



Open-Ended Informal Consultative Meetings

Habitat III Policy Unit 2: Socio-cultural urban frameworks

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MAIN CHALLENGES

1. Persistent urban inequalities
2. Globalized and homogenized urban development
3. Social exclusion
4. Safety issues
5. Environmental concerns
6. Forced migration



VISION

People should be placed at the centre of public policy and urban planning through culture



KEY MESSAGES and RECOMMENDATIONS



1. Promote people-centred cities

Empower and enable different social groups to overcome systemic and institutional inequalities and vulnerabilities for all citizens to be active agents and participants of urban life



2. Target poverty alleviation

**Safeguard and nurture
culture-based livelihoods**
both traditional and
contemporary



3. Foster safe and inclusive societies

Build on the **diversity of culture** and heritage to foster peace and intercultural dialogue, and **counter urban violence**





4. Develop sustainable built environments

Help create mixed-used inclusive public spaces to enhance liveability and to leverage culture and creativity for social cohesion and more inclusive participation in urban decision making





5. Encourage inclusive policies and urban governance

Improve urban governance by enabling and strengthening participation and engagement in decision-making processes



**Socio-Cultural Urban Frameworks are
key for sustainable urban development**

