

Major Groups' Recommendations on Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements

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We suggest an additional word in the goal:

- Build inclusive, safe, **prosperous** and sustainable cities and human settlements.

Targets a and b

- (a) Eradicate slum conditions everywhere and ensure universal access to affordable, **equitable, and sustainable land**, housing and basic services for all urban dwellers.
- (b) Provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport for all **in urban and peri-urban areas, and to primary rural communities**, and improve road safety, **mobility** and urban air quality, **leading to improved health and reducing the contribution of transport to climate change.**

Targets d and e

Combine (d) with (e)

Reduce the ecological footprint of ~~cities~~
human settlements by x, and increase by x
the number of ~~cities~~**human settlements**
adopting and implementing policies and
plans towards resilience and adaptation to
climate change and natural disasters.

Targets f and g

Combine (f) with (g)

By 2020, ensure that all cities are accessible and offer opportunities to **older persons and those** with disabilities, and enhance social cohesion and personal security and universal access to inclusive, **green** and safe public spaces.

Target h

Protect and safeguard the world's cultural and national heritage, **including ancient archaeological sites, intangible and underwater heritage, museum collections, oral traditions and other forms of heritage, with particular focus on areas of spiritual or religious significance, creating inclusive societies that respect and promote diversity and urban regeneration.**

Proposed targets to address gaps

- Governments at national, subnational and local level have planning and budgeting that is sustainable, inclusive, participatory, sectorally and vertically integrated, gender-responsive, age-friendly and transformative.
- Increase and ensure investment in, and public financing, for low-carbon urban development, shifting from unsustainable investments, such as in fossil fuels and polluting industries.

Proposed targets to address gaps

- Ensure the decentralization of decision making related to urban development is coupled with decentralization of resources, and develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels of governments.
- Provide equal access to independent and responsive justice systems, including related to property and tenure rights, people's territorial rights, employment, business, taxation, trade and finance.

Proposed targets to address gaps

- Foster the development of an integrated multi-sectoral community-based approach to sustainable rural communities, towns and villages and in impoverished urban neighborhoods in cities, to ensure that all people's basic human needs can be met.
- Eliminate gender-based violence and all types of discrimination in any type of human settlement.
- Strengthen positive economic and social links between cities, peri urban, and rural areas creating possibilities for decent work.