

INTRODUCTION

Rationale and Purpose

Resolution 24/3 of UN-Habitat Governing Council requests the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives:

- **“to initiate the elaboration of international guidelines on urban and territorial planning** that will provide a global framework for improving policies, plans and designs for more compact, socially inclusive, sustainable, better integrated and connected cities and territories and to present the draft guidelines to the Governing Council at its twenty-fifth session for approval. (OP4)”;
- **“in the drafting of international guidelines on urban and territorial planning to engage in an inclusive consultative process** with the regional offices of the UN-Habitat, national Governments, international associations of local authorities, including United Cities and Local Governments, all relevant United Nations organizations, international finance institutions, development agencies, relevant international professional associations and members of the Habitat Professional Forum, including the International Society of City and Regional Planners and non-governmental organizations, and other national and international stakeholders, in order to inform the drafting process with best practices and lessons learned from different contexts and at different scales. (OP8)”

The Compendium of Inspiring Practices illustrates the conditions and benefits of the key principles included in the Guidelines while providing relevant facts and figures and concrete evidence of the impacts of sound urban and territorial planning.

Scope and Methodology

The case studies have been drafted by international experts who have been nominated by member states as well as international professional organizations and associations. **This Compendium forms a sample of an ongoing, larger and open initiative to document inspirational and international experiences at a range of geographical scales.** The current list of the 46 draft case studies that have been submitted so far by the experts is presented in Annex 3. The case studies include interventions at the supra-national, national, metropolitan, city and neighbourhood scales from Africa, America, Asia, Oceania and Europe.

Further, guiding criteria were established to guide the drafting of the case studies such as: a provision of concrete impacts from urban and territorial planning, historical perspective to enable assessing results and impacts, illustrations of integrated planning approaches and demonstration of the benefits of the key principles included in the Guidelines. Finally, experiences were required to be **geographically balanced by regions** and thematically linked to the qualifiers included in the resolution 24/3 of creating **more compact, socially inclusive, better integrated and connected cities that are resilient to climate change.**



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