

# HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

## AFRICAN PERSPECTIVES

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# OVERVIEW

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**2016** Adoption of NUA during Habitat III in Quito in alignment with 2030 Agenda and vision 2063.



Consensus on urbanization as an opportunity for Africa's social economic transformation.

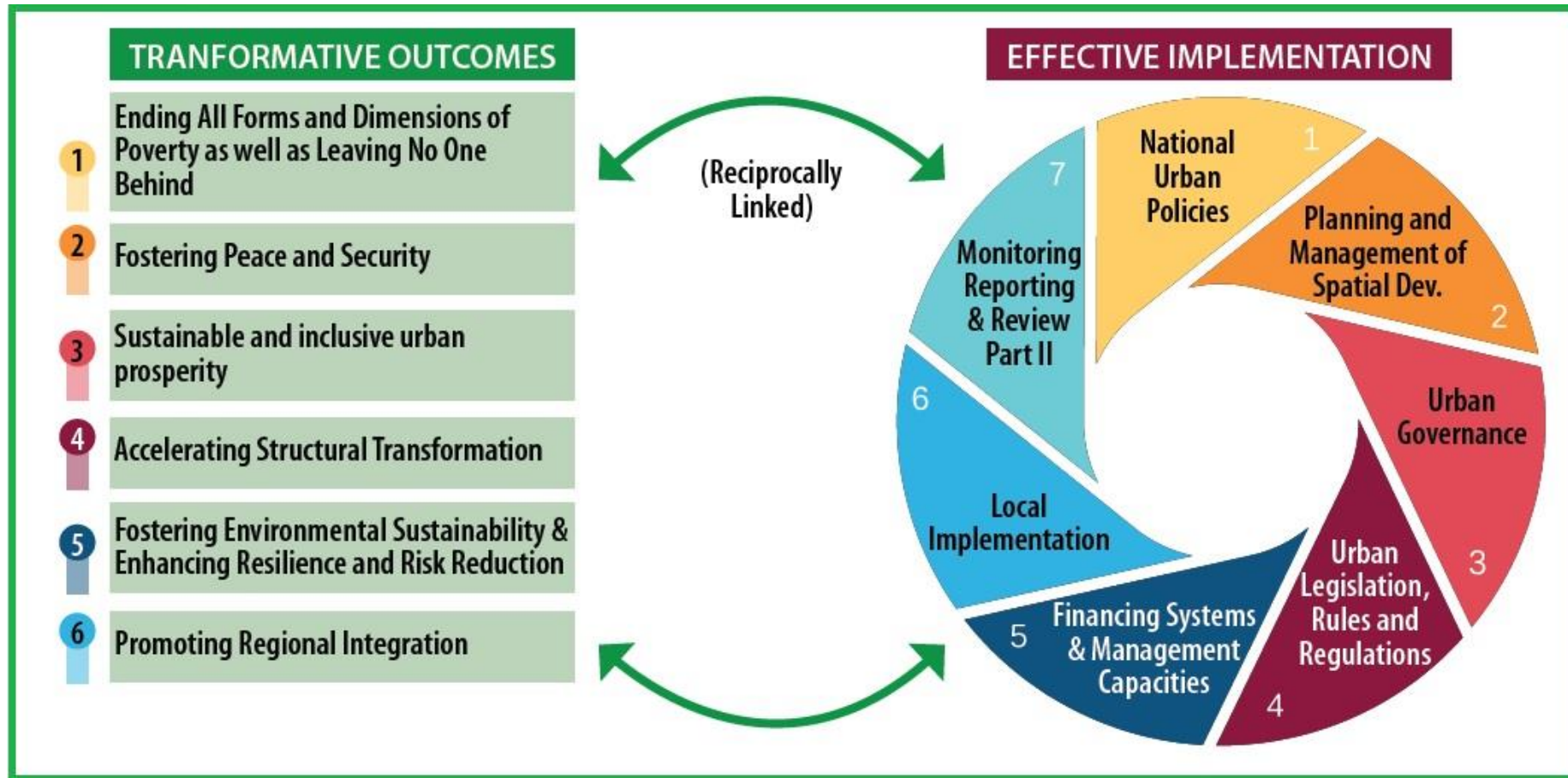
**2018** Adoption of a regional Harmonized Framework for NUA Implementation endorsed under the AU STC No.8.

## HIGH LEVEL MEETING AND GLOBAL AND REGIONAL AGENDA

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- African Union transformative agenda, Vision 2063, as the continent is rapidly urbanized
- Localization of the SDGs, through the VLRs process and elevate the urban dimension at the local level.
- Emphasis on the role of local Government; United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA)
- Contribution to the UN Common Agenda: urban resilience and climate action; urban economy and municipal revenue; urban displacements, peace and security.

# AFRICA'S TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES FOR THE NUA



# WHY THE HIGH LEVEL MEETING

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- NUA accelerator of the implementation of the SDGs (Goal 11)
- Quadrennial report on the implementation of the NUA based on national reports (RES/75/229)
- High Level meeting by the President of the GA to discuss progress (RES 75/229)
- Regional Forum for Sustainable Development to provide inputs to the HLM (RES/75/229)
- Outcomes of the HLM to be linked with aspects of the NUA: COVID 19, Climate emergency, Decades of action, common Agenda.



# PROCESS

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- ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION: SUPPORT PREPARATION OF HLM AND IDENTIFY KEY MESSAGES ON URBANIZATION DURING THE 76 UNGA
- NON-PAPER TO BE DEVELOPPED AROUND: DECADE OF ACTIONS; CITIES AND PANDEMIC; NEW SOCIAL CONTRACT; CLIMATE ACTION; PEACE AND SECURITY.
- MOBILISATION OF MEMBER STATES

## FOR AFRICA

- DEVELOPMENT OF ISSUES PAPER ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NUA.
- CONSULTATION WITH AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC GROUP (MARCH 2022)
- CONSULTATION WITH THE AUC-STC 8 (MARCH 2022)
- MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE ( APRIL 2022)
- DEVELOPMENT OF KEY MESSAGES
- NEWTORKING EVENTS ON THE 27 OF APRIL



# OPPORTUNITIES

## 1. Well planned and managed urbanization

ensures sustainable development and is an accelerator for prosperity.

## 2. Urban areas

attract significant foreign direct investments (FDIs) boost internally generated revenue.

## 3. Leveraging

co-benefits of sustainable urbanization, regional trade policy (i.e AfCTA) and regional integration for major socio-economic improve

## 4. Controlled urbaniz

can promote peace and security and reduce vulnerability of women and juvenile

# PRIORITIES



1

Prioritize urbanization in National Development and Economic Planning

Leverage local and regional governments to pursue prosperity and attainment of Agenda 2063- *the Africa We Want*.

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Digital transformation must be harnessed to promote sustainable urbanization

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2

Promote job rich growth in a rapidly urbanizing and increasingly youthful population

5

Ensure climate resilient pathways and increased green urban infrastructure investments

8

Integrate urban systems into rural-urban areas across a continuum

3

Boost housing sector to stimulate national economy, reduce informal settlements and accelerate regional economic recovery from COVID 19

Strengthen urban disaggregation of development indicators

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# MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NUA

1

NUA effective implementation is a critical factor in determining outcomes

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The New Urban Agenda framework requires all aspects of age, gender and disability to be incorporated in the measurement of all indicators.

2

Many New Urban Agenda indicators require collection at city level

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Since 2016, UNH and all other custodian agencies have developed indicator-specific modules to provide guidance on the concepts and methods of computation of several SDG 11 indicators.



# RECOMMENDATIONS

1

Address **HOUSING**  
**DEFICITS** in Africa

2

Promote  
**ENVIRONMENTALLY**  
**SUSTAINABLE**  
urbanization

3

Promote cities  
as nodes for  
**REGIONAL**  
**INTEGRATION**

4

Prioritize  
urbanization in  
**NATIONAL ECONOMIC**  
**POLICY MAKING**

# THANK YOU



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