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SECURING LAND AND PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR ALL

Land and the New Urban Agenda EGM June 2016

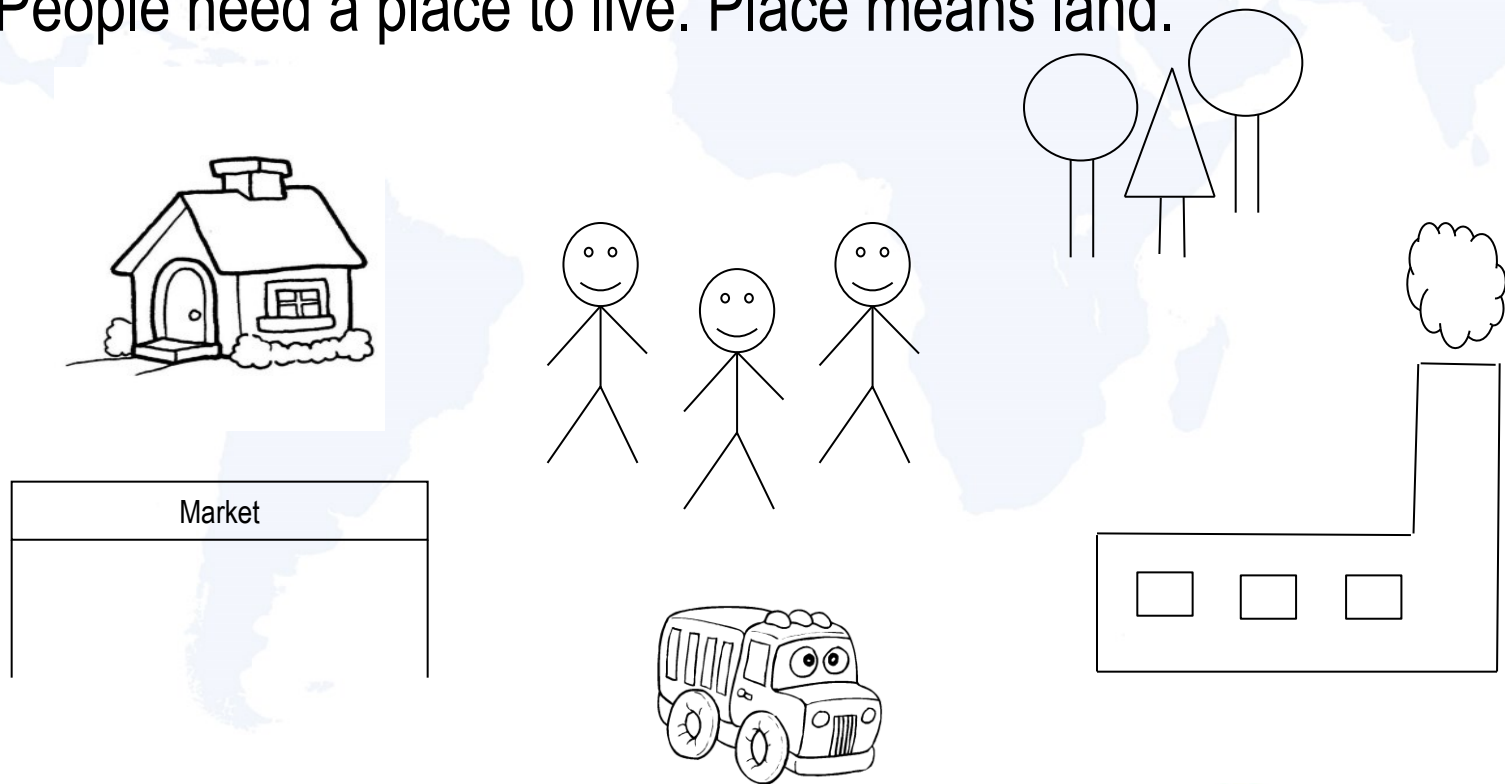
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ROLE OF LAND IN URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The New Urban Agenda is about people
People need a place to live. Place means land.



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**Land underpins the New Urban Agenda
as land is a key driver for urban development!**

Land is an economic asset.

Land is a social asset.

Land is an environmental asset.

Land is a cultural asset.

Population 

Scarcity 

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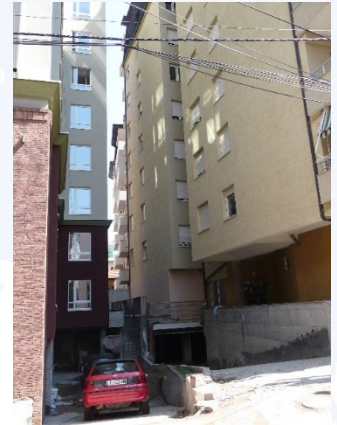
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We are at a turning point!

“In the future cities will become more unequal, larger in population with greater demand for essential services, more spread out in terms of urban forms, increasingly difficult and expensive to provision, less productive because of the need for increasing amounts of infrastructure at high risk of climate change impact” (Michael Cohen 2016).

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**If governments don't regulate access to land and land use,
if they leave everything to the market and don't benefit from
land value increase, they cannot influence urban
development, risk conflicts, social instability and unrest,
negative impact on the climate and high disaster risk.**

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If governments ensure affordable access to land for all and tenure security for all and establish frameworks to ensure the sustainable use of land as well as mechanisms to generate revenue from land, they can guide and finance sustainable urban development and create inclusive and resilient cities.

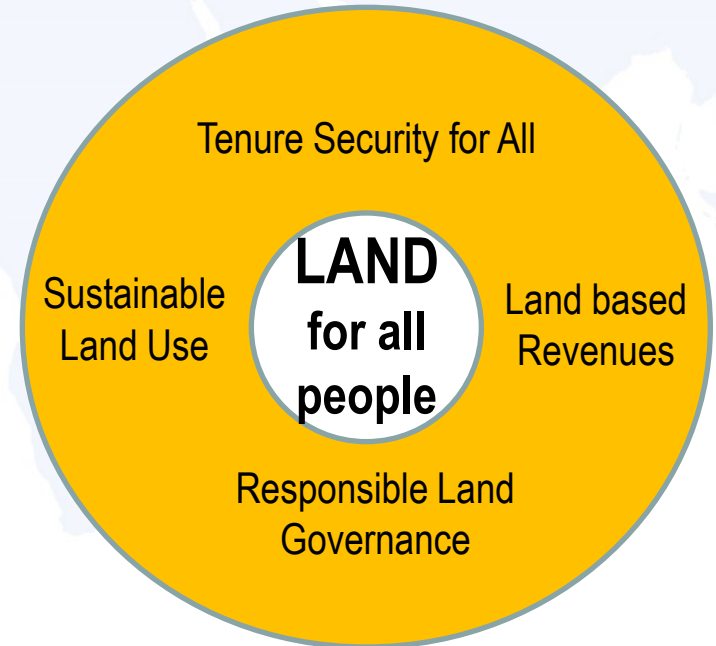
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FOUR KEY COMMITMENTS UN MEMBER STATES MUST MAKE TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA:

1. Ensuring tenure security for all
2. Ensuring sustainable land use
3. Generating land based revenues for the benefit of all
4. Enabling responsible land governance



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COMMITMENT 1: TENURE SECURITY FOR ALL

NUA needs to stress that no one should be left behind concerning land rights.

NUA needs to confirm the duty of States to recognize, respect and safeguard all legitimate tenure rights along the continuum of rights, including customary and informal rights, and promote and facilitate the enjoyment of them.

NUA needs to confirm that business enterprises have a responsibility to respect human rights and legitimate tenure rights.

NUA should also promote lasting solutions for displaced people

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COMMITMENT 2: SUSTAINABLE LAND USE

NUA needs to stress the importance of responsible public regulation of land use, determined by the long-term interests of the public, in particular the affected communities, including the poor.

NUA needs to stress the high priority of minimizing land consumption while planning at scale for the expected populations growth to reduce the ecological footprint of settlements, to protect nature and to conserve cultural landscapes.

NUA needs to promote respect for the social function of land and promote the provision of safe public space

NUA needs to promote land management tools such as spatial planning, land readjustment and land sharing

NUA needs to highlight the importance of balanced territorial development

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COMMITMENT 3: GENERATING LAND-BASED REVENUES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL

The New Urban Agenda needs to stress the high potential of

- a) establishing transparent, fair and effective land value sharing mechanisms, e.g. land value capture, betterment levies and sale of development rights,
- b) selecting one or several types of land taxation adjusted to local conditions, e.g. land acquisition, land holding, land sales and land value increment tax, and
- c) developing and implementing a strategy on land banking and generating income from public land.

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COMMITMENT 4:

ENABLING RESPONSIBLE LAND GOVERNANCE

NUA needs to enable responsible land governance through

- a) elimination of administrative and political corruption, fraud and clientelism in LA administration and management
- b) the accountability, transparency and participation of all when managing land
- c) the establishment and implementation of national land policies, laws and standards
- d) the creation of context specific short, simple, affordable procedures and standards

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b)...

c)...

d)...

e) customer friendly delivery systems that are effective and efficient, accessible and affordable, accountable and transparent, and that exploit digital and communication technologies, as well as the wide range of data and information, incl. geospatial information

f) transparent and responsible public land management

g) monitoring the application of global and national frameworks

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SDGS – LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND / INEQUALITY
– FOLLOW UP AND REVIEW / INDICATORS

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