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# Preface

The Government of Ethiopia has prepared the Ethiopian Growth and Transformation Plan 2013/14-15 (GTP) with the intention of transforming the country from an agriculture-led economy to an industrialization-led economy, and from rural to urban-based economic transformation. Based on the experience of different countries in managing urbanization and industrial development, this transformation demands a high level of skills. The Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Construction (MUDHCo) believes that the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-Habitat, has the knowledge and global experience in the field and has officially requested a partnership for transferring knowledge to support the implementation of the Ethiopian Cities Prosperity Initiative (ECPI). This is the basis for the preparation of this document and cooperation between MUDHCo and UN-Habitat.

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The Ethiopian backlog of urban infrastructure and services, and the expected increase in urban population, requires innovative approaches and capacity to attract, plan and manage huge investments at all levels of government. Exploiting the urban advantages for economic growth while ensuring access to economic opportunities for all, especially the poor, youth and women demand spatial and inclusive approaches to urban development and management.

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