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AGENDA ITEM 5

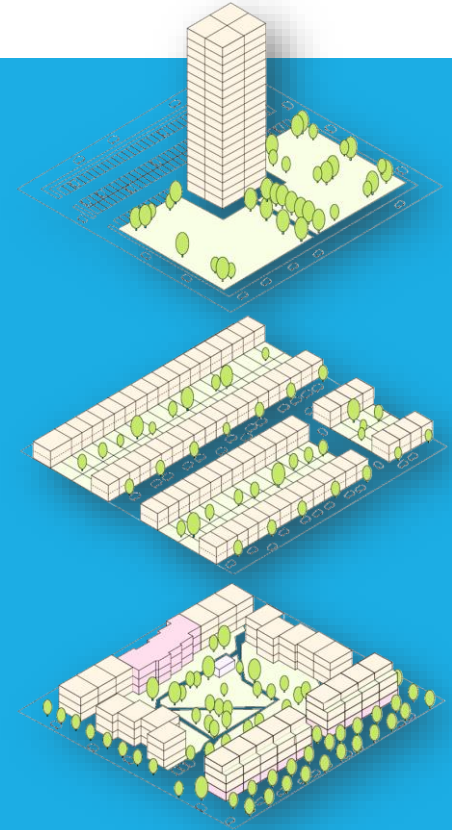
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ON **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN-HABITAT COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN**

PLENARY

30 JUNE 2021
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Dialogue on UN-Habitat research on Cities and Pandemics:

Towards a more just, green and healthy future and as a current issue for sustainable urbanization





Part 1

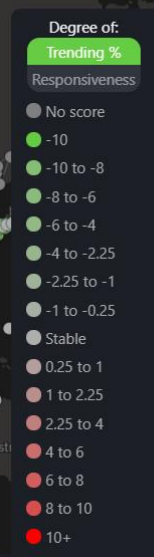
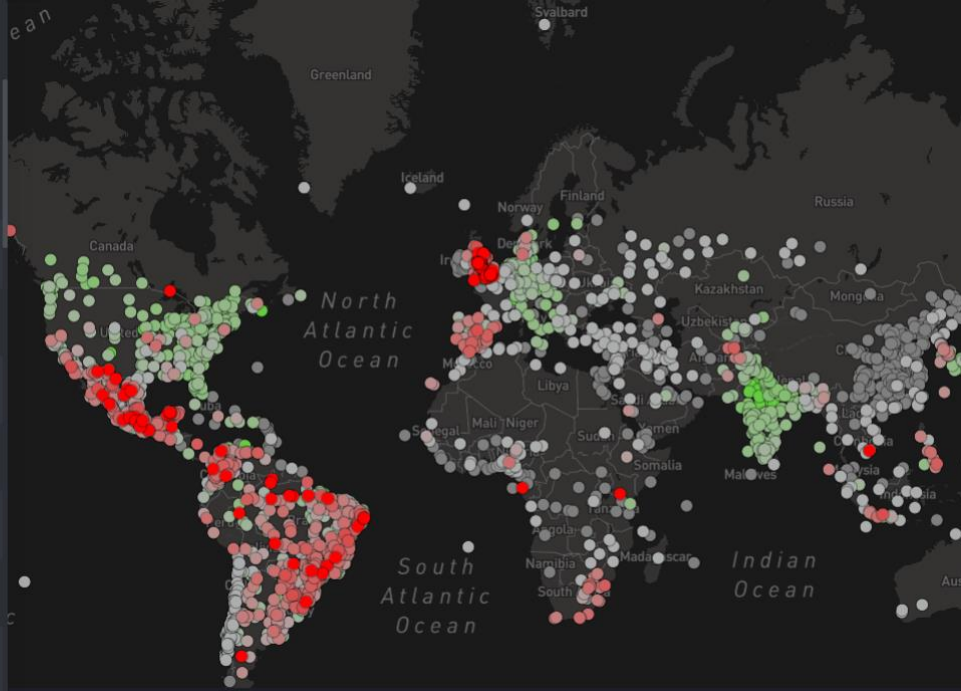
Strengthening synergies between the Strategic Plan implementation and the pandemic recovery in urban areas 2021-2023

City Index



Trending Percent	Response Score	City	Country
NEW	—	Gastre	Argentina
NEW	38	Sabinas Hidalgo	Mexico
NEW	52	Villa Union	Mexico
>10	47	Oriximina	Brazil
>10	50	Novo Airao	Brazil
>10	36	Alenquer	Brazil
>10	69	Libreville	Gabon
>10	44	Pinheiro	Brazil
>10	37	Porto Alegre	Brazil
>10	42	Olinda	Brazil

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Impact

	World	Country	Country
Cases	173,999,576	33,245,706	1,24
Lives Lost	3,747,371	595,667	24,4
Mortality Rates	2.15%	1.79%	1.9%
Cases/100k	2235.35	10588.70	1241
Lives Lost/100k	48.14	189.72	243.

CitiIQ COVID-19 City Readiness and Response Tracker

UN-Habitat research topics on cities and pandemics

01

Rethinking the
FORM and **FUNCTION**
of the city.

02

Addressing Systemic
POVERTY &
INEQUALITY in Cities.

03

Rebuilding a 'New Normal'
URBAN ECONOMY.

04

Clarifying Urban
LEGISLATION &
GOVERNANCE.

01

Rethinking the **FORM** and **FUNCTION** of the city.



City example
Bogotá (Colombia)

RECOMMENDATION:

Transform urban weak spots,
both systemic and area based to
improve resilience to future
shocks.

RECOMMENDATION:

Promote redistributive measures towards a rights-based allocation of urban space and resources — land, housing, water, energy, public spaces and digital infrastructure

02

Addressing Systemic POVERTY & INEQUALITY in Cities.



City example
São Paulo (Brazil)



City example
Barcelona (Spain)

03

Rebuilding a
'New Normal'
URBAN ECONOMY.

RECOMMENDATION:

International community needs to review the crucial role of local financing and pursue inclusive multilateralism.

RECOMMENDATION:

Territorial or spatial governance approaches to neighbourhoods, cities and regions, that are articulated into integrated responses give better possibilities to address the health risks



City example:
Melbourne (Australia)

04

**Clarifying Urban
LEGISLATION &
GOVERNANCE.**

Conclusion for the MTR

The Strategic Plan remains relevant and fit for purpose for the ambitions of global Agendas and the vision of the Agency 2021-2023.

But a valid point to review the Work Programme:

- Agency's assets and capacities
- external demands and challenges



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Adopt four long-term integrated objectives:

Prosperous, inclusive, green and just growth

**by recalibrating the Work Programme
through three lenses**



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Part 2

Priority areas of work of the Strategic Plan for 2021-2023

1. Respond to new vulnerabilities and risks

Proposed Strategic Plan shift

Normative guidance and technical assistance in three areas to reduce vulnerabilities:
housing, place and location / mobility / type of work



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2. Re-organize the form and function of the city for resilient environment

Proposed Strategic Plan shift

Plan for sustainable **ecological neighbourhoods** and support **multilevel governance**
and **territorial/regional responses**



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3. Create conditions for long-term socio-economic, and **green** resilient recovery

Proposed Strategic Plan shift

Intensify advisory services on **urban economic resilience**, socio-economic strategies with **spatial** and **green interventions**



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CONCLUSION

For an effective delivery of the Strategic Plan's results on the ground, invest in programmes and partnerships on **housing, resilience** and on **localising the SDGs**.



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