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**Subregional Action Plan for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda in the Caribbean**

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As you review the Subregional Action Plan (available at <https://goo.gl/VnjHNz>), please pay particular attention to the contents of the six action areas proposed beginning on page 19 (and copied below). ***Feel free to respond to as many areas as you see fit given your knowledge and experience,*** andbe as concrete and specific with your comments and suggestions as possible. Please return this form, along with any additional questions or comments, to [katherine.indvik@cepal.org](mailto:katherine.indvik@cepal.org) by **Friday 22 December**. Thank you in advance for your collaboration.

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# ACTION AREA 1: NATIONAL URBAN POLICIES

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| **Caribbean-specific objective:** | | Integrate and build synergies between explicit and implicit climate change and disaster management policies and other sectoral policies with relevance for long-term sustainable urban and territorial development. | | | | |
| **Key components:** | | * Mobilization and integration of urban planners within national policy dialogues and national planning processes * Inter-institutional coordination and communication regarding urban and land management for climate change and disaster resilience, and increased solidarity among housing officials * Mechanisms for coordination between housing and other urban sectors responsible for service provision in order to reduce informality and address issues of food and energy security in the context of climate change | | | | |
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| **Action Area 1:** | **National Urban Policies** | | | | | |
| **Regional strategic objective:** | | | **Priorities for implementation** | | | |
| Design and implement solid and results-based National Urban Policies that strengthen multi-sectoral and multi-scale coordination. | | | **Small islands** | **Large islands** | **Coastal states** | **N/A** |
| Develop **medium and long term projections** with an integrated focus and geographic disaggregation in order to inform NUP development based on the analysis of current and past urban trends | | |  |  |  |  |
| Strengthen the **institutional framework** for guiding and coordinating the NUP | | |  |  |  |  |
| Establish or strengthen **national urban legal frameworks** for sustainable urban development | | |  |  |  |  |
| Establish **specific goals and prioritize action** for sustainable urban development in response to local needs | | |  |  |  |  |
| Optimize **multi-sector and multilevel coordination and coherence** within a national spatial framework for sustainable urban development | | |  |  |  |  |
| **Reduce urban and territorial disparities** within cities, between rural and urban areas, and between cities | | |  |  |  |  |
| Strengthen **democratic governance** and the role of citizens as protagonists in decision-making for inclusive urban development | | |  |  |  |  |
| Establish **mechanisms for monitoring, reporting, review and accountability** | | |  |  |  |  |
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# ACTION AREA 2: URBAN LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

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| **Caribbean-specific objective:** | | Enhance regulatory frameworks to clarify institutional roles and responsibilities for urban and territorial development. | | | | |
| **Key components:** | | * Effective institutional coordination to increase efficiency and transfer appropriate planning and management autonomy to subnational levels * Legal reforms to facilitate the growth of affordable housing stock using traditional and emerging alternatives for urban financing | | | | |
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| **Action Area 2:** | **Urban legal frameworks** | | | | | |
| **Regional strategic objective:** | | | **Priorities for implementation** | | | |
| Establish robust and transparent urban legal frameworks that guarantee compliance and enforcement capacity, accountability, and citizen participation in urban planning and development. | | | **Small islands** | **Large islands** | **Coastal states** | **N/A** |
| Introduce or strengthen a legal framework to guarantee the **right to the city** | | |  |  |  |  |
| Establish a legal framework to guarantee **participatory, transparent and accountable governance**, with binding instruments and mechanisms for the urban sector | | |  |  |  |  |
| Adopt effective legal frameworks that **strengthen government capacities** at all levels, **with** **fiscal, political, and administrative decentralization** | | |  |  |  |  |
| Install a legal framework with **clearly established definitions** of urban and non-urban land and associated rights and responsibilities | | |  |  |  |  |
| Establish or strengthenthe **legal basis supporting development plans, strategic urban plans,** and associated planning instruments and mechanisms | | |  |  |  |  |
| Strengthen **regulatory instruments and corresponding territorial planning and management processes** | | |  |  |  |  |
| Design and enact effective national and local legislation to **guarantee adequate public space and its protection** (including green spaces and parks, roads, streets and intersections, transport corridors) | | |  |  |  |  |
| Establish **minimum national standards** for universal access to basic services and urban infrastructure | | |  |  |  |  |
| Develop and strengthen normative instruments and institutional frameworks for the **profit recovery from public land, property and other investments** | | |  |  |  |  |
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# ACTION AREA 3: URBAN AND TERRITORIAL PLANNING AND DESIGN

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| **Caribbean-specific objective:** | | Increase capacity for urban and territorial planning, and ensure the integration of diverse stakeholders in planning processes. | | | | |
| **Key components:** | | * Assessment of existing capacities and mechanisms for urban planning and design * Accessible education and training for planners in sustainable urban development and relevant global instruments * Partnerships between social actors within the urban sector to identify existing and projected spatial inequalities within cities and territories | | | | |
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| **Action Area 3:** | **Urban and territorial planning and design** | | | | | |
| **Regional strategic objective:** | | | **Priorities for implementation** | | | |
| Integrate forward-thinking urban and territorial planning and design with participative instruments and mechanisms capable of addressing the challenges of current and future urban systems. | | | **Small islands** | **Large islands** | **Coastal states** | **N/A** |
| Develop **evidence-based, strategic and binding urban plans** at all levels: territorial, metropolitan, city, and local, in order to guide sustainable urban development | | |  |  |  |  |
| Create **integrated** **urban and territorial planning and design tools and mechanisms** | | |  |  |  |  |
| Ensure **transparent, collaborative and participatory planning and design processes** | | |  |  |  |  |
| **Protect and conserve natural ecosystems and cultural heritage** with urban and territorial planning and design | | |  |  |  |  |
| Create **compact, connected, integrated, safe and inclusive urban space** with tools and instruments for urban and territorial planning and design | | |  |  |  |  |
| Ensure **equitable access to public goods and urban services** with coherent and coordinated urban and territorial management | | |  |  |  |  |
| Promote **adequate and affordable housing and access to urban land** as a fundamental element of urban planning and design | | |  |  |  |  |
| Develop urban strategies and interventions that **improve and integrate informal and precarious settlements** | | |  |  |  |  |
| Develop urban strategies and interventions that promote **inclusive and sustainable urban mobility and a system of safe, affordable and accessible public transport** for all | | |  |  |  |  |
| Plan for **urban and climate resilience** with urban and territorial planning and design | | |  |  |  |  |
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# ACTION AREA 4: FINANCING URBANIZATION

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| **Caribbean-specific objective:** | | Develop local financial systems for urbanization that effectively integrate a combination of grants, concessionary funding, borrowing, and emerging financing alternatives. | | | | |
| **Key components:** | | * Established criteria for partnerships and support systems to coordinate and align public and private investment to finance urbanization processes * Joint definition of feasibility criteria for sustainable development initiatives -and their implementation and follow up- between development banks, public sector actors, and other stakeholders * Local fiscal systems oriented toward responsible and sustainable harnessing of subregional biodiversity to prompt innovation, spur economic growth, and explore the potential of alternative financing mechanisms such as debt for climate adaptation swaps | | | | |
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| **Action Area 4:** | **Financing urbanization** | | | | | |
| **Regional strategic objective:** | | | **Priorities for implementation** | | | |
| Strengthen municipal finances, local fiscal systems, instruments and capacities for innovation and development of new and improved financing mechanisms for urban investment, and to foster local urban economies. | | | **Small islands** | **Large islands** | **Coastal states** | **N/A** |
| Establish **intergovernmental fiscal systems** to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public expenditure at the subnational level and promote inclusive and sustainable urban development | | |  |  |  |  |
| Establish or strengthen **urban governance systems** in order to maximize the sustainable mobilization of resources to finance urbanization (in particular, public urban infrastructure and services) | | |  |  |  |  |
| Promote **effective local fiscal regimes** that strengthen inclusive and sustainable municipal finances and take into account institutional size and government capacities to effectively and efficiently exercise assigned functions and to support capacity building | | |  |  |  |  |
| Strengthen or support the design and implementation of an **efficient and effective local fiscal-financial and economic framework** for sustainable urban development | | |  |  |  |  |
| Improve and increase sources of urban investment, using **new and improved tools and mechanisms for local financial production** | | |  |  |  |  |
| Create and implement **new and diversified instruments** at all levels, to **improve access to adequate housing** | | |  |  |  |  |
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# ACTION AREA 5: LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION

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| **Caribbean-specific objective:** | | Position local leaders as champions of change for sustainable urban development and appropriately strengthen the autonomy of subnational authorities. | | | | |
| **Key components:** | | * Programs, regulations, incentives and other mechanisms for cooperation to increase communication and transparency within and between subnational and national governments * Permanent platforms for regional integration and exchange and peer-to-peer learning (such as the Caribbean Urban Forum), to lend continuity to planning and development processes and leverage partnerships for development assistance | | | | |
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| **Action Area 5:** | **Local implementation** | | | | | |
| **Regional strategic objective:** | | | **Priorities for implementation** | | | |
| Improve capacities and local instruments to guide urbanization and urban development and promote solid partnerships between the diverse actors and sectors involved in sustainable urban development. | | | **Small islands** | **Large islands** | **Coastal states** | **N/A** |
| Create **local communities that play an integral and leading role** in civil society and sustainable urban development | | |  |  |  |  |
| Establish and strengthen **cooperation between different levels of government and other actors,** including metropolitan systems, to guide and coordinate sustainable urban development at the subnational level | | |  |  |  |  |
| Strengthen the **continuity of medium- and long- term planning and implementation processes** for sustainable urban development | | |  |  |  |  |
| Plan for **new urbanization with an integrated, city-based approach** | | |  |  |  |  |
| Promote **recovery, re-development and infill development** | | |  |  |  |  |
| **Improve the existing urban fabric** to promote efficiency, equity, and safety of the city and the city’s use of resources | | |  |  |  |  |
| Provide **basic urban services, equipment and social infrastructure** in an integrated, efficient and equitable manner | | |  |  |  |  |
| **Transfer the benefits of public investment** to the inhabitants of the city | | |  |  |  |  |
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# ACTION AREA 6: MONITORING, REPORTING AND REVIEWING MECHANISMS

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| **Caribbean-specific objective:** | | Establish a Caribbean-specific platform to support the collection, processing and analysis of subregionally relevant data and information within the framework of the development of the LAC Urban and Cities Platform and additional regional and international support systems. | | | | |
| **Key components:** | | * Consolidated set of subregional sustainable development terminology (including a functional definition of “urban” for the Caribbean) to support common understanding and effective monitoring and assessment processes * Subregionally relevant and realistic methodologies for data collection, identifying areas where clean data sets are not available and defining an approved set of proxies for use as Caribbean indicators when necessary * Improved data collection and processing on subregional housing issues, specifically:   • Updated public information about housing costs and prices in primary and secondary markets  • Information on land supply for housing production  • Reliable data on housing deficits | | | | |
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| **Action Area 6:** | **Monitoring, reporting and reviewing mechanisms** | | | | | |
| **Regional strategic objective:** | | | **Priorities for implementation** | | | |
| Reinforce human, technical and financial capacities in all sectors in order to monitor advances towards sustainable urban development and for the monitoring, reporting and revision of related policies, programs, plans and projects. | | | **Small islands** | **Large islands** | **Coastal states** | **N/A** |
| Establish **coordinated statistical and geographical information systems** to measure and assess urban development | | |  |  |  |  |
| Build **capacities for the collection, management, analysis and dissemination** of urban development data and information | | |  |  |  |  |
| Define a **monitoring framework** to analyze and guide urban development and respond to urban and territorial needs | | |  |  |  |  |
| Establish **explicit roles and responsibilities** for collecting, managing, analyzing and disseminating multi-stakeholder and multi-level information | | |  |  |  |  |
| Establish **mechanisms for the coordination** of statistical and geographical urban development data and information | | |  |  |  |  |
| Identify and apply a **set of urban development indicators** that are relevant to the national and subnational context | | |  |  |  |  |
| Establish a **reporting system to inform national and subnational decision-making processes** with the results of urban development review, reporting and monitoring | | |  |  |  |  |
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