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Developing a National Urban Agenda

Presentation of the Ghana Country Partnership Programme
“Land, Services and Citizenship for the Urban Poor”
to the Executive Committee of the Cities Alliance
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Outline of Presentation

- *The urban situation/challenges in Ghana*
- *Govt's response to urban challenges*
- *Lessons*
- *Planned LSC-Activities of the Urban Development Unit (UDU) of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (MLGRD) and GIZ*
- *LSC-Its Response to Urban Issues*



Urban situation/challenges

- *More than half of Ghana's population is urban*
- *Land-use disorder and uncontrolled urban growth*
- *Poor environmental sanitation*
- *Inadequate urban infrastructure and services*



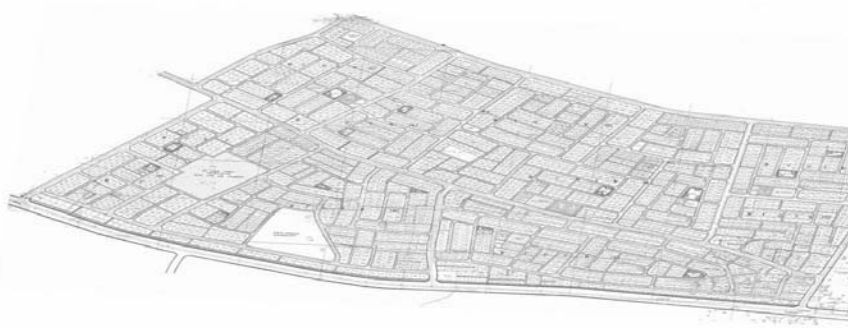
Situation/Challenges

- *Increasing urban poverty, slums and squatter settlements*
- Increasing Urban Insecurity and crime
- Uncontrolled informal structures



Situation/Challenges

- *A sizeable unregulated informal economy.*
- Settlement planning and enforcement is weak.
- *Weak urban governance and institutional coordination*
- *Weak rural-urban linkages*



Government Response

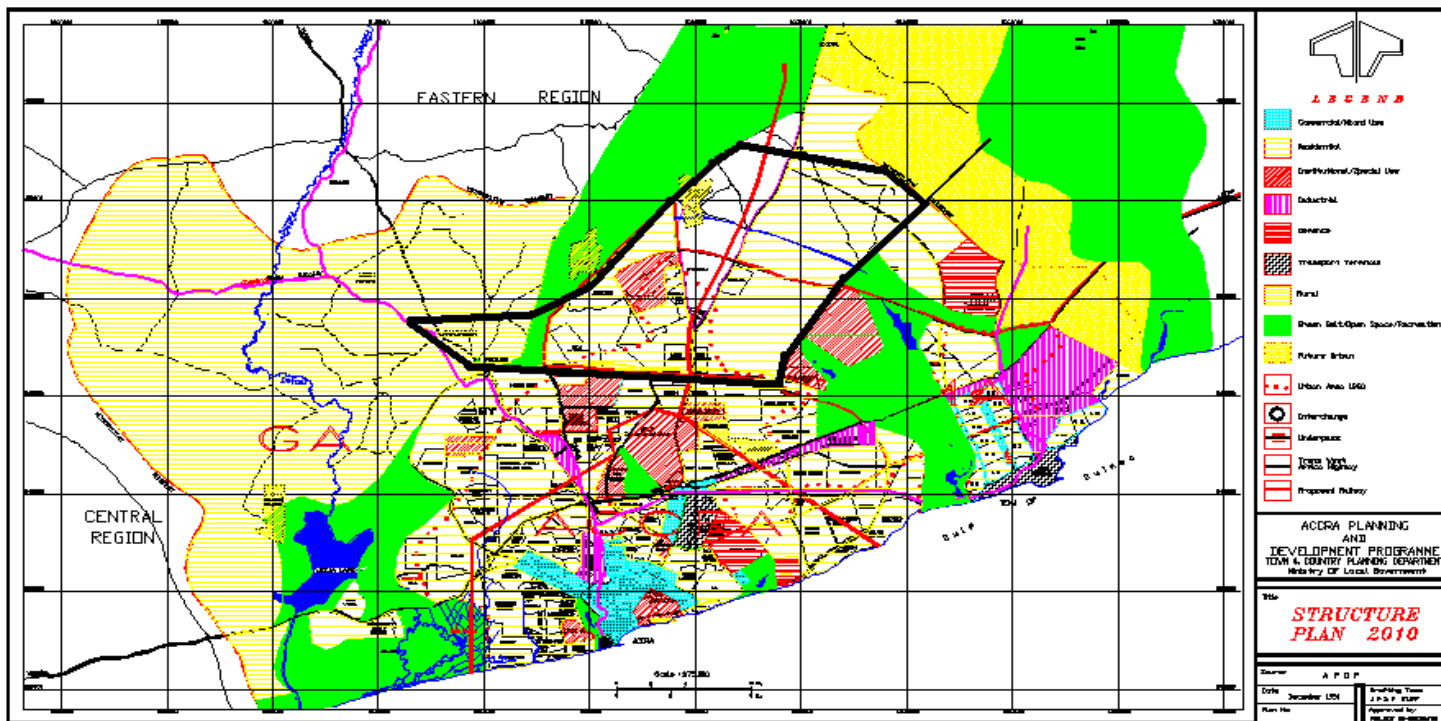
- Ghana-World Bank Urban Projects(1-5)
- Urban Environmental Sanitation Project
- Affordable Housing Scheme
- STX Housing Project
- Land Administration Project.
- *Urban renewal projects*
- GIZ-Participatory Urban Planning Initiative(2001-2003)
- Social Investment Fund/Urban Poverty Reduction Project
- Land Use Planning and Management Project (2007-2010)
- World Bank Support for Urban Transport Project (2008-2012)
- AFD Support for Ghana Urban Management Pilot Project(2010-2013)
National Housing Policy

POLICY

- National Urban Policy
- National Land Policy
- *Policy on Street Naming and Property Addressing System*
- National Decentralization Policy and Action Plan

Government Responses

Greater Accra Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan and Structure Plan (1992-2012)



Govt's response to urban challenges

- Responsibility for urban development thinly spread
- Without strong coordination
- Performances tend to be conflicting, cost-prohibitive and ineffective

Lessons

The way forward:

- *re-thinking of the urban agenda:*
- *Stakeholder participation, including the urban poor*
- *clearly defined policy direction*



Planned LSC Activities

- 1. Strengthen Urban Development Unit (UDU)*
 - a. Mission determination*
 - b. TOR for organizational review*
 - c. Capacity needs assessment*
 - d. Strategic plan*
 - e. International learning*
 - f. Mentoring Programme*

Planned LSC Activities

2. Support the National Urban Forum

a. TOR for organization and operation of the forum

b. Logistical support to the UDU to organize the forum

c. Organization of national and regional forums

Planned LSC Activities

- 3. National Urban Forum follow-up research*
 - a. Develop TOR for research*
 - b. Research commissioning*
 - c. Findings input at next forum*

Planned LSC Activities

4. Public inclusivity awareness and south-south exchange

- a. “Urban talk”*
- b. Exposure and exchange programme*

Planned LSC Activities

5. Steering and Advisory Committee

Coordination and harmonization of all LSC grant recipients, partners and stakeholders

LSC-Its Response to Urban Issues

- *in line with the draft national urban policy*
- *space for genuine policy dialogue with all stakeholders*
- *institutionalization*
- *clearly negotiated and defined rights and responsibilities*
- *spearhead the coordination of LSC*

DO NOT FORGET:

***Tell me and I forget; Teach me and I remember;
Involve me and I learn.***

Benjamin Franklin

