



FOLLOW-UP ON HABITAT III AND NATIONAL URBAN POLICY

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NATIONAL URBAN POLICY – OECD'S APPROACH



Why National Urban Policies?

- National urban policies (NUPs) can **connect all levels of government and relevant stakeholders** by providing forums for the co-creation of a shared vision and a framework which enables them to move as one towards the same goals
- NUPs can support the **alignment of different sectoral policies** and ensure all the policies that affect urban areas are coherent in support of cities, and the people that live there





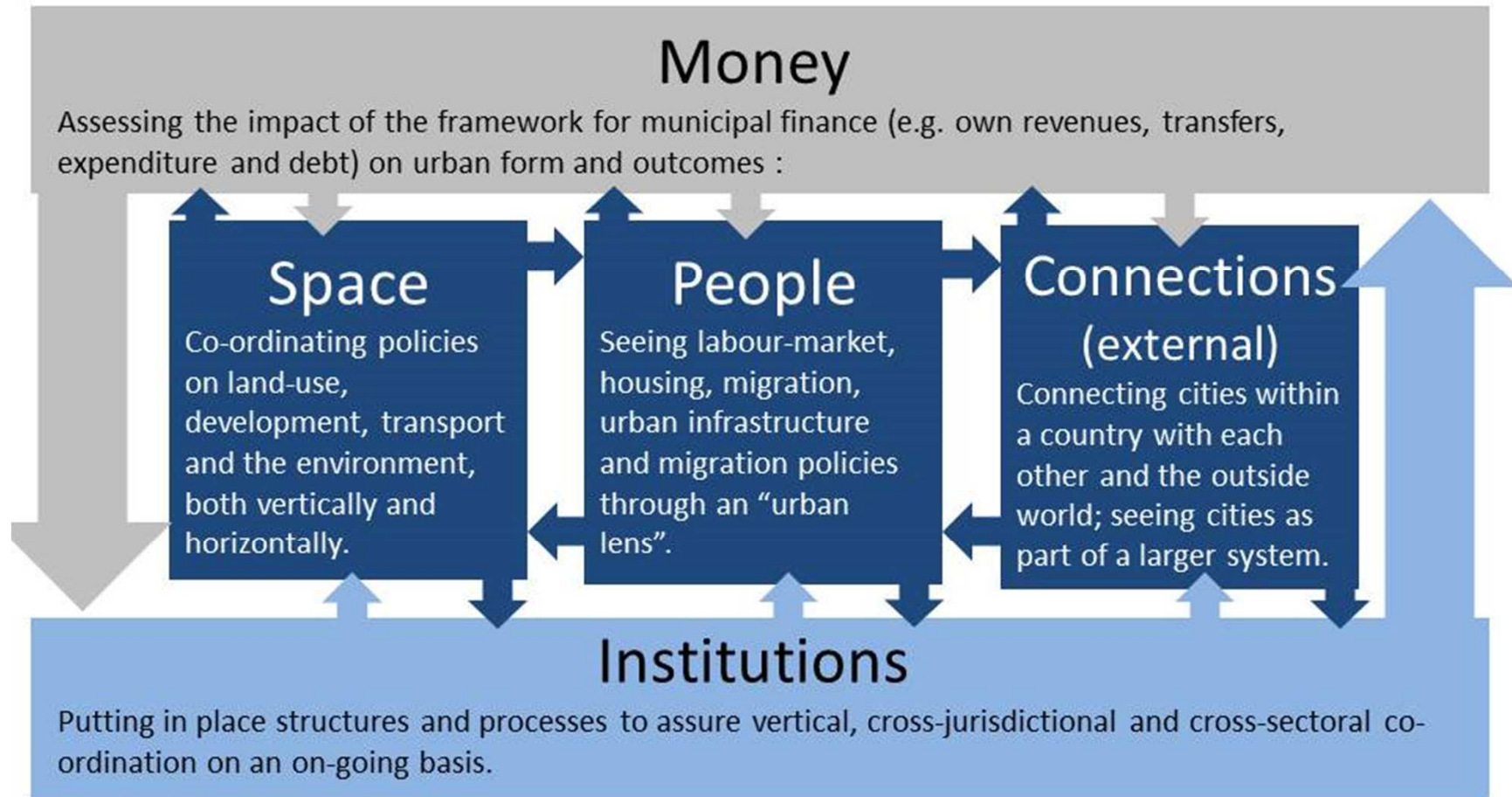
“Getting cities right”: OECD’s approach

Moving from	Towards
An administrative logic, where cities are seen as administrative entities, solving problems within boundaries, even if the impact extends beyond	A functional logic, where cities are seen as functional economic areas, and solutions need to be adapted to the area of impact
Problem-driven, with a focus on issues such as air pollution, congestion, poor economic performance, failing neighbourhoods	Strategic, with a focus on opportunities (e.g. how cities of all sizes can grow and contribute to national policy objectives)
A narrowly defined urban agenda (e.g. national urban policies limited to one or two urban issues, such as infrastructure provision or revitalising distressed neighbourhoods)	A holistic approach (with national government awareness of the full range of policies that can profoundly shape urban development)
A silo approach, with sectoral, fragmented responses to specific challenges (e.g. transport, land use, water, waste, economic development)	Integrated approaches to cross-cutting urban challenges, based on co-ordinating economic, social and environmental policies (e.g. improving the quality of life and citizens’ well-being, and green growth strategies)

Source : OECD (2014), *OECD Regional Outlook 2014: Regions and Cities: Where Policies and People Meet*, OECD Publishing, Paris, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/9789264201415-en>.



The five broad issues of OECD urban policy reviews











A harmonised definition to identify Functional Urban Areas (FUAs)

- Main characteristics
 - A functional approach → based on people and their daily behaviour instead of administrative or purely morphological approach
 - Overcome administrative boundaries
 - Facilitate international comparisons
 - Support the design of urban policy and governance solutions
- Methodology developed in cooperation with the EU in 2012
 - Identified 1 197 functional urban areas (281 metropolitan areas) in OECD countries
 - Replicated and replicable methodology in non-OECD countries
 - Colombia (8 metropolitan areas computed along with indicators)
 - Morocco (Casablanca, in progress)
 - Vietnam (in progress)



Metropolitan database

(for those FUAs above 500 000 inhabitants)

 Demographic	 Urban form	 Territorial organisation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Population (level and growth)- Population density- Population by age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Total Area- Urbanised area (share and change)- Concentration of population in core areas- Sprawl index	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Local units- Local units in core area- Territorial fragmentation
 Economic and innovation	 Labour market/Social	 Environmental
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- GDP (level and growth)- GDP per capita and per worker- Disposable income per equivalent household- Gini index- Entropy-based segregation index- Patents application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Employment (level and change)- Employment rate- Labour force (level and change)- Unempl. (level and change)- Unempl. rate- Participation rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Air pollution- CO2 emissions per capita- CO2 emissions from transport and energy sector



HABITAT III AND NUPP



Habitat III and National Urban Policies (NUPs)

- UN Habitat and OECD co-led the **Policy Unit 3** on NUPs – The outcome (Policy Paper on NUP) was a key input to the New Urban Agenda (NUA).
- The NUA has put explicit emphasis on NUPs as one of its five implementation pillars



(cf. excerpt from the NUA)

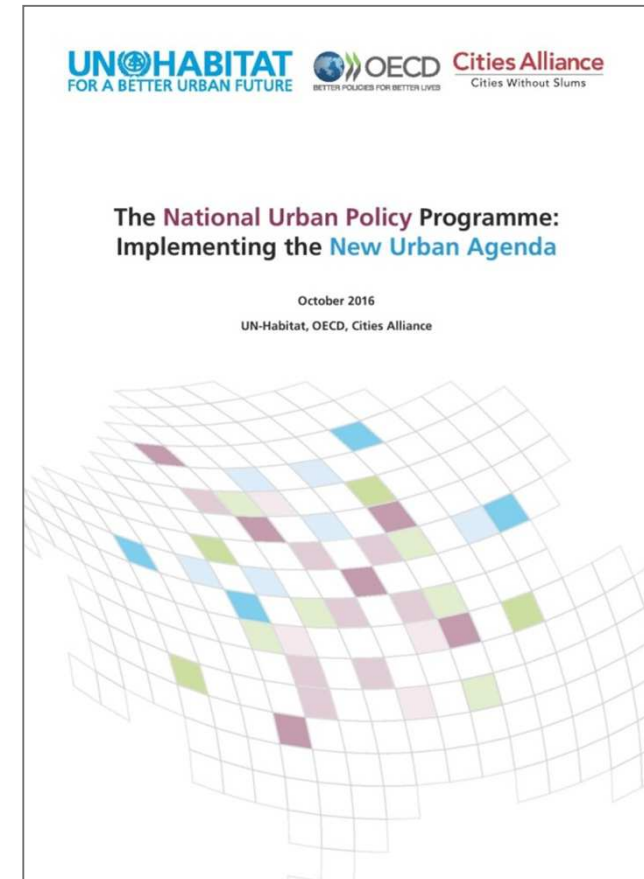
*“We will take measures to establish legal and policy frameworks, based on the principles of equality and nondiscrimination, to better enable prevailing governments to effectively implement **national urban policies**, as appropriate, and to empower them as policy and decision-makers, ensuring appropriate fiscal, political, and administrative decentralization based on the principle of subsidiarity” (New Urban Agenda, pp. 12)*





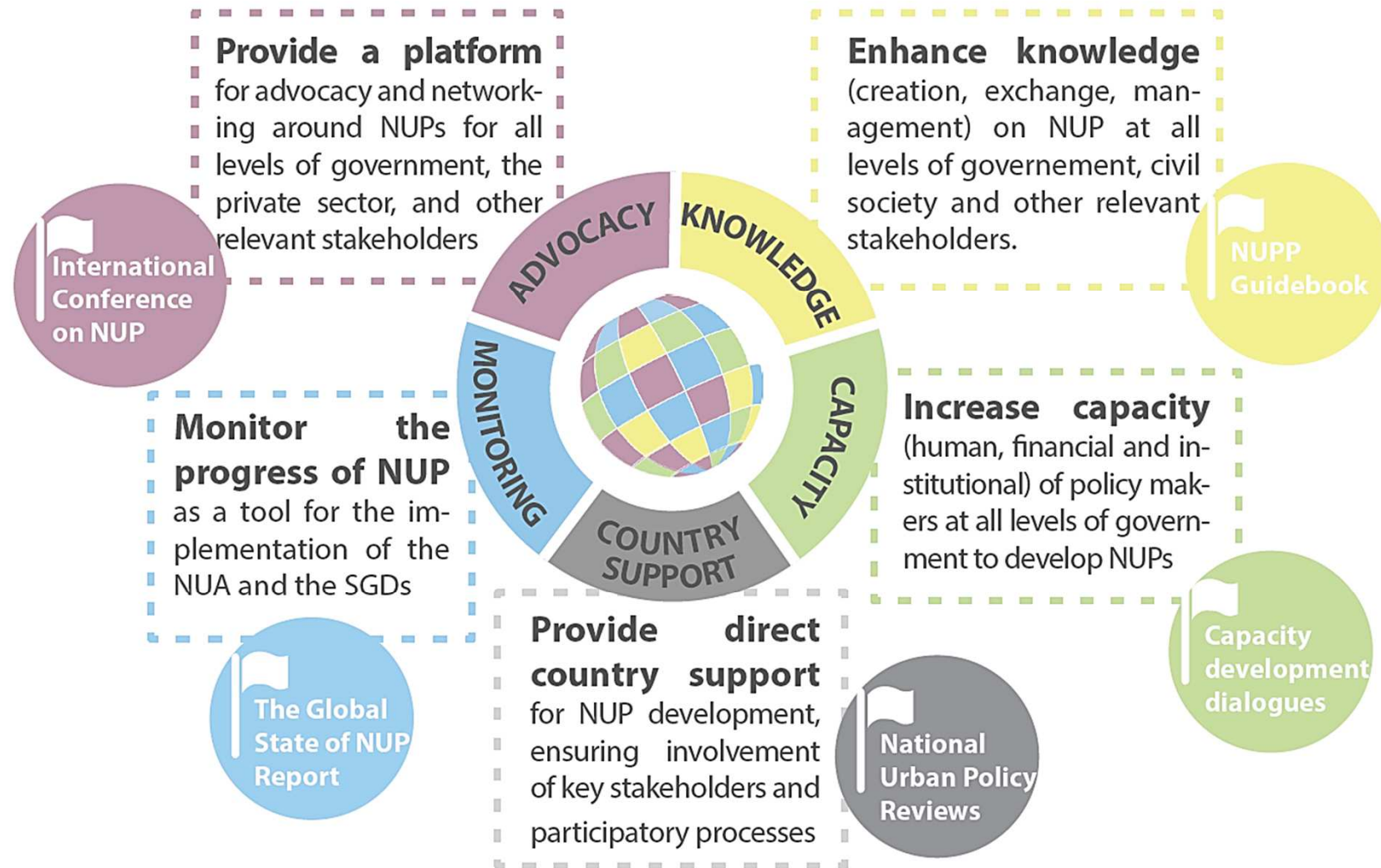
The National Urban Policy Programme

- Launched at the Habitat III Conference in Quito, Ecuador
- Collaboration of **UN-Habitat, OECD, and Cities Alliance**
- Aims to support OECD and non-OECD countries in developing and implementing NUPs by providing **coordinated support** through different institutions





Objectives of NUPP





Progress in 2017: 2nd International Conference on NUP

More than **350** participants representing **30+** international organizations

14 Ministers, **9** Mayors and regional representatives

141 speakers over two days

and representatives from **80** countries



**THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
NATIONAL URBAN POLICY**

15TH - 18TH MAY 2017, OECD HEADQUARTERS, PARIS, FRANCE





Progress in 2017: 1st NUPP Partners Meeting

- Held during the ICNUP2, gathering representatives from 12 countries and other organisations
- Participants expressed their interests in the NUPP and discussed how to contribute to the Programme





Progress in 2017: Explicit support to NUPP from a range of countries and institutions

- Since the launch of NUPP, many countries and institutions have expressed their interests in participating and possible contributions as a NUPP supporting or network partner.
- They include:

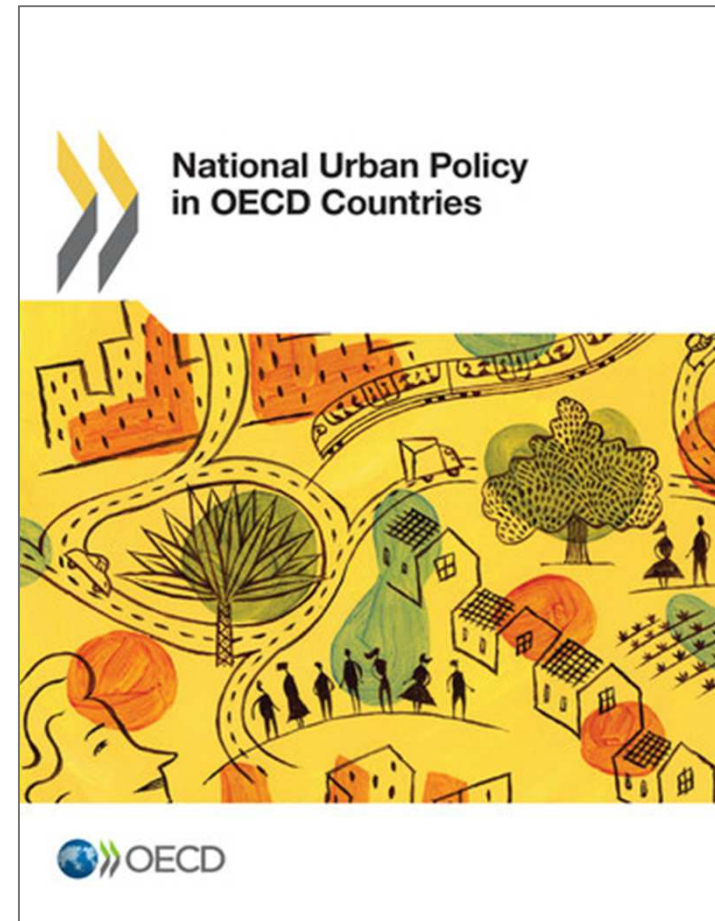
Argentina, Chile, Citiscope, European Commission, Germany, Japan, Korea Research Institute of Human Settlement (KRIHS), Mexico, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)





Progress in 2017: National Urban Policy in OECD Countries

- Launched at ICNUP2, May 2017
- Providing an assessment of the state and scope of NUPs across 35 OECD countries and describes how urban policy, and its place in national political agendas, is evolving
- It feeds in the Global State of NUP Report





Progress in 2017: The Global State of NUP Report

- Joint work of UN Habitat and OECD
- 150 NUPs are analysed
- Some key facts:
 - 76 (51%) are “explicit” and 74 (49%) are “partial”
 - 92 countries (62%) already implement their NUPs, while only 19 countries (13%) have reached the monitoring and evaluation stage
 - Climate change resilience (10%) and environmental sustainability (26%) receive the weakest degree of attention
 - 57 countries (38%) have a specialised national urban agency to oversee urban policy
 - A lack of resource (human, technical and financial) is the most severe challenges in order to successfully implement NUPs





Progress in 2017: National Urban Policy Review of Viet Nam

- The first OECD NUPR after Habitat III
- Led by OECD, supported by UN-Habitat, Global Green Growth Institute
- Combined with Viet Nam National Urban Policy Dialogue (April, 2017, Hanoi), co-hosted by UN-Habitat, OECD and Viet Nam Ministry of Construction





The 9th World Urban Forum - Cities 2030, Cities for All: Implementing the New Urban Agenda

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- Launch: OECD Urban Policy Review of Viet Nam (8th Feb)
- Launch: Global State of NUP report (8th Feb)
- The 2nd NUPP Partners Meeting (9th Feb)
- Governance of land use
- Localising SDGs
- ...





Work plans for 2018-20 (under discussion)

- Research related to NUP (e.g., global definition of cities, urban-rural linkages, monitoring methodology)
- Development of the NUPP website
- **NUP reviews / dialogues**
- The 3rd international conference on NUP
- Global State of NUP report (2nd edition)
- ...





MUCHAS GRACIAS

www.oecd.org/regional/regional-policy/national-urban-policies.htm