



Unpacking the entry points to URL and linking them to the New Urban Agenda



Introduction – UN-Habitat’s mandate for URL

UN-Habitat’s mandate for Urban-Rural Linkages has recently be enhanced by three frameworks:

- **SDG 11:** Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable...Target 11.a: Support **positive links between urban, per-urban and rural areas** by strengthening national and regional development planning.
- **The 25th Governing Council resolution 25/1**
 - Resolution 25/1 - 11:
 - Request to develop tools and disseminate good practices to promote urban-rural linkages.
 - Resolution 25/1 - 12:
 - Request to work closely with other intergovernmental organizations and stakeholders to strengthen urban-rural linkages.
 - Action: Preparations for collecting international good practices (case studies) on strategies that promote urban-rural linkages. Those case studies will serve as basis for the development of specific tools and contribute to peer-to-peer learning.
 - Resolution 25/4 - I.7 : Request to continue to raise awareness of the relationship between positive urban-rural development linkages...,
- **The New Urban Agenda:** UN-Habitat has been working together with international development partners and UN-Agencies (UNDP, IFAD, FAO, UNCRD, UNEP among others) on a paradigm shift to promote urban-rural linkages. The New Urban Agenda: References to Urban-Rural Linkages are found in several Paragraphs of the New Urban Agenda...

The New Urban Agenda

Selected paragraphs:

Paragraph 26:

We commit ourselves to **urban and rural development** that is **people-centred**, **protects the planet**, and is age- and gender-responsive, and to the realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, facilitating living together, ending all forms of discrimination and violence, and **empowering all individuals and communities** while enabling their full and meaningful participation. We further commit ourselves to **promoting culture** and respect for **diversity and equality** as key elements in the humanization of our cities and **human settlements**.

Paragraph 49:

We commit to support territorial systems that **integrate urban and rural functions** into the **national and sub-national spatial frameworks and the systems of cities** and human settlements, promoting sustainable management and use of natural resources and land, ensuring reliable supply and value chains that **connect urban and rural supply** and demand to **foster equitable regional development** across the **urban-rural continuum** and fill the social, economic, and territorial gaps.

Different entry points to Urban-Rural Linkages

10 entry points for urban-rural linkages have been identified in 2015:



UN-Habitat is taking action at different levels

National level:

National Urban Policies that foster an integrated territorial development and strong Urban-Rural Linkages

Regional Level:

Thinking territorial –
Acting within the continuum of space!

Metropolitan Level:

Integrating Urban, peri-urban and rural areas –
Using Synergies across administrative boundaries!

Local Level:

Strengthening small and intermediate cities and rural urban settlements – and strengthening Urban-Rural Partnerships.



Case Study at Regional Level : Germany/Denmark – Hamburg/Jutland: Transnational cooperation

Main Issues: International competition of regions, transnational cooperation, rural-urban disparities, sustainable economic development

Strategy:

Building of development corridor and clusters, urban-rural partnerships

Tools:

Integrated ter. management, pilot infrastructure projects, data analysis and policy recommendations

Results:

Development of a prototype transnational functional area and trans-border strategies,





Case Study at Regional Level: Cameroon: Enugu - Bamenda Highway Construction
Cooperation between ministries and councils, road construction and tarring

Main Issues:

Poor road quality and connectivity

Strategy:

Infrastructure development for economic and social development

Tools:

Road construction; Cross-municipal co-operation

Results:

Better connectivity, market access & trade activity

Social impacts:

Increased mobility of women & education availability



A global partnership for URL

Article 82 of the NUA: We **invite international and regional organizations and bodies including those of the United Nations system and multilateral environmental agreements, development partners, international and multilateral financial institutions, regional development banks, the private sector, and other stakeholders, to enhance coordination of their urban and rural development strategies and programmes** to apply an integrated approach to sustainable urbanization, mainstreaming the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.



Next steps...

- After the Monteria Communique and the successful and well attended events in Quito the establishment of a network will be explored, initiated by UN-Habitat in collaboration with UNCRD, FAO, UNITAR, WFP, IFAD, GIZ, OECD among others.
- Possible agenda items of this network include:
 - **Collection of good practices and strategies** for strengthening urban-rural linkages to foster peer-to-peer learning.
 - **Development of Guiding Principles** to strengthen urban-rural linkages that foster balanced, inclusive and sustainable urban and rural transformation.
 - **Development of tools and capacity building** means in order to adequately support national and local authorities in their process of enhancing urban-rural linkages.
 - **Establishment of a platform** to share and disseminate case studies, tools and training materials.

Working together on URL – joint activities

- June 2017: UN-Habitat contributes actively to the Habitat III EGM “Integrating Food Security and Nutrition into Urban and Territorial Planning” (co-organized by FAO)



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- July 2017: UN-Habitat contributes actively to the Side Event “Rural-Urban Connectivity in Integrated Regional Development ~ Implications towards Livelihood Security and Poverty Alleviation“ (organized by UNCRD)

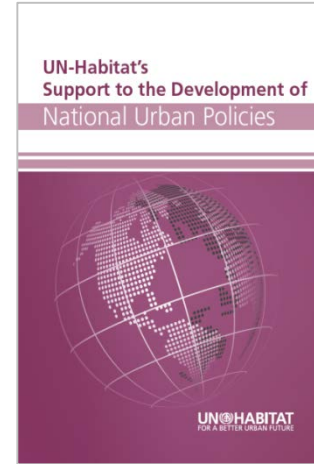
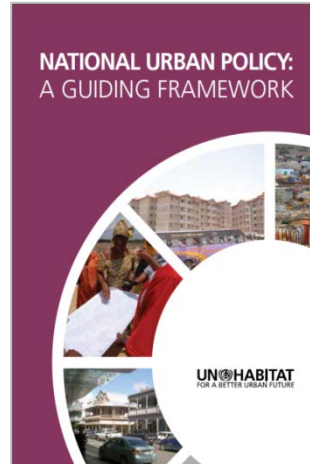
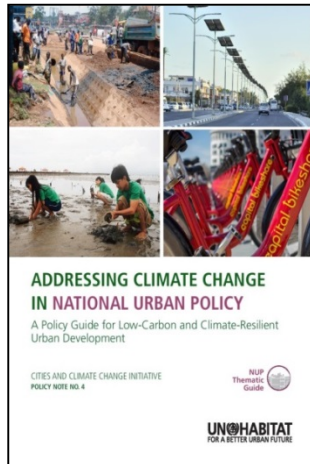
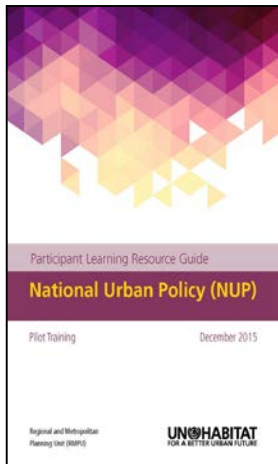
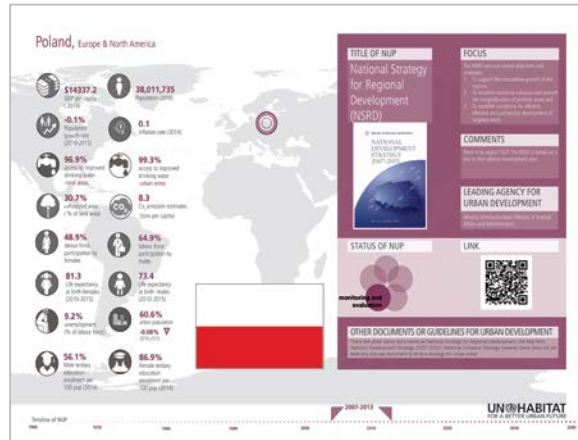
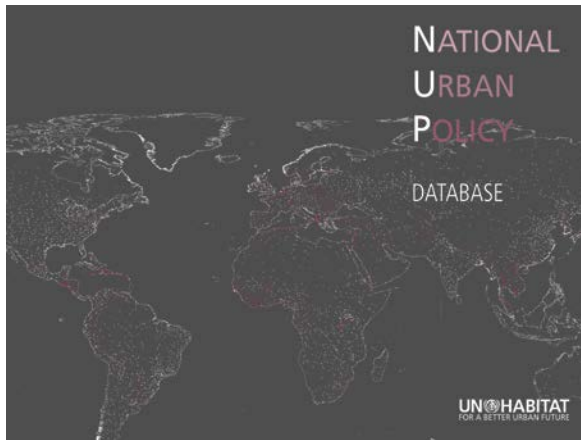


Joint projects - Flows

- FAO and UN-Habitat have started to work (in a small scale) to collaborate and are jointly working on a project with the KUEHNE foundation on: **“Improving Rural-Urban Food Supply Chains from Small Farmers to Informal Settlement Dwellers”**



Selected UN-Habitat Tools for strong URL – National Level National Urban Policies

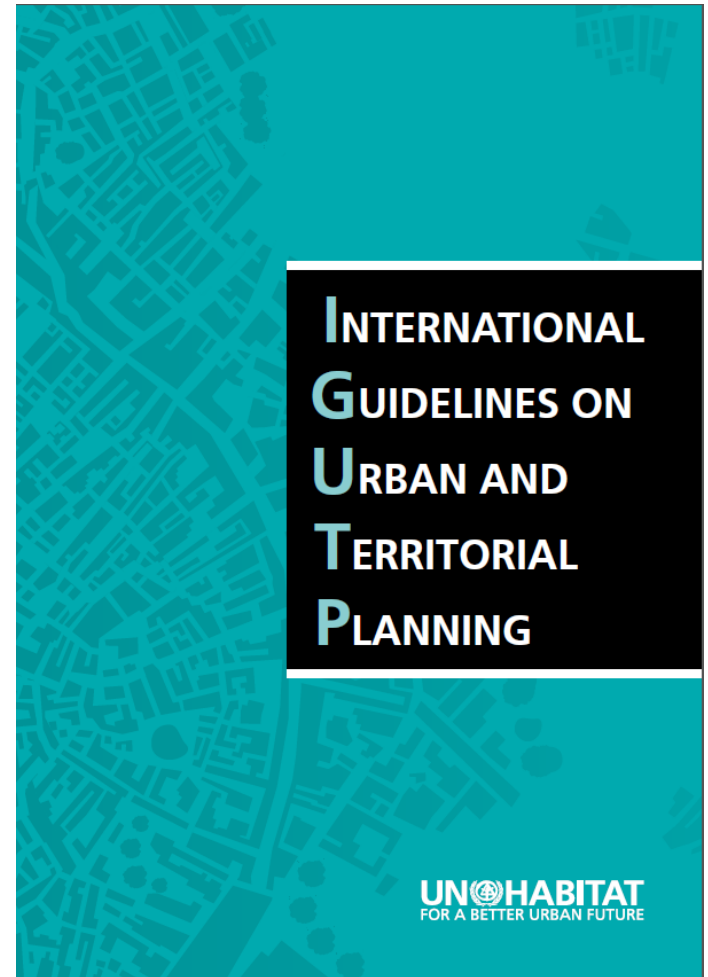


Selected UN-Habitat Tools for strong URL – Territorial Level

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As referred to in the New Urban Agenda, para 93

We acknowledge the principles and strategies for urban and territorial planning contained in the [International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning](#), adopted by the Governing Council of UN-Habitat at its 25th session in April 2015.



Upcoming Publication on Urban-Rural Linkages



**IMPLEMENTING THE NEW URBAN AGENDA BY
STRENGTHENING URBAN-RURAL LINKAGES**



Thank you. We would be happy to hear your ideas now!