



**Raising the Role and Visibility of Cities in  
the International Arena: Climate Change,  
Cities and Sustainable Development Goals.**

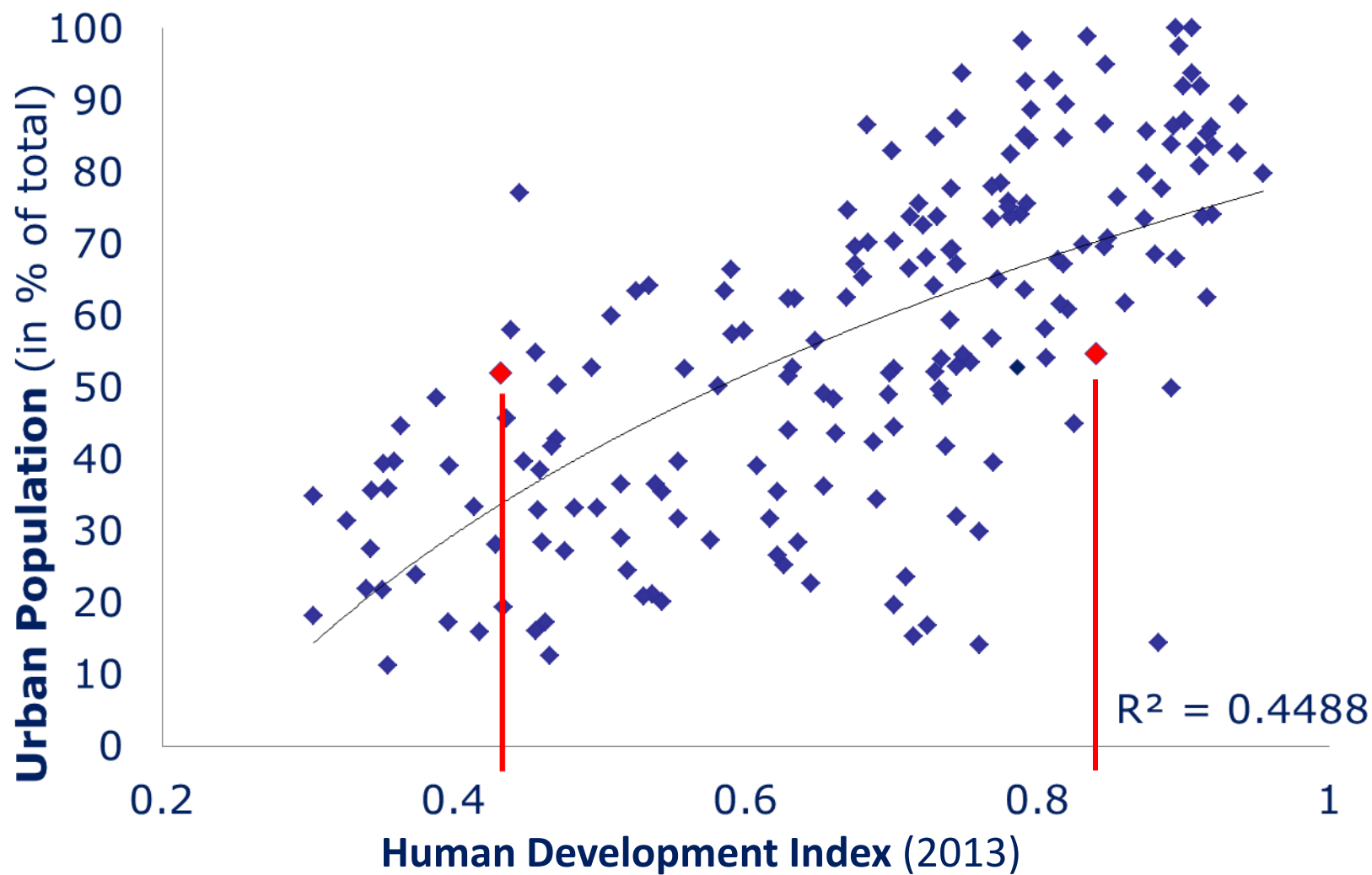
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- Climate Change Mitigation, Resilience, Technology
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## Urbanization, again

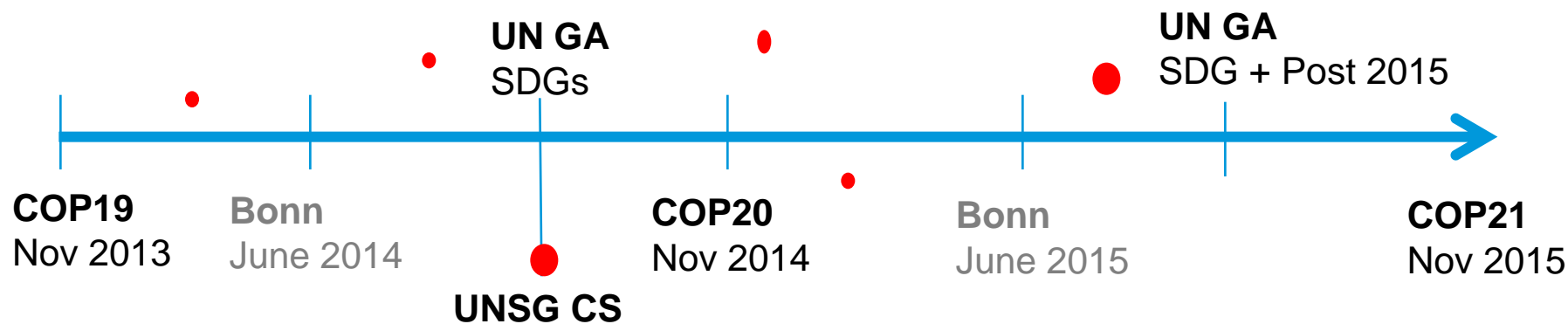


## Interesting times ahead: 2014, 2015, 2016

### Next 24 Month will likely define the future Climate Change & Development Architecture (15 years +)

Role of Cities in new **Development Architecture**, as **Location** where **people** live and **development** takes place

**SDGs**, Agenda for Sustainable Urbanization (Habitat III)



Role of Cities in new Climate Change **Architecture**, as **Location** where **people** live and Climate Action takes place and is cost effective  
COP21, Paris

## Rationale for engaging UNFCCC Processes

- **Cities need defined frameworks** for climate action, preferably containing 3 elements.  
**Recognize** role of cities, **Provide** adequate financial and legal means, **Build** Capacity
  - **LG's committed** vis-à-vis national and international actors (Durban Adaptation Charter, Nantes Declaration etc.)
  - Provide **Forum** for LG's to express their role in a multi-level dialogue with Member States & international bodies. **Lead UN Agency** for Cities.
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- **COP Cities Day** in Warsaw, now in Bonn (10.6) and soon Lima
  - **Cities 'issue' of growing importance** in international CC Negotiations (SBSTA – ADP)

## National **Adaptation & Mitigation** Architecture

- **NAP - National Adaptation Plans** are meant as a strategic process to reduce vulnerability to impacts of climate change and enhance coherence of adaptation and development planning.
- NAPs will likely determine National Adaptation Priorities in the next decade, and most are still to be developed.
- **NAMA - National Appropriate Mitigation Actions** refers to a set of policies and actions that countries undertake as a commitment to reduce GHG emissions – Mitigation Framework
- NAMA will likely be the Key Funding Mechanism for National Mitigation – Urban NAMA / Vertical NAMA (GIZ)

## From the MDGs to SDGs

- **Mandate from Rio +20**
- **Global** in nature
- Universally applicable to all countries while taking into account **different national realities**, capacities and levels of development and **respecting national policies** and priorities.
- **Action**-oriented
- Concise
- Easy to communicate
- Limited in number
- Aspirational

## Why we need an **urban** Sustainable Development Goal

- **Educate and focus attention** on urgent urban challenges and future opportunities
- **Mobilize and empower** all urban actors around practical problem solving
- Address the specific challenges of **urban poverty** and access to infrastructure
- Promote integrated and innovative design and **service delivery**
- Promote **land use planning** and efficient **spatial** concentration
- Ensure **resilience to climate change** and disaster risk reduction



## Post 2015 Development Architecture & the **SDG Process**

- The report of the **High Level Panel** on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, says that “Cities are where the battle for sustainable development will be won or lost...”
- **UN Secretary-General’s report** titled “A life of dignity for all”, recognized “Meet[ing] the challenges of urbanization” as one of key “...transformative and mutually reinforcing actions that apply to all countries...”
- **Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)** recommended a goal on “empowering inclusive, productive and resilient cities”, plus three targets.



## Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Dev. Goals

- OWG, main body to propose a “new set of goals” organized around 12/13 Sessions, to be **concluded in July**.
- OWG **Co-Chairs** observed that “The inclusion of an urbanization-related goal in the SDGs was supported by many.”
- OWG Co-Chairs included a focus area on “**Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements**” in consecutive versions of their working document, currently known as FA-10.



## Results of OWG-11, New York, 5-9 May

- The Co-Chairs concluded that working document remains generally supported, but some clear amendments will need to take place in the 16 focus areas (*see list in following slide*).
- **6 Green** - Near consensus on FA-1 poverty, FA-2 agriculture, FA-3 health, FA-4 education, FA-5 gender, FA-6 water and sanitation
- **4 Red** - Focus areas that require more work than others:
  - Equality (new focus area);
  - Climate change (strong call for mainstreaming in other FAs);
  - Means of implementation (MOI);
  - Peaceful and inclusive societies; Rule of law and capable institutions.

## SDG Focus Areas 1-8 (as of May 2014)

Focus Area	Proposed Goal
Focus area 1. Poverty eradication, building shared prosperity and promoting equality	<b>End poverty in all its forms everywhere</b>
Focus area 2. Sustainable agriculture, food security and nutrition	<b>End hunger and improve nutrition for all through sustainable agriculture and improved food systems</b>
Focus area 3. Health and population dynamics	<b>Healthy life at all ages for all</b>
Focus area 4. Education and life-long learning	<b>Provide quality education and life-long learning for all</b>
Focus area 5. Gender equality and women's empowerment	<b>Attain gender equality and women's empowerment everywhere</b>
Focus area 6. Water and sanitation	<b>Water and sanitation for a sustainable world</b>
Focus area 7. Energy	<b>Ensure access to affordable, sustainable, and reliable modern energy for all</b>
Focus area 8. Economic growth, employment and infrastructure	<b>Promote sustainable, inclusive and sustained economic growth and decent jobs for all</b>

## SDG Focus Areas 8-16 (as of May 2014)

Focus Area	Proposed Goal
Focus area 9. Industrialization and promoting equality among nations	<b>Promote sustainable industrialization and equality among nations</b>
<b>Focus area 10. Sustainable cities and human settlements</b>	<b>Build inclusive, safe and sustainable cities and human settlements</b>
Focus area 11. Sustainable Consumption and Production	<b>Promote sustainable consumption and production patterns</b>
Focus area 12. Climate change	<b>Take urgent and significant action to mitigate and adapt to climate change</b>
Focus area 13. Conservation and sustainable use of marine resources, oceans and seas	<b>Take urgent and significant actions for the conservation and sustainable use of marine resources, oceans and seas</b>
Focus area 14. Ecosystems and biodiversity	<b>Protect and restore terrestrial ecosystems and halt all biodiversity loss</b>
Focus area 15. Means of implementation/Global partnership for sustainable development	<b>Means of implementation; Technology transfer, technological capabilities; Financing and debt sustainability; Capacity building; Strengthened global partnership for sustainable development</b>
Focus area 16. Peaceful and inclusive societies, rule of law and capable institutions	<b>Peaceful and inclusive societies, rule of law and capable institutions</b>

## UN Secretary General's Climate Summit, 23 September

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- Keynote High Level Initiative 2014 to gather World Leader before the General Assembly to Raise Ambition on CC
- “Cities” are one of the selected work streams preparing Announcements.
- UN High Level Envoy on Cities and Climate Change, Ex Mayor of New York Michael Bloomberg
- **Transformative Projects, Urban Electric Mobility and Compact of Mayors**



# Sustainable urbanization:

The Built-Up Area of Atlanta and Barcelona Represented at the Same Scale

**Atlanta:**

2.8 million people (1990)

4,280 km<sup>2</sup> (built-up area)

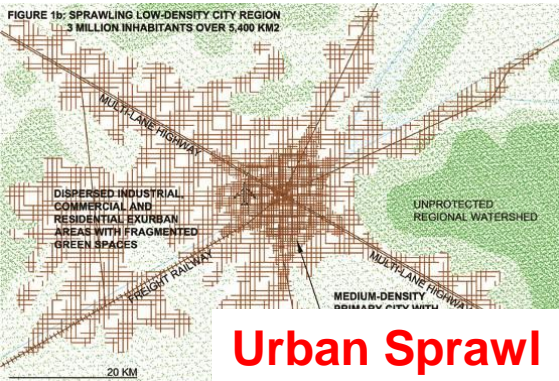
**Barcelona:**

2.8 million people (1990)

162 km<sup>2</sup> (built-up area)

Data sources: Atlanta Aris data base and  
Barcelona Regional Planning Office.

# UN-Habitat Vision for sustainable urbanization



We believe in more

Compact

socially

inclusive,

better

Integrated

and

Connected

Cities

that foster sustainable  
development & are resilient  
to Climate Change

