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Sustainable Cities, Planning and alliances

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Cities are currently the engines of countries' economic development, but they are also the areas where the biggest problems and challenges to face globally in economic, social and environmental terms are located. They concentrate at least the half of the population of the orb, and therefore they are the places where all the objectives of sustainable development (SDGs) converge.

Sustainability needs to be made, where urban planning and partnerships play a relevant role. In Mexico, some attempts have been made for urban planning over the years, however, they have not been fruitful in not representing changes in the territorial order, and in the way urban policy is designed and implemented in the country. This is relevant when you have at least 70% of the population living in cities and where most of it is concentrated in metropolitan areas.

The cities of Mexico are heterogeneous and unequal, together with this, the complexity increases with the metropolitan phenomenon, since the areas are composed of sets of municipalities and, therefore, governments that hardly coordinate or cooperate to mitigate their common problems. Therefore, there is need of urban planning to allow progress towards the homogenization of municipal capacities, which would be a first step towards



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addressing current problems, where the issue of alliances from the local the international level is implied.

It is necessary to reduce the differences between cities and take advantage of the potential and benefits that each offers through planned and coordinated actions that allow reducing costs, decreasing times, and offering an urban landscape that contains goals and objectives for the forecasting and attention to the growth of cities in Mexico. This includes the participation of the various sectors of society and levels of government to attain sustainable development goals.

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