

# Vientiane EST & Int'l Mayors Forum

## Plenary Session V:

### Achieving smart, resilient and low carbon cities Suggested conclusions & recommendations



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- **Progress towards the SDGs and implementation of the UN Habitat New Urban Agenda depends on**
  - national policies and regulatory frameworks,
  - local level policies and projects implemented by city administrations and other local governments,
  - and the synergies between the two.
- **Motto: ‘Think globally, set policies nationally, and act locally’**
  - Local leadership of Mayors is key for (local) sustainable development (in transport, as in other public services)
- **There is no “one size fits all” solution: Each country and city will need to determine its own “Specific local sustainable urban development and implementation plan” – and its own “Local Agenda 2030”**

- Compact urban development models offer multiple economic, social and environmental benefits, including efficient land use, easy social interaction, and reduced intra-urban travel distances.
- Development of a “Local Agenda 2030” should be based on comprehensive public consultation.
- Development of public infrastructure (including for transport and energy) requires large scale and long term investment to produce long-term benefits (for present and future generations).

- City administrations and local governments require **adequate public budgets** to fulfill their mandates. Additional resources and/or additional authority need to be given to local level decision makers to enable them to accomplish designated tasks.
- **Innovative financing** can help mobilize necessary resources for public investment.
- Planning and development of **resilient (transport) infrastructure** should anticipate risks associated with climate change and seek to reduce them.

- **International information exchange and cooperation among Mayors, municipal leaders and other local decision makers can inspire local action for sustainability and remain essential for development.**
- **Participants may wish to recommend selected high priority topics for future regional and global consultations.**

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