

UN-Habitat Governing Council approves the International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning (IG-UTP)

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I am pleased to pass on the news that the UN Habitat Governing Council has adopted *International Guidelines for Urban and Territorial Planning*. Portions of a message describing this from Kamel Bouhmad of the Habitat staff are below; attached are copies of the Guidelines in English, the resolution adopting them, as well as a report providing a compendium of planning examples from around the world which was used to illustrate the potential of planning to the members of the Governing Council. There is also a draft press release, should you be motivated to reach out to media contacts. Copies of the *Guidelines* in all six official UN languages may be found at: <http://unhabitat.org/gc25/> : follow the L-Documents link on the left side of the page.

The Guidelines are intended to help planning advocates in UN member states convince their governments that planning interventions which follow current professional best practice ideas will advance their nations. The specific recommendations were prepared within the framework of past UN Habitat decisions, and reflect the political realities of the United Nations, of course. At the same time, I think you will agree they are a strong contribution. Bruce

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Subject: UN-Habitat Governing Council approves the International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning (IG-UTP)

Dear IG-UTP Friends,

We are pleased to inform you that the International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning have been **approved by the UN-Habitat Governing Council** last Friday.

We are grateful for the instrumental support of the **co-sponsors** of the Resolution (France, Japan, South Africa and Uganda)....

We attach here some **relevant documents** (also available on-line at <http://unhabitat.org/gc25/>) that we encourage you to use and share with your constituencies, partners and professional networks:

1. Resolution 25/L5 that approves the Guidelines and gives a mandate for their implementation and monitoring.

2. Press Release that you may wish to adapt and disseminate as appropriate.

3. Final Guidelines in the 6 UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish, Russian): currently being put in a proper lay-out for outreach and communication purposes.

4. Compendium of Inspiring Practices: sample of an on-going, larger and open initiative to document inspirational and international experiences on Urban and Territorial Planning that illustrates the Guidelines....

We will continue to explore...avenues to inform **global and regional agendas as well as country operations**. An immediate activity could be to **translate the Guidelines in other languages** (eg: Portuguese, Indonesian...) for broader outreach and impacts. We are open to suggestions and count very much on your feedback and active participation....

We thank you for your continuous engagement and commitment. We look forward to keeping you with us in this exciting IG-UTP journey.

With our best regards,

Kamel