The New Urban Agenda
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The New Urban Agenda (NUA) has been adopted. Defining a global set of standards of achievements, it is expected to lead urban development for the next (20?) years, in an increasingly urbanizing world;

- It renews a strengthened global commitment to sustainable urban development [no reservations!]

- The NUA is a universal agenda, not too prescriptive but with a level of definition (implementation actions) unusual in global development frameworks

- The NUA is a non-legally binding agreement, can’t be enforced and as it stands doesn’t establish measurable targets;

- Specific targets and related action plans will be developed based on national/local contexts and priorities; it will be implemented in respect of national legislation, practices and policies, while contributing to reshape them
The NUA builds on, is aligned and coherent to the objectives of the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for DRR…..as well as the AAAA:

**2030 Agenda** – NUA promote **sustainable urbanization as a driver for Sustainable Development** / clear actions to achieve goal 11 and contributions to urban dimensions of other goals and targets.

**Paris Agreement** – NUA is clearly an **Agenda to combat CC**  [Model of cities and specific provisions related to Mitigation and Adaptation]

**Sendai Framework** – NUA explicitly fosters DRR and management approaches, vulnerability reduction and resilience building.
HOW THE NUA IMPLEMENTATION INTEGRATES WITH THE OTHER DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS INCLUDING THE FUR PROCESSES?

Work in progress:

- Second Committee resolution in November 2016
- UN Habitat Governing Council – April 2017
- UN Habitat Assessment report and two-day HLM of the GA, convened by the PGA [June - July 2017], to discuss the effective implementation of the NUA and the positioning of UN-Habitat in this regard.
- Report on the progress of the implementation of NUA (and internationally agreed goals and targets relevant to sustainable urbanization and human settlements) every 4 years, with the first to be submitted during the 72nd session. [Sept 2017]
Whether you want it or not……

Meanwhile countries, cities and stakeholders will continue to pursue Sustainable Urban Development

- Local Authorities have presented their proposals for a strengthened role in the multilateral debate and will continue to work through their alliances.

- Building on the HIII process, countries have created or revived NHC and National Urban Forums that will converge for a global inclusive discussion on implementation in the World Urban Forum in 2018.

- HIII National Reports are being already used as baselines for their Action Plans.

- Networks and partnerships created or consolidated during these 2 years are doing advocacy and embracing the NUA to lobby and guide implementation at all levels.