

An aerial night view of a city skyline, likely Singapore, featuring numerous illuminated skyscrapers and a large body of water in the foreground. The city lights are reflected on the water, and the sky is a deep blue. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

Implementing the UN systemwide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements

Conceptualising a Review Process

UN Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements: Follow-up and Review

IMPLEMENTING THE
**NEW
URBAN
AGENDA**

United Nations
System-wide Guidelines on
Safer Cities and
Human Settlements



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FOR A BETTER URBAN FUTURE



The implementation of the Guidelines will require an enabling environment and a wide range of implementation means... on mutually agreed terms... It includes enhancing international cooperation and partnerships among governments at all levels, the private sector, civil society, the UN system and other actors.

The implementation of the Guidelines will require a review mechanism to assess progress and propose amendments to the Guidelines where necessary to ensure effective implementation.

Resolution Ask – OP 3

- *Directs* the Executive Director, taking into account the Guidelines, to provide the Executive Board with a **concept note, including financial costing, on the implementation of a review process for the Guidelines** in a manner that enables Member States to share their experiences and best practices.

UN Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements: Outcomes and Impact

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- **Outcome 1:** Local authorities and government undertaking urban safety and security policies and programmes
- **Outcome 2:** Enabling institutional environments created at country and local level.
- **Outcome 3:** Established and operating strategic networks at national, regional and global levels



Building Blocks for implementation of the Guidelines



- *The Concept Note* seeks to inform a future decision of the Executive Board to **adopt a Terms of Reference of the Mechanism for the Review process** of the UN systemwide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements.
- The aim is to engage member states on a voluntary basis, in initiating processes in-country that will lead to the production of review reports of country experiences and practices in the implementation of the guidelines.
- These would be shared at the next Habitat Assembly in 2023.

The Concept Note anticipates the convening of at least **2 Inter-governmental Expert Group Meetings** before the next Habitat Assembly that will enable Member states to exchange measures taken in implementing the Guidelines and present as well the difficulties encountered by them in doing so.

The Concept Note also seeks to leverage in-country application of the Safer Cities tools and practices through technical support and advisories to member states in support of the review process. To do so, the following steps are envisioned:

- Formulation of **Proposals** with 10 – 15 Countries to develop National Tool Networks on Safer Cities engaging national government with at least 10 local municipalities, using extrabudgetary resources
- Promotion of **joint programming** under UN Resident Coordinating systems where safety is identified as a priority issue in Common Country Assessments.

Since the 1st Habitat Assembly, South Africa, Mexico and South Korea are engaging the Secretariat to advance proposals in this regard.

Indicators of success

- # champion countries and designated focal points for safer cities
- \$\$ financial resources allocated for addressing safer cities issues
- # joint tools being shared
- # joint tools being piloted
- # substantive partners that join the Global Network on Safer Cities and its constituent bodies to support the peer review process.



The Concept Note seeks to reinforce the **effective implementation of the UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme** through three key elements:

- Seeking **Expressions of Interest** from Countries to host the Safer Cities Programme with extrabudgetary resources
- Advocacy and broader ownership, e.g. through a proposed **Partners Roundtable on Safer Cities** in Vienna and Urban October Advocacy
- Promotion of **joint programming** with UN agencies and international organisations, leveraging resources for local implementation



What we have

- **Human resources:** One core staff, one staff secondment (totaling USD 350,000 p.a.) – *(ending June 2020)*.
- **Activity budget (earmarked):** USD 500,000 p.a. *(last 2 years, ending June 2020)*

What we need

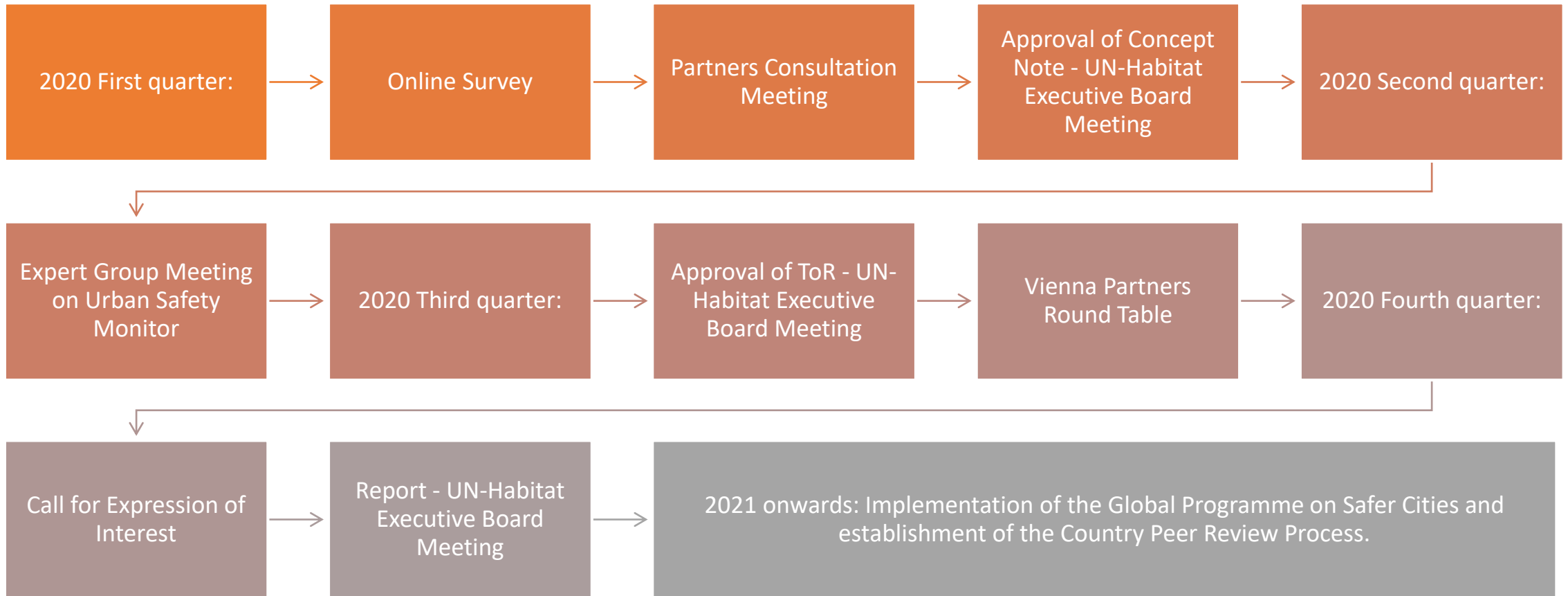
- **Human resources:** USD 1 million p.a. *(could include JPOs and staff secondments)*
- **Activity budget:** USD 1.5 million p.a. *(global level activities and normative work)*

RESOURCE GAP!

STAFFING: USD 850,000 p.a.

ACTIVITIES: USD 1.5M p.a.

Next Steps: Road Map 2020



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