Overview of GPSC and the Urban Sustainability Framework

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Why Sustainable Cities, Now?

80% of global economic activity is generated in, or for, cities

+2.5 billion more people in cities between now and 2050
  - 1 billion more in African cities

2x increase in urban land cover in biodiversity hotspots between 2000 and 2030

90% of urban centers are located in, or linked to, coastal areas

1.2 million km² of new urban built-up area by 2030
  - How will Africa build its cities?

70% of greenhouse gas emissions & 70% of energy consumption is attributable to cities

Evidence Highlights Urgency for Action
African urbanization pathways offer opportunities to steer towards sustainability.
GEF: Promoting Integrated Approaches to Tackling Urban Sustainability

GEF-6
$150M

Participation: 28 cities across 11 countries

Established **Global Platform for Sustainable Cities (GPSC)**

Leveraging: $2.4 billion in co-financing

GEF-7 Sustainable Cities Impact Program

Scaling up GPSC to reach out to more cities

- **Multiple Global Environment Benefits**: mitigation, biodiversity, land degradation, chemical and waste management
- **Target areas**: urban planning, low carbon infrastructure, urban resilience and maximizing financing
GPSC, Cities Program and Participation

GPSC Knowledge Platform
Forum for knowledge sharing and building partnerships to achieve urban sustainability

Integrated two tracks financed by GEF
1. City-level projects: $140m
2. Global platform: $10m

Phase I (current phase):

- **11 COUNTRIES**
  - Mexico: La Paz, Campeche, Xalapa
  - Senegal: Dakar, Diomniadio, Saint-Louis
  - Peru: Lima
  - Brazil: Brasilia, Recife
  - Paraguay: Asuncion

- **28 CITIES**
  - Cote d’Ivoire: Abidjan

Phase II (next phase): Now under preparation, the funding and number of cities in the platform is expected to scale-up in early 2019.

Three African Countries participating in GEF6
GPSC Objective

To offer a knowledge platform for cities to

1. Share knowledge—learn from each other.

2. Collaborate, engage, and build partnerships.

3. Forge a common vision and approach to urban sustainability.
- California became a knowledge partner during COP22 in Marrakesh

- Five Knowledge Products released
- India launched their National Sustainable Cities Platform
- Urban Sustainability Framework (USF) conference edition released
- GPSC website launched

- Aarhus became 2nd Knowledge Partner during World Urban Forum in Kuala Lumpur
- USF 1st Edition launched
- WRI, ICLEI and C40 formed GPSC Resource Team to support implementation
- GPSC City Dashboard established
- UN-Habitat and China Center for Urban Development become Knowledge Partners

**Timeline.**
What are we doing today? Engaging with cities in Buenos Aires, Kigali, and Singapore.

GPSC Cities Academy Singapore

- GEF’s Sustainable Cities’ program representatives from Brazil, China, Cote d'Ivoire, Malaysia, Paraguay, Senegal, and South Africa are in Singapore to share and learn about urban development, climate change, transit-oriented development.

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GPSC City Academy, Singapore is jointly organized by the World Bank and the GPSC Resource Team—WRI, C40 and ICLEI.
A Growing Partnership to Support Cities

Overall Coordination Led by the World Bank

Resource Team (WRI/ICLEI/C40)

Implementing Agencies

IFIs:
- MDBs: AfDB, AIIB, ADB, IDB, EBRD, EIB, WB
- Regional Banks: CAF, Islamic Development Bank, AIIB, Nordic Investment Bank
- National Banks: Development Bank of Southern Africa, IFC

Knowledge Partners:
- Aarhus, Denmark
- California
- China Center for Urban Development
- Cities in Japan
- UN-Habitat

Partner Organizations:
- International: UN-Habitat, City Alliance, etc.
- Regional: Nordic City Initiative

National Platforms:
- Brazil Platform
- India Platform
- China Platform
- Others
Planning and Financing Must Go Hand in Hand: Partnership with IFIs

IFC becomes GPSC Investment Partner

IFIs form an urban network to support sustainable urban investment:

Exploring partnership with:

- Global Infrastructure Facility (GIF) to help cities with infrastructure project preparation
- Global Facility for Disaster and Risk Reduction (GFDRR) to support urban resilience