

Global Capacity Development Support

Report to the 1st 2025 session of the Executive Board



Capacity Building Strategy and Implementation Plan - Coordination

- Resolution 1/3 on Capacity Building for the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda (UN Habitat Assembly I - 2019)
- Agency-wide CB Strategy for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (Executive Board - 2020)
- Annual implementation plans

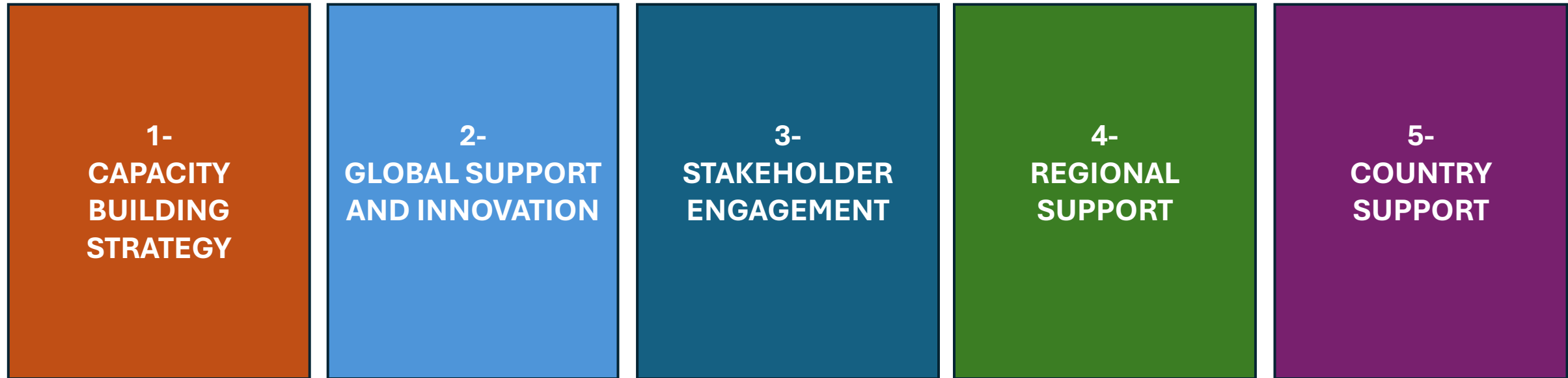
Strategy Objective 1: *Fill the institutional and operational gap within UN-Habitat for greater coordination, coherence, and monitoring of results*

Strategy Objective 2: *Improve the delivery of capacity building services to Member States and local governments and other key urban stakeholders for greater impact and resource efficiency*



Pillars of Global Organizational Support for enhanced capacity building delivery

Capacity Development as a central cross-cutting function



Capacity Building Strategy

Definition

*“A **change process** through which **individuals and institutions** engage in a set of learning methods, whereby they develop and acquire knowledge, skills, know-how, and tools that strengthen their ability to effectively intervene, transform and improve themselves and the environment in which they operate. It entails a multiplicity of activities and processes ultimately aiming at the delivery of qualitative and effective policies, projects, programs, processes, decisions, and institutional responses”.*



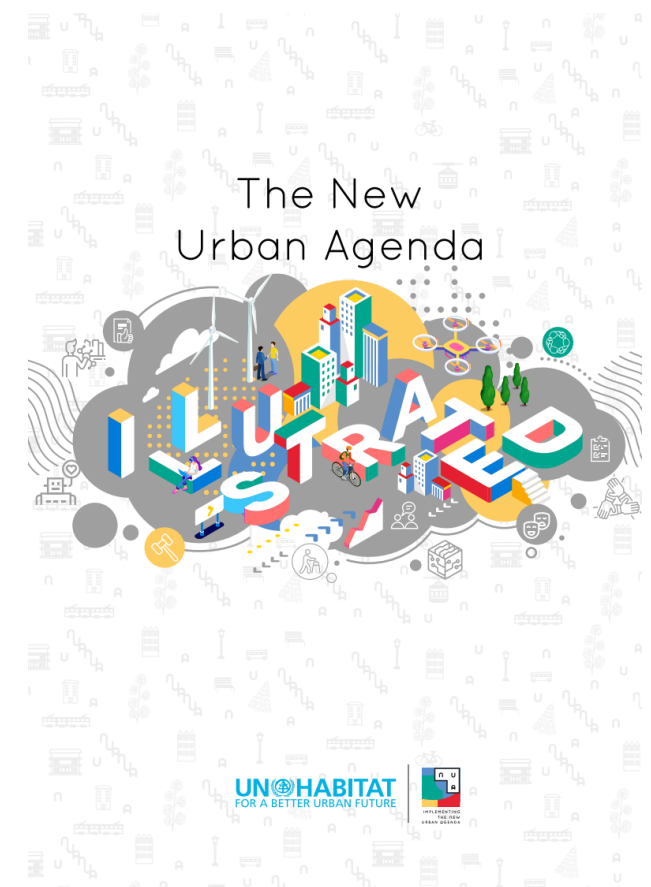
Scaling up the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

Understanding and monitoring the New Urban Agenda

- **Urban Agenda Platform**
- **New Urban Agenda Illustrated Handbook:** Translation in Arabic, French, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese through regional partnerships – Ongoing project in francophone Africa
- **UN-Habitat Learn courses:** NUA Illustrated self-paced Course 1: Core dimensions; Course 2: Means of implementation; Reporting Guidelines and Course 3 on NUA Reporting + Webinars

Way forward:

Strengthened knowledge and learning approach towards Quito+10



UN-Habitat Learn

Instructional Design + Digitalization



One stop shop for accessing UN-Habitat practical knowledge

Interactive, free learning products, access to all practitioners in multiple languages (English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Portuguese, Indonesian); 30+ courses available; 13 themes;

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GLOBAL SUPPORT
AND INNOVATION

Themes currently covered on UN-Habitat Learn

- ❖ Understanding, implementing and reporting on the New Urban Agenda
- ❖ **SDG Monitoring in cities**
- ❖ **National Urban Policies**
- ❖ **Investment for cities**
- ❖ **Municipal Finance: Own Source Revenue**
- ❖ **Urban Law for Climate Action**
- ❖ **Public Space Assessments**
- ❖ **Sustainable Urban Mobility**
- ❖ **Urban Ecosystems Based Adaptation in LDCs**
- ❖ **Solid Waste Management**
- ❖ **Urban Safety and Human Security**
- ❖ **Durable Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons**
- **Environmental and Social Safeguard Systems**

Partnerships and coalitions

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STAKEHOLDER
ENGAGEMENT

UN-Habitat UNI

Since 2014
203 institutional
members
1,978 individual
members

Professional
Associations

WORLD URBAN FORUM

Training events (50+)
Academia Roundtable
Capacity Building

UN SYSTEM

Operations;
policies;
innovation and
learning; higher
education

Global
Urban
Lectures
63 over 6
seasons

Commonwealth Sustainable Cities Initiative

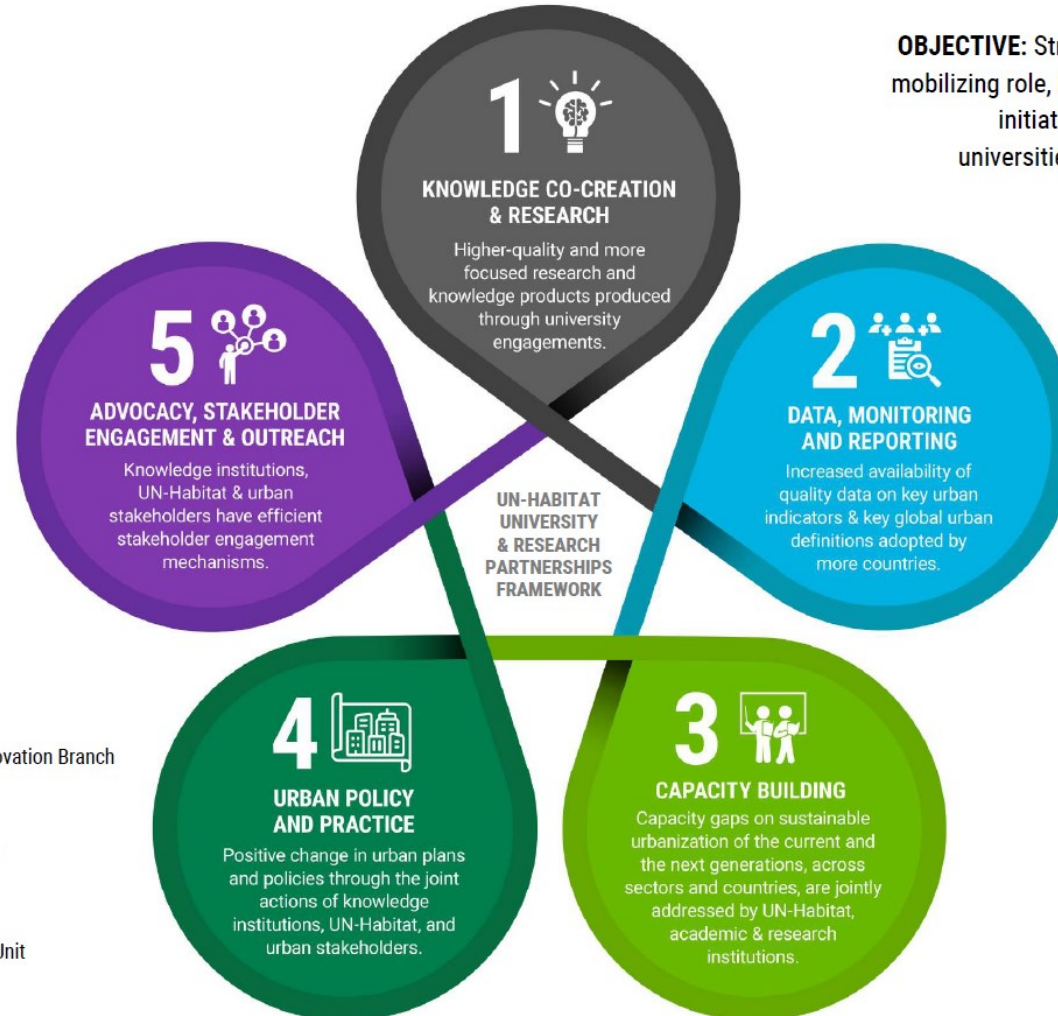
Since 2022 (MOU)
50+ Countries

4 networks: Universities,
Urban professionals and
local governments



Towards an agency-wide University partnership Framework

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS



OBJECTIVE: Strengthen UN-Habitat's convening and mobilizing role, increasing coherence and efficacy of initiatives engaging individual researchers, universities, research institutes, and academia networks.

Outcomes and Targets of each Impact Area to be developed by **Focal Points** and in **Alignment with** UN-Habitat New Strategic Plan UN-Habitat Assembly Resolutions UN 6 Transitions UN 2.0

FOCAL POINT

- ERSKID - Knowledge and Innovation Branch
- Capacity Development and Training Unit; jointly with Habitat Professionals Forum
- UPB
- ERSKID - WUC/Partnerships Unit



Regional Support

Centers of excellence and targeted collaborations

WEST AFRICA (Francophone)

Center of Excellence on Housing

Universities of Ouagadougou and Dakar
Budget 6 Millions / World Bank Funding
Since 2019
8 Countries

ROAF + CDTU + HLS + DAU

Development of Housing indicators (86)

Data collection handbooks (8)

National housing profiles (8)

Professional training programmes

Tools and knowledge in French

Project (UNDA) for CB on NUA

MULTI-REGIONS

ARCADIS – Pro-Bono expertise and training since 2011

Regional Economic Commissions / Regions: Implementation of the NUA

ASIA

Korea: International Urban Training Center since

Annual Training Programmes since 2011



Country Support

Mapping Capacity Gaps and Needs

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COUNTRY
SUPPORT

ETHIOPIA

2019
Rapid Training Needs Assessment
Support from IHS
Country Programme Support

UKRAINE

2024 -
Capacity Assessment for Urban
Recovery

Upcoming: Belize; Rwanda; Zambia

2025-2017 UNDA project
Development of a Competency
Framework for Urban Resilience
CSCI
IHS



Global Capacity Development Priorities for 2025

Towards a new Strategic Plan

- i. Strengthened capacity development as a cross-cutting function***
- ii. Strengthened partnerships and coalitions***
- iii. Strengthened innovation, advocacy and forward-looking culture for impact and scale***



