



United Nations
Economic Commission for Africa

Strengthening urban data and statistics

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Seventh Meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa

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5th STATCOM (2016) the Commission in 2016

Presentation

- Report on urbanization data and statistics presented

Outcome

- Endorsed the establishment of the [African programme on urbanization data and statistics](#)
- Recommended that the definition of the concept of urbanization should be harmonized and adapted to the context of African countries

Core working group of the programme

- Member States:** Burkina Faso; Cameroon; Cote d'Ivoire; Egypt; Ethiopia; Guinea Equatorial; Nigeria; Niger; Republic of Central Africa, South Africa; Uganda and Zambia.
- The three Regional African institutions: ECA (secretariat), the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the African Union Commission (AUC);
- United Nations organizations: UN Habitat; UNFPA;
- Regional Economic Communities (RECs)

Progress: key highlights

Technical assistance

- Harmonized regional framework for the New Urban Agenda in Africa
- Voluntary Local Reviews

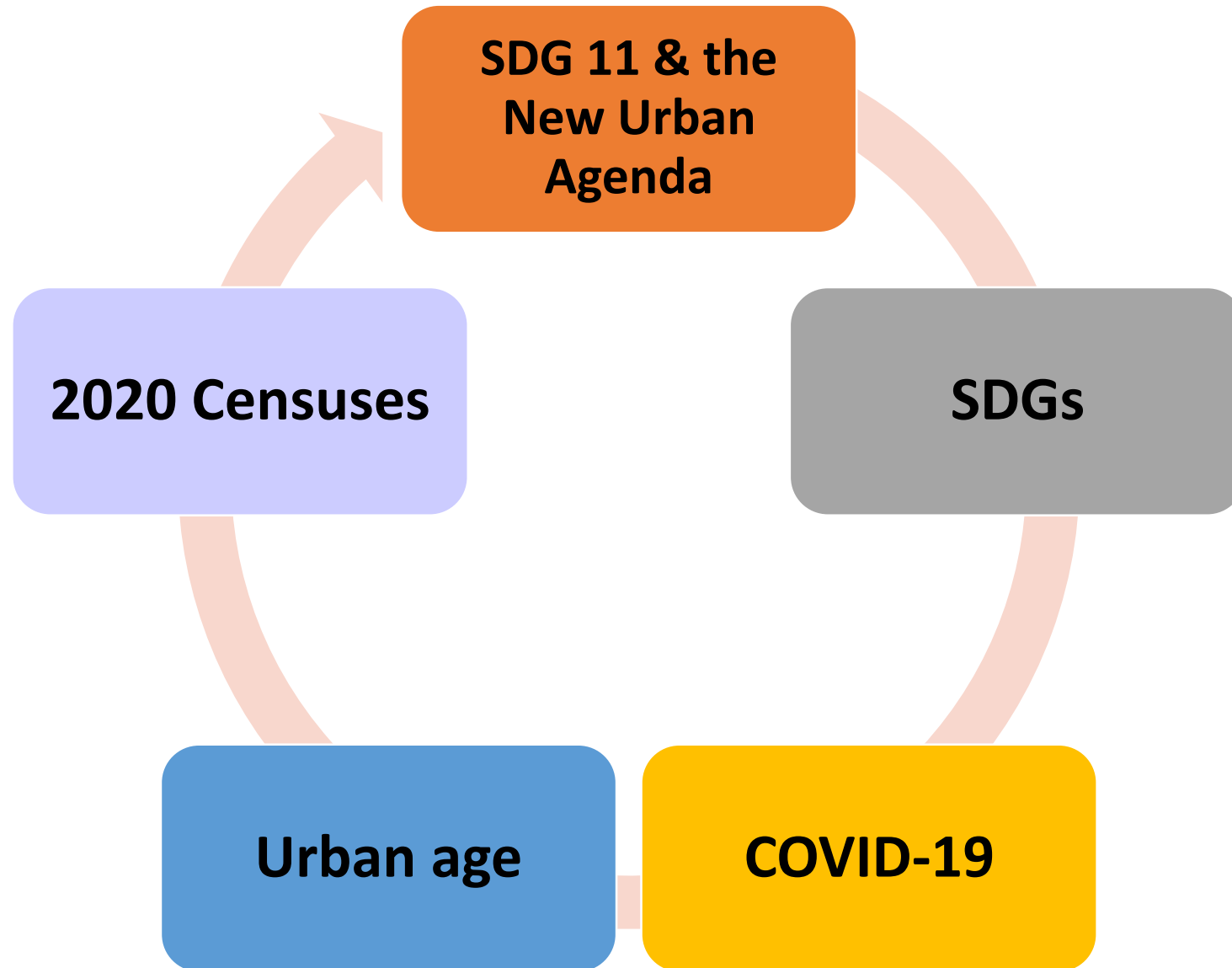
Knowledge

- Revision of principles and recommendations of the Africa Addendum for the 2020 round of the Population and Housing Census
- Reference guide on urban data and statistics

Advocacy and partnerships

- Member State consultations
- Engagement of partners (UN-Habitat, AfDB)
- Global engagements to advance African urban data priorities (e.g. OECD)

The urgency



2020-2022 priorities

Urban data
piloting

- Compilation of core urban indicators at national and city levels in selected countries
- Revision and launch of reference guide on urban indicators for Africa

Regional
capacity
building

- National and city level training & technical assistance based on reference guide

Voluntary
Local
Reviews

- Technical support for more local governments to conduct voluntary local reviews

Urban
indicators
database

- Repository of urban disaggregated SDG indicators

Harmonized framework for the
New Urban Agenda in Africa

Quadrennial review of
the New Urban
Agenda (2022)

Key issues for consideration

- Reaffirming the criticality of strengthening urban data and statistics through national statistical development systems and processes
- Call upon member States to improve city and urban disaggregation of 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 indicators through national statistical development systems
- Requests ECA to provide technical assistance to member States in strengthening urban data and statistics guided by the core working group



THANK YOU!

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Ideas
to
Action