

THE STRATEGIC PLAN

2020-2023

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Normative and operational activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

including reporting on the programmatic activities of the Programme in 2021 and the implementation of subprogrammes, flagship programmes and technical cooperation activities, and an update on the response of the Programme to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

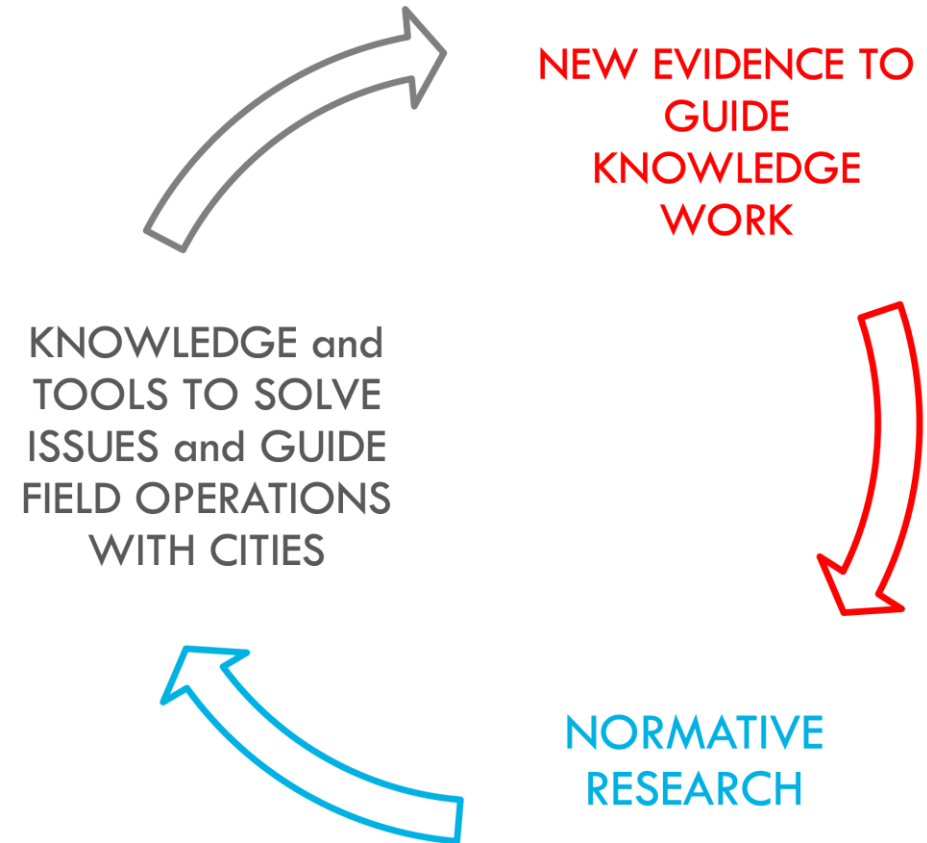
AGENDA ITEM 7

Main report: HSP/EB.2021/18

| Introduction

This report showcases initiatives on **integrated normative and operational activities** of UN-Habitat that can improve quality of life for all, promote peace and encourage a greener and more just recovery from the pandemic by harnessing the power of sustainable urban development:

1. **SDGs localization approaches**
2. **Housing rights and policy guidance**
3. **Migration and displacement work**



| 1. SDG Localization and Voluntary Local Reviews

Strategy based around **multilevel, integrated partnerships:**

Operational

- project implementation support
- robust monitoring and reporting

Normative

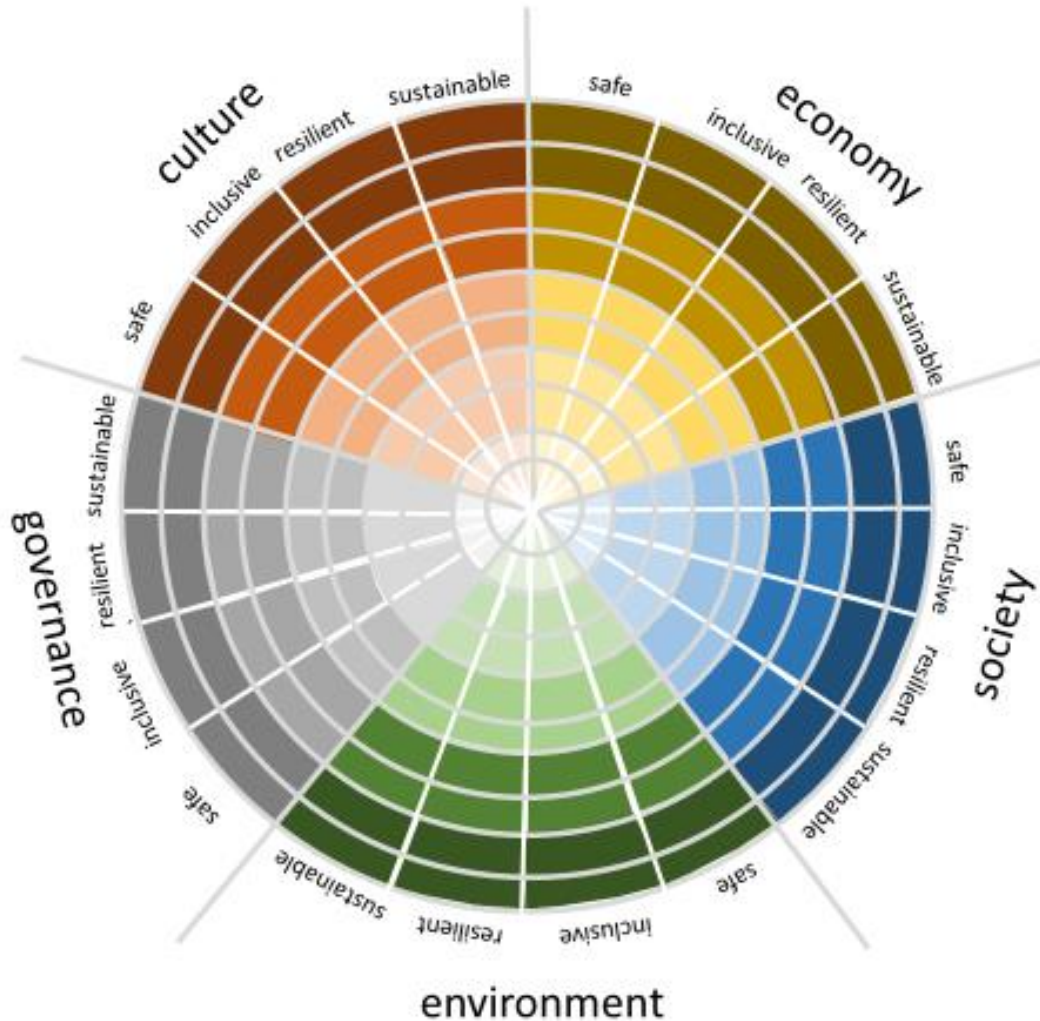
- inclusive data collection
- evidence-based policymaking and priority-setting

Localization work is grounded on three programme pillars:

- **Global Urban Monitoring Framework**
- **Voluntary local reviews (the ‘VLRs’)**
- **The SDG Cities flagship programme**



| Urban Monitoring Framework



The Urban Monitoring Framework is the **global approach to data collection and indicators development** for SDGs' localization.

Main features and progress

Harmonizes existing indices and incorporates **rural-urban linkages** and the SDGs' principle of **leaving no one behind**.

Composed of a multilevel set of indicators, to allow for the **adaptation and analysis of each locality**.

Rollout in 2022, once endorsed by the UN Statistical Commission and fully digitized.



| Voluntary Local Reviews

UN-Habitat supports cities in developing voluntary local reviews (‘VLRs’) with local data and insights and provides peer learning opportunities.

VLRs can enhance innovative data applications, stakeholder participation, policy coherence, and strategic planning.



VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEWS

Multilevel governance is strengthened by the VLR process as well as by interlinkages between VLRs & VNRs.

Main features and progress

Local reviews have become a main tool for local and regional governments to monitor and report on progress towards the implementation of the SDGs.

VLRs have proved to be powerful accelerators for the localization of the Goals worldwide.

Adoption of VLRs has grown exponentially during 2020-2021.



| Voluntary Local Reviews

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| The SDG Cities Flagship Programme

Integrated approach in 1,000 cities:

- **evidence-based policymaking**
- **digitized tools**
- **digital capacity support**
- **technical backstopping**
- **matchmaking finances with catalytic projects** that are aligned with the SDGs.



Main features and progress

The **data track**: VLRs and the Urban Monitoring Framework bring together data to monitor implementation of the SDGs and identify priorities.

The **capacity development track**: Diagnostic tools such as the *SDGs' Project Assessment Tool* directs cities to relevant training programmes and technical resources.

The **investment track**: A *city investment facility* supports upstream project design to ensure projects' alignment with SDGs, financial feasibility and match to financing sources.

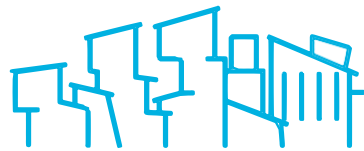
| Workstreams and Achievements of SDG Localization



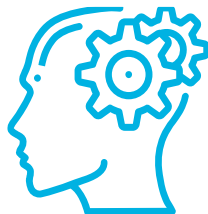
| Highlights on the Way Forward



Scale up institutional integration and multilevel governance



Reduce spatial disparities and inequalities

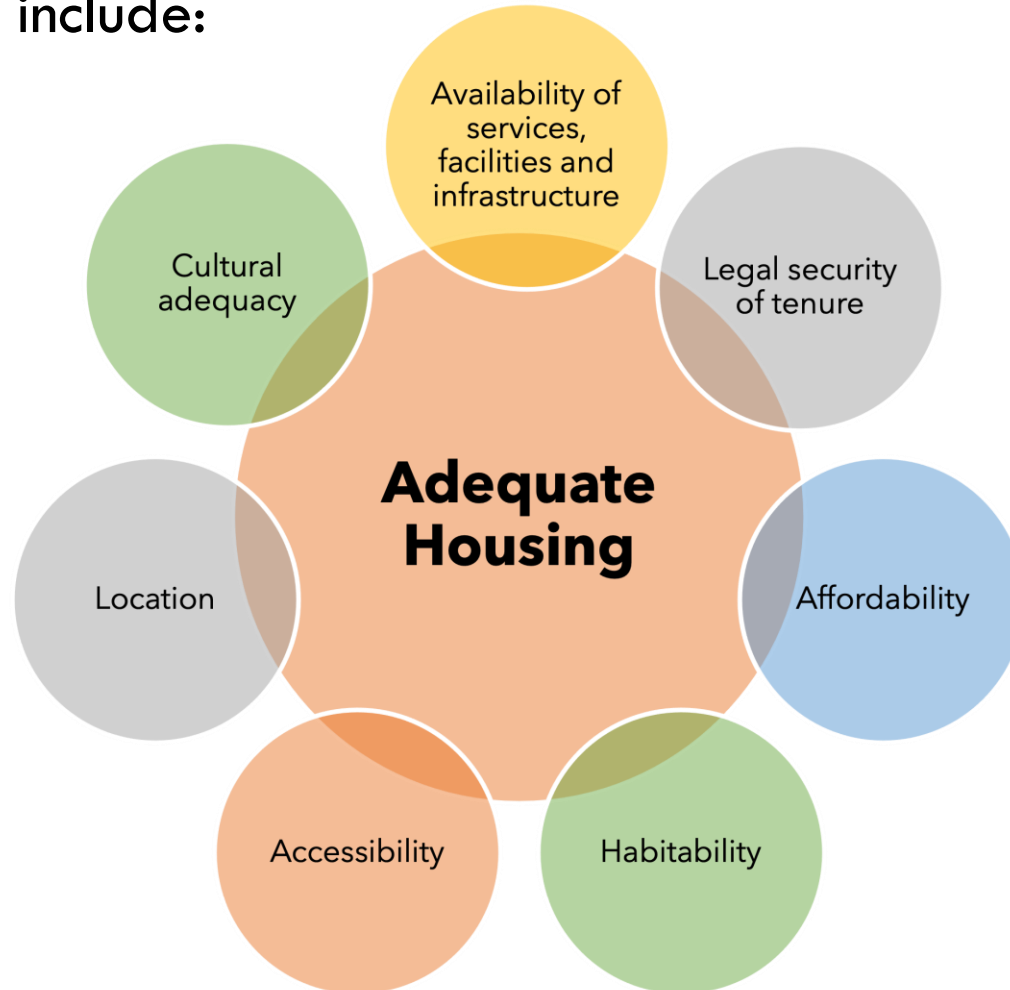


Increase knowledge and guidance on localizing SDGs



| 2. Housing Policy Issues and Priorities (with focus on Europe)

1. Elements identified in **the right to adequate housing** include:



2. **Policy Priorities** going forward:



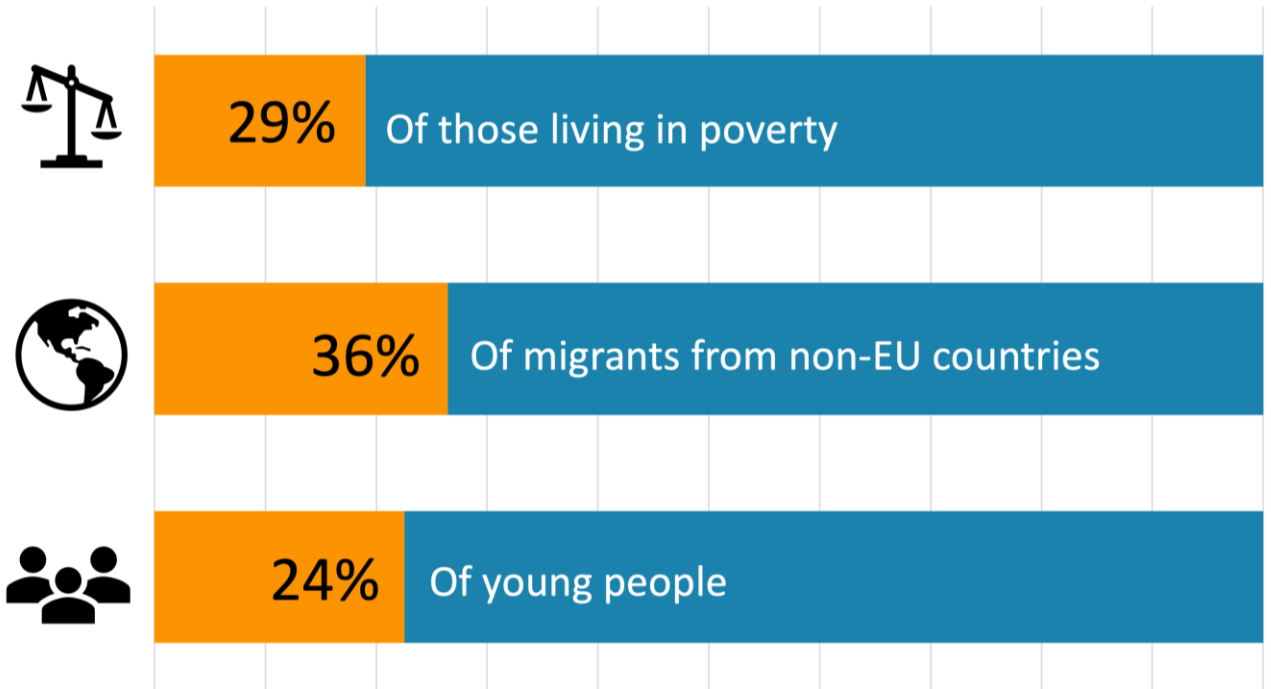
| Main Housing Policy Issues in Europe

Certain groups in European Union (EU) are **disproportionally deprived** of housing that was magnified by the COVID-19 crisis.

Housing is **unaffordable** to nearly **1/3 of low-income renters** in OECD countries.

Investment gap in social housing is **intensifying**.

Overcrowded Housing Conditions



| Policy Advice and Technical Assistance

‘Housing 2030’ initiative

UN-Habitat provided a normative toolkit for policymakers to highlight good practices that can promote housing affordability

Influenced the action plan for the ECE region on promoting sustainable housing within the COVID-19 recovery plans

The first UN resolution on homelessness

Assisted the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs in recognizing links between housing affordability and homelessness

Examples of UN-Habitat technical assistance in the European region in 2020-2021:

Lisbon, Portugal

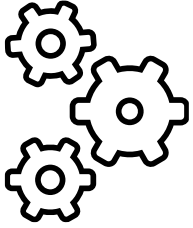
Contributions to strategies on sustainable and affordable housing promotion

Bulgaria

Assistance in formulation and implementation of evidence-based and participatory housing policies



| Highlights on the Way Forward



Developing a coordination platform to strengthen the capacity of European stakeholders



Promoting improved reporting on the SDGs on land and housing;
Inclusion of housing-related rights in the universal periodic review process



Identified priority objectives for the future of housing policies
and investments



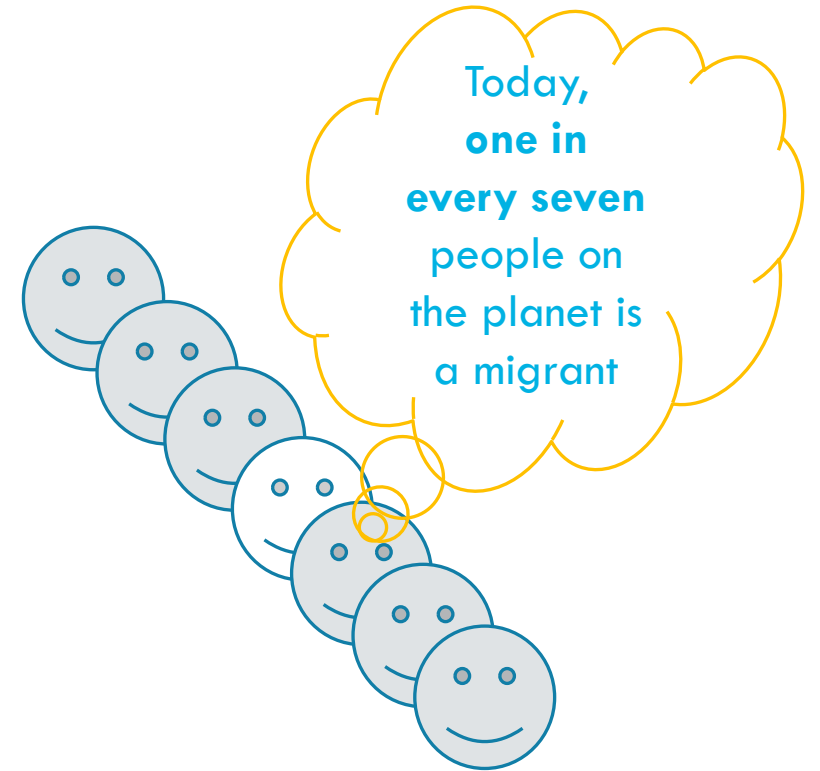
| 3. Work on Migration and Displacement

Main features and progress

As increasing numbers of people move to cities in search of a better of life and job prospects, migration will remain one of the **key driving forces of urbanization**.

The inclusion in the Strategic Plan of the domain of change on **effective urban crisis prevention and response** allows for the development of a more tailored normative tools.

This complements the vast **operational experience of UN-Habitat** in that area.



| Strengthening Normative Tools

1. Urban recovery frameworks

Recovery frameworks developed by UN-Habitat encapsulate institutional and policy assistance, and related programme design, building on experiences gained through operations in post-disaster and post-conflict situations in **Iraq, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic**.

Frameworks support resilient recovery at scale and help facilitate the renewal of the social contract for peace.

2. High-level Panel on Internal Displacement

UN-Habitat and partners prepared a submission to the Panel based on consultations between Panel members and local authorities in **Burkina Faso, Colombia, Honduras, Iraq, Somalia and Ukraine**.

Findings from the consultations recommended, among other priorities, fundamental changes to global and local financing structures to better address displacement issues.



| Work in Priority Countries

1. Refugee crisis in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

A joint UN project seeks to achieve effective integration of migrants through targeting both **the socioeconomic and spatial determinants of inclusion**.

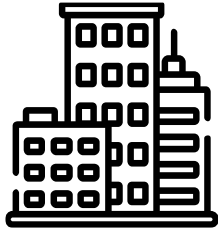
The project prepares **human mobility profiles** and **territorial intervention plans** to guide urban policies and plans that facilitate integration of refugees based on evidence.

2. Support to the internal displacement crisis in Burkina Faso

UN-Habitat works in four cities to help find durable solutions that focus on the **social and economic inclusion** of internally displaced persons, while enhancing the **capacities of local actors** to provide services for all and foster social cohesion.

The project has established **municipal cells of urban resilience** as a vehicle for all-inclusive local decision-making.

| Highlights on the Way Forward



The flagship programme 'Inclusive cities: enhancing the positive impact of urban migration' will help further integrate the operational and normative work on migration and displacement



Dual focus on durable solutions by:

- maximizing the positive contribution of migration to urban development, and
- ensuring social cohesion with host communities



| CONCLUSIONS

The **three cases of interlinked normative and operational work** demonstrate the following:

- UN-Habitat's approach has leveraged the universal agendas and rights-based goals towards sustainable development outcomes.
- UN-Habitat's **territorial and spatial approaches** and **local monitoring and reporting systems** have proven their value for governments and for broader development community.
- **Further enhancing normative and operational linkages** can help meet the targets of the Strategic Plan given the challenges of COVID-19 recovery.
- Strong **collaboration** with UN agencies and other partners in both the development of normative guidance and country level implementation



ADDITIONAL REPORTS UNDER AGENDA ITEM 7

- UN-Habitat **capacity-building strategy**: updated implementation plan for the period 2021–2024 with priorities for the year 2022 **(see next slides)**
- Report on the **cooperation** between the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the **United Nations Environment Programme**
- Draft terms of Reference for the **Peer Review Mechanism** on the implementation of the UN systemwide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements

CAPACITY-BUILDING STRATEGY: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

1. **Cross-cutting function**: Align and coordinate current and new initiatives through existing resources, processes and programmes
2. Strengthen **partners' mobilization** around UN-Habitat's CoPs (Academia, specialized institutions, UN progr, donors) by leveraging existing mechanisms
3. **Better understand capacity gaps**, needs and expectations from member States: Capacity Building financing dialogue at WUF
4. **Build on the Catalogue of services** to strengthen capacity-building offer, tools for stronger normative and operational integration (support to CCAs CF processes)
5. **Seize the digital opportunity** for relevance and innovation, upscaling and opening new opportunities



THE GLOBAL NUA ILLUSTRATED CAPACITY-BUILDING TOOLKIT

Incremental development of the global New Urban Agenda Illustrated toolkit produced internally:

Jan 2021 - Launch

NUA ILLUSTRATED HANDBOOK

2021 Q3 – 2022 Q1

DISSEMINATION OF NUA TOOLKITS THROUGH REGIONAL FORA

June 2022

WORLD
URBAN
FORUM



DISSEMINATION

PARTNERS MOBILIZATION

MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES

→ TOOLKIT PROMOTION AND GLOBAL LAUNCH IN ALL LANGUAGES AT THE WORLD URBAN FORUM

→ FINANCING DIALOGUE FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING

Oct 2020 - Launch

NUA ONLINE COURSE PART 1

Sept 2021 - Launch

NUA ONLINE COURSE PART 2
+ TOOLKIT PROMOTIONAL PAGE

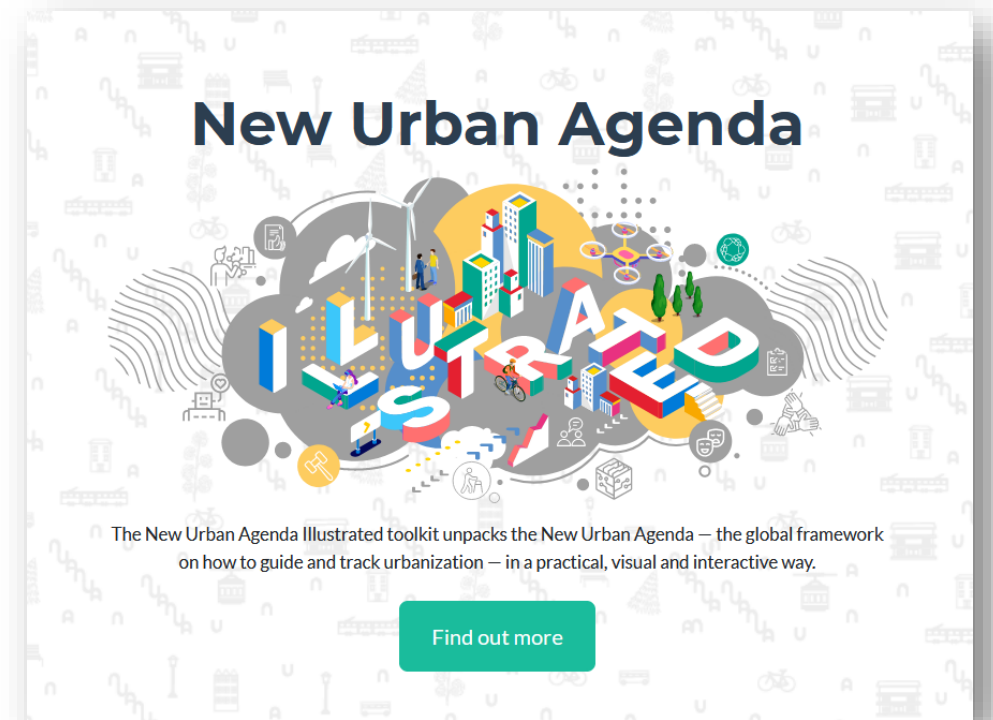


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INCREASE SKILLS AND USE OF
DIGITAL TOOLS TO DELIVER
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In house development of a Learning Management System (Online learning platform)

Currently hosting five online courses produced internally



Available courses

New Urban Agenda - crash course part 1: Core Dimensions



New Urban Agenda - crash course part 2: Means of Implementation



Environmental and Social Safeguards System 3.0 Basic Training



From Data to Tangible Impact: Achieving Waste SDGs by 2030



Learn to measure progress towards urban sustainability with Sustainable Development Goal 11 indicators



| CONCLUDING MESSAGES : next steps

- **Priorities implementation plan 2021 – 2024** indicating what can be done with core resources and what requires soft or hard earmarking.
- **Call for interested member states and partners** to help prepare the **financing dialogue** on capacity building at the **World Urban Forum**
- **Soft earmarked funding** needed on digitalization, roll out of capacity building related to the New Urban Agenda
- **Building a new coalition of strategic capacity building partners** at global, regional and country level



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