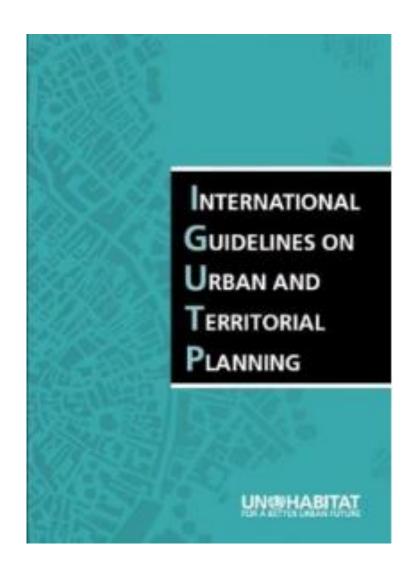


#### **GOVERNANCE & LEGISLATION**

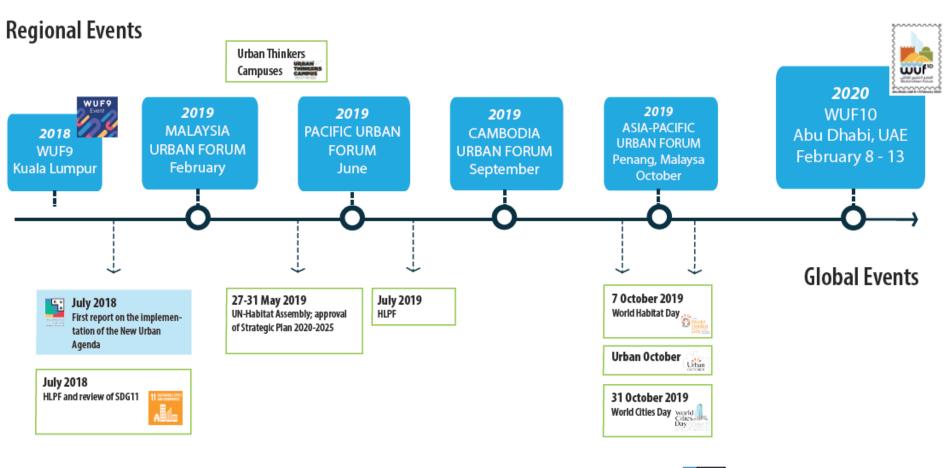
Voter Turnout Own Revenue Collection Days to Start a Business

### International Guidelines (example)

The Guidelines provide national governments, local authorities, civil society organizations and planning professionals with a global reference framework that promotes more compact, socially inclusive, better integrated and connected cities and territories that foster sustainable urban development and are resilient to climate change.



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UN-Habitat is a partner to find solutions/pathways to address these issues in bridging governments, communities and other stakeholders with smart solutions providers.

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