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# **CPR Subcommittee on Best Practices including Dubai International Award**

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# Presentation Outline

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## **Best practices including the Dubai International Award**

1. History and current context of work on best practices and policies
2. 11th Round of the Dubai International Award
3. Strengths, opportunities and challenges in advancing UN-Habitat's work on best practices and policies
4. Proposed priority areas of work on best practices and policies for 2018-2019

# Proposed areas of collective reflection and discussion:



1. The significance of qualitative information.
2. Key role of UN-Habitat in sharing best practices and policies in implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
3. Tailor-made services and products.
4. Country engagement in provision and updating of best practice and policy.
5. Regional and other support strategies.



# What are Best Practices?

## *UNGA (1995) definition:*

*Initiatives which have made outstanding contributions to improving quality of life in cities and communities*

- ▶ Have a demonstrable and tangible impact on improving people's quality of life 🏡
- ▶ Are the result of effective partnerships between the public, private and civic sectors of society 🤝
- ▶ Are socially, culturally, economically and environmentally sustainable 🌱



# Criteria used by the DIABP



- **Impact:** A best practice should demonstrate a **positive and tangible** impact on improving the living environment of people particularly the poor and disadvantaged.
- **Partnership:** Best Practices should be based on a partnership between at least two of the major actors.
- **Sustainability:** Best practices should result in lasting changes
- **Leadership & Community Empowerment:**
  - Leadership in inspiring action and change, including change in public policy;
  - Empowerment of people, neighbourhoods and communities and incorporation of their contributions;
- **Gender Equality and Social Inclusion**
- **Innovation**
- **Transferability**



# UN-Habitat's Webpage on Best Practices

<https://unhabitat.org/urban-knowledge/best-practices/>

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## NEWS

### Latest News

Ms. Sharif sees UN Joint Fund boosting cities' empowerment  
02/27/2018

Afghanistan launches an Innovative Land Management Initiative:  
02/26/2018

Developing the Guiding Principles for Urban-Rural Linkages  
02/22/2018

City for All: Investing in Sustainable Urbanization in Afghanistan  
02/21/2018

Winners presented with their trophies!  
02/20/2018

## Best Practices



UN-Habitat's Best Practices Unit coordinates, identifies, documents and disseminates best practices and enabling policies on urban development within, and for, the Agency.



# Best practices for the New Urban Agenda



## **Resolution HSP/GC/26/CPR.10 Paragraph 7**

*"Encourages Member States, at the 27th session of the Governing Council, to share best practices regarding the early implementation of the New Urban Agenda."*

## **Mid-Term Evaluation of Strategic Plan High-level Independent Panel**

Elevated focus on strengthening the normative side of the Agency's work



<b>1</b> NO POVERTY 	<b>2</b> ZERO HUNGER 	<b>3</b> GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	<b>4</b> QUALITY EDUCATION 	<b>5</b> GENDER EQUALITY 	<b>6</b> CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION 
<b>7</b> AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	<b>8</b> DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	<b>9</b> INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	<b>10</b> REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	<b>11</b> SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	<b>12</b> RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION 
<b>13</b> CLIMATE ACTION 	<b>14</b> LIFE BELOW WATER 	<b>15</b> LIFE ON LAND 	<b>16</b> PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	<b>17</b> PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	

# UN-Habitat's current work on best practices



## Sub-Programme 7

EA (b): Improved knowledge of sustainable urbanization issues at the local, national and global levels for evidence-based formulation

*EA(c): Improved capacity of national and local authorities and partners to implement plans or strategies for sustainable urbanization*





By adopting the Dubai Declaration, cities acknowledged a global mandate, working towards sustainable living environments

IMPLEMENTING THE  
NEW URBAN AGENDA



## UN-Habitat's Best Practices Unit:

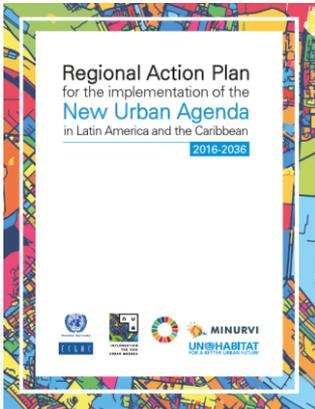
- **Collects, consolidates, coordinates and shares best practices** and enabling policies on urban development in implementing the NUA and SDGs.
- Manages the **Dubai International Award**, and its outcome practices.
- Manages the **Best Practices Database**, to be migrated to the Quito Implementation Platform.
- Provides key **qualitative information for flagship reports**, including forthcoming Quadrennial report.



*Partnership with Academia such as the University of South Australia in developing an expert system for analysis of Best Practices and Tongyi University, China*



University of South Australia



*Engaging with regional Platforms such as the Regional Action Plan for Latin American and the Caribbean 2016 - 2036*

[www.mejorespracticas.ning.com/](http://www.mejorespracticas.ning.com/)



*Best Practice input for country level action planning and prioritization such with Infonavit, Mexico*



HUAIROU COMMISSION  
*Women, Homes & Community*

*Engaging with international NGO's and Grass Root organizations such Huairou Commission, Habitat for Humanity on partnering in harnessing and learning from Best Practices*

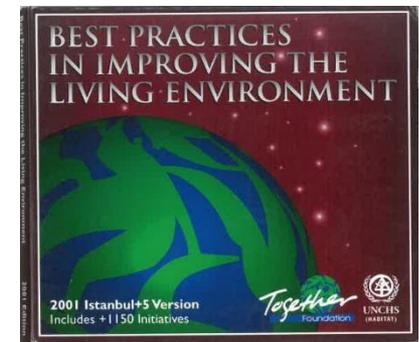
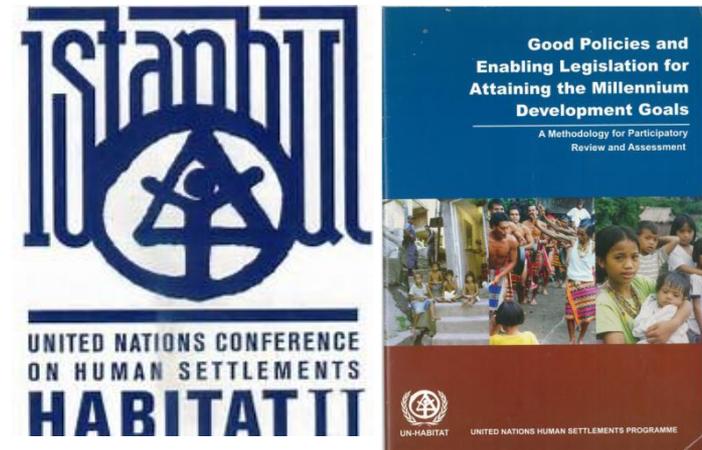
[www.huairoucommission.org.cn](http://www.huairoucommission.org.cn)



# History of Best Practices Unit

Discussion on Best Practices peaked 1995 when UN-Habitat and Dubai Municipality organized the **International Conference on Best Practices in Improving Living Environments (Dubai, 19-22 Nov 1995)**.

Best Practices & Local Leadership Programme (BLP, now Best Practices Unit) was established in 1997 in response to the **call of the Habitat Agenda to make use of information and networking in support of its implementation**.





# 11th Round of the Dubai International Award



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for Best Practices to Improve the Living Environment

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The banner features a central illustration of a globe held by two hands, one brown and one yellow. The globe is divided into two halves: the left half shows a natural landscape with trees and a whale, while the right half shows a cityscape with buildings and a car. A small plant is growing from the yellow hand. The background is a light blue gradient.



# Winners of the 11<sup>th</sup> round

## Best Practice Award for National Urban Policy



We are Medina Learning from Jnane Aztout

Grupo de cooperación Hábitat y Desarrollo. Oficina de Cooperación. Universidad de Sevilla



## Best Practice Award for Participatory Slum Upgrading



Empower, an integrated development approach to informal settlement upgrading

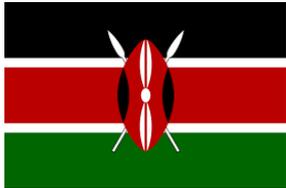
Urban-Think Tank, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology





# Winners of the 11<sup>th</sup> round

## Best Practice Transfer Award in Local Implementation - Urban redevelopment, and redesign of urban spaces.



Courtyard System for Management of Public Spaces

Dandora Transformation League (DTL)



## Best Practice Transfer Award in Monitoring Mechanisms for the New Urban Agenda and the Urban SDGs



Monitoring urban prosperity and sustainability in 153 municipalities in Mexico

Infonavit

### SALARIO MÍNIMO Y CRÉDITOS OTORGADOS / MINIMUM WAGE AND MORTGAGES GRANTED

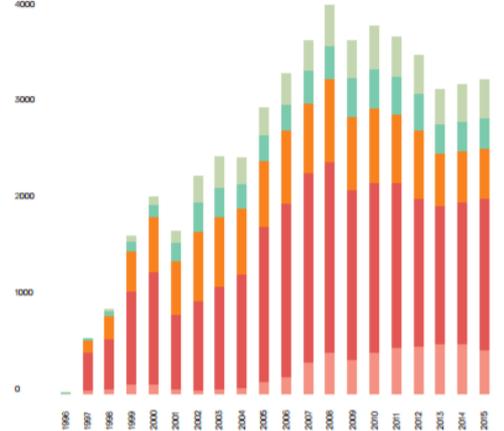
Créditos otorgados por cajón salarial  
Veces Salario Mínimo (VSM)  
Mortgages granted by Infonavit  
Times Minimum Wage



Créditos otorgados para vivienda nueva/usada  
Mortgages granted for new housing / used housing



Créditos otorgados por año  
Mortgages granted per year





# Winners of the 11<sup>th</sup> round

## Personal Award for Contribution to Urban Economy and Municipal Finance

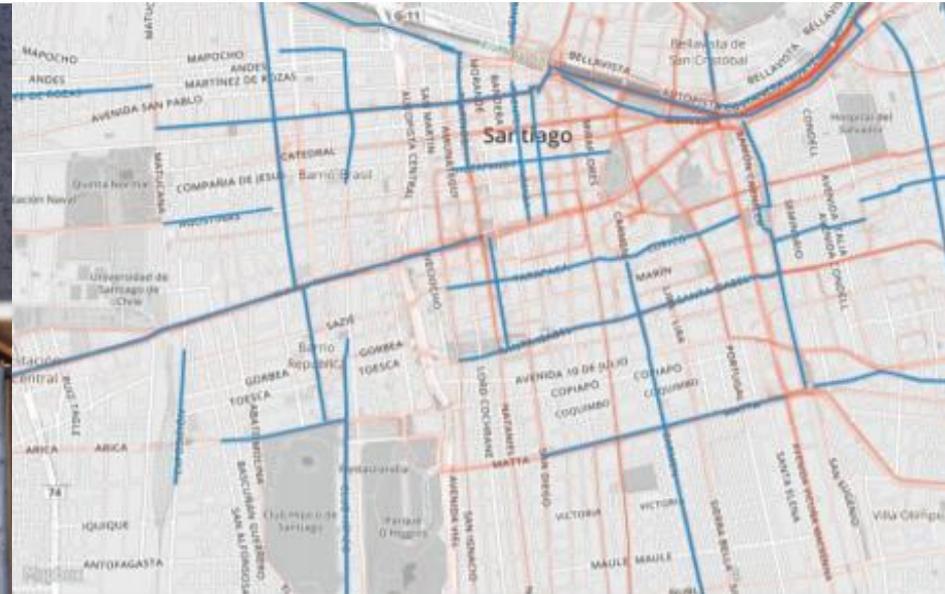


Clean City by Green Economy  
Regeneration, Malindi

## Personal Award for Contribution to Urban Economy and Municipal Finance



Kappo - Cyclists Analytics for  
Smart Cities  
Capos SpA





# Winners of the 11<sup>th</sup> round

## Private Sector Award for Contribution to Territorial Planning Urban Planning and Design



Three public spaces to enhance community resilience

Emergent Vernacular Architecture LTD (EVA Studio)

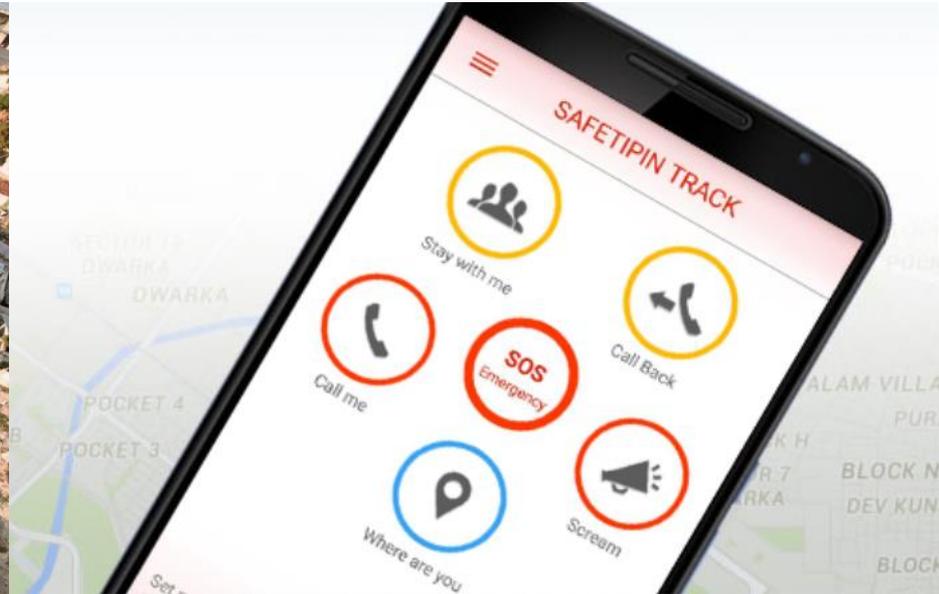


## Private Sector Award for Contribution to Territorial Planning Urban Planning and Design



Using Safetipin to Build Safer and Inclusive Public spaces

Active Learning Solutions Pvt. Ltd





# Winners of the 11<sup>th</sup> round

## University Research Award on Legislation, Rules, Regulations & Governance Systems



Making land-use climate-sensitive: A project to increase resilience of cities against floods by integrating climate change into land-use planning

Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)



# Making land-use climate-sensitive

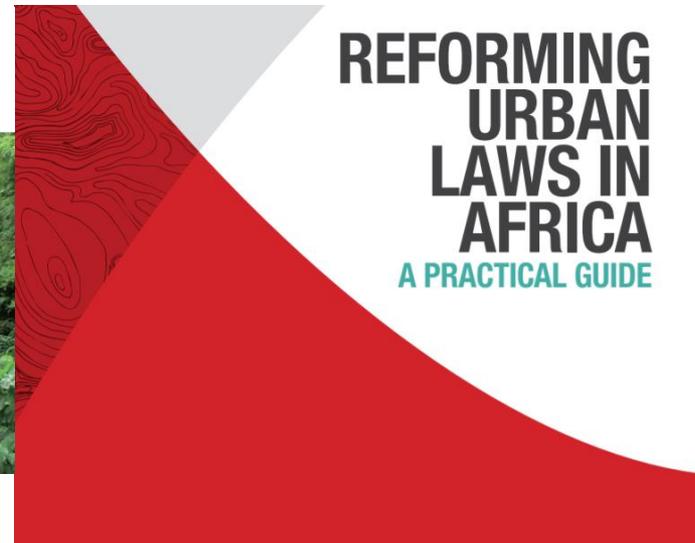
A pilot to integrate climate change adaptation and mitigation

## University Research Award on Legislation, Rules, Regulations & Governance Systems



Reforming Urban Laws in Africa: a practical guide

African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town



# REFORMING URBAN LAWS IN AFRICA

A PRACTICAL GUIDE



# CATEGORIES



<p><b>1. Best Practices</b></p> <p>1.1 National Urban Policies</p> <p>1.2 Participatory Slum Upgrading</p>	<p>30,000 US Dollars each + Trophy each</p>
<p><b>2. Best Practices Transfers</b></p> <p>2.1 Local Implementation – Urban redevelopment, and redesign of Urban Spaces</p> <p>2.2 Monitoring Mechanisms for the New Urban Agenda and the Urban SDGs</p>	<p>30,000 US Dollars each + Trophy</p>
<p><b>3. Personal Award for contribution to urban economy and municipal finance</b></p>	<p>30,000 US Dollars each + Trophy</p>
<p><b>4. Private Sector Award for contribution to territorial planning, urban planning and design</b></p>	<p>30,000 US Dollars each + Trophy</p>
<p><b>5. University Research Award on Legislation, Rules, Regulations &amp; Governance Systems</b></p>	<p>15,000 US Dollars each + Trophy</p>



# Dubai International Award



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DUBAI INTERNATIONAL AWARD  
FOR BEST PRACTICES



- **5,000+ initiatives**, which document various ways of solving economic, social and environmental issues
- **150+ countries** have been compiled and disseminated through the best practices database hosted at UN-Habitat.
- **122 winners** from different countries have been awarded for their efforts to improve the living environment.
- Robust selection procedure by **Technical Advisory Committee and Jury**



# Dubai International Award (11<sup>th</sup> cycle)

## Advocacy & communication Strategy

1. Reach out to UN-Habitat's **internal and external partners** and other **UN Agencies networks**
2. Encourage submissions from **people in all sectors**
3. Enhance **publicity** and **international recognition** of the Award



## Achievements

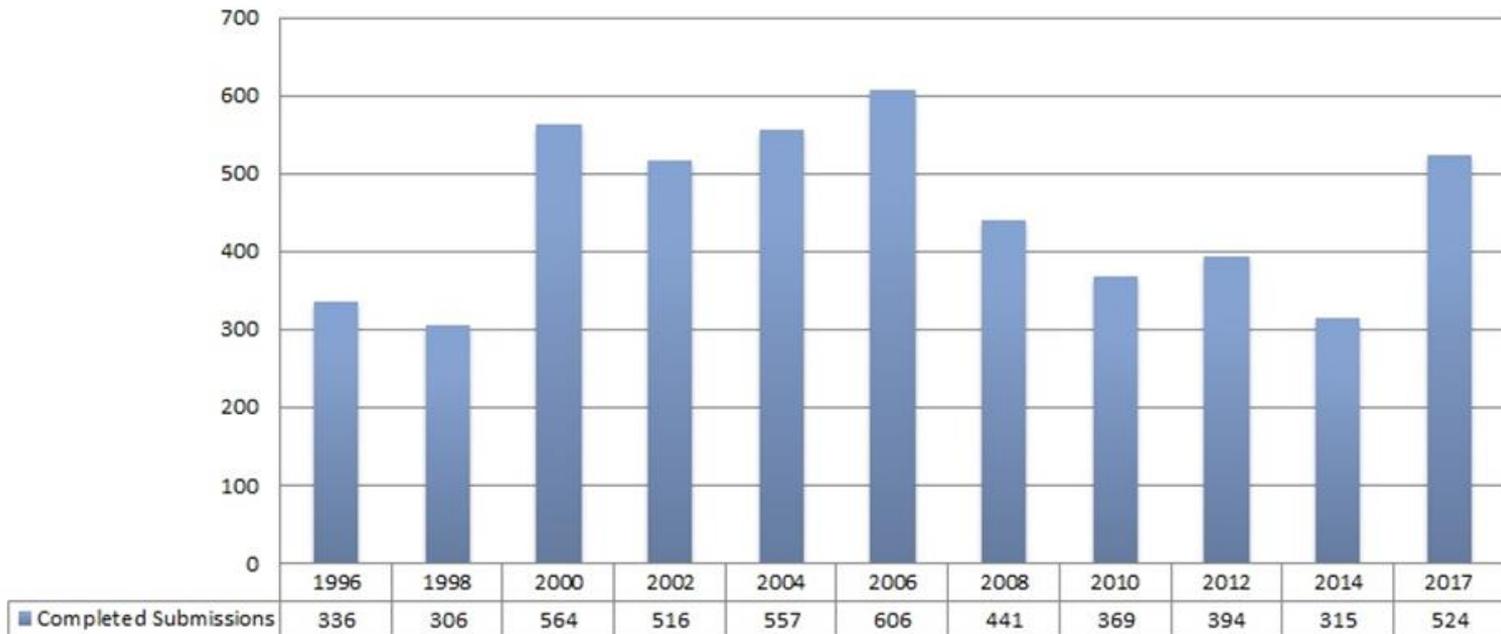
**20,853 visits** to the on-line portal during July-August 2017



# Number of submissions (1996-2014)

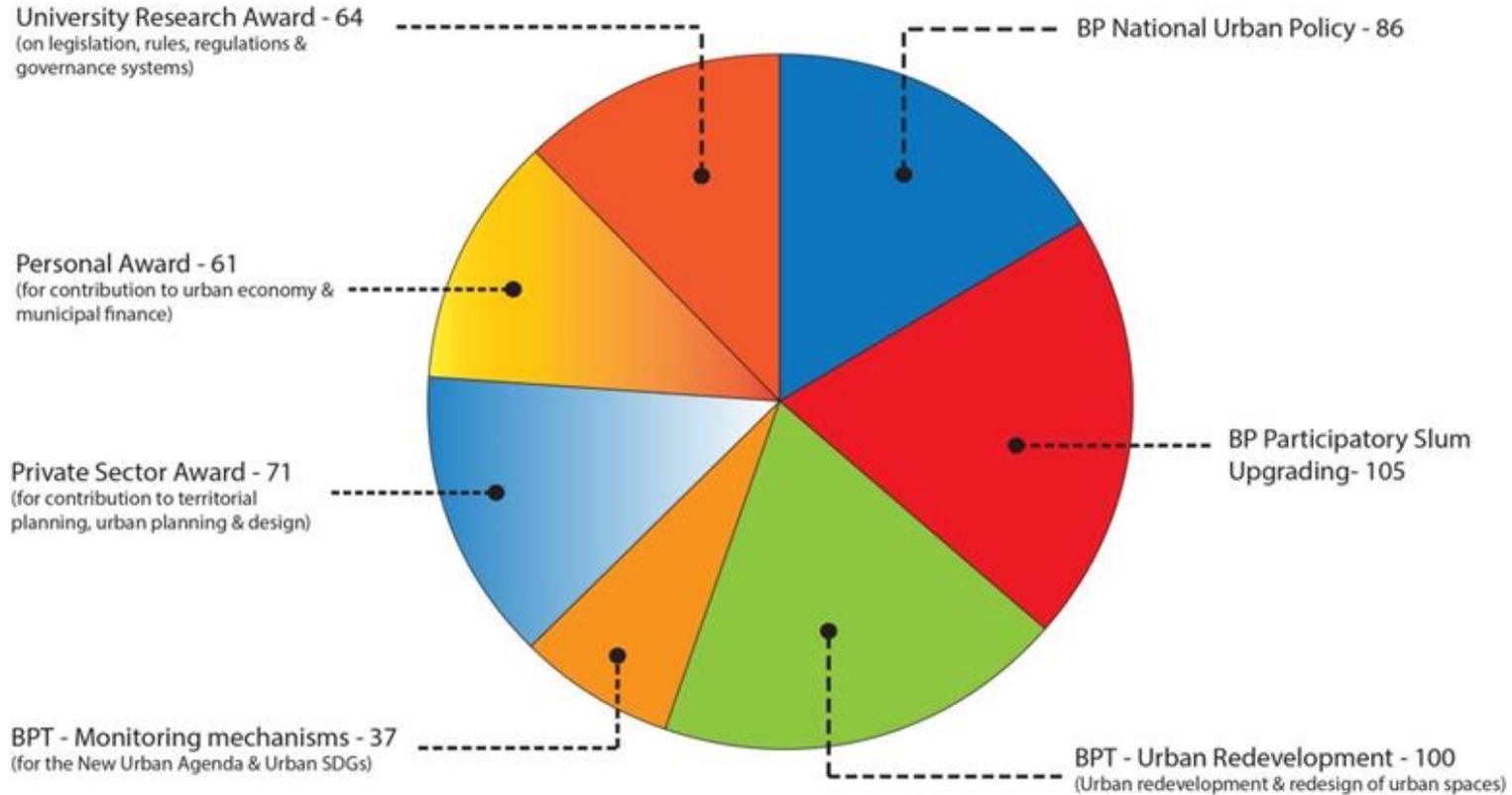


**Completed submissions and amount of winner for the Dubai Award  
between 1996 and 2017**





# Thematic distribution of submissions



Abbreviations

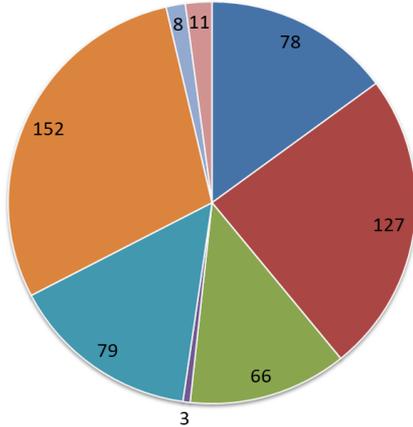
BP - Best Practice

BPT - Best Practice Transfer

SDGs - Sustainable Development Goals

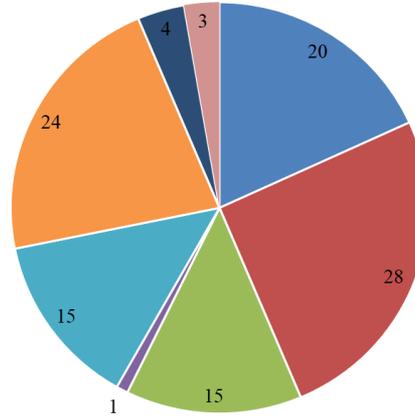


## Submissions



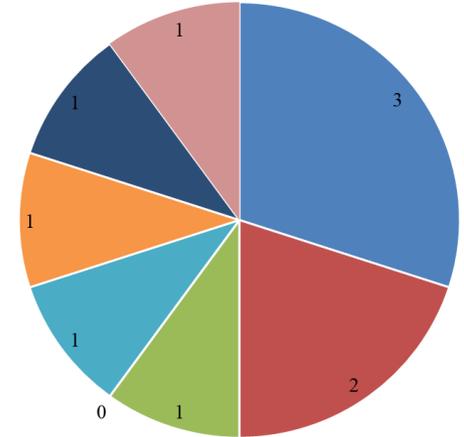
- Africa (78)
- Asia Pacific (130)
- Arab States (66)
- Easter Europe (3)
- Western Europe (79)
- Latin America (152)
- North America (8)
- Caribbean (11)

## Shortlisted



- Africa (20)
- Asia Pacific (28)
- Arab States (15)
- Easter Europe (1)
- Western Europe (15)
- Latin America (24)
- North America (4)
- Caribbean (3)

## Winners



- Africa (3)
- Asia Pacific (2)
- Arab States (1)
- Easter Europe (0)
- Western Europe (1)
- Latin America (1)
- North America (1)
- Caribbean (1)

**Africa:**  
78 Submissions  
20 Shortlisted  
3 Winners

**Asia Pacific:**  
127 Submissions  
28 Shortlisted  
2 Winners

**North America:**  
8 Submissions  
4 Shortlisted  
1 Winner

**Caribbean:**  
11 Submissions  
3 Shortlisted  
1 Winner

**Europe:**  
79 Submissions  
15 shortlisted  
1 Winner

**Arab States:**  
66 Submissions  
15 shortlisted  
1 Winner

**Latin America:**  
152 Submissions  
24 shortlisted  
1 Winner

**Eastern Europe:**  
3 Submissions  
1 shortlisted  
0 Winner

# Products from Dubai International Award



## Key Activities

Award Ceremony Event and Learning Seminar

Policy Briefs

Urban Lectures

Practices and policies generated for Quadrennial Report

Digital Media and Communications Kit



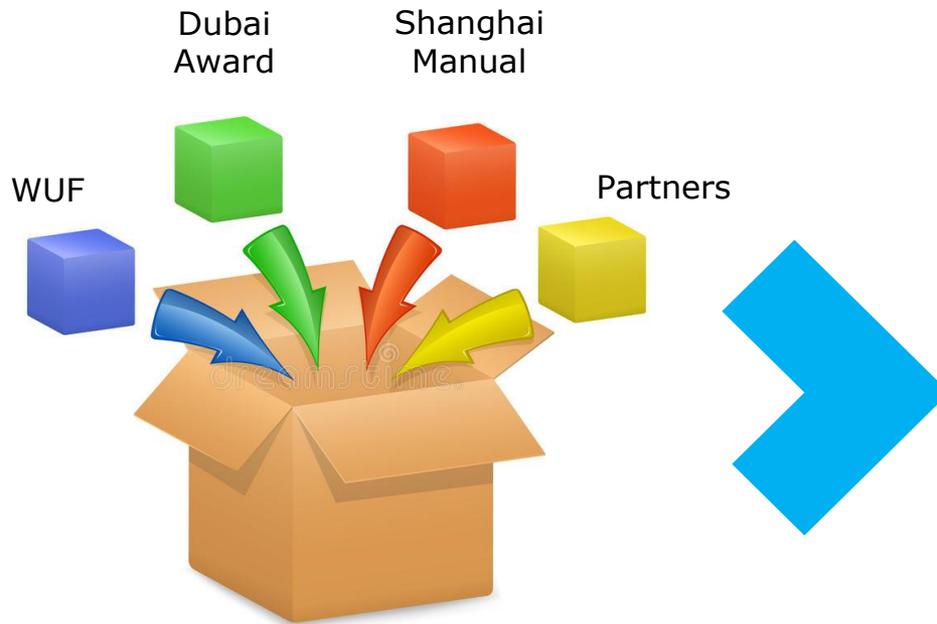
## Urban Lectures



# Policy Briefs on cross cutting themes



Cross cutting issues UN-Habitat	Sub-topic	ID	Category	Title
Climate change	Climate change action in urban context, city scale	ARE043-16	Best Practice Award for National Urban Policy	Ports, Customs & Free Zone (PCFC) spearheads urban sustainability through innovative best practices
		UGA543-17	Best Practice Award for National Urban Policy	Kampala Climate Change Action Plan
		MAR160-16	Best Practice Award for National Urban Policy	We are Medina Learning from Jnane Aztout
	Grassroot initiatives for local climate change mitigation	ECU794-17	Best Practice Transfer Award in Monitoring Mechanisms for the New Urban Agenda and the Urban SDGs	ReciVeci: Inclusive Recycling improvement through the connection between waste pickers and citizens
		COL793-16	Personal Award for Contribution to Urban Economy and Municipal Finance	Comprehensive Development for Sustainable Communities (CDSC/DINCS)
		KEN571-17	Personal Award for Contribution to Urban Economy and Municipal Finance	Clean City by Green Economy
	Monitoring climate change and how technology can help us	BRA393-17	Best Practice Transfer Award in Monitoring Mechanisms for the New Urban Agenda and the Urban SDGs	Nós Propomos
		MEX698-17	Best Practice Transfer Award in Monitoring Mechanisms for the New Urban Agenda and the Urban SDGs	Monitoring urban prosperity and sustainability in 153 municipalities in Mexico
		IDN450-17	Best Practice Transfer Award in Monitoring Mechanisms for the New Urban Agenda and the Urban SDGs	Democratizing Decision Support Using Open Source Software for Urban Flood Resilience



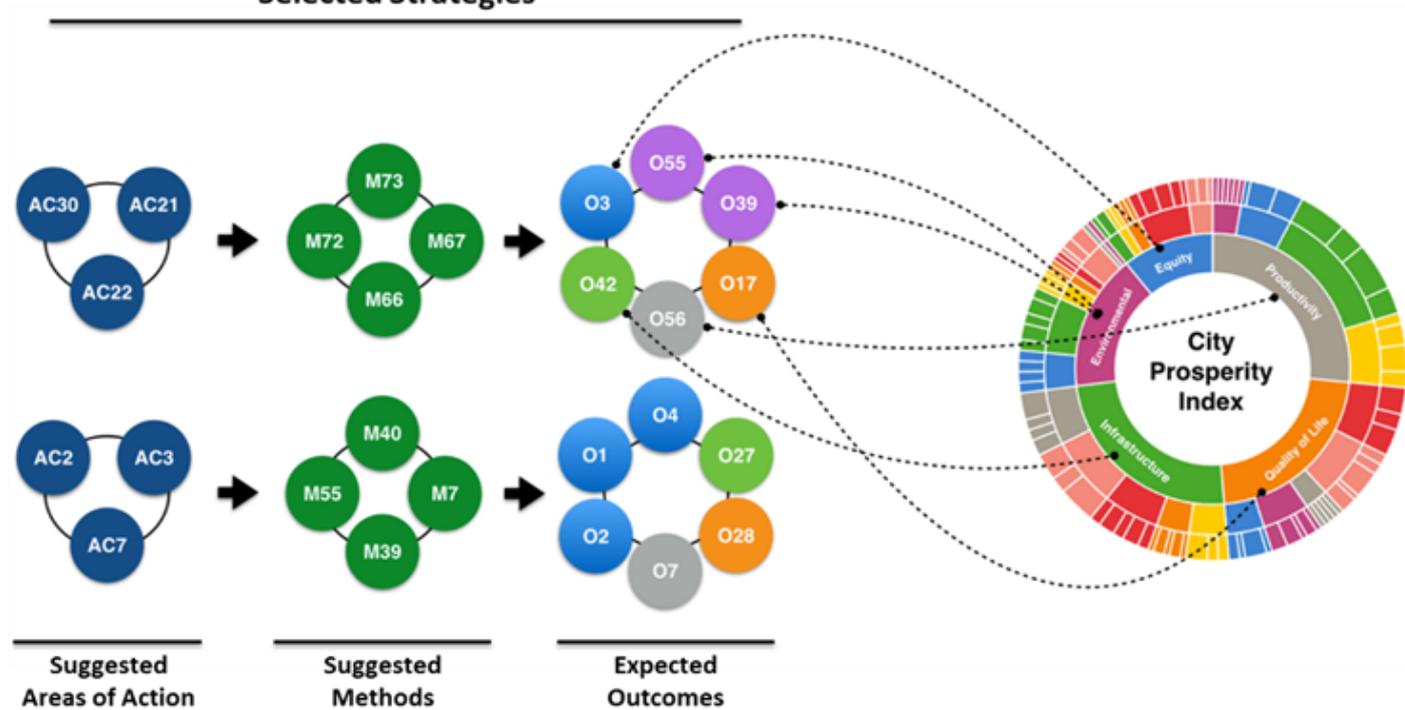
Best Practices Database inputs



Association Rule Learning  
Big data analysis  
Artificial intelligence



## Selected Strategies



# Opportunities in tapping best practices as a key knowledge asset



- ✓ Mandate and experience
- ✓ Demonstrated demand
- ✓ Renewed recognition of knowledge production and management
- ✓ 2030 Development Agenda (incl. Quito Platform and Quadrennial Report)
- ✓ Momentum of the SDGs
- ✓ Data era for innovative analysis
- ✓ Long-standing partnerships to build on





Challenges	Proposed considerations/actions
Need for more systematic management of practices	Best Practices Unit coordination function; Knowledge Management Strategy; Quito Implementing Platform; systematic learning from partners for external and internal use
Reliance by BPU on only one source of funding and best practice identification (Dubai Award)	Quito Implementation Platform, UN-Habitat as a hub for implementing practices; identification of other incentives to collect practices
Potentials of BP in Agency mandate to be raised	Medium-term strategy; fund raising strategy; Well-defined and coordinated efforts, including at WUFs
Distinction between 'best' 'good' & 'promising' practices	Discussion of terminology as required
Standards and perceptions of what is a best practice shifting quickly over time	Usage of Artificial Intelligence and other means of analysis and regular verification
Limited follow-up on impact and results	Mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation



# Priority areas of work

## On the overall management of best practices:

1. **Consolidate and systematize** the overall BP management
2. Broaden mechanisms to **generate, manage and disseminate** best practices
3. New mechanisms for **information sharing** between Member States
4. Activate the **best practices partnership**
5. Increase qualitative contribution of best practices
6. **Capacity development strategies** to apply best practices and policies.
7. Strengthen **regional and national strategies**



## AWARD CEREMONY

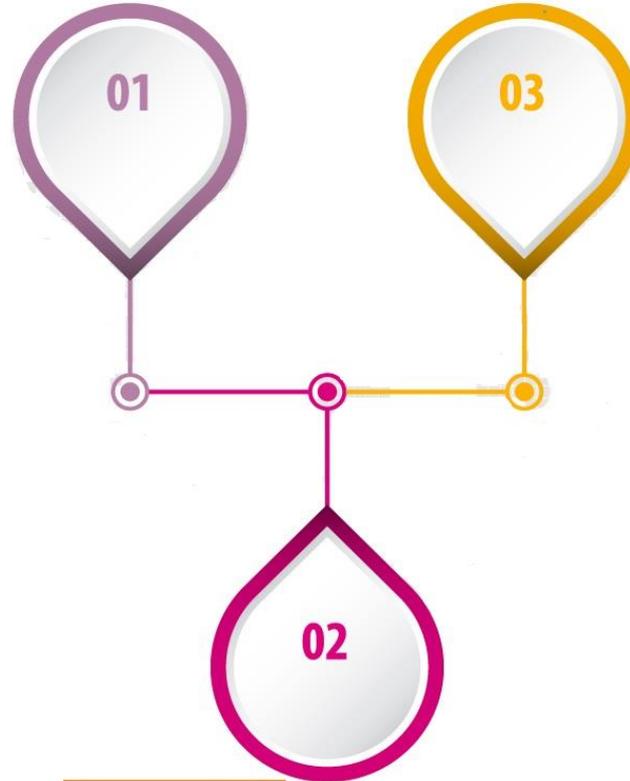


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