



Kenya Urban Support Program (KUSP)

“Making Kenyan Towns Work!”



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STRATEGIC PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION IN KENYA

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I. MAIN THEMES

1. URBAN HOUSING

Key questions:

- What is the demand and supply of urban housing in Kenya?
- How can we deliver affordable housing in Kenya
- How can we promote sustainable management of the urban housing stock in the country?
- The discussion should be guided by the following sub-themes:
 - i. Constitutional context;
 - ii. Policy and legislations;
 - iii. Affordable Housing Program (AHP);
 - iv. Social Housing;
 - v. Slum upgrading; and
 - vi. Urban renewal and redevelopment

2. URBAN FINANCE

Key questions:

- Which are the opportunities and constraints to financing of urban areas in Kenya?
- How can we optimize financing of the urban areas in Kenya?
- The discussion should be guided by the following sub-themes:
 - i. The constitutional context;
 - ii. Policies and legislative context;
 - iii. Own-source revenues;
 - iv. Alternative financing mechanisms of the urban areas, i.e. National Urban Development Fund;
 - v. Emerging urban financing options, i.e. Land Value Capture; and
 - vi. Public-private partnerships.

3. URBAN ECONOMY & POVERTY

Key questions:

- What is the structure and performance of the urban economy in Kenya?
- What are the obstacles to vibrant urban economic development?
- How can we reconfigure the urban economy to spur vibrant and resilient urban economic development in the country?
- What is the state of urban poverty in Kenya today?
- How has urban poverty changed over the years in Kenya?
- How can urban poverty be addressed in Kenya?
- The discussion should be guided by the following sub-themes:
 - i. Structure and performance of the urban economy;
 - ii. Obstacles to vibrant urban economic development;
 - iii. Urban green economy; and
 - iv. Urban informal economy

Discussion should be guided by the following subthemes:

- Constitution of Kenya 2010
- Policies and legislations
- National Economic Surveys
- National Population and Housing Census Survey
- Socio – economic Surveys
- Plans

II. SUB-THEMES

I. URBAN GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The key questions:

- How functional are the urban institutions in Kenya today?
- How can the urban institutions be strengthened to spur sustainable urbanization in the country?
- The discussion should be guided by the following subthemes:
 - i. Constitutional context;
 - ii. National Urban Development Policy & other related policies;
 - iii. Urban Areas and Cities Act and other enabling legislations;
 - iv. Urban governance;
 - v. Urban management; and
 - vi. Public participation

II. URBAN PLANNING & MANAGEMENT

The key questions are:

- How effective is urban planning and management in Kenya today?
- How can the country institutionalize effective and efficient urban planning and management in the country?
- The discussion should be guided by the following subthemes:
 - i. Constitutional context;
 - ii. National Urban Development Policy and other enabling policies;
 - iii. Urban Areas & Cities Act and other enabling legislations;
 - iv. Integrated urban planning;
 - v. Urban renewal and regeneration; and
 - vi. Development control.

III. URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

Key questions:

- What is the state of urban infrastructure and services in the country today?
 - Urban roads and transport/mobility
 - Urban water supply and sanitation
- How can the country deliver efficient, resilient and accessible roads and transport services?
- How can we deliver reliable water supply and sanitation in the urban areas?
- The discussion should be guided by the following themes
 - i. Constitutional context
 - ii. Policies and legislations
 - iii. Urban roads & transport;
 - iv. Water supply and sanitation; and
 - v. Emerging urban transport management systems, ICT – led.

IV. URBAN RESILIENCE, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT

Key questions:

- How resilient, climate change – responsive and environmentally friendly are the urban areas in Kenya today?
- How do we mainstream resilience principles and processes in urban development in the country?
- How do we promote climate change responsive urban development in the country?
- How do we promote sustainable environmental management in the country?

The discussion should be guided by the following sub-themes:

- i. Constitutional context
- ii. Policy and legislations
- iii. Urban resilience
- iv. Climate change and disaster risk management

- v. Urban environmental management (solid waste, waste water, recreational facilities etc)

V. THE LAND QUESTION

The key questions:

- Which challenges face urban land management in Kenya today?
- How can we ensure timely access to land (of the right quality, quantity & variety) for urban development?
- The discussion should be guided by the following sub-themes:
 - i. Constitutional context;
 - ii. Policy and legislations;
 - iii. Urban land registration and administration;
 - iv. Urban land tenure regimes;
 - v. Informality in the urban land management;
 - vi. Options for providing land for urban development; and
 - vii. Urban land information systems