On October 20, 2016 in Quito, Ecuador, the New Urban Agenda was adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) with no reservations and after an inclusive and unprecedented participatory process of two years.
The New Urban Agenda is an action-oriented document which sets global standards of achievement in sustainable urban development, rethinking the way we build, manage, and live in cities through cooperation with committed partners, relevant stakeholders, and urban actors at all levels of government as well as the private sector.
Along with an explainer document that gives an overview of its structure and parts, the New Urban Agenda is available on the Habitat III website in the 6 official UN languages:

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The General Assembly of Partners is composed of sixteen Partner Constituent Groups, including for the first time ever grassroots organizations, older persons and persons with disabilities.
Beyond Habitat III
The Quito Implementation Plan (QIP) online platform is a tool for voluntary commitments to be made, joined, and monitored—commitments that aim to contribute to or reinforce the priorities and principles of the New Urban Agenda.
These voluntary commitments seek to be concrete actions, measurable and achievable, focused on implementation, and with great depth of information for future accountability and transparency.

More than 100 commitments were already submitted during the Conference.
Initiatives under the Quito Implementation Plan

1. should be specific, replicable, action-oriented, funded and innovative;

2. must be monitored and subject to reporting on a regular basis;

3. should demonstrate the capacity to deliver;

4. should be led by partners able to showcase implementation of existing commitments (sufficient level of maturity).

5. For cooperative international initiatives, they must observe inclusiveness (e.g. balance regional representation).
6 Areas of Commitments in the QIP Platform

- Social Cohesion and Equity
- Urban Frameworks
- Spatial Development
- Urban Economy
- Urban Ecology and Environment
- Urban Housing and Basic Services
These commitments are not a substitute for governments’ responsibilities and intergovernmentally agreed commitments; they are intended to strengthen implementation by involving relevant stakeholders that can make a contribution to sustainable urban development, as stressed in the New Urban Agenda.

Check it online at https://habitat3.org/quito-implementation-plan
Our work here is far from done. The road to a sustainable urban future for all is still ahead of us, it is a journey we must take. Together beyond Habitat III.
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