## International guidelines on peoplecentered smart cities- Roadmap

Ad hoc working group on programmatic, budgetary and administrative matters

27 September 2023



#### **International Guidelines on People Centered Smart Cities**

"A non-binding framework for developing national & local smart city regulations, plans & strategies, which will ensure that digital urban infrastructure and data contribute to making cities sustainable, inclusive and prosperous and respectful of human rights."

UN-Habitat is mandated to devise global guidelines, acting as a foundational structure for shaping smart city policies, strategies, and regulations at national and local scales



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to the United Nations Human Settlements Programm Second open-ended meeting: preparations for the second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembl Nairobi, 29-31 May and 2 June 2023

France, South Korea, Germany

#### International guidelines on people-centred smart cities

The United Nations Habitat Assembly.

Recognizing the profound and dynamic impact digitalization and smart cities are having on human settlement and human lives; both in positive ways by providing new ways to support [evidence-based] sustainable urban development, [delivering urban services] providing job opportunities, enhancing access to basic services and improving information sharing and collaboration between various stakeholders including governments and urban residents; and in negative ways if not managed well, by exacerbating existing inequalities [and accessibility barriers], reducing sustainability and compromising economic growth, as well as, [the right to privacy] [the right to be free from arbitrary or unlawful interference with privacy] [in the digital age];

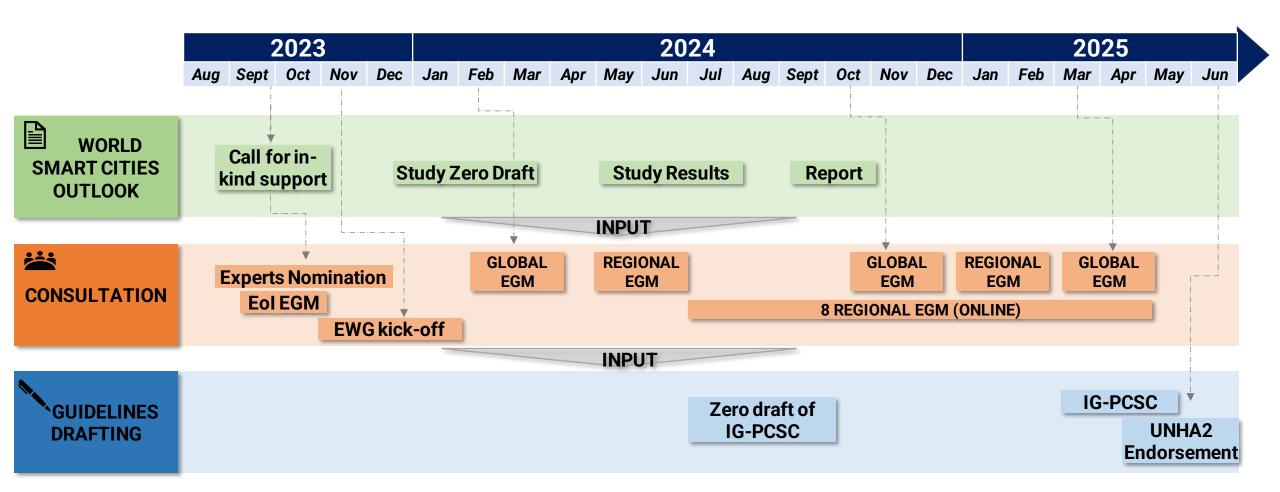
Noting the definition of smart city by United for Smart Sustainable Cities, the UN smart city platform co chaired by UN-Habitat, ITU and UNECE and supported by 14 other UN agencies, as follows: "an innovative city that uses ICTs and other means to improve quality of life, efficiency of urban operation and services, and competitiveness, while ensuring that it meets the needs of present and future generations with respect to [human rights and] economic, social, environmental [as well as], cultural aspects [among others]".

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", in particular paragraph 15 which recognizes that the "spread of information and communications technology and global interconnectedness has great potential to accelerate human progress, to bridge the digital divide and to develop knowledge societies"; further recalling Sustainable Development Goal 11 to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable

Reaffirming [the] [t][T]argets [17.8 and] 17.6 [and 17.8] [target] of the Sustainable Development Goals in Agenda 2030 and [its] [their] [will] [objectives] to "fully operationalize the technology bank and science, technology and innovation capacity-building mechanism for least developed countries by 2017 and enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology" and "enhance North-South, South-South and triangular regional and international cooperation on and access to science technology and innovation and enhance knowledge sharing on mutually agreed terms, including through improved coordination among existing mechanisms, in particular at the United Nations level": Further reaffirming the pledge set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that no one will be left behind

Recalling General Assembly Resolution 71/256 of 23 December 2016 entitled "New Urban Agenda" and realliming its commitment in paragraph 66 to ["]adopting a smart-city approach that makes use of opportunities from digitalization, clean energy and technologies, as well as innovative transport

#### **Timeline**



## 2023

Milestone	Description	Date (tentative)
Call for nomination of experts (2 per country)	Member States are invited to nominate experts in the field of digitalization and smart cities to contribute to the guideline's development	September 2023 (Done)
Call for Expression of Interest to host global EGMs	Member States have been invited through a global call to host EGMs and regional consultations	September/October 2023 (Done)
Call for partnership World Smart Cities Outlook	Call for academic partnership for the World Smart Cities Outlook	September 2023
EWG kick-off meeting	The global consultation process officially starts with the online meeting of the Expert Working Group, to detail the scope of work, the action plan and timeline	November 2023

## 2024

Milestone	Description	Date (tentative)
World Smart Cities outlook Zero Draft	Preliminary results of the World Smart Cities Outlook to inform the first EGM	February 2024
Global Expert Group Meeting I	First in-person meeting of the EWG	February 2024
Regional Consultation Meetings I	In-person meeting of regional experts/groups	January to May 2024
World Smart Cities outlook Final Results	Results of the World Smart Cities Outlook to inform the second EGM	July 2024
First draft of the guidelines	First draft of the international guidelines following the first EGM	August 2024
World Smart Cities Outlook Report	Publication of the study	October 2024
Global Expert Group Meeting II	Second in-person meeting of the EWG	October 2024
Second draft of the guidelines	Second draft of the guidelines following the second EGM for final comments and remarks	December 2024
Regional Consultation Meetings II	In-person meeting of regional experts/groups	June to December 2024

## 2025

Milestone	Description	Date (tentative)
Expert Group Meeting III	Third in-person meeting of the EWG	March 2025
Final International guidelines on People Centered Smart Cities	Final version of the guidelines (UN-Habitat Assembly)	June 2025

## **Effective implementation**

- Bridging the resource gap (\$870,000)
- Ensuring inclusive consultations
- Managing time constraints

### **Engage**

#### Nominate experts (30 September 2023)

https://unhabitat.org/join-us/calls/call-for-the-nomination-of-experts

#### Host global EGMs (15 October 2023)

https://unhabitat.org/join-us/calls/call-for-expression-of-interest-to-host-expert-group-meeting-and-regional

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