

**Urbanization Trends and Challenges,
Moving Towards Habitat III**

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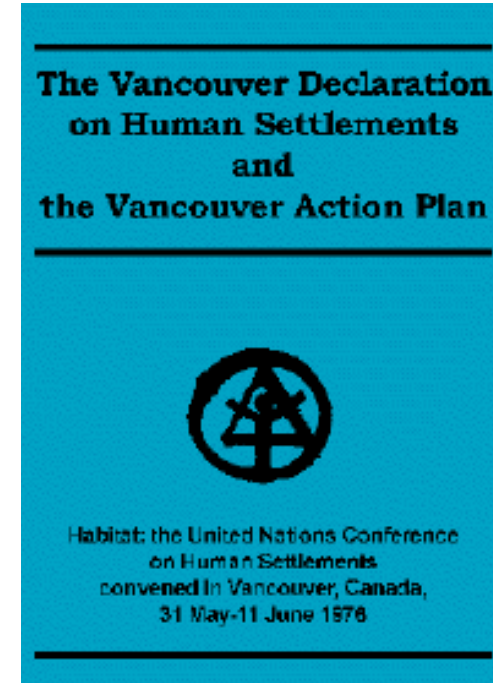
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Vancouver Declaration and Action Plan

64 recommendations for National Action on:

- A. Settlements policies and strategies
- B. Settlement Planning
- C. Shelter, infrastructure and services
- D. Land
- E. Public participation



World Urban
Population
37.9%

- ✓ Recognition that shelter and urbanization are global issues to be addressed collectively
- ✓ Creation of the United Nations Center for Human Settlements (UNCHS - Habitat)

THE CITY SUMMIT

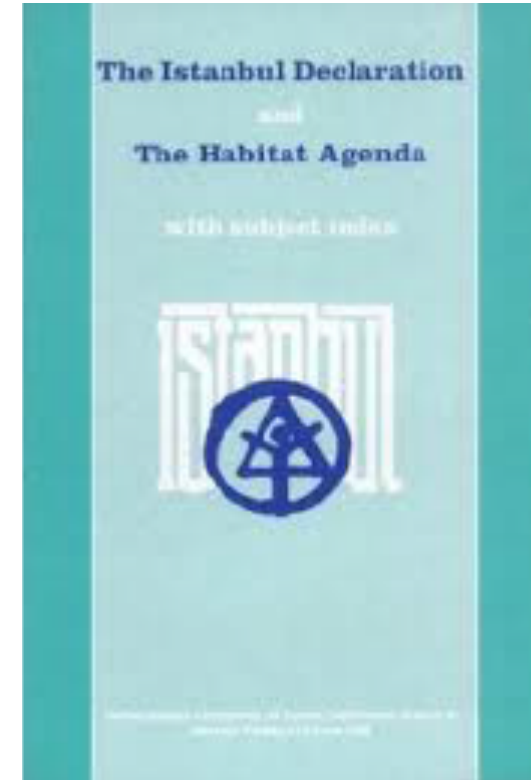
1. Sustainable Human Settlements in an Urbanizing World
2. Shelter for all

Outcomes:

✓ ***The Istanbul Declaration***
and

✓ **THE HABITAT AGENDA**

- Cities are the engines of growth
- Urbanization is an opportunity
- Call for a stronger role of local authorities
- Recognition of the power of participation



World Urban
Population
45.1%

2001 ISTANBUL +5 the UNCHS is transformed into the **United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

HABITAT III – THE CONTEXT

Cities today occupy approximately only 0.5% of the total land, however:

Economy (GDP) 70%

Global energy consumption over 60%

Green gas emissions 70%

Global waste 70%

“Cities are where the battle for sustainable development will be won or lost” HLP 2013

World Urban
Population
54.5%



It is becoming more and more clear that achievements on Sustainable development will depend on how we will manage and guide the urbanization

HABITAT III - FOR A NEW URBAN AGENDA



HABITAT III

THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

2016

Establish the New Urban Agenda for the next 20 years

GA resolution 66/207 of 22 December 2011,... “to convene a third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III) to reinvigorate the global commitment to sustainable urbanization that should focus on the implementation of a new urban agenda in 2016, in line with the bi-decennial cycle”.

HABITAT III – A NEW URBAN PARADIGM

The current debate calls for a review of the urban agenda and the need of a **New Urban Paradigm** to address the persistence of an unsustainable model of Urbanization.



Taking into consideration:

- ✓ The need to **reduce inequalities**, marginalization and the proliferation of Slums
- ✓ The need to **oppose urban sprawl** and the unnecessary loss of agricultural land
- ✓ The need to **reduce urban vulnerability and risks** to disaster and climate change
- ✓ The need to **promote local economic development** based on safeguarded natural and cultural assets

KEY ELEMENTS FOR A NEW URBAN AGENDA

KEY ELEMENTS to be considered at Habitat III

To create a pattern of sustainable urban development fostering a new model of city

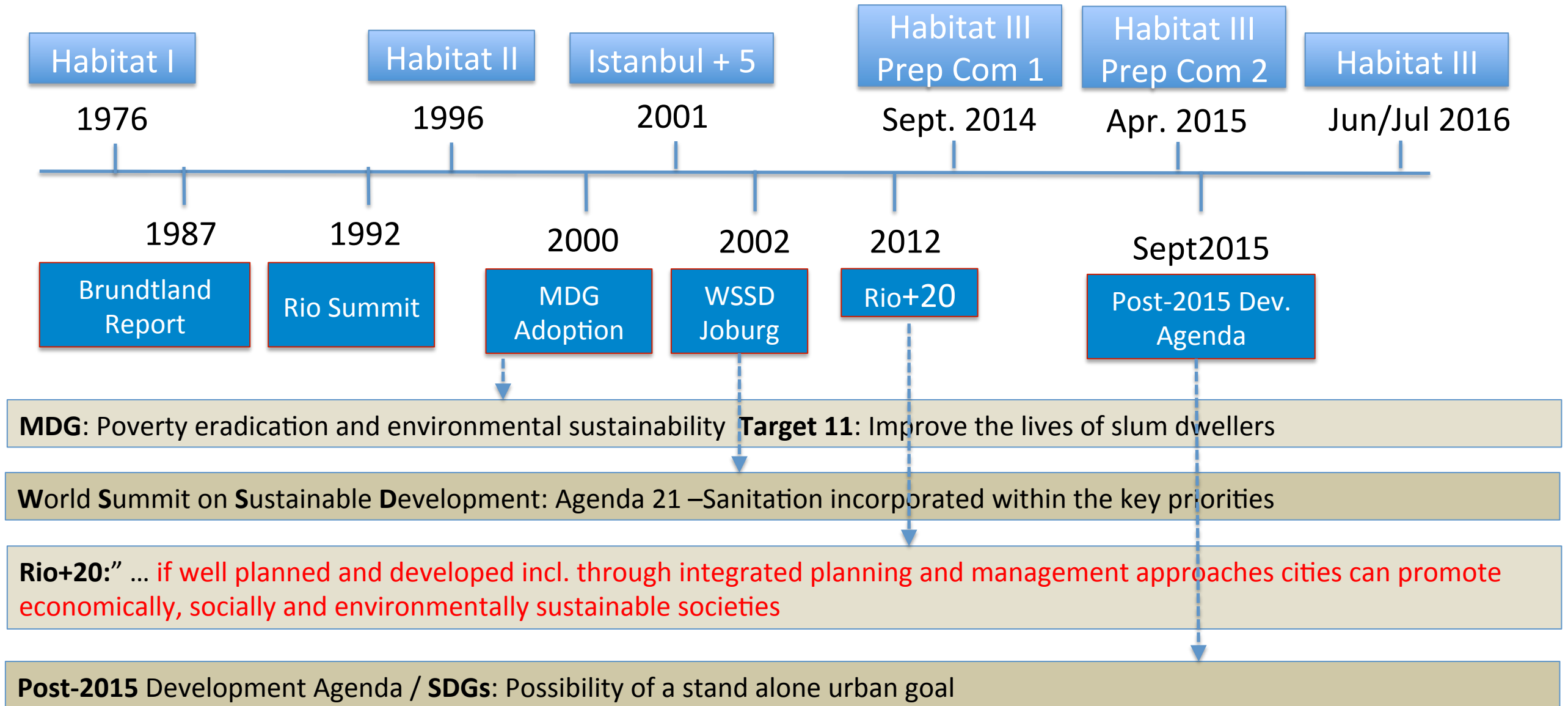
- ✓ **National Urban Policy.** Establishing a connection between the dynamics of urbanization and the overall process of national development (20-30 years or more);
- ✓ **Laws, institutions and systems of governance.** Creating the normative basis of action, operational principles, organizational structures, institutional and societal relationships underlying the process of urbanization;
- ✓ **Urban economy.** While there is a strong positive correlation between economic growth and urbanization, this potential relationship is not spontaneous and self-generating. Habitat III could be the means to guide a robust urban economic development;

Other operational factors to maximize the advantages of the urbanization process:

- Urban Planning,**
- Local fiscal systems,**
- Investment in urban basic services**

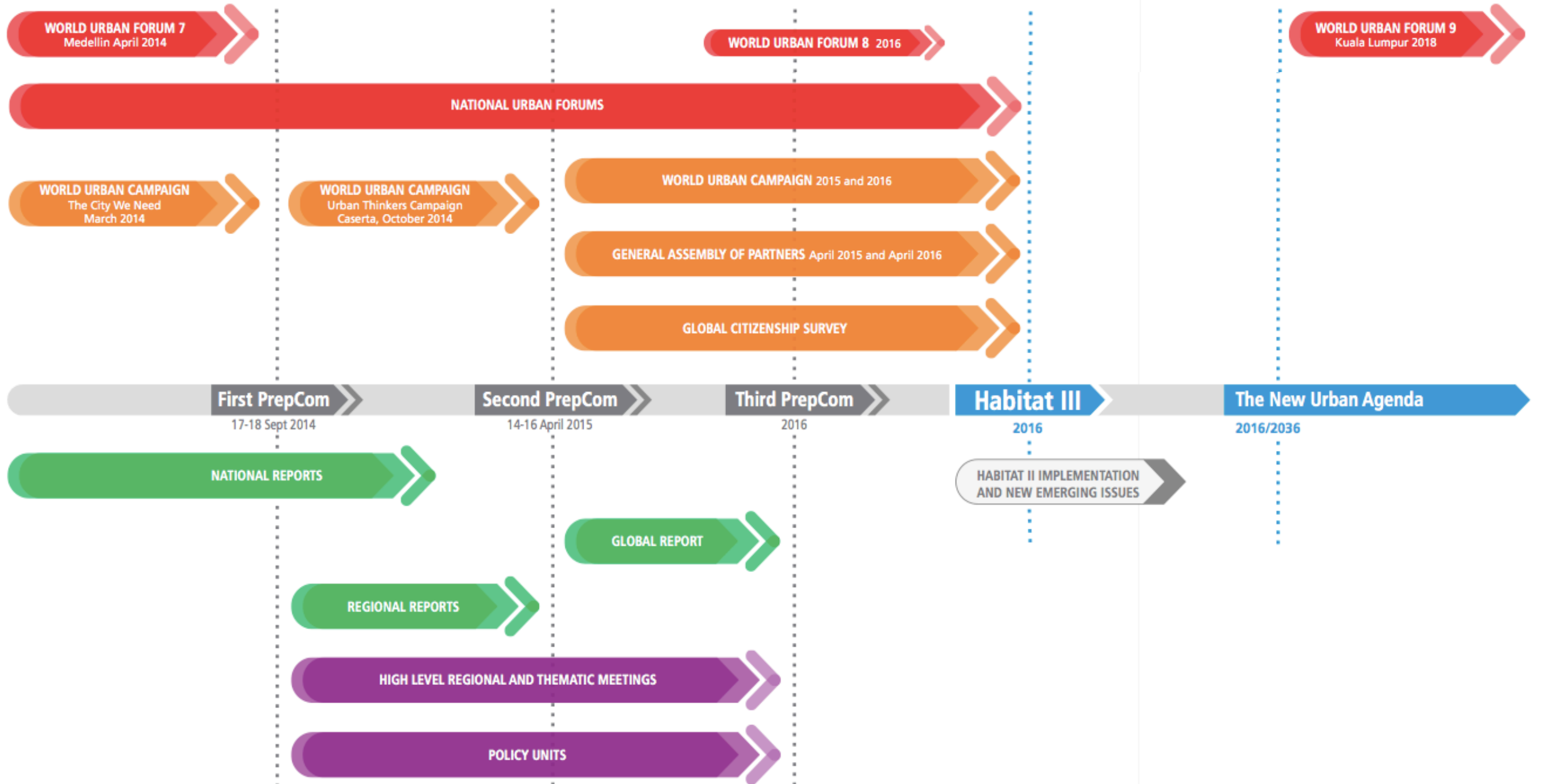
GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS

Growing recognition of urbanization reflected in global frameworks for sustainable global development



ROADMAP TOWARDS HABITAT III (2014 – 2016)

-  Engagement
Urban solutions
-  Engagement
Building consensus
-  Knowledge
Monitoring and research
-  Policy
Commitment and action



United Nations Conference on Housing
and Sustainable Urban Development

HABITAT III - 2016



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