Fifth expert meeting of the Working Group on Geospatial Information of the IAEG-SDGs

Geospatial Information for Sustainable Development

6th – 7th November 2018 Tribe Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya



Warm greetings from the Executive office of UN-Habitat

WELCOME

Hosting such a diverse group • of experts and members of the IAEG-SDGs WGGI is an honor.. •

URBAN FUTURE

• This is a unique opportunity to learn, share our work and get feedback.

Our mandate: Sustainable urbanization

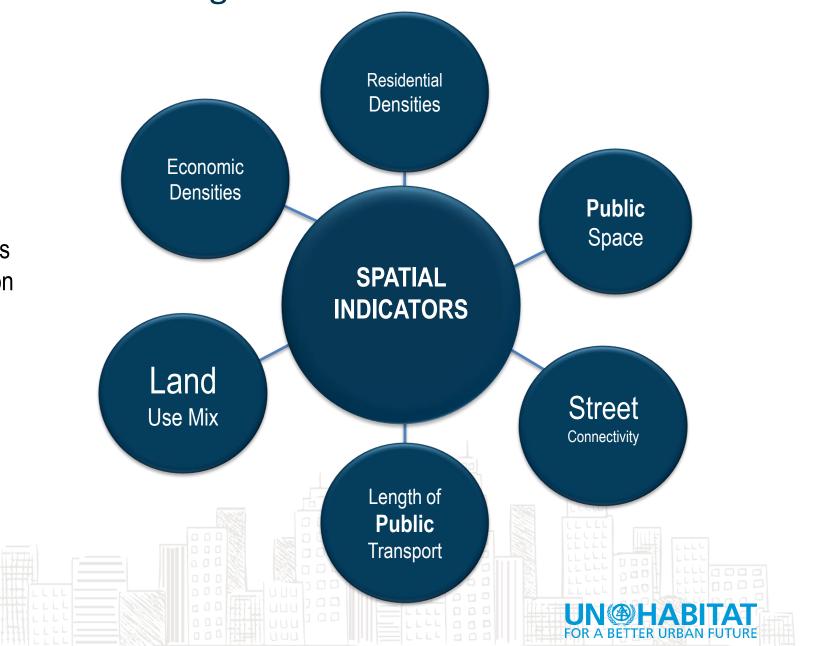


UN-Habitat has more than 40 years of monitoring urban trends



Spatial data is key for urban monitoring

Monitoring experience indicates that its not possible to understand urbanization or transitions in human settlements without integrating spatial data into conventional statistics



Spatial data helps understand urban trends

Suzhou, China 1998. Pop; 5.8M



Suzhou, China 2016. Pop (in 2013); 10.58M



Over the last 20 years, sprawl has dominated urbanization processes - on average, the rate of land consumption by cities was 1.5 times their rate of population growth.



Images via: Skyscraper City, Brian Gratwicke

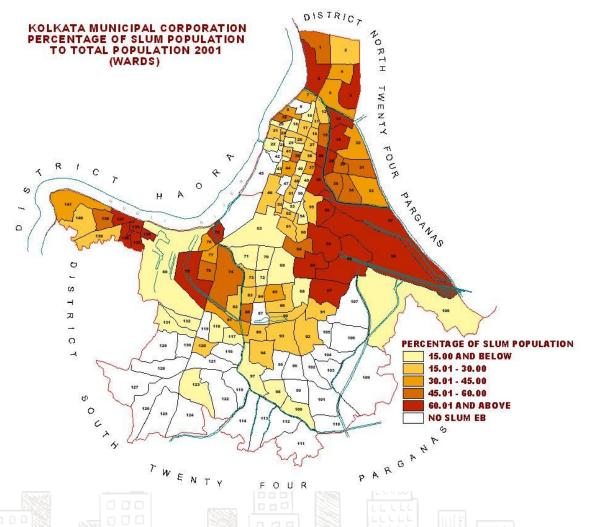
The outward and upward growth of Panama City, Panama, 1930 – 2009 (left) and Shenzhen, China, 1982 – 2007 (right).



Spatial data enables more accurate urban monitoring

Therefore





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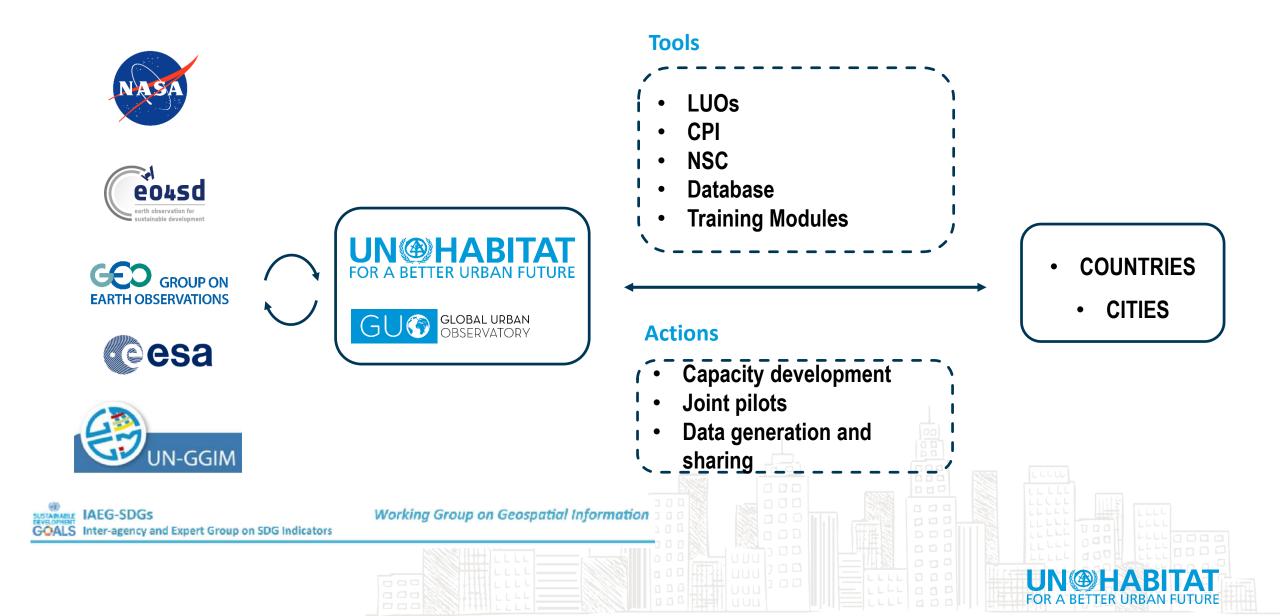
We are moving from interpreting what we know to using **spatial** settlement taxonomy and characterization for data extraction

We are able to understand the location **of slums** and informal settlements better and their spatial structure, and in turn to more accurately estimate disadvantaged populations

Our growing mandate in monitoring



Effective monitoring requires support from geospatial & EO community



- UN-Habitat will support Biannual reporting of urban SDGs through SDG 11 synthesis report series.
- Report to show / analyze global and regional strengths and give directions for sustainable urbanization



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