



# **OWG7 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**

## **RIO+20 OUTCOME DOCUMENT *THE FUTURE WE WANT***

'We recognize that, if they are well planned and developed, including through integrated planning and management approaches, cities can promote economically, socially and environmentally sustainable societies.'

## **ISSUE BRIEF ON SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**

A common interagency position on cities shared by UN-Habitat, UNEP, ECLAC, ESCAP, IFAD, ILO, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNISDR, UN-Women, WHO, WMO and the World Bank.



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Medellín, Colombia













Sao Paulo





Addis Ababa





An aerial night photograph of a city skyline. In the foreground, there's a large industrial or office building complex with multiple wings and parking lots. A major highway with a curved interchange dominates the middle ground, its lights reflecting off the dark water of a river or bay. In the background, the city's skyline is visible under a dark, cloudy sky.

The battle for sustainable development will be won or lost in cities.

Cities need national supportive frameworks to achieve sustainability.