

URBAN DEVELOPMENT KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM

For City Networks Delivering their Plans & Learning from What Works

Online Knowledge Platform Standard for Cities

Why use the Urban Development Knowledge Platform Standard?

- Access and use a growing library of urban knowledge tools
- Learn better and faster by sharing and learning from what works
- Do not waste knowledge in shelved reports; use and re-use online
- Share knowledge products using Knowledge Platform Standard
- Reduce work and cost with online automated M&E and learning
- Improve results with implementation-ready planning templates
- Improve trust of citizens by tracking requests and sharing results
- Improved access to donor funding with credible reporting
- Accelerate investment by tracking progress of bankable projects.

The Knowledge Platform Addresses 3 Core Challenges of:

- **Plan Implementation** – turn city and national plans into results
- **Close Capacity Gap** – upgrade staff capacity and simplify work
- **Good Governance** – improve accountability for results.

By streamlining and automating 3 Core Government Processes:

- Monitoring Evaluation & Learning (MEL)
- Payment for Results (PFR) and
- Performance Management Systems (PMS).

The Knowledge Platform supports two Core Learning Processes:

- **Learning and Scale-up (LSU)** - learning from what works and scaling-up policies, programmes and capacity building
- **Capacity Building Levels (CBL)** – on-the-job learning to embed M&E, PFR and PMS in city planning and implementation.

Key Messages

- There is need and demand to implement National Development Plan.
- Suitable for tracking and implementation of Global Goals and Habitat III at city and national levels.
- Suitable for cities, local government associations, national planning institutions, urban ministries and schools of government.
- An impact multiplier making FCA value available to all cities in more countries.
- Self-financing efficiency savings and greater value from technical expertise.
- Adherence to Knowledge Platform Standard delivers more for less.
- Facilitates impact at scale across national and international city networks.
- Increase credible ambition, reach and value for money.
- Deliver expertise into Fragile and Conflict Affected States (FCAS).

“Streamlining and automating processes means we produce better results with less work.”

“Mayors and city officials work together to implement city plans and to share and learn from what works.”

Learning by Sharing and Comparing

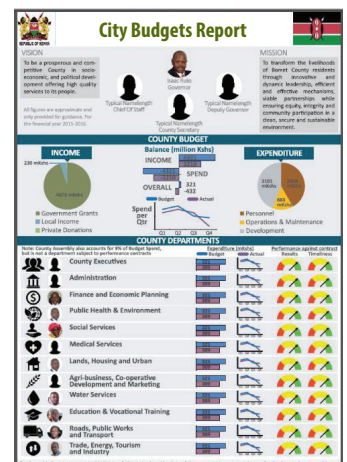
Thousands of updates



Real-time Insight



✔ Efficient, Effective, Economic



Use the Urban Development Knowledge Platform to Streamline and Automate

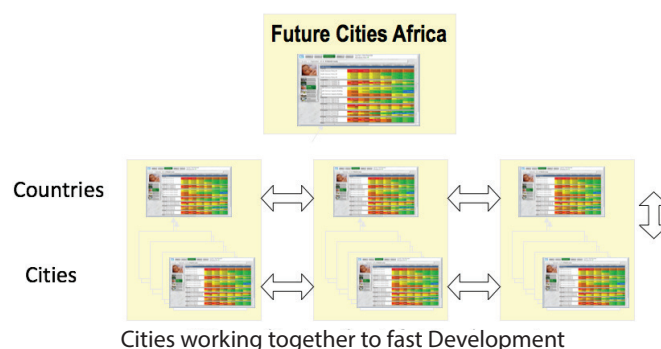
Automate existing M&E and data collection processes by configuring a Knowledge Product “template” in the Knowledge Platform. Then, share the template with tens or hundreds of cities. Automation saves thousands of hours of chasing and analyzing results to deliver real-time reports personalized to stakeholders. Develop and deploy new Knowledge Product templates to benefit more cities quickly and efficiently (in weeks not months).

Automate Payment for Results processes so that cities can report and review in real-time, share, compare and learn from experience and report to national governments and donors in Urban Development Grant and Payment for Results processes.

Automate city and national **Performance Management** for plan implementation, accountability and results-based management. Use a simple proven process to drive forward important projects, then progress to advanced performance management supporting audit, treasury reporting and results-based bonuses for officials. An integrated National Delivery System reports to city plan, National Development Plan, Global Goals and Habitat III.



Knowledge Sharing, Real-time M&E Performance Management



Conclusions: Cities can deliver more for less

Global Goals depend on cities, but cities are under pressure. Cities, national governments and city networks are challenged with the pace of urbanization and the chronic understaffing and underpay of officials. Climate change increases the pressure on city resources. City officials need to deliver more, for less and faster. The Urban Development Knowledge Platform streamlines and automates M&E, learning, Payment for Results and Performance Management processes, reducing workload and providing real-time, high-quality information for evidence-based decision making. Evidence-based planning and decision making is essential for cities and urban ministries to make good use of scarce service delivery and development resources. Knowledge products, such as diagnostic tools from Future Cities Africa, help to access the best local and global expertise and formulate better plans based on evidence.

Using the Knowledge Platform FCA is developing an integrated library of Urban Development Knowledge tools to magnify the impact of local and global urban development know-how. By saving time and improving effectiveness and measurable contribution of essential city officials, the Knowledge Platform helps to close the capacity gap. The Knowledge Platform is a credible solution to deliver knowledge to cities, helping to speed up service delivery and development.

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