



**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)

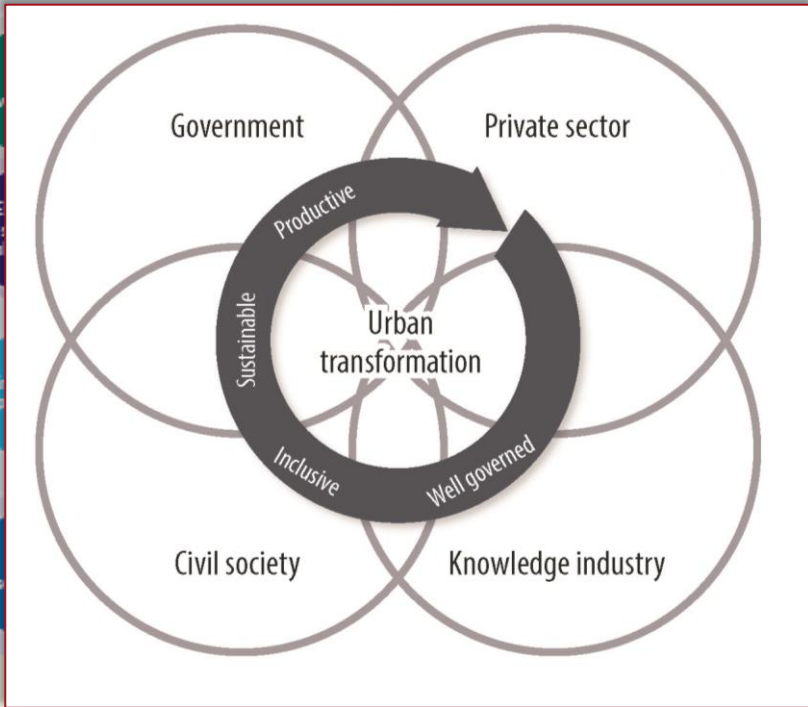
**IUDF** **INTEGRATED URBAN DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**  
a policy to guide the development by addressing the unique conditions and challenges facing South Africa's towns and cities

**NDP** **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2030**  
a long-term plan for South Africa to eliminate poverty and reduce inequality by 2030

**AGENDA 2063** **AFRICA AGENDA 2063** is the African Union's strategic framework for the socio-economic transformation of the continent to accelerate the implementation of continental initiatives for growth and sustainable development.

**NUA** **NEW URBAN AGENDA**  
global standards in sustainable urban development, rethinking the way we build, manage and live in cities, through cooperation with partners, stakeholders and urban actors at all levels including government and the private sector.

**SDG** **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**  
a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.



**GOAL 11** inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

- Urban infrastructure
- Active citizenry
- Finance & investment
- Participatory governance
- Urban planning & design
- Urban safety & security
- Urban services & infrastructure
- Urban sustainability



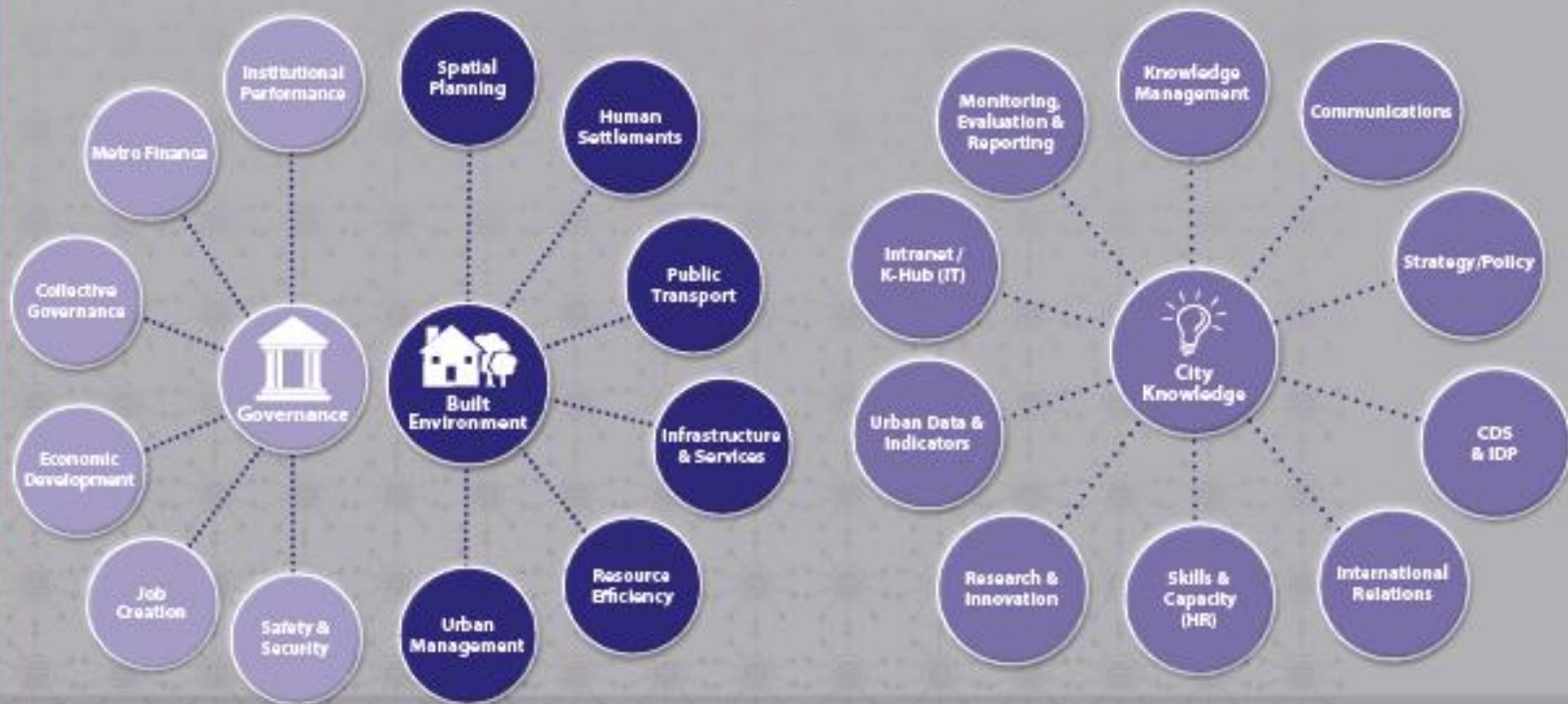
# INTEGRATING ENGAGEMENT

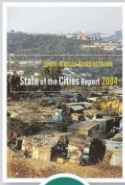
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## HOW DO WE WORK?

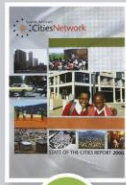
- An active network of city leaders and managers
- A research programme that includes new urban-focused Research Chairs
- Practitioner-based reference groups and communities of practice
- Local and international partnerships
- A system of ongoing monitoring, evaluation, reporting and learning

## Peer-based learning linked to key areas





2004



2006



2011



2016



2021



2026



2030

STATE OF CITIES REPORTING

## 2021: CITIES @ THE CENTRE

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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)

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### 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

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### 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