

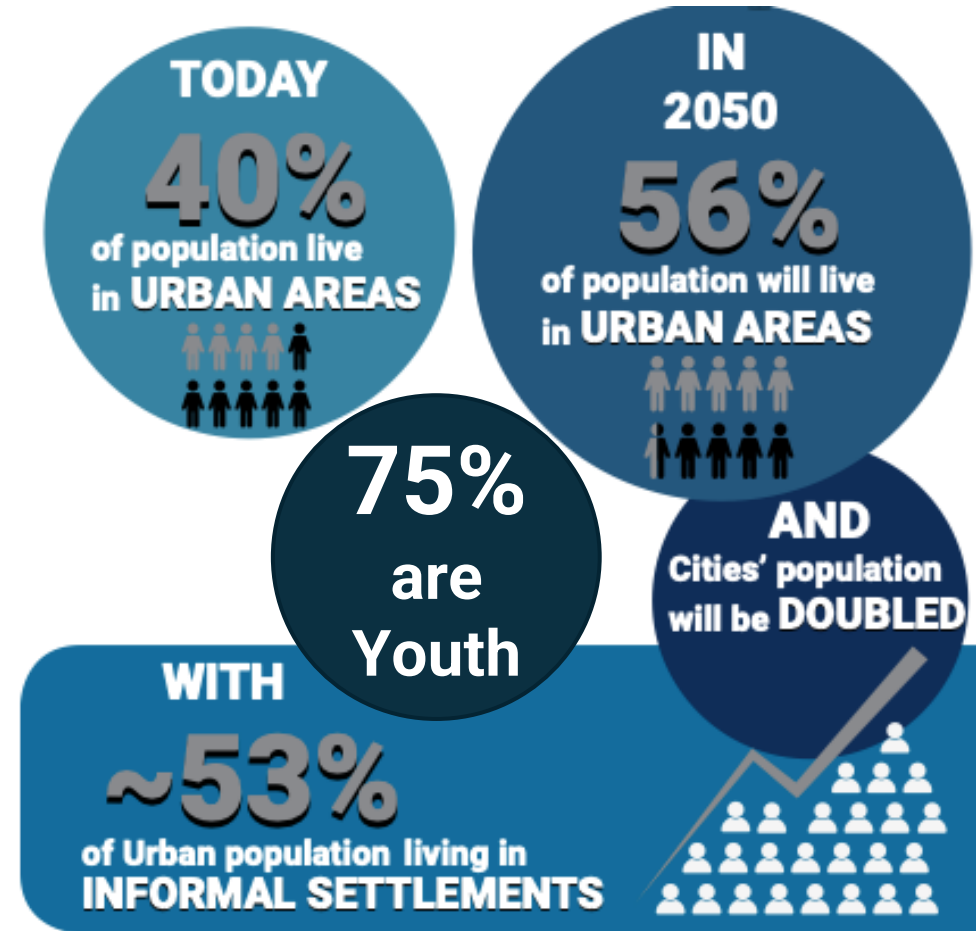
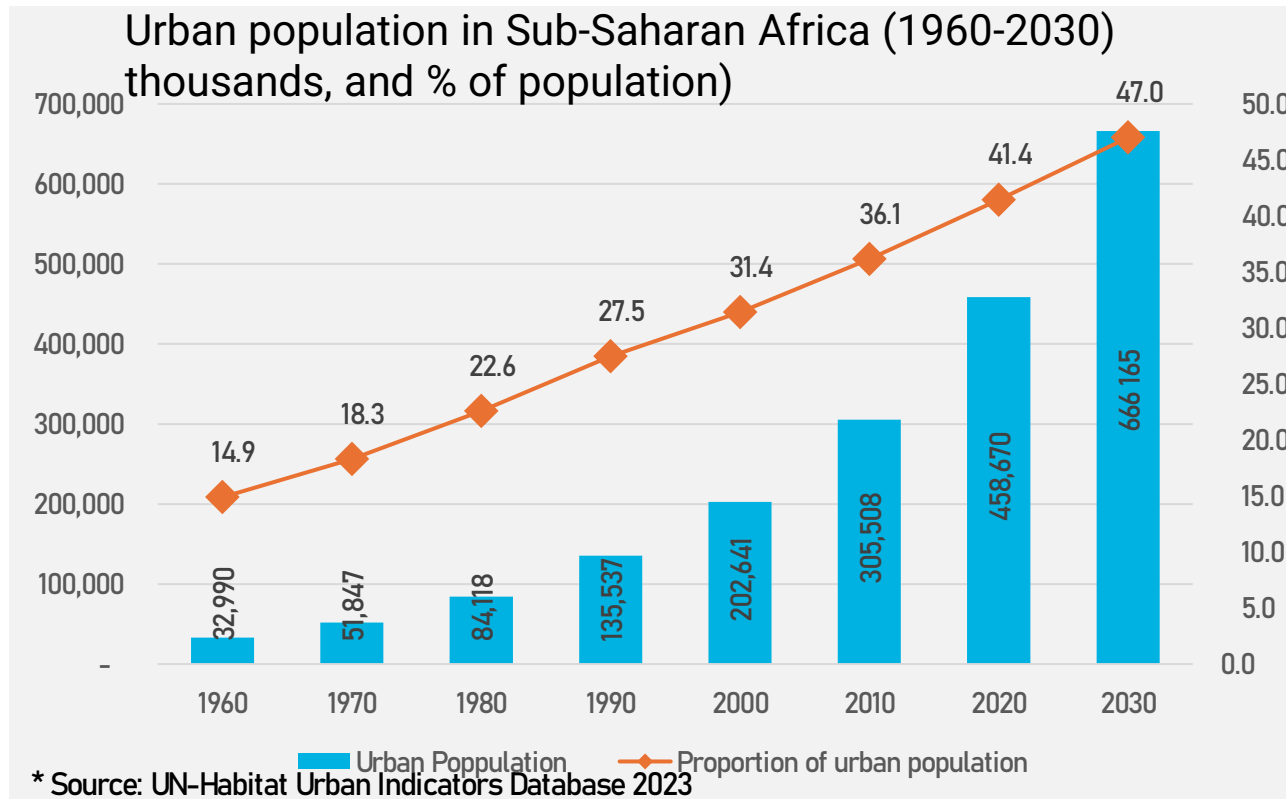


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May 2025

Overview of Urbanization in the Region

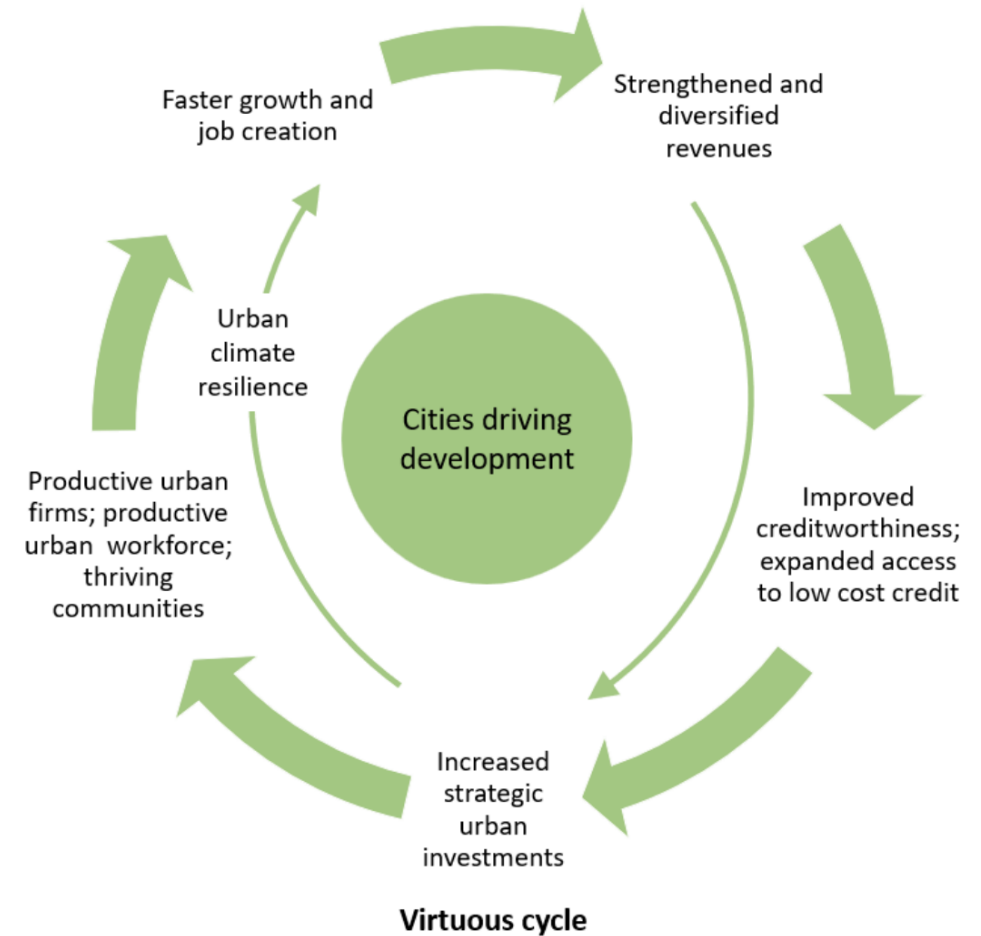
Urbanization Trends in Africa





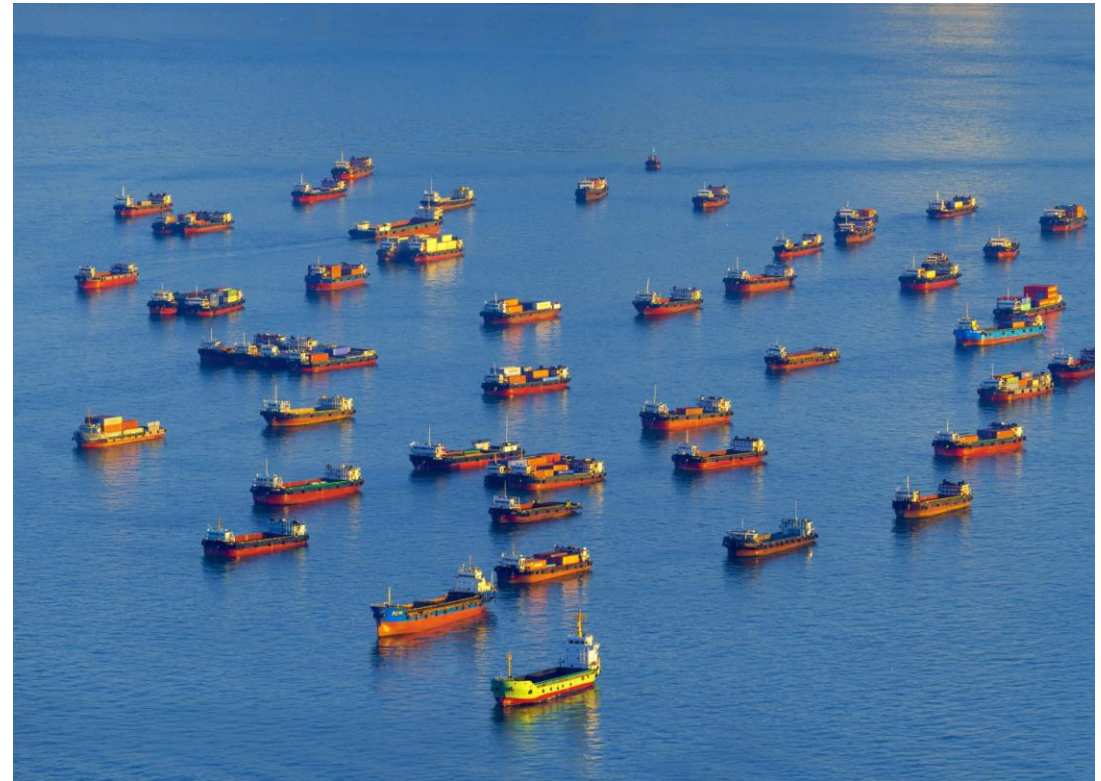
City Economies: Proof of Investment

City Development and Investment cycle



Lagos, Nigeria

- Lagos's economy is larger than the economies of 46 out of 54 countries in Africa.
- It's also the second-largest city economy in Africa, with a GDP of \$259 billion, only behind Cairo.
- This makes it a significant city-economy powerhouse on the continent.
- This substantial increase underscores the state's **robust economic framework amidst ongoing reforms and infrastructural investments**



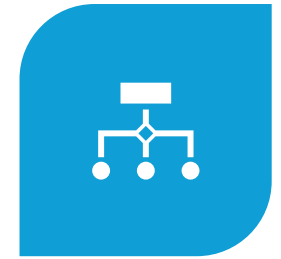
Free Town: City Property Tax Reform



FREETOWN CITY COUNCIL'S
PROPERTY TAX REGISTER
INCREASED BY OVER 100%
**(FROM ABOUT 57,000 TO OVER
120,000).** THE NEW DATABASE
REFLECTS THE CURRENT
STATUS OF THE PROPERTIES
WHICH WAS USEFUL FOR TAX
VALUATION/ASSESSMENT
PURPOSE.



COUNCIL NOW HAVE A FAIR
IDEA OF ITS PROPERTY TAX
POTENTIAL WHICH COULD BE
USEFUL FOR PLANNING
PURPOSES. **BASED ON THE
REFORM, THE TOP 25% OF THE
PROPERTIES WOULD NOW
CONTRIBUTE 70% OF THE
REVENUE POTENTIAL.**



A RELATIVELY SIMPLIFIED,
AUTOMATED, FAIR AND
PROGRESSIVE SYSTEM
LARGELY DRIVEN BY DATA
HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND
ADOPTED.



Dar es Salaam Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system (USD 450 Million)

- This investment led to approximately **900,000 people coming into work every day by public transport.**
- Significant positive impact on the city's economy, primarily by improving access to the labor market and goods markets, and by increasing productivity. The BRT has also led to job creation along the corridor and reduced travel times, contributing to overall economic growth

Kigali Innovation Smart City

- 61-hectare smart city project located at Kigali Special Economic Zone, in the Gasabo district of Kigali, the Rwandan capital, will be worth more than 2 billion U.S. dollars and is expected to position Rwanda as a major producer of next-generation technology
- Investors: **Rwanda Development Board (RDB) and Africa50**

Expected Impact:

- 50,000 jobs to be created
- Over 150 million U.S. dollars in exports of technology and innovation services,



Investing in Cities: The Business Case



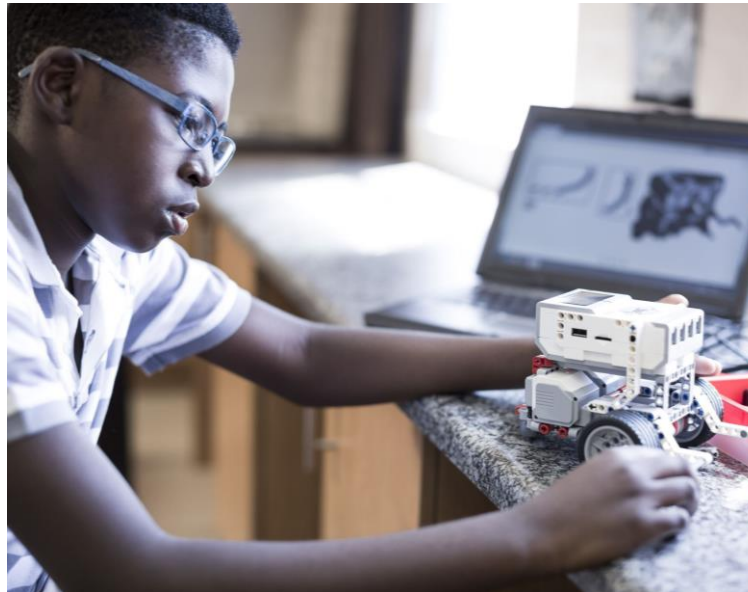
Convergence Factors

- The convergence of urban growth, youthful demographics, resource wealth, technological advancement, and supportive governmental policies makes African cities an attractive frontier for investment, offering high potential returns



Business Case

- An opportunity to capitalize on economic growth but a chance to contribute to sustainable development.
- Addressing urban challenges—including infrastructure, housing, and social services—presents a multifaceted investment landscape, offering potential for significant financial returns while fostering resilience in rapidly growing urban centers.



Development Case

- An opportunity to be part of a transformative story of growth, innovation, and sustainable development.
- By capitalizing on urbanization trends and supporting emerging markets, investors can help unlock the continent's vast potential while achieving significant returns alongside the opportunity to contribute to sustainable development

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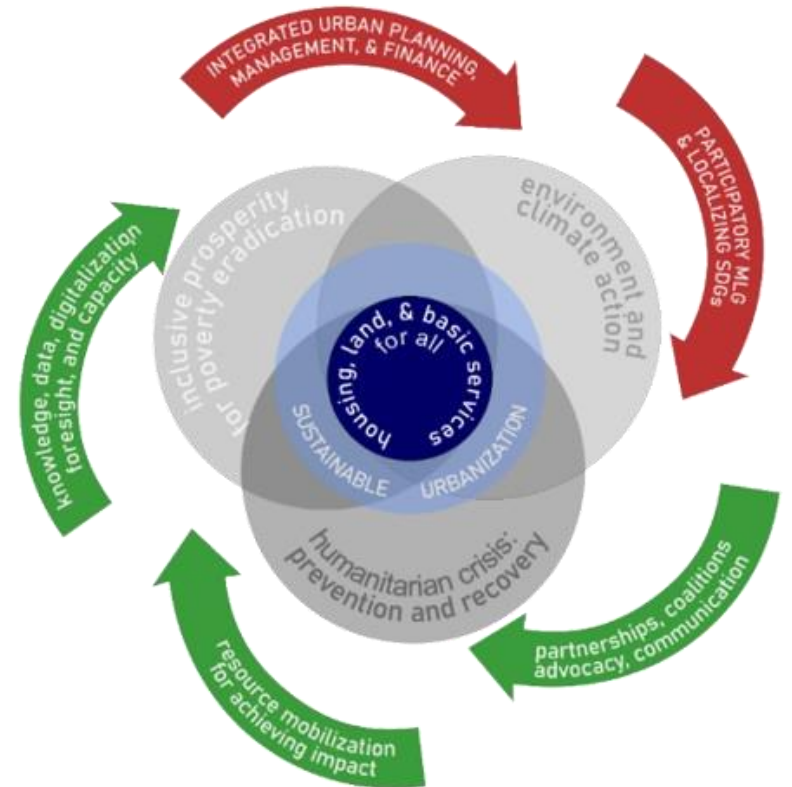
HOUSING



LAND



BASIC
SERVICES



Contextualizing the UNHABITAT Strategic Plan: Areas of Intervention in African Cities



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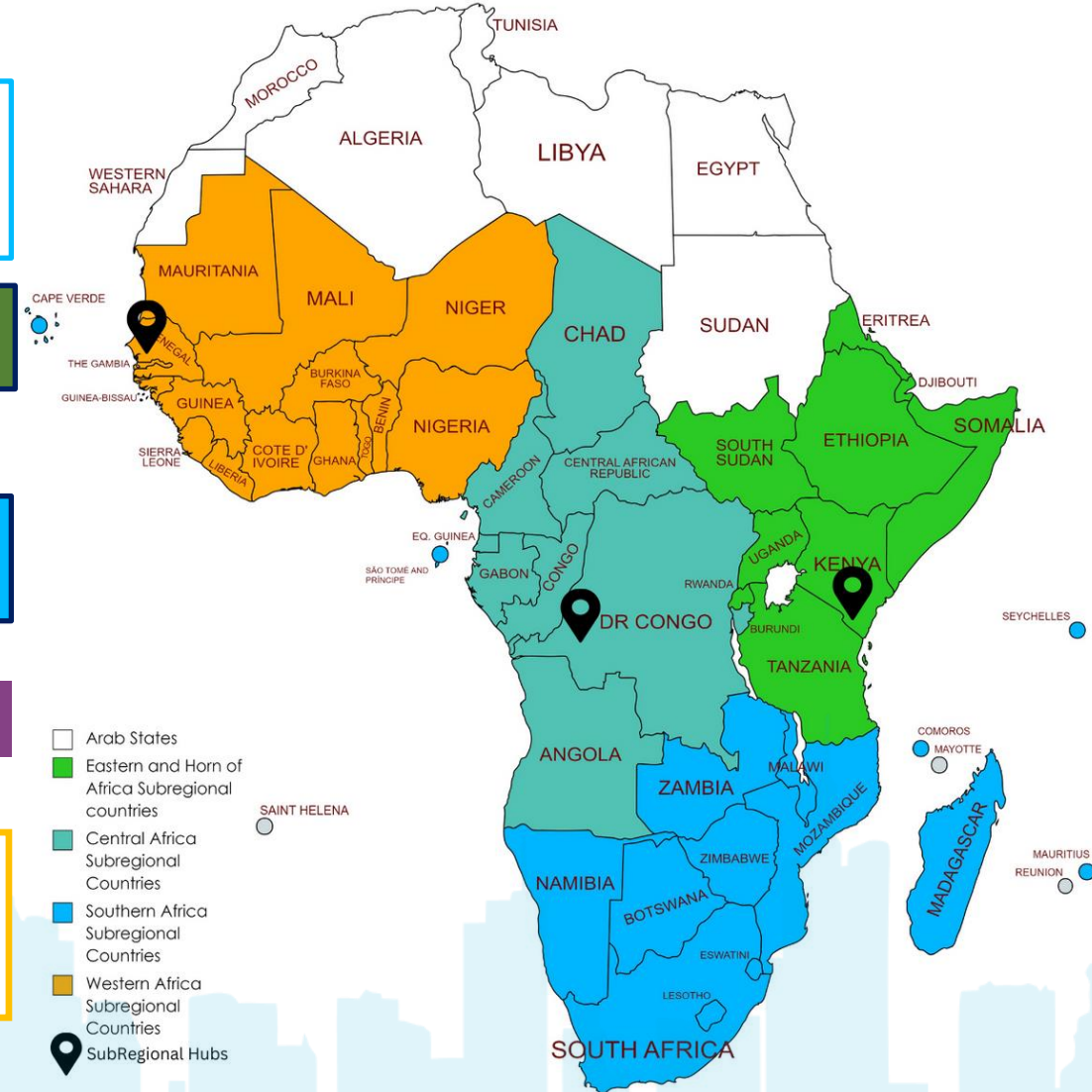
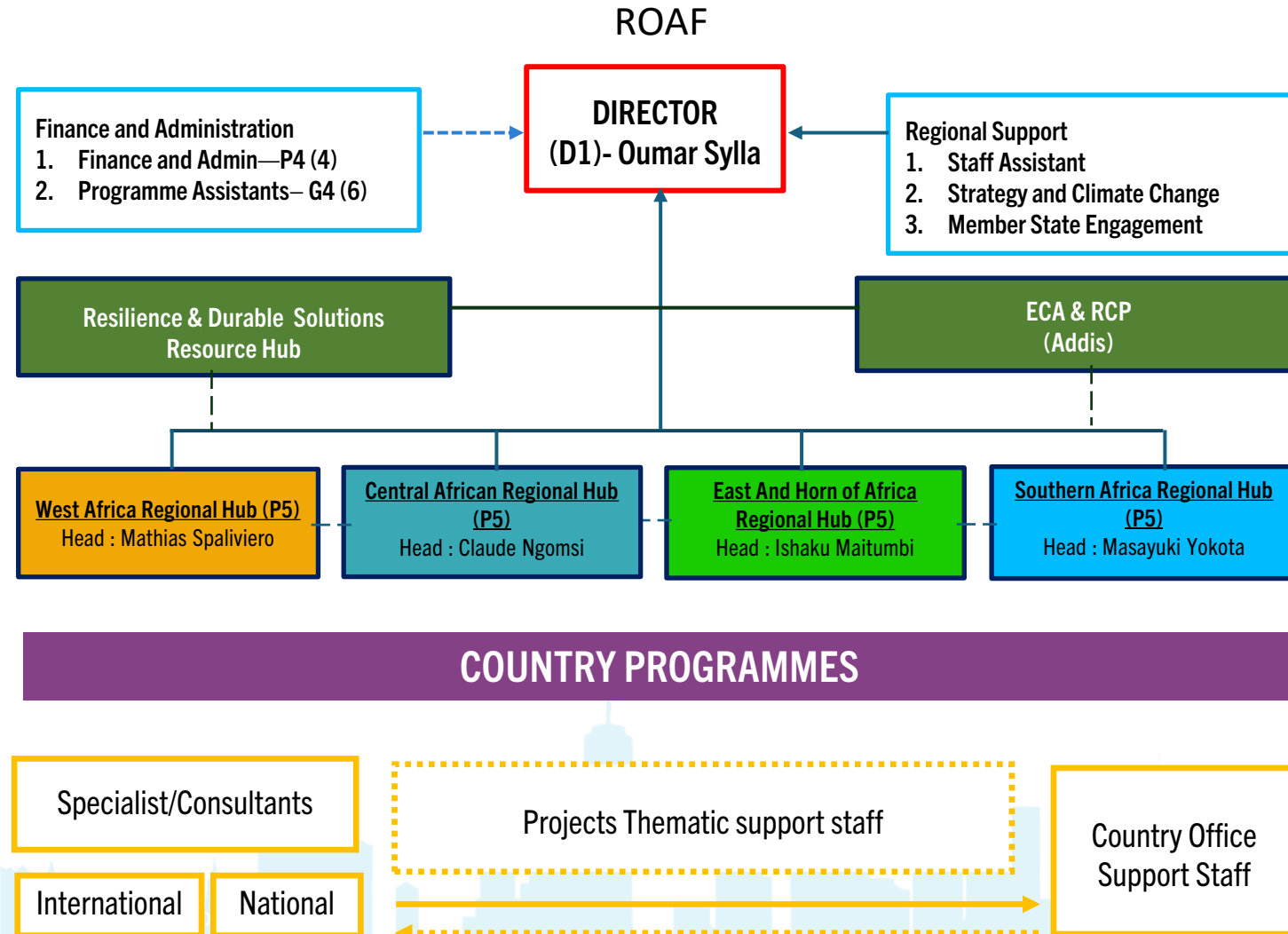
Relevant Urban Frameworks in Africa

Agenda 2063

African Urban
Forum
Declaration

New Urban
Agenda

Function Structure and map



ROAf Strategic Goals

Ensure equitable access to sustainable infrastructure, well-managed land resources, and essential basic services for all communities, fostering long term urban development that promotes resilience, inclusivity, and environmental stewardship

Promote inclusive urban development by ensuring the availability of affordable housing and effective urban planning that fosters sustainable, resilient, and livable communities for all residents through well planned urban spaces

Foster inclusive governance by leveraging innovation, technology and AI, to enhance transparency, participation to unlock urban finance for cities ensuring equitable development and access to resources for all

Drive climate-resilient urban development through proactive disaster risk reduction strategies, strengthening urban biodiversity, fostering sustainable, adaptive, and secure urban environments by unlocking urban climate finance

Deepen private sector, IFI collaboration and philanthropic partnerships to diversify funding opportunities including investments and to scale up programs and enhance programmatic impact

Strengthen and ensure the financial sustainability of sub-regional hubs and country offices for localized and targeted solutions

Elevate the urban agenda into the priorities of the African Union and Regional Economic Commissions such as the EAC, ECOWAS, IGAD and SADC

Paradigm Shift: From Grants to Investments



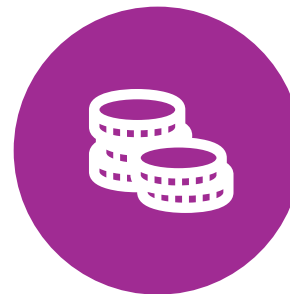
Technical Assistance
[Blended Finance]



Unlocking private sector
investment

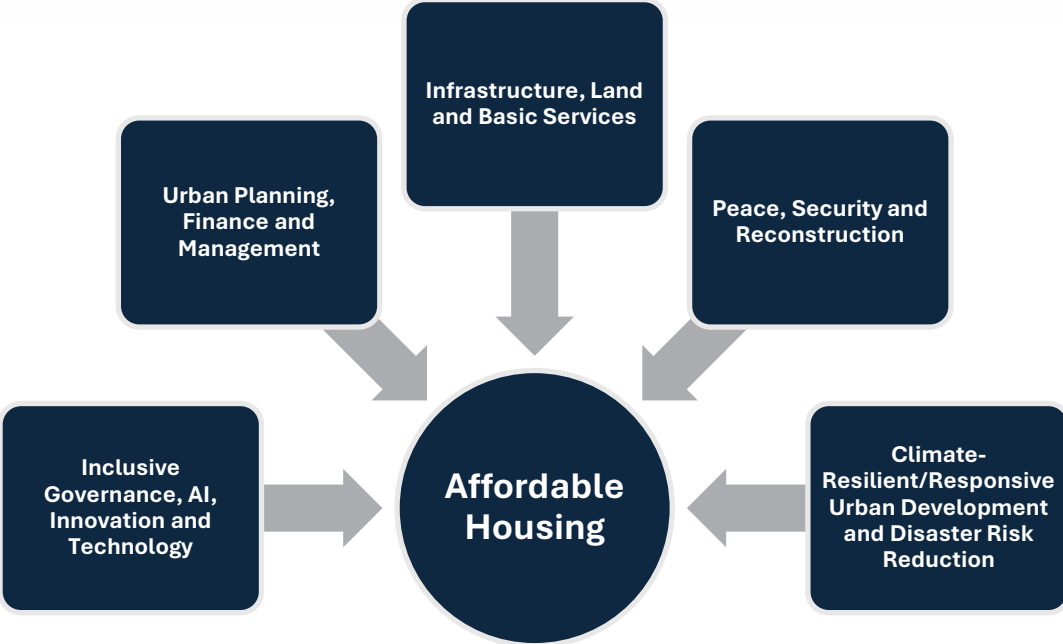


Vertical Funds,
Philanthropic Capital,
Development Banks

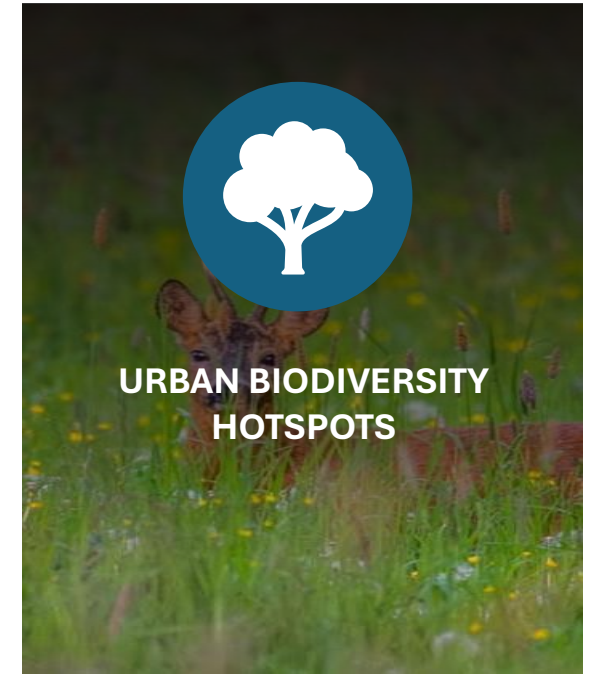
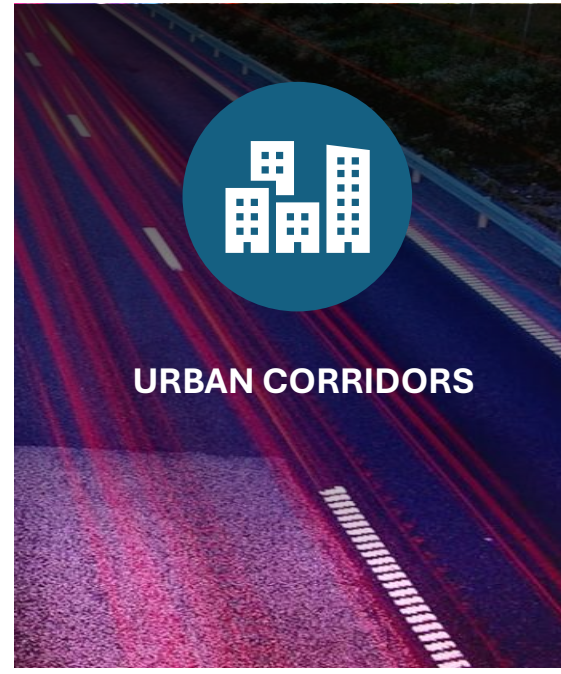
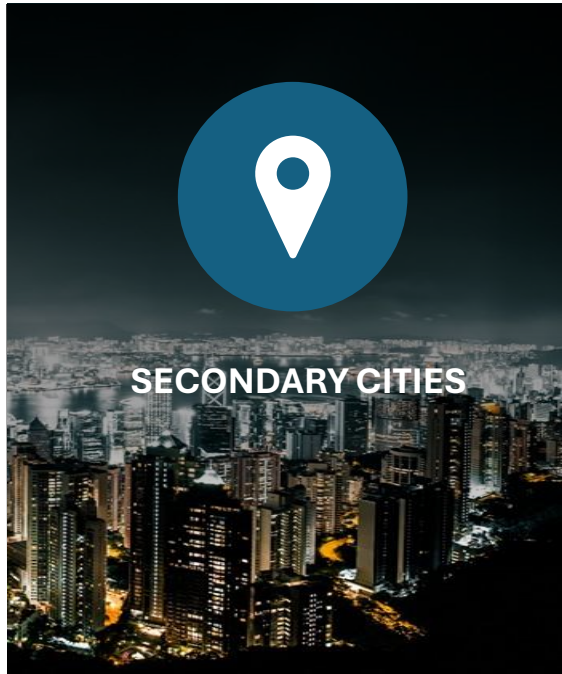


Local/ Own Source
Revenues

In [2026-2029], the Regional Office for Africa at UNHABITAT is committed to **realizing** four investment breakthroughs and programmatic impact and delivery for cities by 2030 through the unlocking of ‘urban finance’ in:



Special Focus and Cross Cutting Areas



Cross Cutting Issues:

Gender | Human Rights | Children, Youth and Older Persons | Persons with disabilities

Enablers: How ROAf Implement the Action Plan



Foster strategic, equitable & mutually beneficial partnerships, and deliver on our commitments to sustainable urban development



Utilize data and research to generate evidence and learning to inform programing and advocacy



Be an accountable and preferred technical partner to our funders by increasing value for money and efficiency alongside the strengthening of sub-regional hubs and country offices



Secure diversified stable funding to deliver impact for cities in Africa



Increase integration & utilization of innovation , technology and AI for improved urban efficiency & impact



Integrate climate action for sustainable urban development

Road map Regional Implementation Plan



UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2026-2029

- SDG 11 and other relevant SDGs
- New Urban Agenda
- UN-Habitat Resolutions
- Other international Declarations



Define Africa Priorities

This include;

- Regional Priorities from NUA report
- The Africa Urban Forum Declaration and Background Paper
- AU 2063 Africa We want Strategic document



Consultations with Africa Member State and Regional Bodies

- Consultation with Member State and RECs to examine their priorities and get buy-in in during implementation process
- ADC Retreat
- Draw lessons from country program.