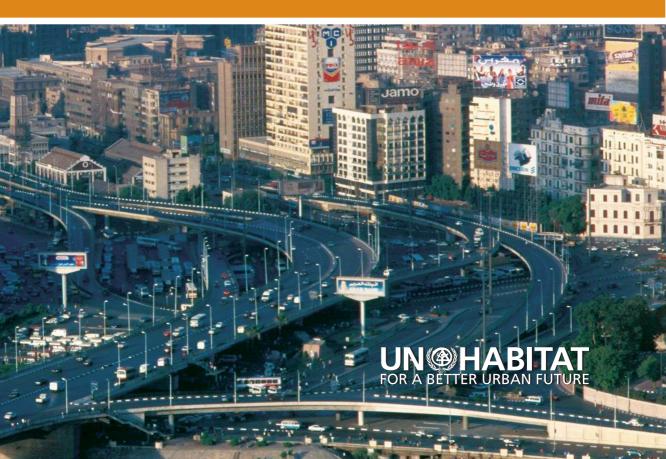


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#### **FOREWORD**



Urbanization is one of the most powerful, irreversible forces in the world. It is estimated that 93 percent of the future urban population growth will occur in the cities of Asia and

Africa, and to a lesser extent, Latin America and the Caribbean.

We live in a new urban era with most of humanity now living in towns and cities.

Global poverty is moving into cities, mostly in developing countries, in a process we call the *urbanisation of poverty*.

The world's slums are growing and growing as are the global urban populations. Indeed, this is one of the greatest challenges we face in the new millennium.

The persistent problems of poverty and slums are in large part due to weak urban economies. Urban economic development is fundamental to UN-HABITAT's mandate. Cities act as engines of national economic development.

Strong urban economies are essential for poverty reduction and the provision of adequate housing, infrastructure, education, health, safety, and basic services.

The Global Urban Economic Dialogue series presented here is a platform for all sectors of the society to address urban economic development and particularly its contribution to addressing housing issues. This work carries many new ideas, solutions and innovative best practices from some of the world's leading urban thinkers and practitioners from international organisations, national governments, local authorities, the private sector, and civil society.

This series also gives us an interesting insight and deeper understanding of the wide range of urban economic development and human settlements development issues. It will serve UN member States well in their quest for better policies and strategies to address increasing global challenges in these areas

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Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Executive Director, UN-HABITAT

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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AfDB African Development Bank

AICD African Infrastructure Country Diagnosis

BOT Build Operate Transfer

BOOT Build Own Operate Transfer

CD Capacity Development

DBFM Design, Build, Finance & Maintain
DFI Development Finance Institution

DFID Department for International Development (UK)

EAIF Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund (PIDG)

EU European Union

FDI Foreign Direct Investment
GDP Gross Domestic Product

ICT Information and Communication Technology

IDA International Development Agency

IFC International Finance Corporation (WB)

IPP Independent Power Producers

MDGs Millennium Development Goals

MIGA Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (WB)

ODA Official Development Assistance

OECD Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

OLS Ordinary Least Squares
PPI Public-Private Investment

PPIAF Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility (WB)

PPP Public-Private Partnership
PSP Private Sector Participation

SSA Sub-Saharan Africa
TA Technical Assistance
UN United Nations

WB World Bank

WiMAX Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access

WTO World Trade Organisation

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