INPUT TO BONN SYMPOSIUM
BEST PRACTICE: PROGRESSING THE SDGS VIA NETWORKS OF CITIES
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Cities are being acknowledged globally as the key to growth, development and stability. South Africa aspires to have:

“Liveable, safe, resource-efficient cities and towns that are socially integrated, economically inclusive and globally competitive, where residents actively participate in urban life.”

(Vision statement from the national Integrated Urban Development Framework, 2016)
INTEGRATING ENGAGEMENT

How do we work?
- An active network of city leaders and managers
- A research programme that includes new urban-focused Research Chairs
- Practitioner-based reference groups and communities of practice
- Local and international partnerships
- A system of ongoing monitoring, evaluation, reporting and learning

Peer-based learning linked to key areas
2021: CITIES @ THE CENTRE

1. PEOPLE
   Liveable cities
   - Strengthened urban economies
     1. Growing urban economies
     2. Expanded economic participation
     3. Improved local economic governance
     4. Deepened economic intelligence
   - Spatial determinants of well-being
     1. Safer cities
     2. Collective voice and governance
     3. Knowledge co-creation
     4. Educated and healthy communities

2. SPACE
   Efficient & resilient city built form
   - Spatial transformation
     1. Built environment integration
     2. Transversal leadership & management
     3. Skills and capacity for integrated delivery
   - Sustainable infrastructure
     & resource efficiency
     1. Enabling policy & regulatory frameworks
     2. Planning & implementation of programmes
     3. Knowledge sharing & dissemination
     4. Mobilisation & communication
     5. Strong partnerships

3. SYSTEMS
   Intelligent, innovative & prepared cities
   - Future city development strategies
     1. City foresight (scenarios project)
     2. Sustainability embedded in CDS
     3. Smarter cities
     4. Harnessing urban innovation
   - Urban data project
     1. City data & indicators code book
     2. Effective city information management systems
     3. Expanded Open Data Almanac (SCODA)

4. INSTITUTIONS
   Enabling environment for city development
   - Urban governance project
     1. Stronger institutional & operational capability
     2. Collective governance & effective participation
     3. Improved image of local government
   - Sustainable metro financing
     1. State of city finances reporting
     2. Alternative metro financing models
     3. Metro finance capability project

5. ENGAGEMENT
   Empowered, learning & communicating cities
   - Enhanced cities' voice and leadership
     - Local government's role located & supported in broader governance context
     - Increased awareness of urban local government issues & the role of cities
   - Engaged local urban actors
     - Advocacy & support to enable empowered & informed urban actors
   - Measured change & learning
     - Support to SACN's programme of work & impact through measurement across member cities