

## LOCALIZATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES ON URBAN AND TERRITORIAL PLANNING

### GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

The project will be implemented at the supranational, national and sub-national levels. Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Sudan are selected due to availability of co-financing in these four states under a programme on National Urban Policies in the Arab states region. Based on existing demand, city-regions have been short-listed including Greater Monrovia (Liberia), Western Region Megapolis (Sri Lanka) and Yakutsk (Russia). Countries with interest in improving planning systems and instruments based on the Guidelines include Vietnam, Iran, Malta and Tunisia.

### THEMATIC SCOPE

Urban Planning and Design

### TARGET BENEFICIARIES

Central and Local government, local authorities, women, youth and general public.

### PARTNERS

- Regional Offices
- OECD
- Cities Alliance
- World Bank and
- UN agencies (UNECA, UNECE, and ESCWA),
- UNCRD
- UNDESA
- National governments
- Local authorities
- Universities
- Planning agencies
- Arab Urban Development Institute
- Members of the Expert Group involved in the preparation of the Guidelines

### PROGRAMME SUMMARY

**Background:** The International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning (IG-UTP) were approved by the Governing Council of UN-Habitat in Resolution 25/6 of 23 April 2015. They seek to provide an integrated approach to planning to achieve more compact, socially inclusive and integrated cities and territories that are well connected and resilient to climate change. The Guidelines emphasize that urban and territorial planning must be understood both as a product (the plans and supporting instruments) and a process (the mechanisms to elaborate, update, implement and monitor the plans). The IG-UTP clarify that multiple stakeholders constitute the planning system and go beyond national governments to carve a role for local authorities, civil society organizations and professional planners. The IG-UTP promotes urban and territorial planning as a means to promote and monitor economic, social and environmental goals. Urban sprawl, speculation and development induced displacement are some challenges of rapid urbanization. As a global reference based on universally agreed principles, the Guidelines are a key opportunity to balance territorial development, protect the environment, promote rural urban linkages, improve tenure security of vulnerable groups and strengthen local governance.

The twelve principles and stakeholder recommendations in the Guidelines are of a general nature and intended to be a source of inspiration in the review of urban policies and

territorial planning frameworks. While the Guidelines serve as a compass, it is necessary to develop more specific knowledge on how to operationalize them. UN Habitat finds that without allocation of adequate and dedicated resources to the localization of these Guidelines, the translation of the Guidelines from paper to action will remain a challenge. While the Guidelines comprehensively cover a range of both process and outcome indicators of sustainable planning, they need to be further unpacked to guide practical adjustments in the planning system.

**Goals and Objectives:** The IG-UTP programme has potential to work at all levels as needed in specific contexts:

- At the global level, it would focus on knowledge management, exchange of experience, tool development, monitoring and reporting;
- At the regional level, it would focus on awareness raising, comparative evaluations, policy dialogue and capacity development;
- At the country and city-region level, it would focus on the national and sub-national adaptation of the IG-UTP, the review and adjustment of the legal and regulatory framework, and the application of the adapted Guidelines to concrete city situations.

 **UN-HABITAT  
ROLE**

*Specify (about 70 words)*

- *UN-Habitat's role and added value to the proposed programme*
- *demonstrate organization's capacity based on past experience and achievement in relevant areas with examples of countries and results achieved in the past*

 **MAIN  
OUTPUTS**

**Tool Development**

Collective international knowledge enhanced through two new global tools developed on Urban and Territorial Planning (UTP)

- Develop the IG-UTP Country Handbook to guide the localization of the Guidelines with an inventory of tools at four scales (neighbourhoods, municipal, metropolitan, national)
- Develop a teaching resource based on the Guidelines (and the IG-UTP Compendium of Inspiring Practices) for use in universities with strong urban policy and/or planning programmes (Deakin University, Sciences Po, ITMO University, IHS etc.)

**Capacity Building**

Policy dialogue activated and capacities strengthened in one sub-region

- Activity 2.1 Develop and deliver a training on integrated, inclusive and balanced territorial development through National Urban Policies in the Arab states sub-region
- Activity 2.2 Align the development of various training packages within the Urban Planning and Design Branch with the Guidelines and develop a module to train planners working in government

**Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance for review of planning instruments and governance in at least one city-region and one country

- Provide technical assistance for assessment of urban and regional plan(s) through the IG-UTP lens (eg. quick review of Western Megapolis Plan at the launch of IG-UTP)

in Sri Lanka)

- Provide targeted advice to inform the NUP process in a selected country from the perspective of the Guidelines

**Global Partnership**

Establish a global partnership with planning associations to monitor the uptake of IG-UTP principles

- Establish a partnership with global planning associations (eg. ISOCARP); provide seed funding to set up a global facility that will develop monitoring indicators and track country progress on the Guidelines
- Institutionalize a platform for peer-to-peer exchange of experience on urban and territorial development with an association of local governments (e.g. UCLG)

 **MAIN RESULTS / IMPACT**

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- Establish a partnership with international planning associations to monitor the global uptake of IG-UTP principles

 **PROGRAMME DURATION**

24 Months

 **TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET**

US\$ 1000,000