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## Foreword



Following the launch of the Urban Rural Linkages-Guiding Principles and Framework for Action to advance integrated Territorial Development (URL-GP), the adoption of UN-Habitat's Resolution HSP/HA.1/Res.5 on "Enhancing urban-rural linkages for sustainable urbanization" during the first UN-Habitat Assembly in May, 2019 and after more than a year of multi-stakeholder consultation, I am delighted to present the publication "The First Compendium of Case Studies for the Implementation of Urban-Rural Linkages Guiding Principles and Framework for Action "

The national and subnational case studies in this first edition represent examples of the URL-GP application in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Europe. UN-Habitat has analysed these cases that predate the finalisation of the URL-GP, using its principles and actions to compare and share the lessons they present. Each of the cases included has relevance to specific Guiding Principles and include interventions from sections of the Framework for Action.

I would like to underscore that urban and rural communities do not live in isolation from one another, as the cases included in the document demonstrate. The flow of people, goods, services and transport, for example, does not go in one direction only. In fact, there is a repeated and reciprocal circular movement across the urban-rural continuum that connects these areas and generates a synergy that is greater than the sum of the parts, and that contributes to functional, integrated territories and regions.

As methodologies and tools are developed by UN-Habitat and partners to adapt and apply the URL-GP in coming years, the conclusions for future application in this first Compendium of URL Case Studies are important. They address the complexity of dynamic urban-rural flows and the need for a systems approach. They underline the need for inclusive, participatory approaches and integration of actors and levels of governance. They call for the development of assessment tools to address challenges, opportunities, data needs and policy gaps. Finally, they point to URL-GP as pathway for balanced inclusion of both rural and urban actors in the effort to localize and implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda (NUA) through integrated territorial planning and development.

This publication is timely as UN-Habitat embarks on the implementation of its Strategic Plan 2020-2023. A second edition of the Compendium of Case Studies, expected in late autumn 2020, will compile experiences that have incorporated the Guiding Principles and Framework for Action.

I hope the cases in this first edition and in subsequent editions are useful tools and inspiration for Member States, professionals and actors interested in making Urban-Rural Linkages work for all.



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<b>DNP</b>	National Planning Department
<b>DnA</b>	Design and Architecture Company
<b>EDP</b>	Enterprise Development Plan
<b>EUSALP</b>	EU Strategy for the Alpine Region
<b>IDP</b>	Integrated Development Plan
<b>MDG</b>	Millennium Development Goal
<b>MLD</b>	Ministry of Local Development
<b>MPPW</b>	Ministry of Physical Planning and Works
<b>NUA</b>	New Urban Agenda
<b>NUP</b>	National Urban Plan
<b>NUPI</b>	National Urban Planning Institute
<b>PFET</b>	Programme for Strengthening Rural Entities
<b>PMDP</b>	Participatory Municipal Development Planning
<b>PPP</b>	Public-Private Partnership
<b>PVDP</b>	Participatory Village Development Planning
<b>RMPU</b>	Regional and Metropolitan Planning Unit (of UN-Habitat)
<b>RRA</b>	Rapid Rural Appraisal
<b>RUPP</b>	Rural Urban Partnership Programme (Nepal)
<b>SDG</b>	Sustainable Development Goal
<b>SGB</b>	Settlement Growth Boundary
<b>SUDP</b>	Strategic Urban Development Plan

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