

DRAFT NORDIC DECLARATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

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1. Our joint point of departure is that *sustainable urban development* as outlined in the New Urban Agenda is *essential to achieve the 2030 Agenda*.ⁱ
2. We are convinced that *political leadership* plays an essential role in order to define challenges, developing visions, building coalitions and create conditions for courageous actors.ⁱⁱ
3. We call for a governance structure with *focus on co-production in planning* when turning visions into action, developing strategies, and defining action plans. ⁱⁱⁱ
4. We therefore emphasize that the management of sustainable urban development should adopt a flexible *multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral approach* in seizing opportunities, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. ^{iv}
5. Finally, our joint vision is that *sustainable urban development in the Nordic region* should be guided by a set of *fundamental principles* supported by sufficient resources: ^v
 - Sustainable **urban environment** - protect natural resources and improve urban ecosystems, smart city approach, circular economy, sustainable energy.^{vi}
 - Sustainable **urban socio-economic well-being** - safe, healthy, and inclusive environment, accessible, green, and quality public spaces, generate social and economic value, well-connected and well-distributed networks, human-scale.^{vii}
 - Sustainable **urban housing** - age- and gender-responsive, wide range and mix of housing options, integrated housing approaches.^{viii}
 - Sustainable urban **mobility** - urban-rural interactions, connectivity, road safety, integrating mobility plans into overall urban plans.^{ix}
 - Sustainable urban **participation** - collaboration with non-governmental organizations, broaden inclusive platforms, age and gender-responsive approaches – leaving no one behind.^x
 - Sustainable urban **culture** – revitalize urban areas, diversity, strengthen social participation.^{xi}

We encourage all relevant actors and stakeholders to take collective action and responsibility for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda in order to reach the sustainable development goals of the 2030 Agenda. Our conviction is that the Nordic region holds the potential to fulfil these goals. We therefore commit ourselves to share good examples and lessons learned and move forward at global, national, regional and local level to achieve a sustainable development.

ⁱ See particularly SDG11 Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable' and the principles of the New Urban Agenda (NUA)

ⁱⁱ SDG11a, NUA§85-92, Nordic Urban Ways (NUW) p.51

ⁱⁱⁱ SDG11b, NUA§93-123, NUW p.51

^{iv} SDG11c, NUA§123, 130-160

^v NUA§93-123, NUW p.51

^{vi} NUA§65-66, 71, 75

^{vii} NUA§39, 53, 67, 100

^{viii} NUA§32, 107-108

^{ix} NUA§50, 113-114

^x NUA§29, 41-42

^{xi} NUA§38