NATIONAL URBAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY (NUDP) MAKING PROCESS:
THE KENYAN WAY:
BIG CHALLENGES AND SOME OPPORTUNITIES

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- Policy;
- Shelter as a Human Right;
- Economic Growth;
- Civic Education;
- Consumer Engagement;
- Devolution;
SUMMARY

- Relevance of the newly promulgated Constitution in August 27, 2010 to NUDP development process

THERE EXIST CITIES AND TOWNS

- NUDP in a VACUUM?
- 175 local authorities in Kenya with more than a third not self-sustaining. Mostly by political acclamation!!
- They are a drain on the Exchequer for salaries
- Operation is individualised and yet could benefit more if partnerships were fostered, Economies of Scale
1. A task force is formed

- Focus on devolution and related matters
- Learning best practices in devolution
  - Study trip to Sweden in June 2011
  - Study trip to Colombia in August
  - Study trip to Brazil in November
- BTW At Independence we had Devolved Governments

Knowing to manage the territory, protect the environment, evaluate the cultural heritage; Rome, Italy, 6-10 May 2012

2. The Cities and Urban Areas Act

- Passed into law as a matter of urgency, but the question remains as to whether all these laws and policies will deliver services to the citizens who for the longest time have felt short-changed

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The concept seeks to address:

- Coping with unprecedented urban transformation
- Effects of devolved governance at the county level

3. Role of urban areas in national development

- Concept of Urban Policy
- Bringing to full realization the huge potential of urbanization as a vehicle for growth and development
.....what is policy

- Definition of Policy
- Characteristics of Policy
- What policy is not
- Intended effects
- Unintended effects
- The Impact of Cap 265. Its contrast with The Cities and Urban Areas Act

4. Salient points of the NUDP

- A framework for sustainable urban development in the country that addresses the 10 thematic areas
- Guided by the Constitution of Kenya 2010 to provide for regulation of urban areas and cities
5. How has it been without the National Urban Development Policy

Counting the cost of compromise
Infrastructure – social and physical
Development and Maintenance
Housing, Governance, Financial instrument
Service Delivery

6. The NUDP is a pill for the degenerating state of affairs in cities and urban areas.

• Role of Social infrastructure and services that are critical to the development of sustainable urban communities
• Insecurity as a result?
7. What must it be in the days to come?

- Ecological footprints
- Provision of a framework for
  i. Existing cities & towns, Nairobi, Kisumu, Mombasa, Nakuru, Eldoret, Nyeri
  ii. Proposed cities Konza city, Lamu Port, Isiolo,
  iii. Border towns like Namanga, Malaba-Busia, Moyale, Lokichoggio, Dadaab

8. Principles of intelligent urbanism

- a balance with nature
- a balance with tradition – Vernacular Architecture!!
- appropriate technology and Infrastructure systems
- Conviviality
- efficiency and effectiveness
cont... principles of intelligent urbanism

- human scale
- opportunity matrix
- regional integration
- balanced movement
- institutional integrity

9. Government of Kenya

- Role of the Legislature, the Executive and the Judiciary
10. The Kenya Private Sector

- The engine of economic growth in any country “bankable projects”
- Public Private Partnership
- Legislation needed to protect the environment and investment

11. The Civil Society Organizations (CSO) in Kenya – NGO’s

- The voice of reason, the voice of the voiceless
- Accused of serving certain (foreign) interests?
12. AMCHUD – African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development

- Can we discern opportunities presented because its head office is to be located in Nairobi?

13. UN Habitat

- Its establishment in 1978 in Nairobi
- Its significance
  - To the continent
  - To Kenya’s economy
14. NUDP

- Creating opportunities
- Tackling challenges