

Intervention Switzerland – Transformative Commitments of the New Urban Agenda

- Switzerland welcomes the ‘transformative commitments’ section of the document that represent the social, the economic and the environmental dimensions of sustainable development. Also, we find a wide range of elements in these commitments, we fully support.
- However, we also recognize potential for further improvement .
- Some more general comments:
 - Despite the orientation along the three above-mentioned dimensions, good integration needs to be ensured. We particularly propose to pay attention on the cross sectoral **integration of the environmental dimension**.
 - Further, we recognize potential in this particular section of the document to become **more action-oriented**.
 - And we recommend to more **strongly and explicitly anchor the relevant SDGs and targets**. In our view, the NUA is the place to confirm the commitment to their implementation and go one step further by concretely **guiding the way of their implementation**.
- Some more concrete remarks:
 - What we completely **miss** throughout this section (as well as in the entire document), is the **concept of energy efficiency**.
 - With regard to the section on SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE URBAN PROSPERITY AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL we suggest to include a reference to the importance of **operation and maintenance of urban infrastructure**.
 - Further, we notice an imbalance between climate change adaptation and DRR versus **climate change mitigation**, with too little attention payed on mitigation.
 - And, we strongly suggest including a reference to **Air pollution and short lived climate pollutants (SLCPs)** and their negative **impact on the climate as well as on public health**.
- Finally, an outlook to the next session on effective implementation: **Coherence within document** is crucial, meaning that the commitments mentioned in this section also need to be addressed in the implementation section.