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Services for all

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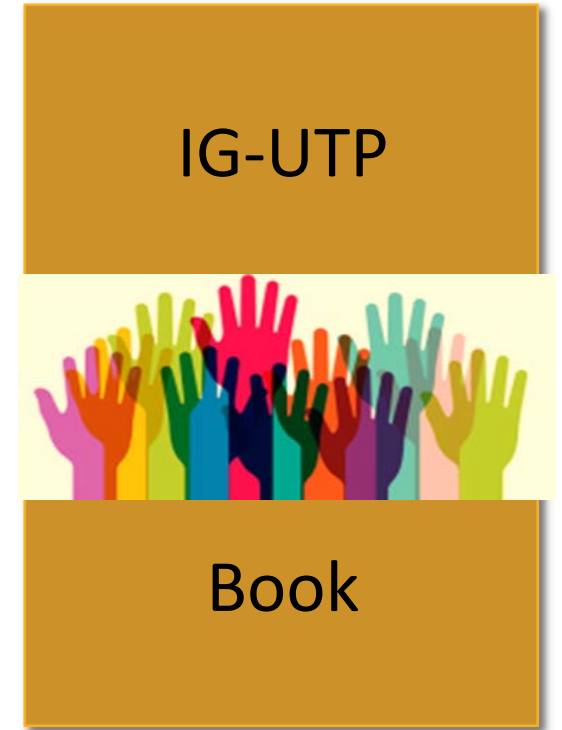
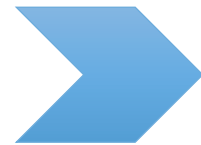
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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



# Goals for the Handbook



1. To **promote** the Guidelines
2. To **foster** (self) compliance
3. To **assist** to reform the planning system
4. To **demonstrate** inspiring practices
5. To **pilot** new practices and partnerships
6. To **harness** existing tools, **identify** missing tools
7. To **relate** with existing indicators, **develop** new indicators

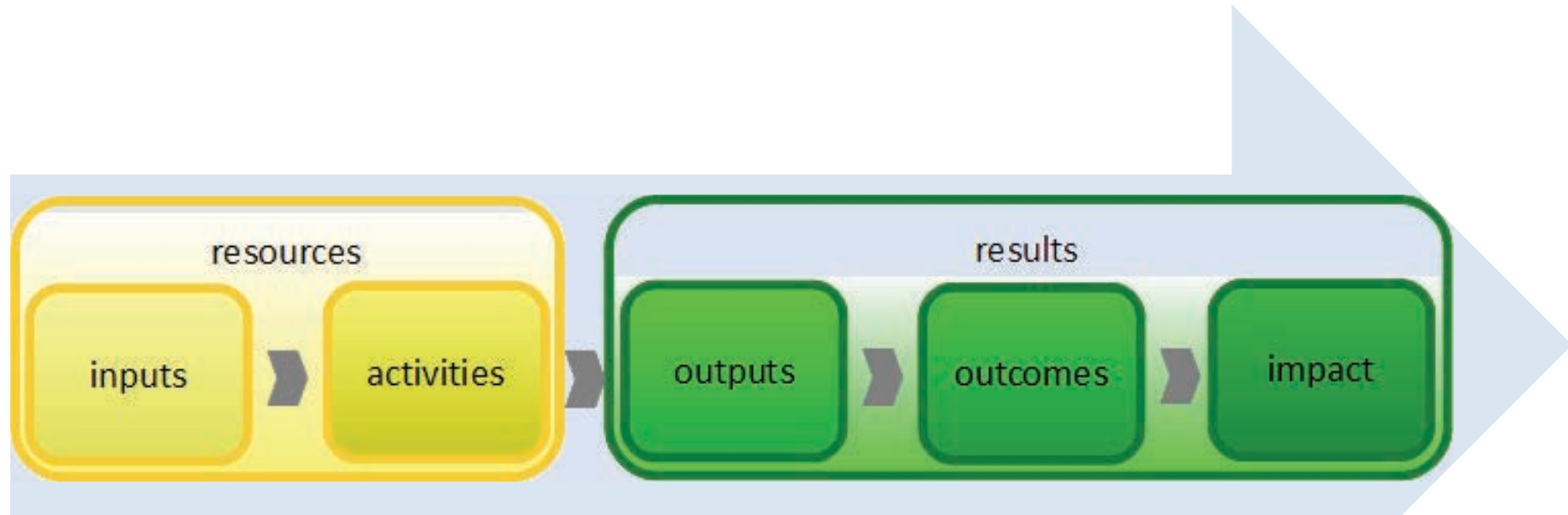
# Handbook Components



1. **Meet the Guidelines** - Linking with SDG/NUA
2. **Unpacking** the Guidelines
3. **Self-Assessment** of your planning system
4. **Self-Adjustment** of your planning system
5. **Measuring what Matters**
6. **Communication** and **Outreach**: what can you do?

# 1. Meeting the Guidelines - Linking with SDG/NUA

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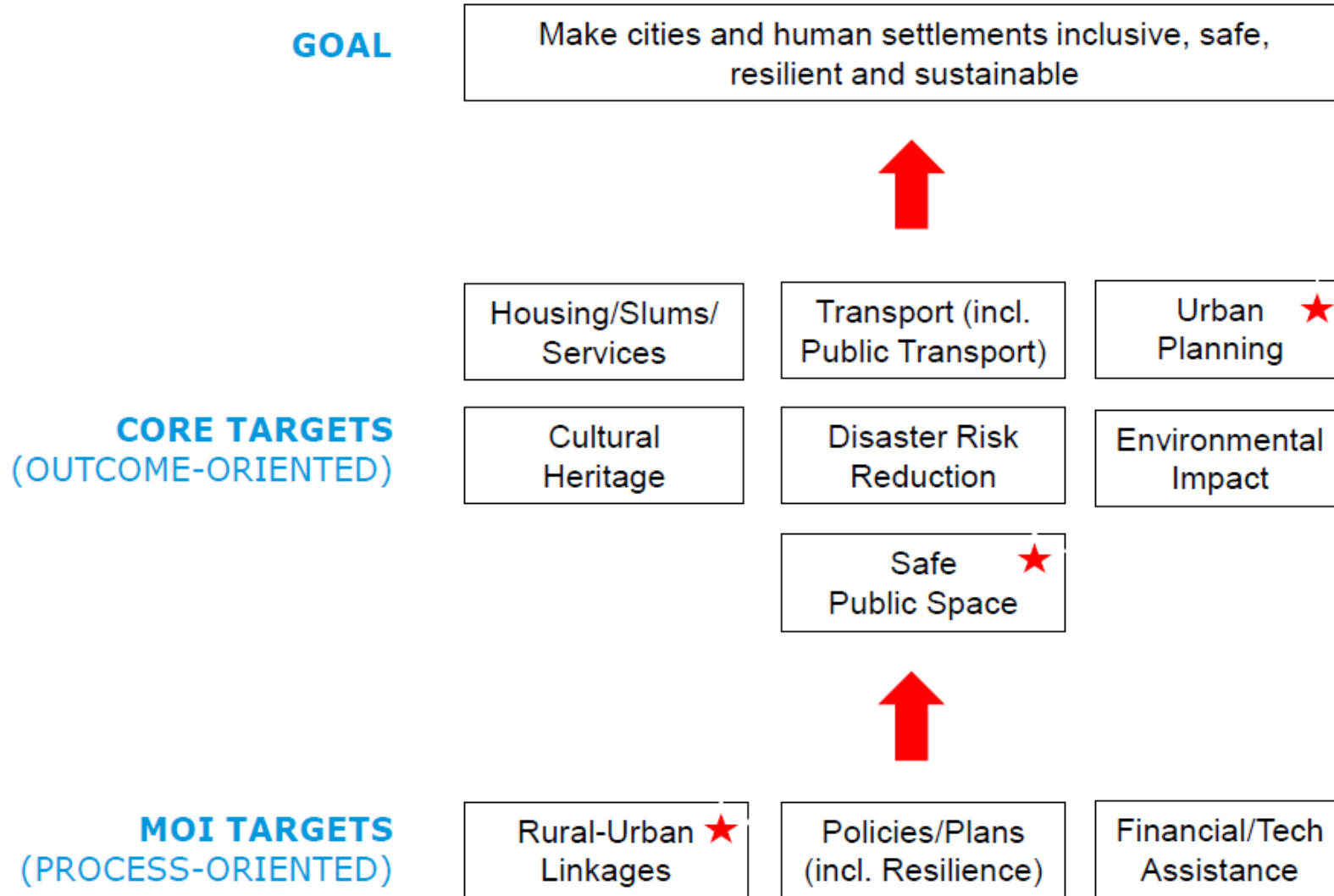
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11.3	By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries.	Ratio of land consumption rate to population growth rate (*)
11.4	Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage.	Share of national (or municipal) budget which is dedicated to preservation, protection and conservation of national cultural heritage including World Heritage sites (**)
11.5	By 2030, significantly reduce the number of deaths and the number of people affected and substantially decrease the direct economic losses	Number of deaths, missing people, injured, displaced or evacuated due to disasters per

## 3. NUA - Putting the Guidelines into practice

# Urban SDG 11



# Indicators for improved processes & outcomes of planning

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11.6	By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management.	Percentage of urban solid waste regularly collected and with adequate final discharge with regards to the total waste generated by the city (*)
		Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter (i.e. PM2.5 and PM10) in cities (population weighted) (*)
11.7	By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities.	The average share of the built-up area of cities that is open space in public use for all particularly to disable persons (*)
		Proportion of women subjected to physical or sexual harassment by perpetrator and place of occurrence (last 12 months) (**)
11.a	Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning.	The number of countries that are developing and implementing national urban policy that (a) responds to population dynamics, (b) ensure balanced regional and territorial development, (c) prepares for infrastructure and service development, (d) promotes urban land-use efficiency, (e) enhances resilience to climate change, (f) protects public space and (g) develops effective urban governance systems; (h) increases

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*Art. 93 of New Urban Agenda*

## 2. Unpacking the Guidelines

### 1. One Goal – Five Qualifiers

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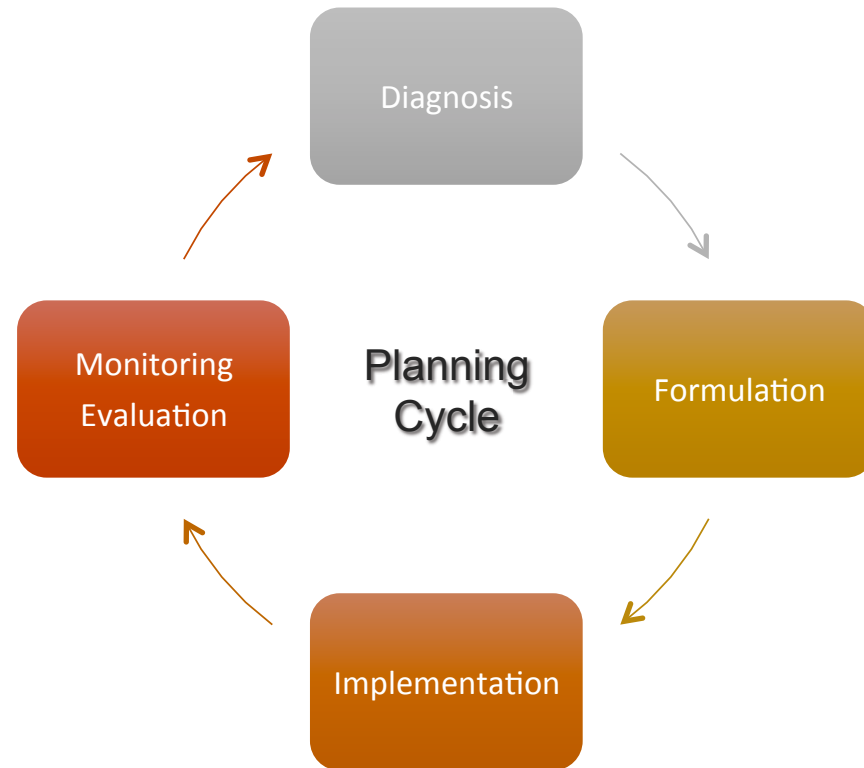
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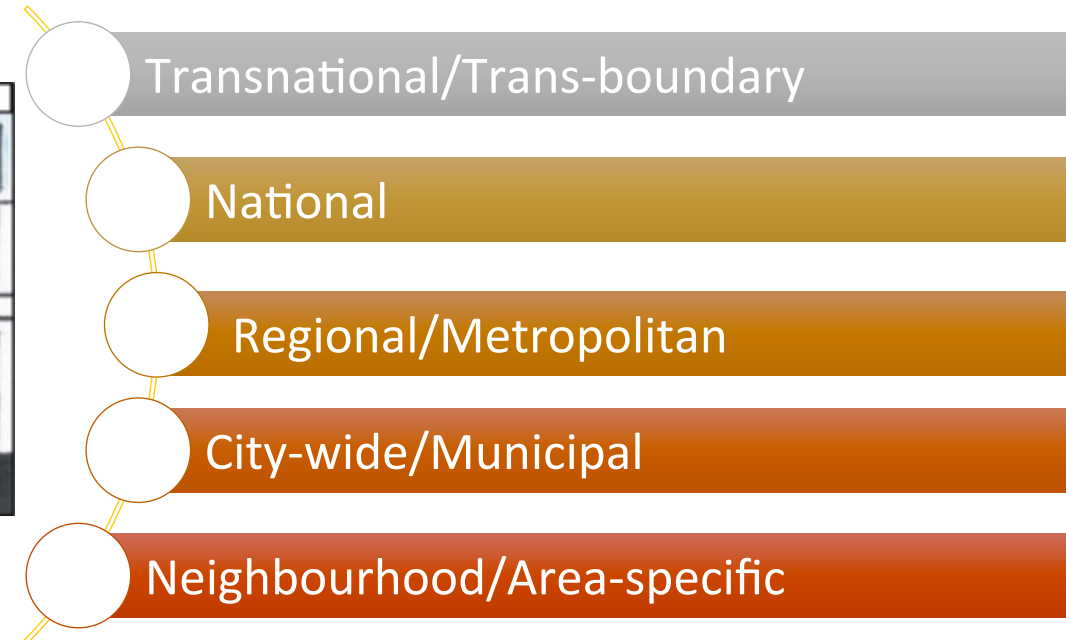
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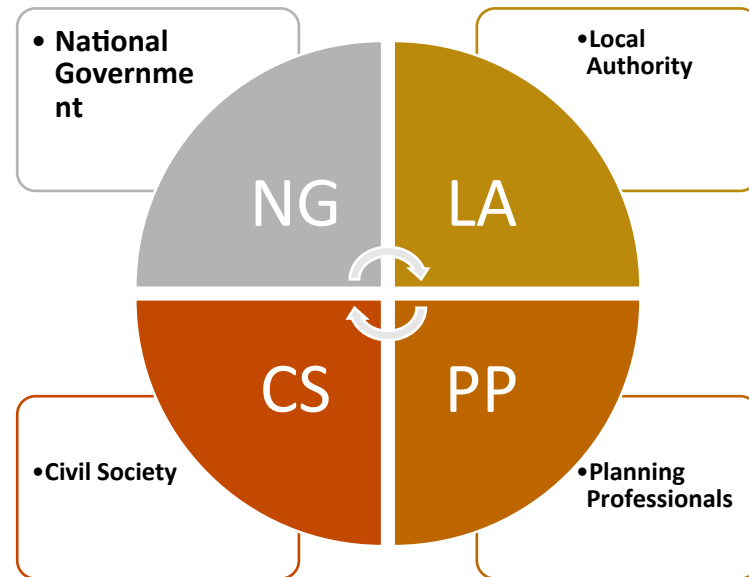
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IG-UTP PRINCIPLES			
SECTION A			
URBAN POLICY AND GOVERNANCE			
	<p><b>PRINCIPLE 1</b></p> <p>Urban and territorial planning is more than a technical tool, it is an <b>integrative and participatory decision-making process</b> that addresses competing interests and is linked to a shared vision, an overall development strategy and national, regional and local urban policies.</p>	<p><b>TOOLS</b></p> <p>International Guidelines on Decentralization and the strengthening of local authorities (2007)</p> <p>Youth and gender participation tools</p>	<p><b>INDICATORS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inter-sectorial coordination mechanisms in place</li> <li>2. Participatory rules and regulations in place</li> <li>3. Formal decisions can be revoked</li> </ol>
<p><b>KEY TERMS</b></p> <p><b>Integrative:</b> integrating all the urban and territorial dimensions and impacts of all governmental sectoral policies and strategies.</p> <p><b>Participatory:</b> with pro-active involvement of all segments of society, including youth, women and minority groups, throughout the decision-making process.</p> <p><b>Decision-making process:</b> the participatory process resulting in formal decisions taken by competent public authorities aiming at sustainable urban and territorial development.</p>		<p><b>INSPIRING CASES</b></p> <div data-bbox="1263 708 1791 1001" data-label="Image">  </div> <p><b>Brazil, Porto Alegre – Unlocking Development Potential with People Participation</b></p> <p>The first Participatory Budgeting (PB) process was developed in Porto Alegre in 1989, as a part of innovative reform programme to address community participation in the decision-making process as a benchmark of political change. PB</p>	
<p><b>FURTHER READING</b></p> <p>“Planning Sustainable Cities”, <a href="http://unhabitat.org/books/global-report-on-human-settlements-2009-planning-sustainable-cities/">http://unhabitat.org/books/global-report-on-human-settlements-2009-planning-sustainable-cities/</a></p> <p>Decision Making Process: Concepts and Methods, edited by Denis Bouyssou, Didier Dubois, Henri Prade, Marc Pirlot, 2013</p>		<p>has contributed to social inclusion and cohesion, as well as to strengthen community groups in order to allow them mainstreaming their proposals. Lower income segments of the population have strongly engaged in meetings, and participation overall has grown steadily, starting at 628 people in 1990, to 17,359 in 2014. These results demonstrate its effectiveness in stimulating citizens engagement, showing trust and investment in the process. For more see: Compendium of Inspiring Practises, UN-Habitat 2015.</p> <p><u>Other cases:</u>  <b>South Africa, Gauteng City region – City-Regional integration for Success</b></p>	

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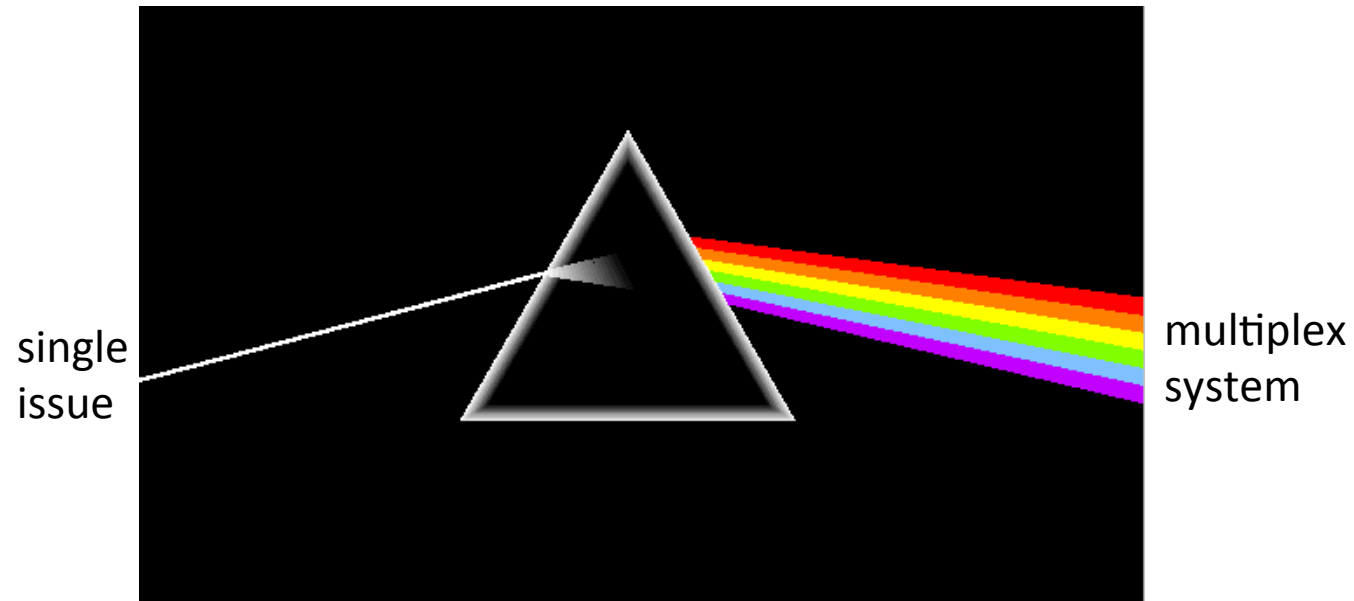


Collaboration  
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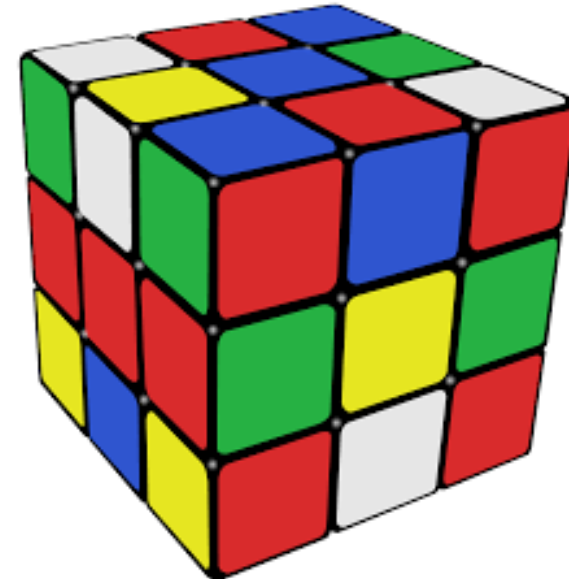
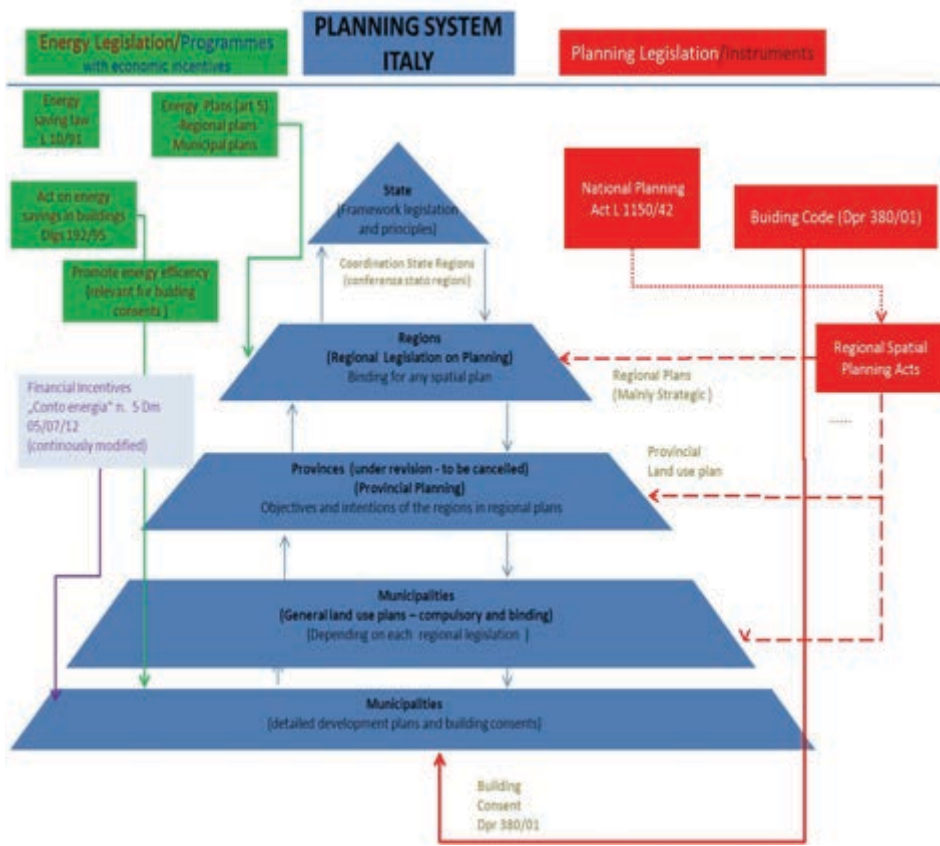
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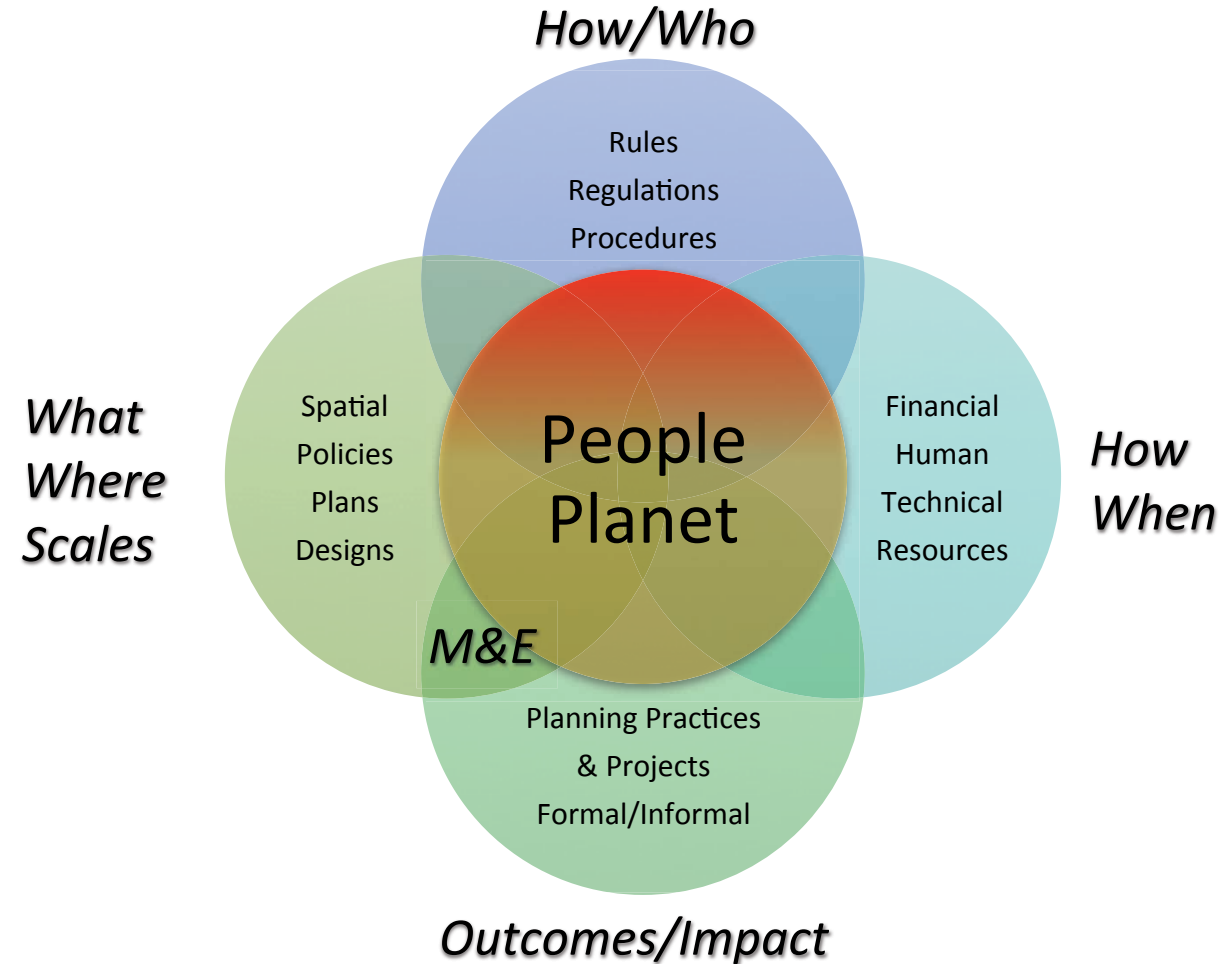
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### One Planning System – Flower Diagram

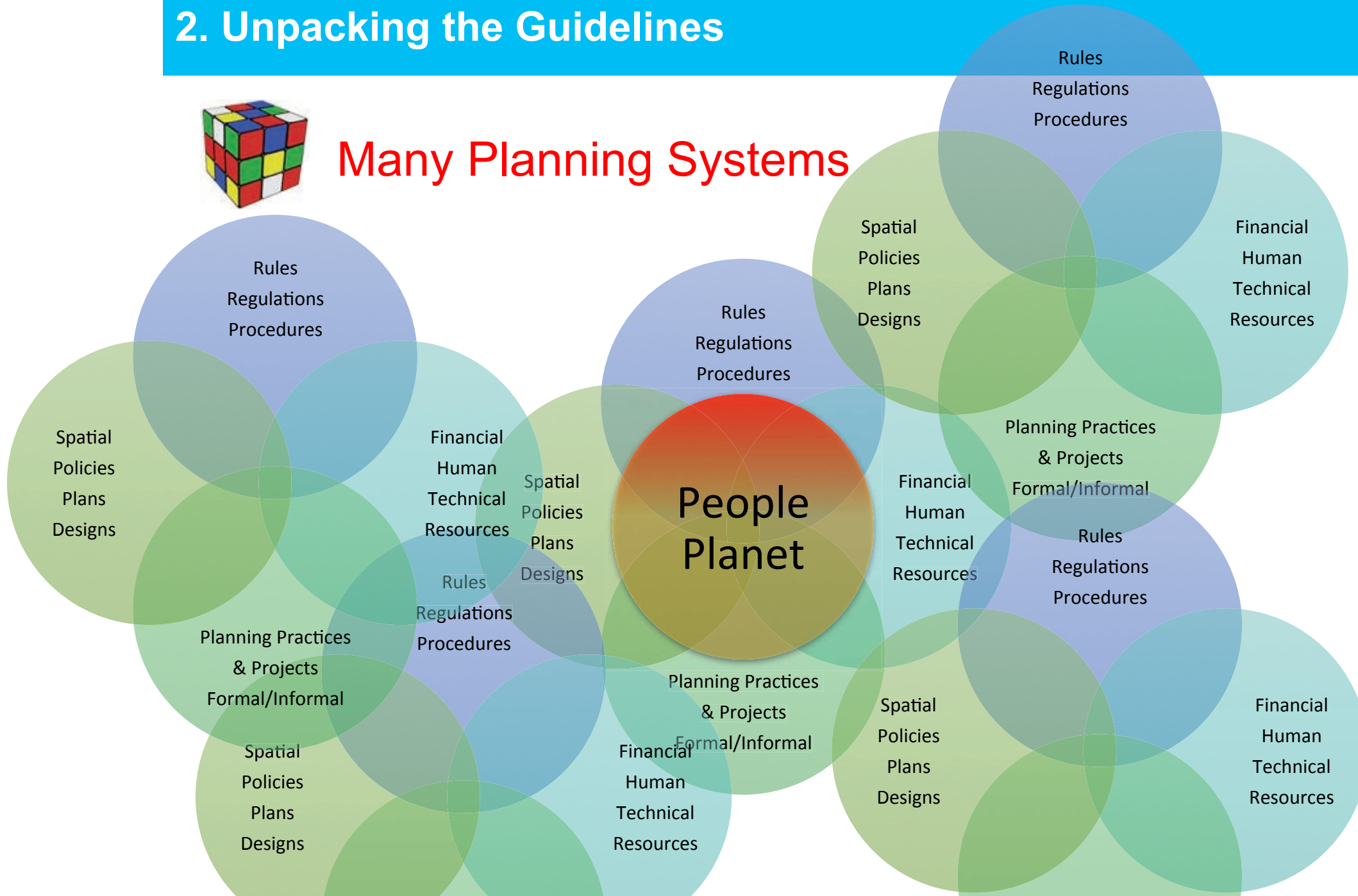




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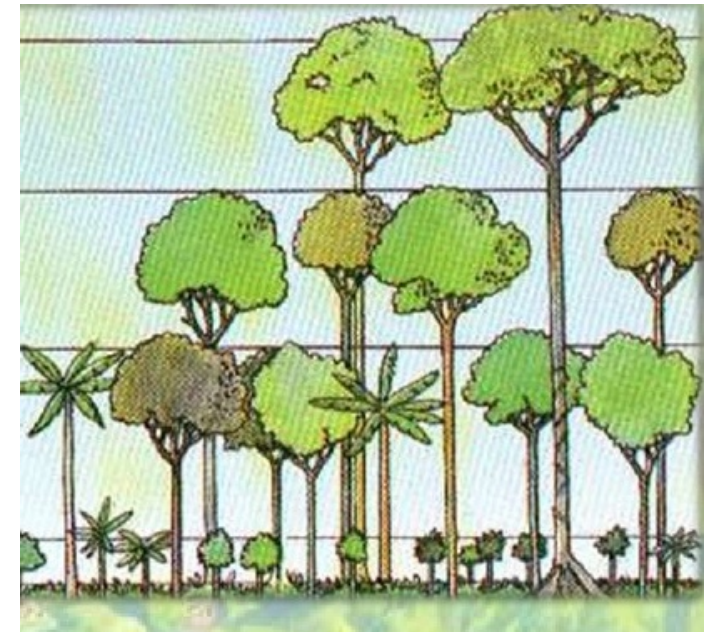
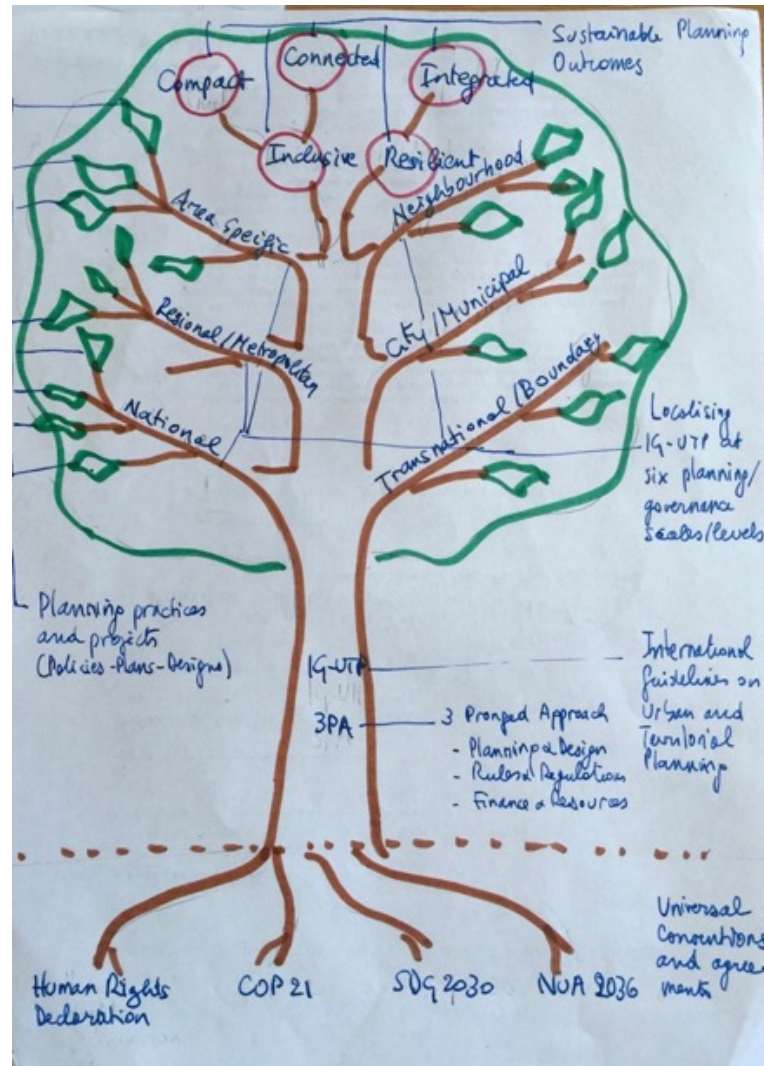


### Many Planning Systems



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### 7. One Planning System: Tree Diagram



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# Summary

## Unpacking The International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning:

1 Goal - 3 Enabling  
Components - 4  
Stakeholder Groups - 5  
Qualifiers - 5 Planning  
Scales - 5 Qualifiers - 6  
Dimensions - 12 Principles -  
114 Recommendations



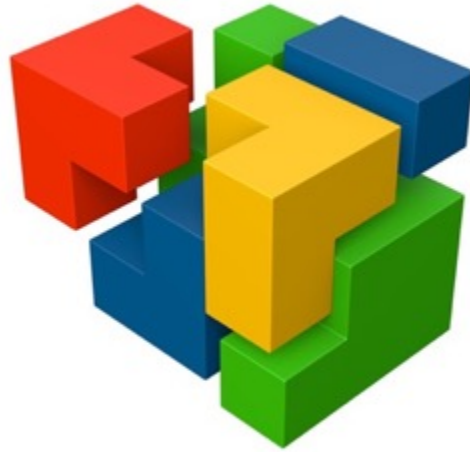
3PA – 3-Pronged Approach

- Planning Framework
- Legal Framework
- Financial/Institutional Framework

NG - National Governments  
LA - Local Authorities  
CS - Civil Society  
PP - Planning Professionals



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### 3. Self-Assessment of your planning system

Welcome  
Please rate our washroom

planning system



Is urban planning  
delivering results  
in your country or city?

1

- Mapping/Mobilizing Stakeholders
- Establishing Review TaskForce
- Orientation/Learning Workshops

2

- MS Rapid Assessment Workshop
- Focus Group Comprehensive Assessments

3

- Diagnostic Review Report
- Prioritization of Reform Actions
- Implementation Task Force





### 3. Self-Assessment of your planning system

## Self Assessment Questionnaire

A. Rapid Multi-Stakeholder Assessment

B. Comprehensive Stakeholder Assessment

<b>Statement</b>	<b>Score 1-5</b>	<b>Indicator So what?</b>	<b>Reform Priority 1-5</b>
	<p>① Strongly Agree    ② Agree    ③ Neither    ④ Disagree    ⑤ Strongly Disagree</p>		

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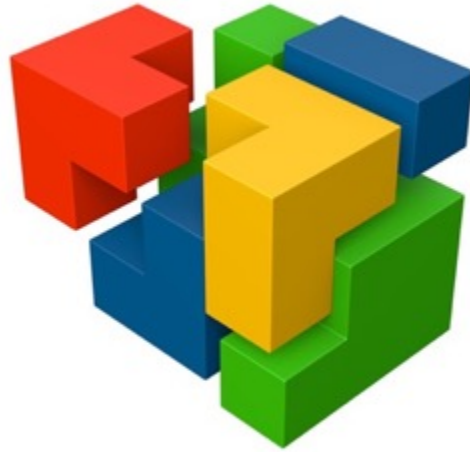
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		<i>Metropolitan Plans are in place - Y/N</i>	
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3. All planning scales and types are interlinked to ensure coherence and complementarities based on the principle of subsidiarity, with appropriate arrangements for combining bottom-up and top-down approaches?		<i>National and/or regional planning commissions are in place to coordinate plans - Y/N</i>	
4. The planning system is a facilitating and flexible mechanism and a catalyst for: a. Sustained and inclusive economic growth, regulation of land and housing markets and the timely provision of adequate infrastructure and basic services;		<i>Policies and Plans address sustained economic growth - Y/N</i>	

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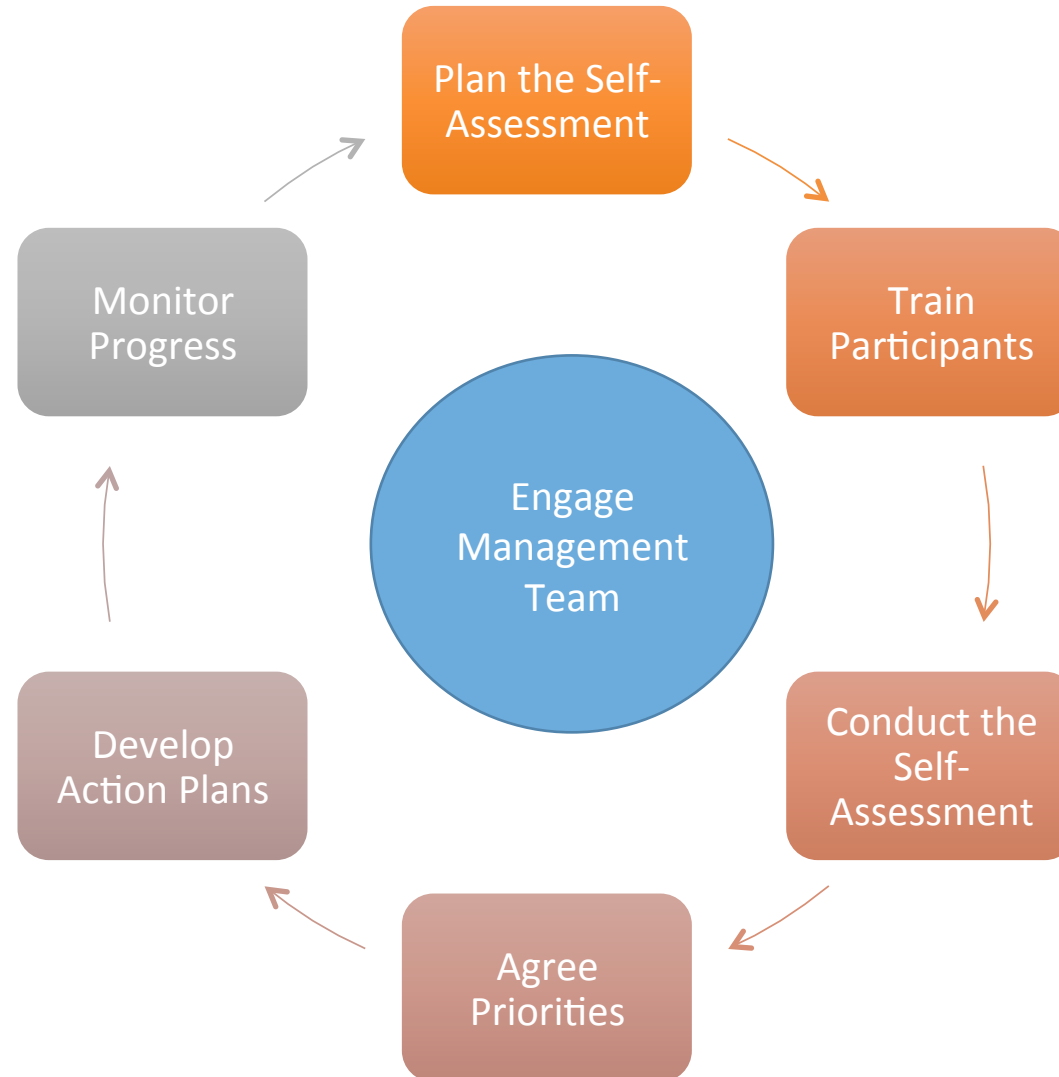
<i>Statements per topic</i>	<i>Score 1-5</i>	<i>Indicator So what?</i>	<i>Reform Priority 1-5</i>
<b><i>Planned City</i></b>			
1. The local authority developed a shared strategic spatial vision (supported by adequate maps) and a set of consensual objectives, reflecting a clear political will.		<i>A vision document of less than 10 years old is in place – Y/N</i>	
2. The local authority integrates service provision processes with planning.		<i>Basic services are included in all local plans – Y/N</i>	
3. The local authority engages in inter-municipal and multilevel cooperation for the development and financing of housing, infrastructure and basic services.		<i>Inter-municipal agreements on basic service delivery in place – Y/N</i>	
4. The local authority collaborates with service providers, land developers and landowners to closely link spatial and sectoral planning and to promote inter-sectoral coordination and synergies between services such as water, sewerage and sanitation, energy and electricity, telecommunications and transport.		<i>Agreements with basic service providers in place – Y/N</i>	
5. The local authority elaborates urban plans that include a set of development scenarios, based on a thorough analysis of demographic, social, economic and environmental trends that take into account the critical linkages between land use and transport.		<i>Plans contain development scenarios Y/N</i>	
6. Local urban plans reflect the scale of projected urban growth and address it through planned city extensions, urban infill and redevelopment for a adequate density, and through the structuring of well-connected systems of liveable streets and high-quality public spaces.		<i>Local plans contain density indicators/incentives for different areas – Y/N</i>	
7. Local urban plans have environmental conditions as their base, prioritize the protection of ecologically valuable areas and disaster-prone areas, leaving room for flexibility to address unforeseen evolutions.		<i>Local plans contain environmental indicators/incentives – Y/N</i>	
<b><i>Plan Implementation &amp; Planning Control</i></b>			
8. The local authority ensures that the institutional and financial components of urban planning are closely interrelated and appropriate implementation mechanisms, such as participatory budgeting, public-private partnerships and multilevel financing schemes, are established for that purpose.		<i>Local plans contain an implementation strategy – Y/N</i>	
9. Local urban plans include a clear prioritization and phasing of desired and achievable spatial outcomes		<i>Local plans contain a prioritized and phases list of</i>	

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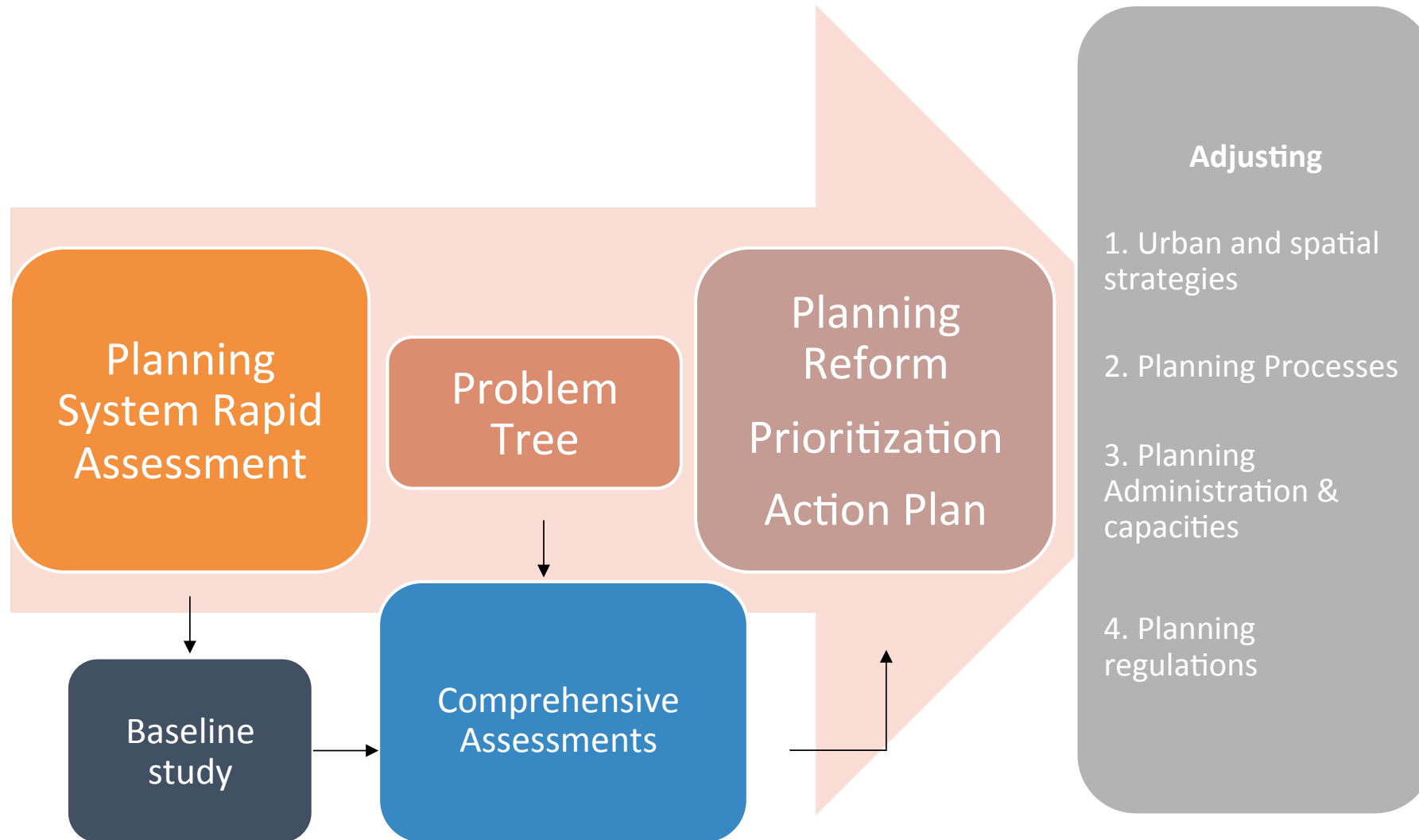


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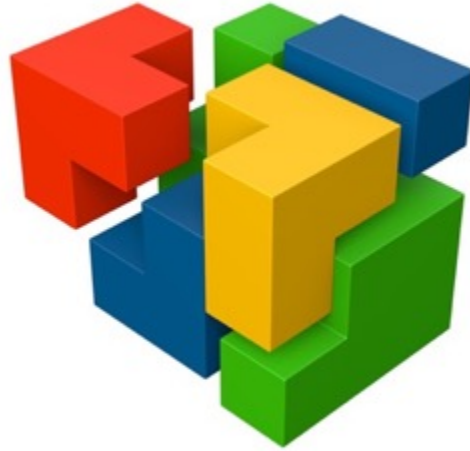


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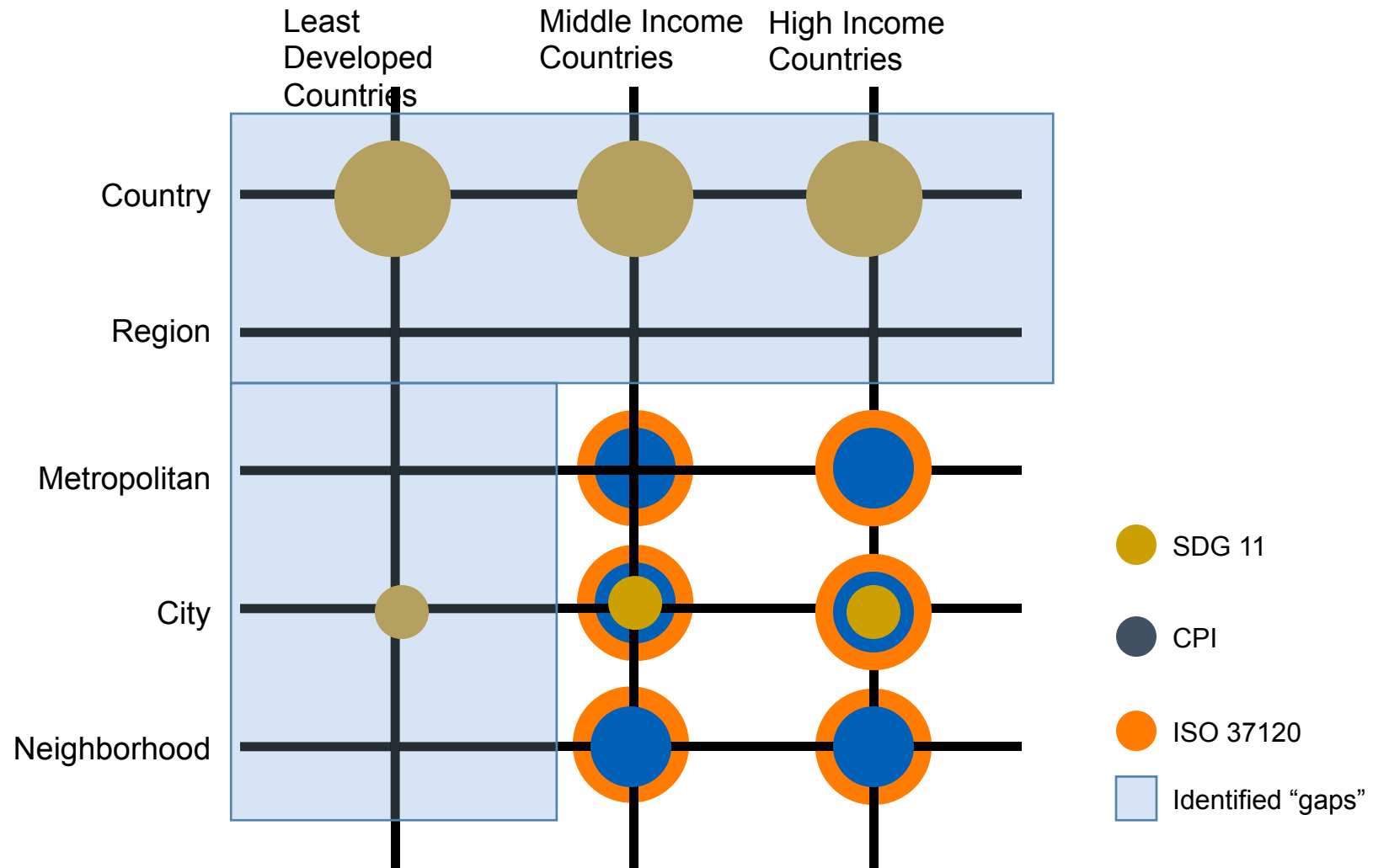


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# 5. Measuring what matters

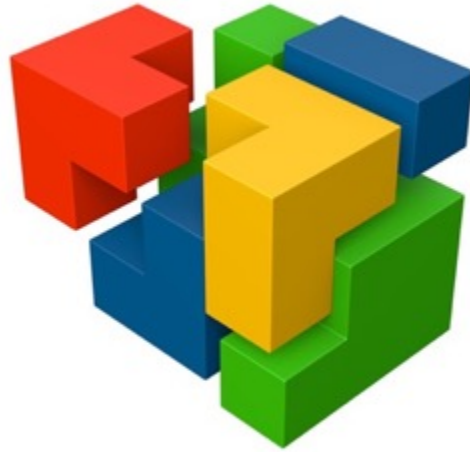


# 5. Measuring what Matters

## Guideline Indicators

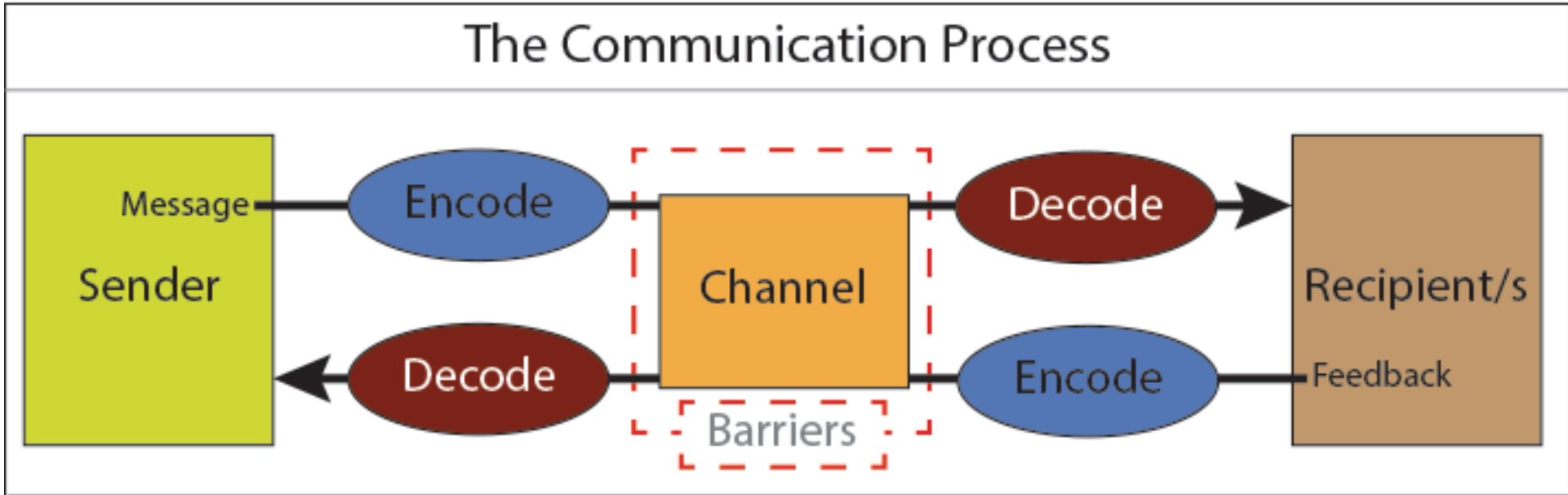
Input (6)	Process (8)	Output (10)	Outcome (15)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Own-source revenue collection</li> <li>• Cultural and natural heritage (Local)</li> <li>• Land-based financing instruments</li> <li>• Protection of public spaces</li> <li>• Planning professionals</li> <li>• Monitoring and evaluation tools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-ministerial / inter-municipal cooperation</li> <li>• Public Access to planning documents</li> <li>• Public participation</li> <li>• Environment and social impact assessments</li> <li>• Green Buildings</li> <li>• Dialogue platforms</li> <li>• Availability of knowledge and data</li> <li>• UTP conflict resolution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land allocated for public spaces</li> <li>• Social mix of housing</li> <li>• Land allocated for economic activities</li> <li>• Infill or planned extension strategies</li> <li>• Climate change impact scenarios</li> <li>• Disaster risk reduction</li> <li>• Regulation on Buildability</li> <li>• Iterative process of UTP</li> <li>• Land supply</li> <li>• Land allocation</li> <li>• Feedback system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to basic services</li> <li>• Informal settlements</li> <li>• Security of tenure</li> <li>• Socio-economic opportunities</li> <li>• Access to public space</li> <li>• Cultural and natural heritage (Global)</li> <li>• Permeability</li> <li>• Mobility and multi-modality</li> <li>• Land consumption</li> <li>• Energy intensity</li> <li>• GHG emissions</li> <li>• Air quality</li> <li>• Renewable energy</li> <li>• Built-up density</li> <li>• Building permits</li> </ul>

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## 6. Communication and Outreach



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1. Re-Defining “Planning System”
2. Reviewing/Reforming Planning Systems
3. What can you do?



# Rapid Self-Assessment of your Planning System

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		<i>Plans contain development scenario's - Y/N</i>	
5. The planning system in general aligns with the universal definition of spatial planning as a decision-making framework for improving policies, plans, designs and implementation processes and projects that is: a. Better integrated and aiming at a multi-sectorial approach; b. Participatory and aiming at informed and engaged citizens; c. Socially inclusive and aiming at improving the lives of poor and vulnerable people (including slums) through territorial cohesion; d. Environmentally sustainable and aiming at protecting eco-systems and bio-diversity; e. Resilient to climate change and other natural and man-made disasters; f. Human rights based and aiming at realizing development rights for all, with focus on youth, women and minorities.		<i>An inter-ministerial territorial coordination in in place - Y/N</i>	
		<i>There is a culture of public participation in place - Y/N</i>	
		<i>Plan include Social Impact Assessments - Y/N</i>	
		<i>Plans include Environmental Impact Assessments - Y/N</i>	
		<i>Plans include Climate Resilience Assessment - Y/N</i>	
		<i>Plans include Human Rights markers - Y/N</i>	
6. The planning system in general is aiming at urban/spatial policies towards:			

7. The planning practice is in general in line with the 'planning theory' as enshrined in the legal and customary framework: a. Territorial developments and projects are mostly compliant with plans and rules; b. The planning rules and regulations are mostly enforced; c. Laws, policies and plans are regularly reviewed through a permanent monitoring and regular evaluation.			
		<i>A plan-compliance is in place for projects – Y/N</i>	
		<i>Inspection of constructions is a common practice – Y/N</i>	
8. The current planning system is:  a. Rather top-down with national conduct or approval of sub-national plans in compliance with national policies and plans;  b. Rather bottom-up with large planning autonomy for sub-national planning and implementation;			
		<i>Central government approves local/municipal plans – Y/N</i>	
9. The planning system recognise and foster a multi-stakeholder participatory approach including partnership with and between:  a. Local and other sub-national planning authorities and institutions;  b. Civil society (including vulnerable groups such as children, women, youth, elder, disabled and ethnic minorities);  c. Private sector and business community associations;  d. Planning professionals and their associations;  e. Planning schools and their teachers and students.		<i>A National Urban Commission/Forum is in place – Y/N</i>	
		<i>Local Authorities takes part in the National Urban Commission/Forum – Y/N</i>	
		<i>A national association of local authorities is in place – Y/N</i>	
		<i>Civil Society takes part in the National Urban Commission/Forum – Y/N</i>	
		<i>Granting schemes for civil society incentives are in place – Y/N</i>	
		<i>Private sector and business community takes part in the National Urban Commission/Forum – Y/N</i>	
		<i>Planning professionals takes part in the National Urban Commission/Forum – Y/N</i>	
10. The planning system is well resourced in terms of:  a. Financial resources; b. Institutional and organisational resources and capacities; c. Educational resources and technical skills and capacities; d. Technological resources.			
		<i>A national budget for planning is in place – Y/N</i>	
		<i>There is an established Planning Institute – Y/N</i>	
		<i>There is at least one national Planning School – Y/N</i>	
		<i>A national GIS is in place – Y/N</i>	
11. The planning system or components of it explicitly refer to global or continental policies on sustainable urban and territorial development, climate change or resilience against natural and man-made disasters.		<i>Your country was involved in drafting one or more of those international policies and guidelines - Y/N</i>	
12. Overall, there is a planning system in place consisting of three inter-related enabling components: a. Sound and flexible spatial planning and design framework at multiple scales (see question 2); b. Enforceable and transparent legal framework; c. Financial framework to diagnose, formulate, implement and monitor spatial planning.		<i>The planning system is generally highly repudiated and respected – Y/N</i>	

# Rapid Self-Assessment of your Planning System

Statement 1	Score 1-3	Indicator	Priority 1-3
The planning system constitutes a powerful decision-making mechanism to ensure that sustained economic growth, social development and environmental sustainability go hand in hand at all territorial levels and planning scales		Ministry of Spatial Planning in place - Y/ N Minister member of core Cabinet - Y/N	

# Rapid Self-Assessment of your Planning System

Statement 2	Score 1-5	Indicator	Priority 1-5
<p>The planning system includes policies, plans, designs and rules and regulation for following planning scales:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Supranational and trans-boundary planning;</li><li>b. National planning;</li><li>c. City-regional and metropolitan planning;</li><li>d. City-wide and municipal planning;</li><li>e. Neighbourhood and area-specific detailed planning.</li></ul>		<p><i>Plans are in place for all levels - Y/N</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>a. Transboundary plans are in place - Y/N</i></li><li><i>b. A National Urban Policy is in place – Y/N</i> <i>A National Spatial Plan is in place - Y/N</i></li><li><i>c. Metropolitan Plans are in place - Y/N</i></li><li><i>d. City-wide/Municipal Plans are in place - Y/N</i></li><li><i>e. Neighbourhood Plans are in place - Y/N</i></li></ul>	

# Rapid Self-Assessment of your Planning System

Statement 3	Score 1-3	Indicator	Priority 1-3
All planning scales and types are interlinked to ensure coherence and complementarities based on the principle of subsidiarity, with appropriate arrangements for combining bottom-up and top-down approaches?		<i>National and/or regional planning commissions are in place to coordinate plans</i> – Y/N	

# Rapid Self-Assessment of your Planning System

Statement 4	Score 1-3	Indicator	Priority 1-3
<p>The planning system is a facilitating and flexible mechanism and a catalyst for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Sustained and inclusive economic growth, regulation of land and housing markets and the timely provision of adequate infrastructure and basic services;</li><li>b. Rational decision making through different development scenarios, translated into actions that will transform the physical and social space and will support the development of integrated cities and territories.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <i>Policies and Plans address sustained economic growth - Y/N</i></li><li>b. <i>Plans contain development scenario's - Y/N</i></li></ul>	

# Rapid Self-Assessment of your Planning System

Statement 5	Score 1-3	Indicator	Priority 1-3
<p>The planning system in general aligns with the universal definition of spatial planning as a decision-making framework for improving policies, plans, designs and implementation processes and projects that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Better integrated and aiming at a multi-sectorial approach;</li><li>b. Participatory and aiming at informed and engaged citizens;</li><li>c. Socially inclusive and aiming at improving the lives of poor and vulnerable people (including slums) through territorial cohesion;</li><li>d. Environmentally sustainable and aiming at protecting eco-systems and bio-diversity;</li><li>e. Resilient to climate change and other natural and man-made disasters;</li><li>f. Human rights based and aiming at realizing development rights for all, with focus on youth, women and minorities.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <i>An inter-ministerial territorial coordination in place – Y/N</i></li><li>b. <i>There is a culture of public participation in place – Y/N</i></li><li>c. <i>Plan include Social Impact Assessments – Y/N</i></li><li>d. <i>Plans include Environmental Impact Assessments – Y/N</i></li><li>e. <i>Plans include Climate Resilience Assessment – Y/N</i></li><li>f. <i>Plans include Human Rights markers – Y/N</i></li></ul>	



# Rapid Self-Assessment of your Planning System

## Statement 6

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The planning system in general is aiming at urban/spatial policies towards:

- a. More compact cities, towns and villages;
- b. Better connected settlements (within and between cities);
- c. More inclusive settlements with accessible and safe public spaces.
- d. More culturally diverse and heritage friendly settlements.

- a. Plans include compactness indicators – Y/N*
- b. Plans include connectivity indicators – Y/N*
- c. Plans include public space indicators – Y/N*
- d. Plans include heritage indicators – Y/N*

# Rapid Self-Assessment of your Planning System

Statement 7	Score 1-3	Indicator	Priority 1-3
<p>The planning practice is in general in line with the 'planning theory' as enshrined in the legal and customary framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Territorial developments and projects are mostly compliant with plans and rules;</li><li>b. The planning rules and regulations are mostly enforced;</li><li>c. Laws, policies and plans are regularly reviewed through a permanent monitoring and regular evaluation.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <i>A plan-compliance is in place for projects – Y/N</i></li><li>b. <i>Inspection of constructions is a common practice – Y/N</i></li><li>c. <i>A parliamentary commission on land-use and spatial planning is in place – Y/N</i></li></ul>	

# Rapid Self-Assessment of your Planning System

**Statement 8**

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The current planning system is:

- a. Rather top-down with national conduct or approval of sub-national plans in compliance with national policies and plans;
- b. Rather bottom-up with large planning autonomy for sub-national planning and implementation;

*a. Central government approves local/ municipal plans – Y/N*

*b. Local authorities approve their own plans – Y/N*

# Rapid Self-Assessment of your Planning System

Statement 9	Score 1-3	Indicator	Priority 1-3
<p>The planning system recognise and foster a multi-stakeholder participatory approach including partnership with and between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Local and other sub-national planning authorities and institutions;</li> <li>b. Civil society (including vulnerable groups such as children, women, youth, elder, disabled and ethnic minorities);</li> <li>c. Private sector and business community associations;</li> <li>d. Planning professionals and their associations;</li> <li>e. Planning schools and their teachers and students.</li> </ul>		<p><i>A National Urban Commission/Forum is in place – Y/N</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>a. Local Authorities takes part in the National Urban Commission/Forum – Y/N A national association of local authorities is in place – Y/N</i></li> <li><i>b. Civil Society takes part in the National Urban Commission/Forum – Y/N Granting schemes for civil society incentives are in place – Y/N</i></li> <li><i>c. Private sector and business community takes part in the National Urban Commission/Forum – Y/N</i></li> <li><i>d. Planning professionals takes part in the National Urban Commission/Forum – Y/N</i></li> <li><i>e. Planning school/academia take part in the National Urban Commission/Forum – Y/N</i></li> </ul>	

# Rapid Self-Assessment of your Planning System

Statement 10	Score 1-3	Indicator	Priority 1-3
<p>The planning system is well resourced in terms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Financial resources;</li><li>b. Institutional and organisational resources and capacities;</li><li>c. Educational resources and technical skills and capacities;</li><li>d. Technological resources.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>a. A national budget for planning is in place – Y/N</i></li><li><i>b. There is an established Planning Institute – Y/N</i></li><li><i>c. There is at least one national Planning School – Y/N</i></li><li><i>d. A national GIS is in place – Y/N</i></li></ul>			

# Rapid Self-Assessment of your Planning System

**Statement 11**

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The planning system or components of it explicitly refer to global or continental policies on sustainable urban and territorial development, climate change or resilience against natural and man-made disasters.

*Your country was involved in drafting one or more of those international policies and guidelines - Y/N*

# Rapid Self-Assessment of your Planning System

Statement 12	Score 1-3	Indicator	Priority 1-3
<p>Overall, there is a planning system in place consisting of three inter-related enabling components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Sound and flexible spatial planning and design framework at multiple scales (see question 2);</li><li>b. Enforceable and transparent legal framework;</li><li>c. Financial framework to diagnose, formulate, implement and monitor spatial planning.</li></ul>		<p><i>The planning system is generally highly repudiated and respected - Y/N</i></p>	