

SDG  Cities

Global Initiative

Collaborative Action to unleash the potential of cities to accelerate sustainable development and improve the quality of life for all

MEETING AGENDA



Background & Challenge



SDG Cities & Theory of Change



Certification Tracks



Need for SDG Cities Certification



Mechanism for Implementation



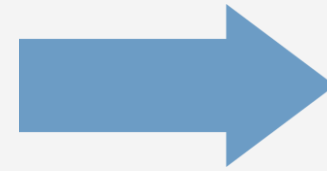
Possible Benefits



BACKGROUND & CHALLENGE

THE WORLD WILL BE URBAN

Today 55% of the world's population lives in cities, yet by 2050 this is expected to increase to 68%



CITIES ARE CENTRAL TO SDGs

SDG 11: Make Cities and Human Settlements Inclusive, Safe, Resilient and Sustainable is closely integrated with the other 16 SDGs.



By investing in SDG 11 we impact on several other SDGs.

PROBLEM:

As the world continues to urbanize there is an urgent need to step up the realization of the transformative potential of cities as a positive force for sustainable development.

FACTORS:

- Not all cities are aware of the SDGs
- Not all cities are incentivized to engage with global agendas
- Not all cities are aware of frameworks such as the NUA to guide them in the local implementation of the SDGs

SDG CITIES THEORY OF CHANGE

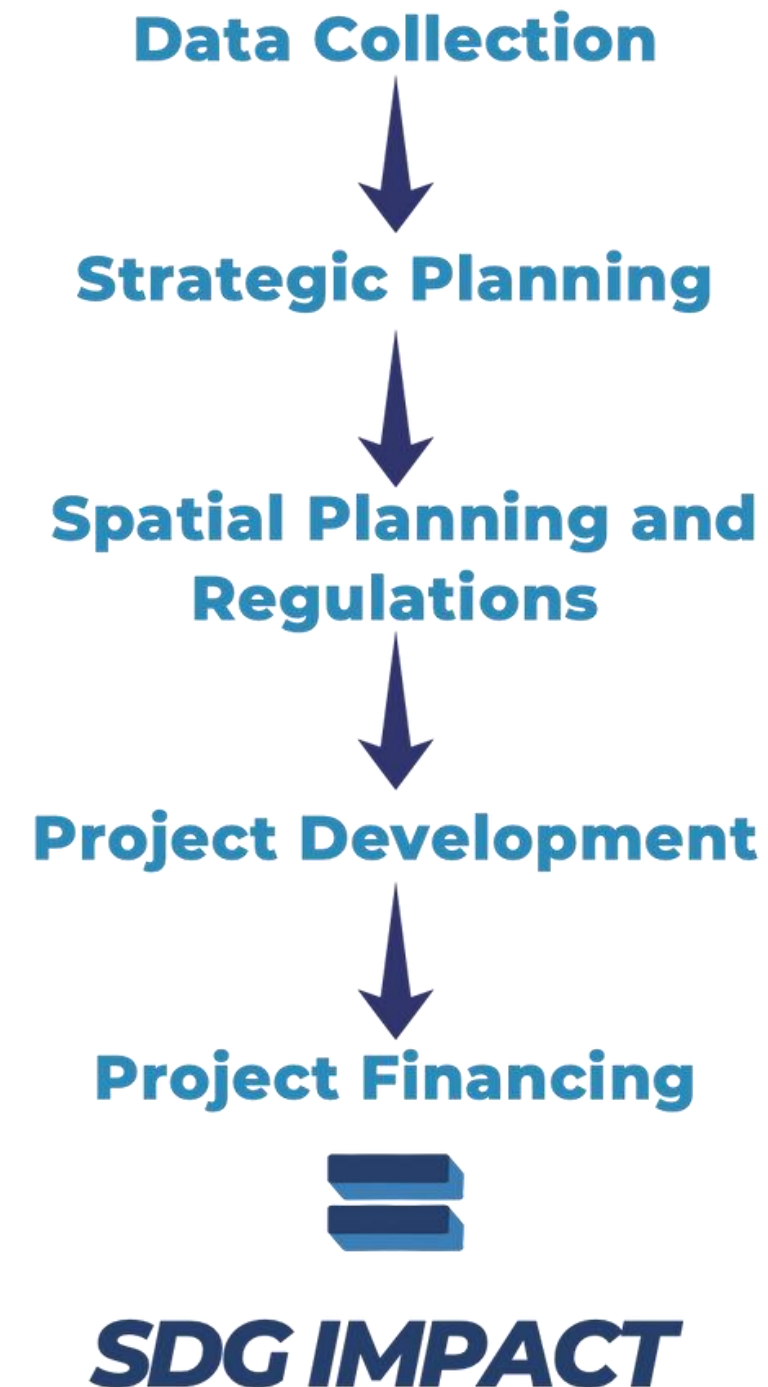
SDG Cities Global Initiative aims to be systematic in its support to cities

Using Global Urban Monitoring Framework (UMF) indicators to collect and monitor local data to inform city development strategies

Suggesting areas for institutional capacity strengthening

Increasing the capacity for SDG project development, financing, and implementation

Resulting in positively IMPACTING lives



Strengthened institutional capacity

- Inclusive governance
- Planning
- Municipal finance
- Service delivery
 - Solid waste management
 - Water/sanitation
 - Mobility

SDG CITIES INITIATIVE

- SDG Cities is a global initiative that encourages cities to catalyze their own potential and accelerate their achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Cities are given tools to assess their baseline data and identify and finance priority initiatives that actively localize the SDGs and improve quality of life with measurable impact.

SDG CITIES PROCESS

SDG Cities is implemented in four tracks:



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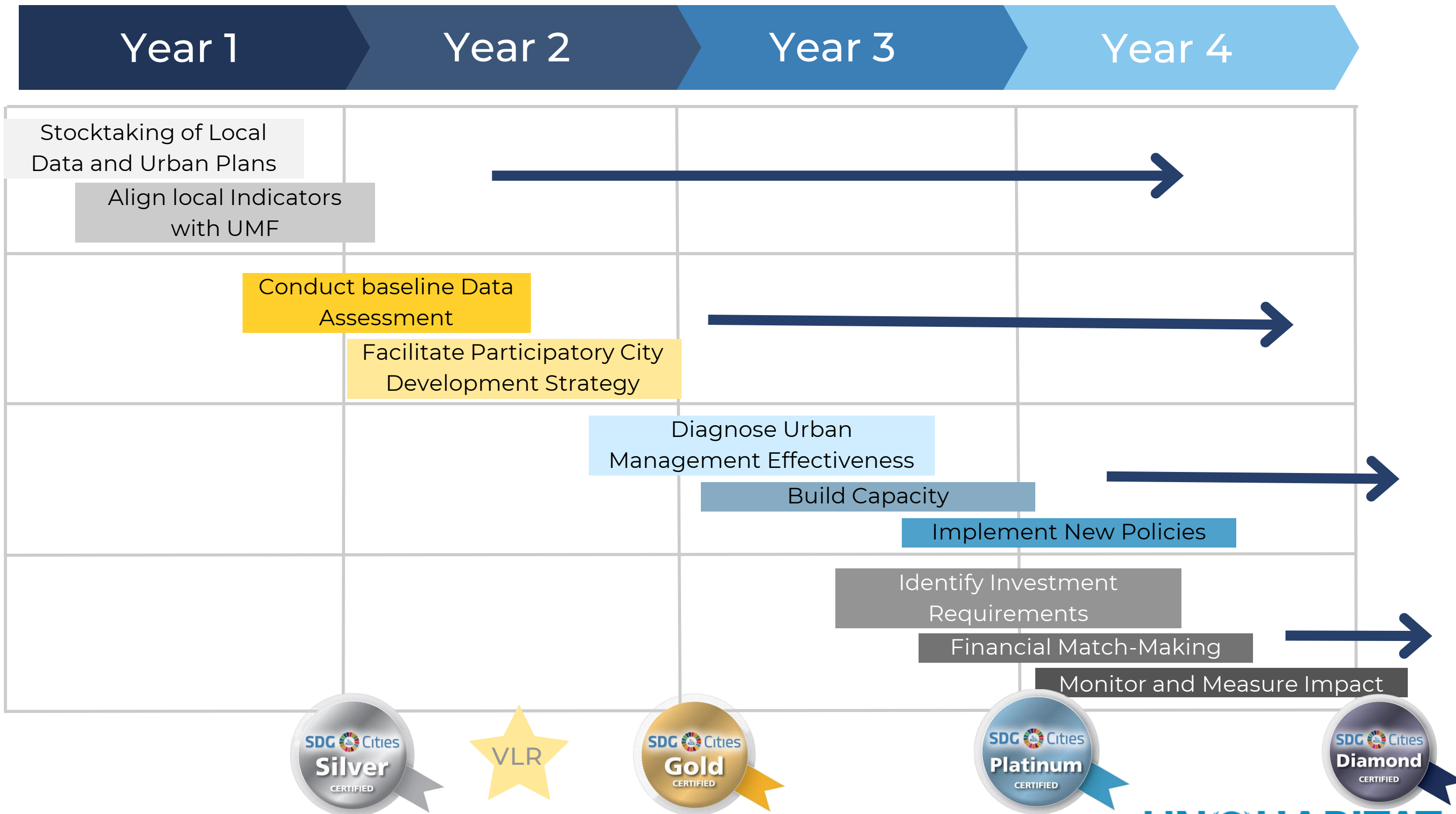
Strategic Planning



Plans, Regulations, and Institutions



Investment in Impact



PURPOSE OF SDG CITIES CERTIFICATION:

SDG Cities certification helps set cities on the course to accelerated achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by:

1. Guiding an effective local urban development process, in line with the New Urban Agenda
2. Recognizing the achievement of key milestones and inclusive, effective processes

MILESTONES RECOGNISED BY SDG CITIES CERTIFICATION



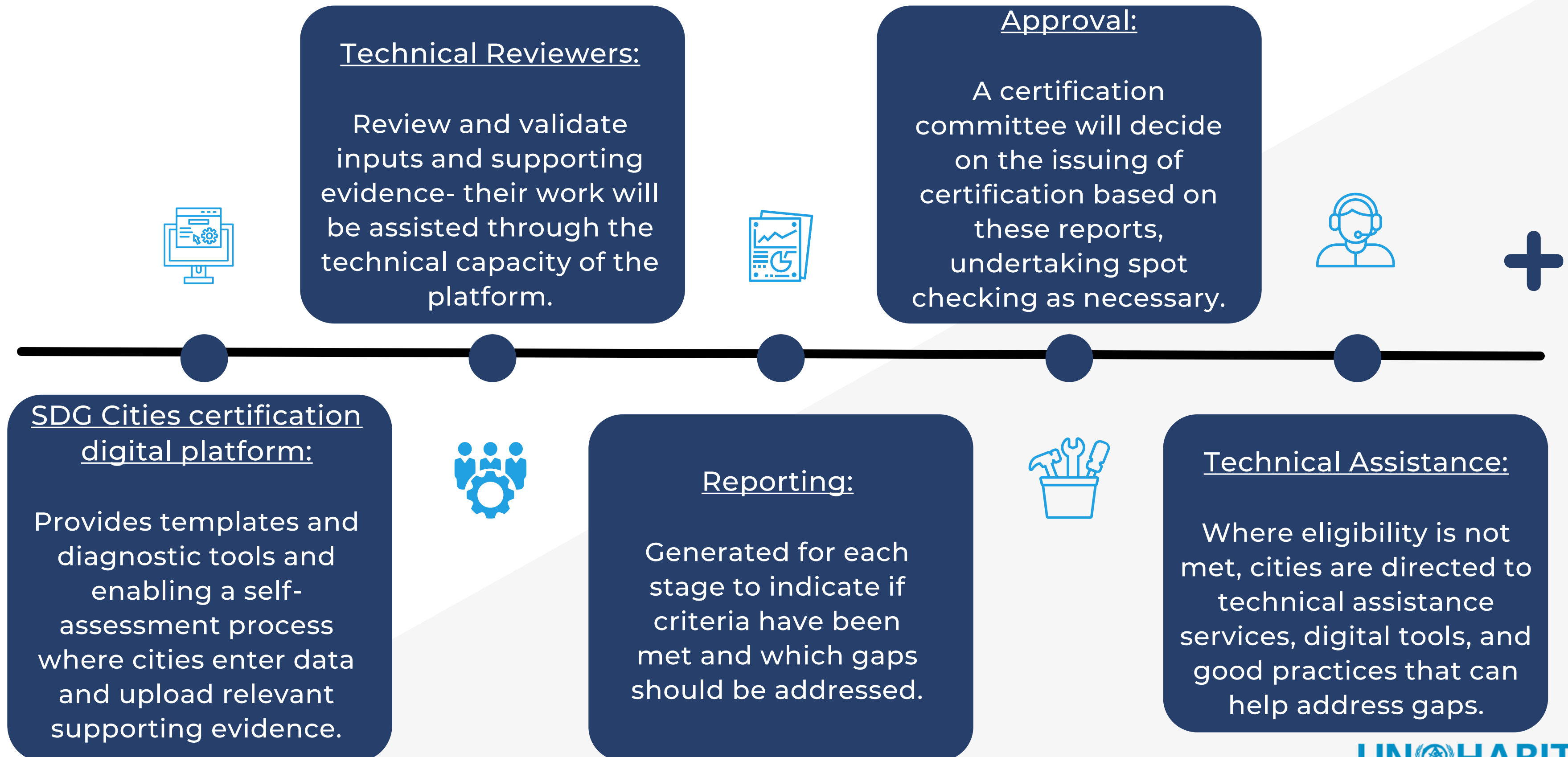
1. Cities have effective data for social, economic and environmental dimensions with analyzed gaps in urban areas and have evidence-based, inclusive, participatory and strategic development frameworks for 2030 that:

- Are aligned with the 2030 Agenda;
- Are aligned with local development priorities;
- Are coherent with relevant national, subnational, cross-border and sectoral policies and priorities.

2. Cities are effective “drivers of change”: They have taken stock of their governance, and revenue systems, plans and regulations and assessed the performance of key basic urban services and have demonstrated progress in strengthening them

3. Cities are generating measurable SDG impact

IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM



GLOBAL & NATIONAL MECHANISM

GLOBAL ROLE:

Oversight and certification

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION PROCESS (OPTIONAL):

Alignment of national priorities

When not eligible, cities and local institutions can consult with UN-Habitat and UN partners involved in SDG Cities certification on actions to meet certification requirements.

They will be guided to available open-source technical and capacity development tools to help the bridge gaps.

The platform will include a search engine that identifies relevant tools and case studies, drawing on the NUA Platform and open-source materials of other UN entities and academic partners

POSSIBLE BENEFITS

FOR CITIES

- Incentivizing the acceleration of the SDGs
- Providing direction
- Enabling knowledge-sharing and capacity development at scale
- Attracting SDG aligned investment
- Coherence with other city-based initiatives that support global agendas

For Residents

- Certification promotes a greater responsiveness of cities to the needs of residents in cities

All of Society Coherence

- Multi- stakeholder coherence around implementing the SDGs in cities
- Aggregating SDG investment for greater efficiency

For the UN System

- Promotes local implementation of the UN Cooperation Framework and the integration of United Nations system support at the local level

For National and Subnational Governments

- Policy coherence

NEXT STEPS:

- Identify a credible community of UN agencies and stakeholders to further develop the model and implementation modalities
- Jointly deliver the SDG Cities certification model with the credible community of such entities
- Reach out to UN partners, Member States, and other stakeholders for feedback and review
- Engage the Local2030 Coalition to further develop the SDG Cities certification concept and integrate SDG Cities certification into the work of the coalition.
- Further develop the business model and funding strategy and identify funding sources.



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