# BMBF's Research Vision & the Rapid Planning Project

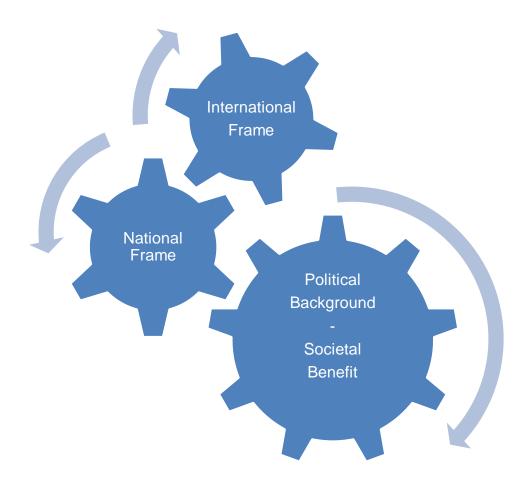
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# Motivation for BMBF's Research Programmes





## **International Cornerstones:**





































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For the goals to be reached, everyone needs to do their part: governments, the private sector, civil society and people like you.



### Goal 11: Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

#### **TARGETS**

#### 11.1

By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums

#### 11.2

By 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons

#### 11.3

By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries

#### 11.4

Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage

#### 11.5

By 2030, significantly reduce the number of deaths and the number of people affected and substantially decrease the direct economic losses relative to global gross domestic product caused by disasters, including water-related disasters, with a focus on protecting the poor and people in vulnerable situations

#### 11.6

By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management

#### 11.7

By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities



#### 11.a

Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning

#### 11.b

By 2020, substantially increase the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters, and develop and implement, in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, holistic disaster risk management at all levels

#### 11.c

Support least developed countries, including through financial and technical assistance, in building sustainable and resilient buildings utilizing local materials



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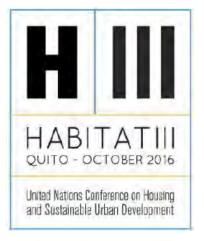
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#### **Paris Agreement**

COP21 closed on 12 December 2015 with the adoption of the first international climate agreement (concluded by 195 countries and applicable to all). The twelve-page text, made up of a preamble and 29 articles, provides for a limitation of the temperature rise to below 2°C and even to tend towards 1.5°C. It is flexible and takes into account the needs and capacities of each country. It is balanced as regards adaptation and mitigation, and durable, with a periodical ratcheting-up of ambitions.

### **International Cornerstones:**



127/ 175: We recognize that the implementation of the New Urban Agenda requires an enabling environment and a wide range of means of implementation including access to science, technology, and innovation and enhanced knowledge sharing on mutually agreed terms, capacity development, and mobilization of financial resources...





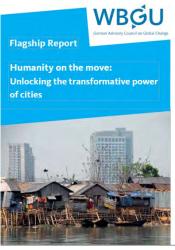
### Federal Government's/BMBF's Cornerstones:

- "Research for Sustainable Development" framework programme:
  - City of the Future (2015 Focus)
  - energy transition
  - sustainable economic activity





Flagship Report:
"Humanity on the move. Unlocking the transformative power of cities"





### Federal Government's/BMBF's Cornerstones:





### Implementation of BMBF's International Urban Research (selected measures)

### Goals and Budget

Climate change mitigation and adaptation measures for the establishment of energy- and climate-efficient structures

Total research budget: approx. 50 Mio € for 9 years (-> 2014) for 34 German research institutions, in-kind contribution of foreign partners

www.future-megacities.org

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Funding of 9 bilateral research projects & capacity building measures in 8 countries (5 Asia, 1 Latin America, 3 Africa), approx. 1000 research products





### Implementation of BMBF's International Urban Research (selected measures)

Rapid Planning (2014 – 2019), Sustainable infrastructure, environmental & resource management for highly dynamic metropolises; features the regions of Sub-Saharan, Africa, the Arab States, South East Asia and Europe



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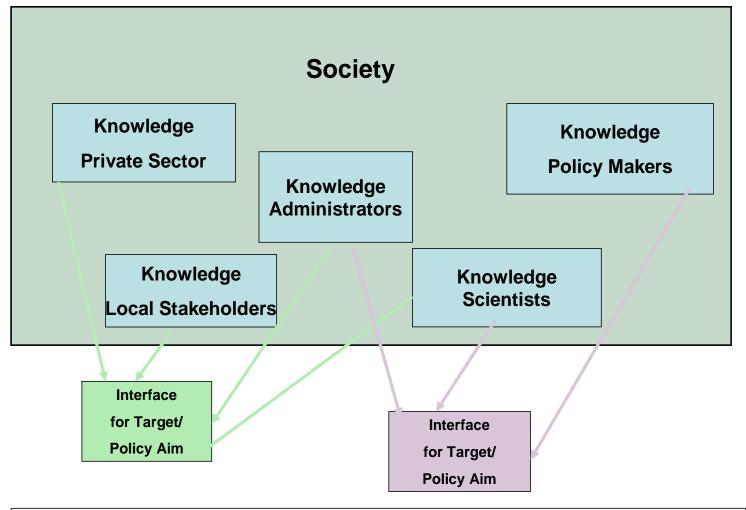


# **City Action – Time Frames of Different Actors**



Adapted from Koch-Kraft 2013:





Implementation-oriented science/sustainability science: Different forms of knowledge to be assembled individually and in relation to the policy- /implementation-oriented target being set by the research group (Source: Peter Moll, Ute Zander 2006)





# Thank you very much for your attention



### **Our subjects**

» World of work » Education » Society

» Environment » Health » Culture

» Innovation » Technologies



### **Facts and figures**

~1,000 employees, more than half of them researchers

3 locations: Bonn, Cologne, Berlin, 1 office in Brussels

→1 billion euros in funding and 9,500 projects annually



### **Our clients**

- » Federal ministries, state ministries, public authorities
- » Foundations, associations, research organisations
- » European Commission, foreign government bodies



### Selection:







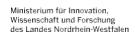










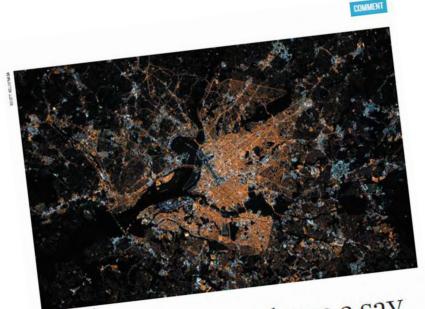












# Scientists must have a say in the future of cities

A United Nations conference seeks urban sustainability. But the agenda will fail without input from researchers, warn Timon McPhearson and colleagues.

ore urban areas will be built in the next 30 years than ever before.
Growing settlements will increase demand for infrastructure, food, energy, water and housing. Simply meeting the projected urban expansion will breach the warming limit set by the 2015 Paris climate

This week, the United Nations' third agreement. major global cities conference, Habitat III, convenes in Quito, Ecuador, Held every 20 years, this multilateral meeting will adopt a global framework for making cities more sustainable — the New Urban Agenda (NUA). Sadly, science was largely absent from the drafting process of the NUA. By contrast, expert evidence guided the Paris climate deal, the 2015 Sendai Framework

for Disaster Risk Reduction and the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals

One reason is that the scientific commu-(SDGs). nity was unprepared for Habitat III. The few scientists invited to participate accepted a consultative role, nested among other public voices. Then, in late July, negotiators dropped the proposed multistakeholder panel, which would have formally embedded scientists and other non-state representatives in the implementation process, European Union members and other rich countries were concerned that the panel would be expensive. The final draft of the NUA brokered in New York last month failed to reverse this. It is thus necessary to argue the

case once again for the importance of urban science and of establishing a science-policy interface for the NUA.

Urban research is disparate, marginalized and ill-prepared to interact effectively with global policy. The Habitat III agenda requires a global community of urban biophysical and social scientists to assess developments and help direct progress. To achieve the SDGs and the NUA, the global urban research community must come together to develop institutions, funding mechanisms and research agendas.

Rapid urbanization is one of the biggest social transformations in human history. Cities are depleting resources and face new

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# Motivation for BMBF's Research Programme Future Megacities (2005-2014)

### Identify a (Mega)Trend:

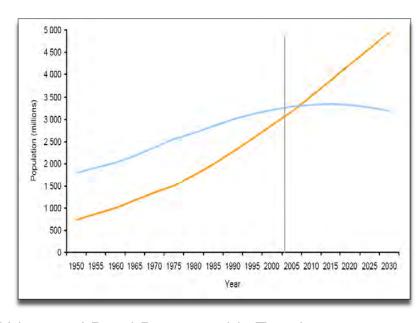
News Feature

Megacity, megamess...

The creaking infrastructure of Indonesia's capital is overwhelmed by people, vehicles and beliefton. As urbanization gathers pace across the developing world. Jessica Marshall visits Jakarta to witness its stomach-churning consequences:

Source: Nature, Vol. 437/15 Sept 2005

Data: UN, OECD, International Studies



Urban and Rural Demographic Trends

Source: UN 2004

