



The 7th Spatial Planning Platform

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Outline

1. Strategic Plan 2026-2029
2. Regional consultation: ROAP Roadmap to Baku
3. Asia Pacific regional trends



1. Strategic Plan 2026-2029

2024

December: Executive Board

2025

Jan.15: Member States Retreat

Feb.10&14: MS Consultation at Ad-hoc Working Group

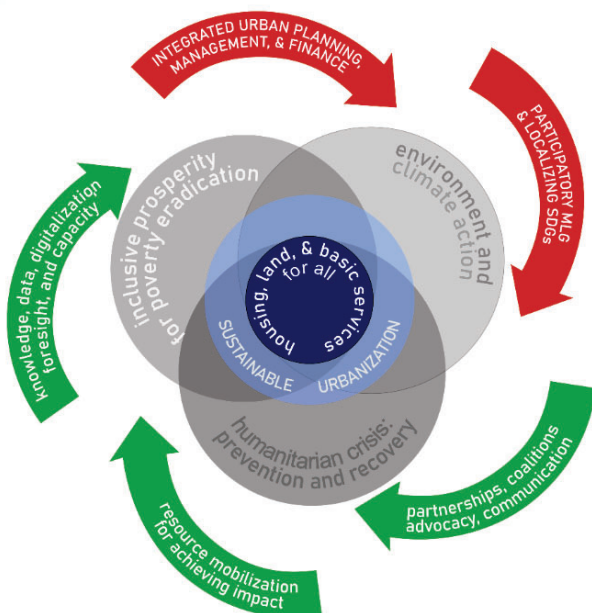
March 25-27: Executive Board

May: Habitat Assembly

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1. Structure of Strategic Plan 2026-2029



Strategic Focus:

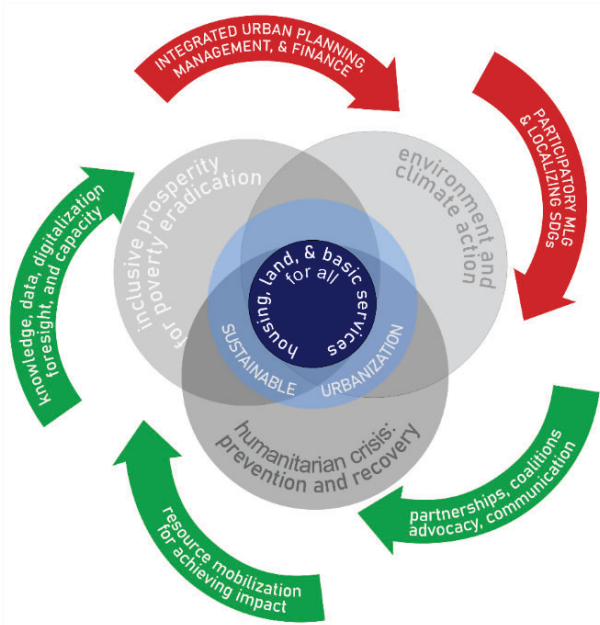
Adequate housing, land and basic services for all, including the urgent transformation of informal settlements and slums

Three impact areas:

- a) Equitable and inclusive prosperity for poverty eradication
- b) Prevention, response, recovery and reconstruction in the context of humanitarian crisis
- c) Environment and climate action

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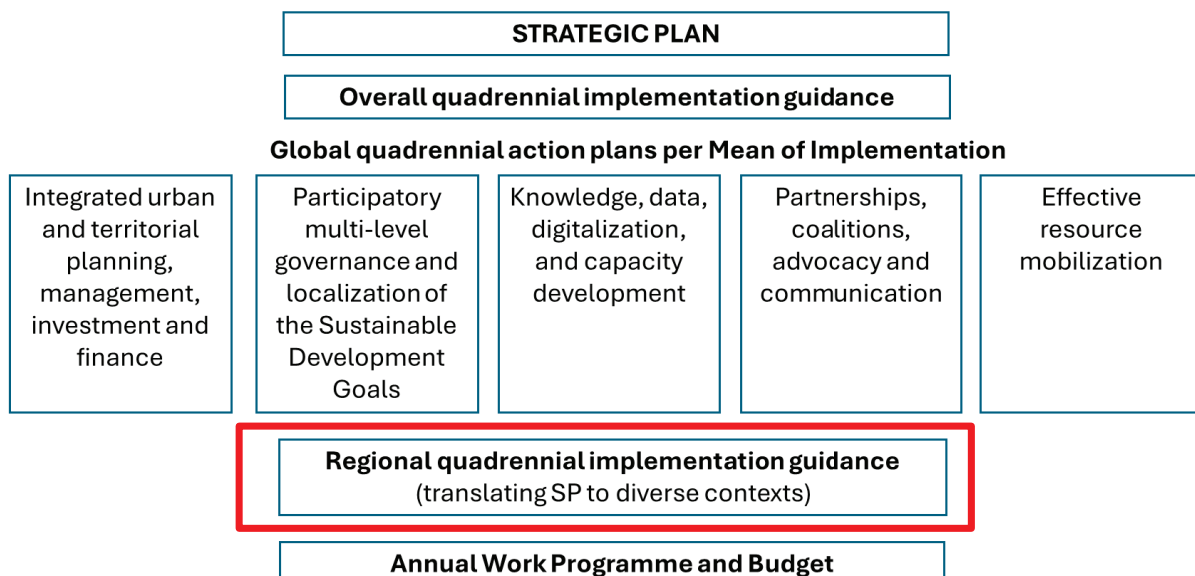


Five Means of Implementation:

- a) integrated urban and territorial planning, management, investment and finance;
- b) participatory multi-level governance and localization of the SDGs;
- c) knowledge, data, digitalization, and capacity development;
- d) partnerships, coalitions, advocacy and communication;
- e) effective resource mobilization.

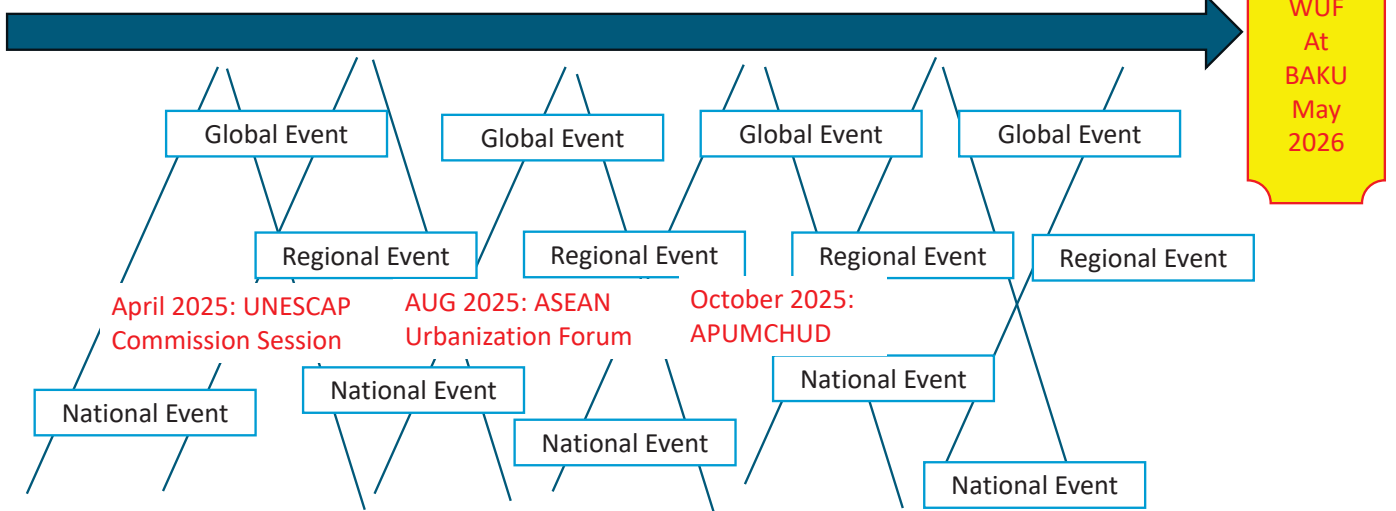
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Proposed implementation documents



2. ROAP Roadmap to Baku

- a) To brief new (draft) strategic plan
- b) To receive input for regional implementation
- c) To mobilize more stakeholders to WUF13
- d) To deliver consistent message as UN-Habitat



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Asia Pacific Regional Trends

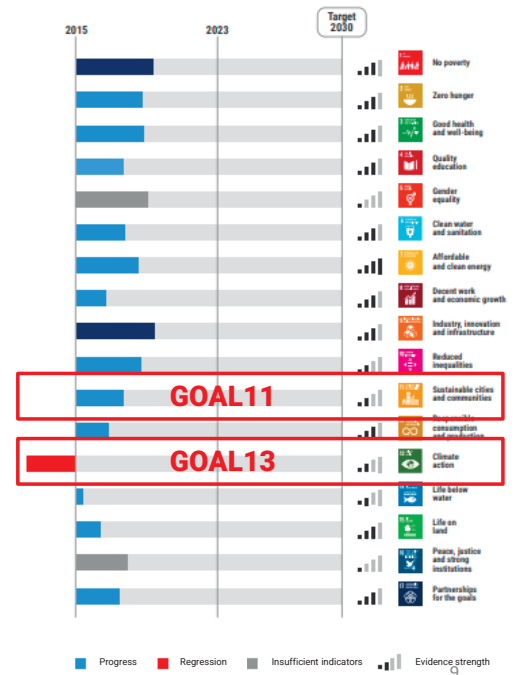
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Rapid Urbanization and ongoing housing crisis:

- ✓ Urban population expected to grow from **2.5 billion in 2023 to 3.5 billion in 2050**.
- ✓ This rapid influx leads to **insufficient infrastructure** and services, leading to **inadequate housing** and a rise in **slum dwellers**.

Climate Change and Environmental Degradation:

- ✓ The region is responsible for over **55 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions**, with more than **70 per cent of those emissions generated in urban areas**.
- ✓ The Asia-Pacific waste generation is projected to increase from **802 million tons in 2016 to over 1 billion tons by 2030**.
- ✓ **1 billion** urban residents may face multiple **high or extreme hazards** in the region by 2030.



Social Inequality:

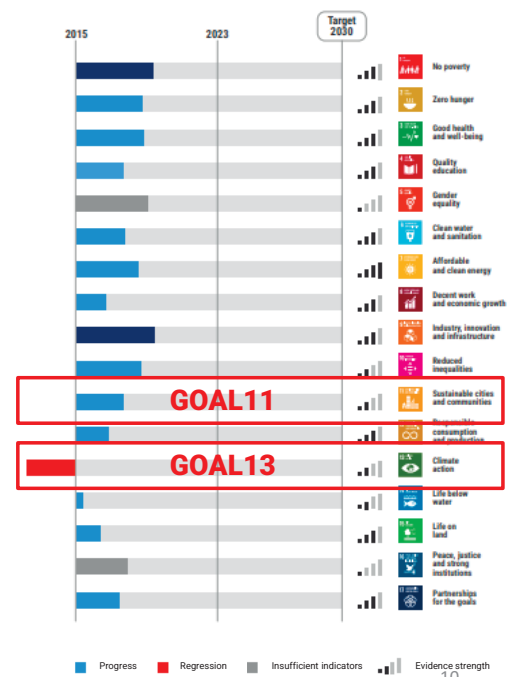
- ✓ Economic disparities are pronounced, with an **estimated 233 million people in the region live on less than \$1.90 a day**, below the international extreme poverty line.
- ✓ This economic divide limits **access to essential services** and contributes to **social unrest**, highlighting the urgent need for inclusive urban policies.

Governance Issues:

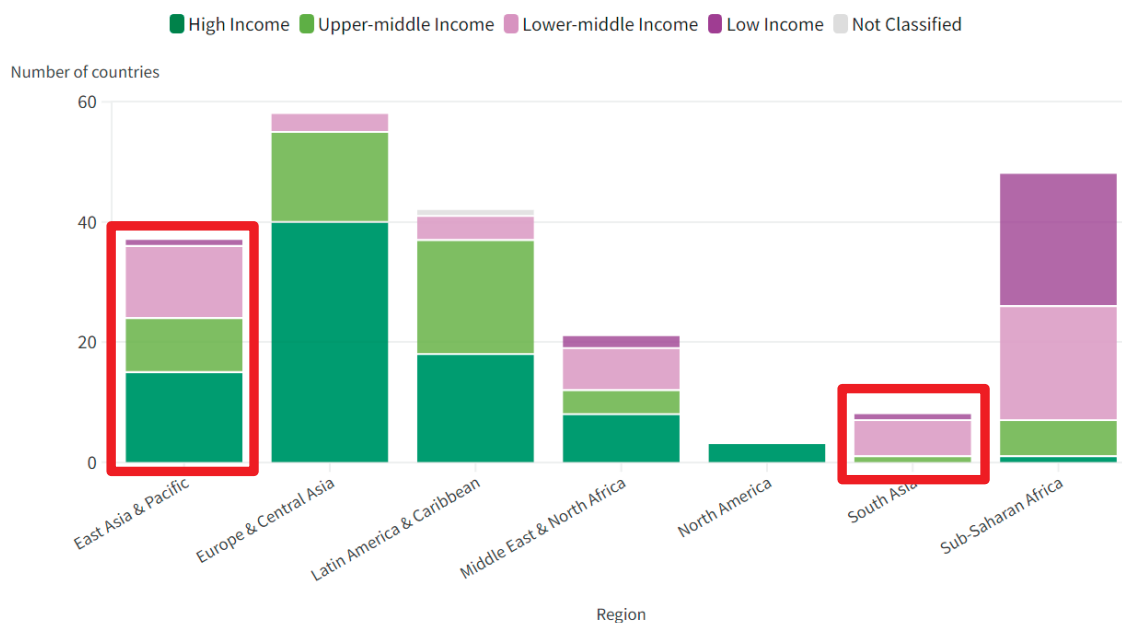
- ✓ With at least **65% of SDG targets directly linked to the work and mandates of local and regional governments**, there is a growing need for integrated governance and effective policy implementation.

SDG achievement:

- ✓ The region is **not on track** achieving the SDGs



World Bank country classifications by income level for 2023



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1. LLDC

Country name	LLDC	LDC
Afghanistan	Yes	Yes
Bhutan	Yes	
Lao PDR	Yes	Yes (will graduate in 2026)
Mongolia	Yes	
Nepal	Yes	Yes (will graduate in 2026)



RD visit to Afghanistan, Oct 2024

2. SIDS

Country name	SIDS
Kiribati Solomon Islands Timor Leste Tuvalu	SIDS and LDC
Other Pacific countries Maldives	SIDS

Note: Cambodia is an LDC but not under the category 1-3 (LLDC, SIDS and transition) in the table.

3. Country in Transition

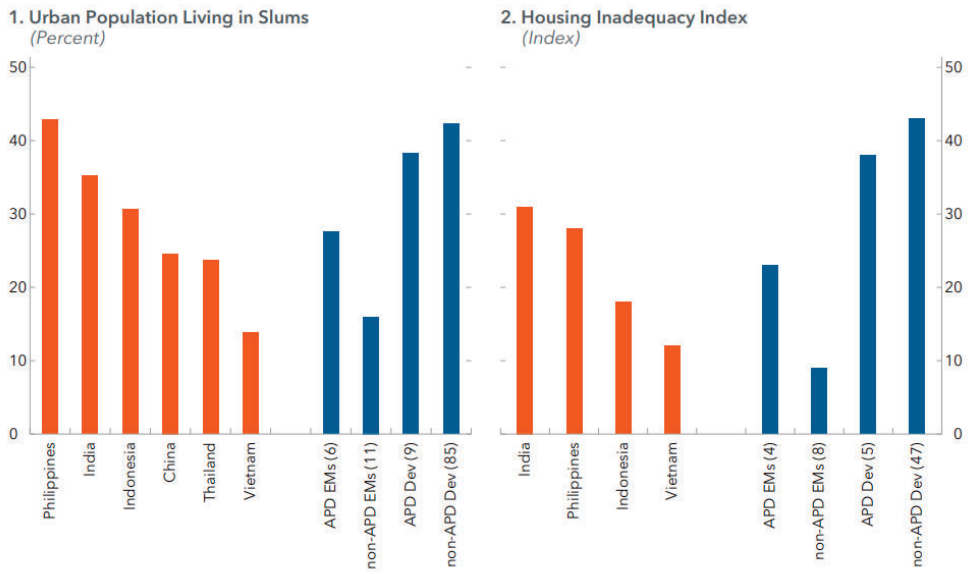
Country name	Political situation	LDC
Afghanistan	De-facto authority	YES
Myanmar	De-facto authority	YES
Iran	Sanctions	
Sri Lanka	Political and economic crisis	
Bangladesh	Interim Government	YES (will graduate in 2026)

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Housing quality is a challenge in middle income countries

Figure 15. Housing Quality Is a Challenge in EMDs in Asia-Pacific



Sources: Behr and others (2021); United Nations Human Settlements Programme; and World Bank, World Development Indicators.

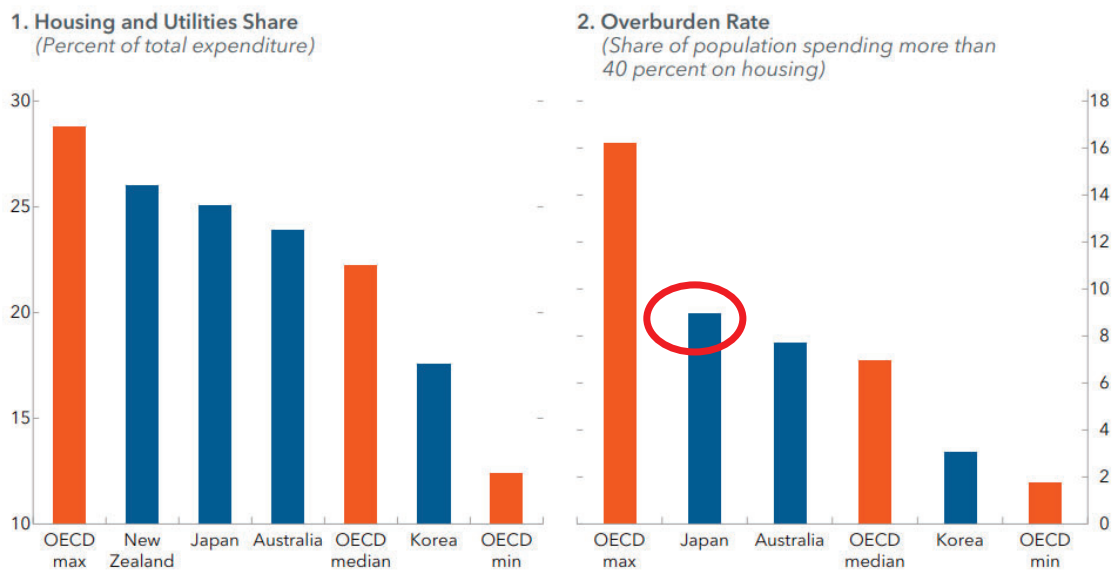
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Source: IMF (2022) "Housing Market Stability and Affordability in Asia-Pacific" 13



Affordability is a challenge in high income countries

Figure 13. Housing Affordability is a Concern in Several Advanced Economies in Asia-Pacific

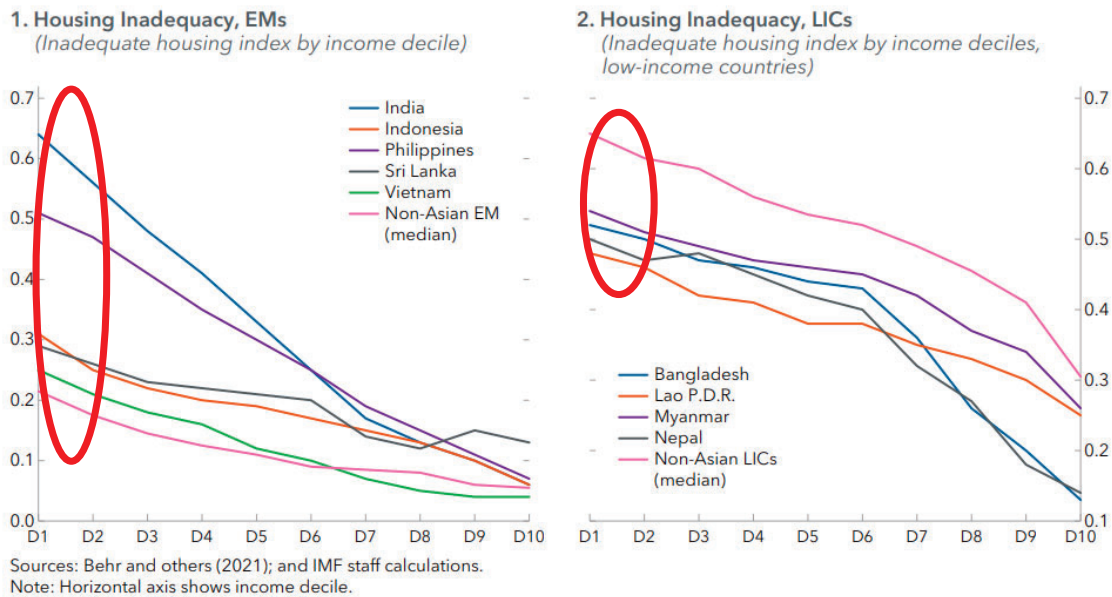


Source: OECD.

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Figure 16. Significant Inequality in Housing Quality within Countries across Income Levels



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Reflection from our experience: Some challenges

- **Insufficient data:** Need to strengthen data collection to design evidence-based project and track the progress
- **Cross-sectoral partnership:** Housing and urban policies are intrinsically cross-sectoral. We need to discuss with, and work together with not only our traditional line ministries but also more ministries, for example, ministry of environment, ministry of finance and ministry of social welfare. Cross-sectoral partnership needs to be promoted.
- **More support for local governments:** Strengthened support for SDG localization needed. Technical capacity building and policy advice functions should be enhanced.
- **Climate change and gender:** must be mainstreamed in urban policy.