

IMPLEMENTING THE **NEW URBAN AGENDA**

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The City Prosperity Initiative as a tool for measuring and monitoring the New Urban Agenda

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Background

UN-Habitat City Prosperity Initiative has been applied in almost 400 cities in the world, with Colombia and Mexico at the forefront of this program. The application of the City Prosperity Initiative shows that many cities have important gaps of territorial information, which result in public policies that do not respond to the real needs of cities.

As the City Prosperity Initiative is being proposed as a tool for measuring and monitoring the New Urban Agenda the lessons learnt from the countries where it has been implemented will provide a forum for discussion and exchange. The use of the CPI to establish a metric and political dialogue allows cities to formulate public policies adjusted to their needs and to prioritize the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the goals of the SDG11 to achieve solid values of prosperity, as have done in recent years by cities of Mexico and Colombia.

Relevance to the GC26 theme

The lessons learned in Colombia and Mexico with the application of the City Prosperity Index shows that many cities in Latin America have important gaps of territorial information. These gaps have resulted in the formulation of territorial public policies that are based on outdated information and away from the real needs of those territories.

In this uncertainty scenario in terms of territorial information, the implementation of the guidelines and commitments adopted in the New Urban Agenda is unlikely to be effective in most cities in developing countries.

This justifies the improvement of existing territorial information systems, using tools such as the CPI to establish a metric and political dialogue, which allows cities to formulate public policies adjusted to their needs and to prioritize the guidelines of the New Urban Agenda and the goals of the SDG11 to achieve solid values of prosperity, as have done in recent years by cities of Mexico and Colombia.

Objective

To promote the adoption of the UN-Habitat's urban prosperity approach and the City Prosperity Index (CPI) as a tool for monitoring and evaluating the implementation process of the New Urban Agenda, taking as a reference the experiences of Colombia and Mexico, where CPI has been calculated for more than 150 cities and has been used for the formulation of Action Plans, Sectorial Public Policies, and territorial management instruments at the municipal, metropolitan, regional and national levels.

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