

## Structure and Format

**The 26 case studies are alphabetically ordered by country and mention the name and institution of the authors.** The narratives are short (less than 550 words) and provide a snapshot of each inspiring practice. The structure of each case begins with the context indicating why a planning intervention was required. The process of the planning practice follows, specifically its formulation and implementation, with detail of the relevant parties involved, the decision making process and the policies, plans and strategies used. The final paragraph investigates the results and impacts of the planning practice, highlighting notable achievements and addressing any shortcomings which may have been identified in the process.

## The Way Forward

**The Compendium of Inspiring Practices forms the start of a global network of knowledge and experience sharing.** Such a platform would enable decision makers to make more informed decisions on their own development challenges. The 26 case studies presented in this Compendium may initiate a larger body of work, with a call for further contributions of inspiring urban and territorial planning practices. This growing collection may be organized into an open online database of experiences related to key development themes and to the principles of the Guidelines, and a publication of a series of handbooks. Such tools can provide inspiration for policy makers, planners and communities to promote sustainable urban and territorial development in future planning processes.

Once the Guidelines are approved, UN-Habitat may be called upon to support regions, countries and cities which would consider using the Guidelines in their specific contexts. The Compendium of Inspiring Practices along with the Guidelines are intended to be a source of inspiration when reviewing urban and territorial planning frameworks. It is also expected that the Guidelines substantively inform and contribute to the preparatory processes of third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and other global agendas such as the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the 21th session of the Conference of Parties (COP21).



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