



Open-Ended Informal Consultative Meetings

Montréal Thematic Meeting on Metropolitan Areas

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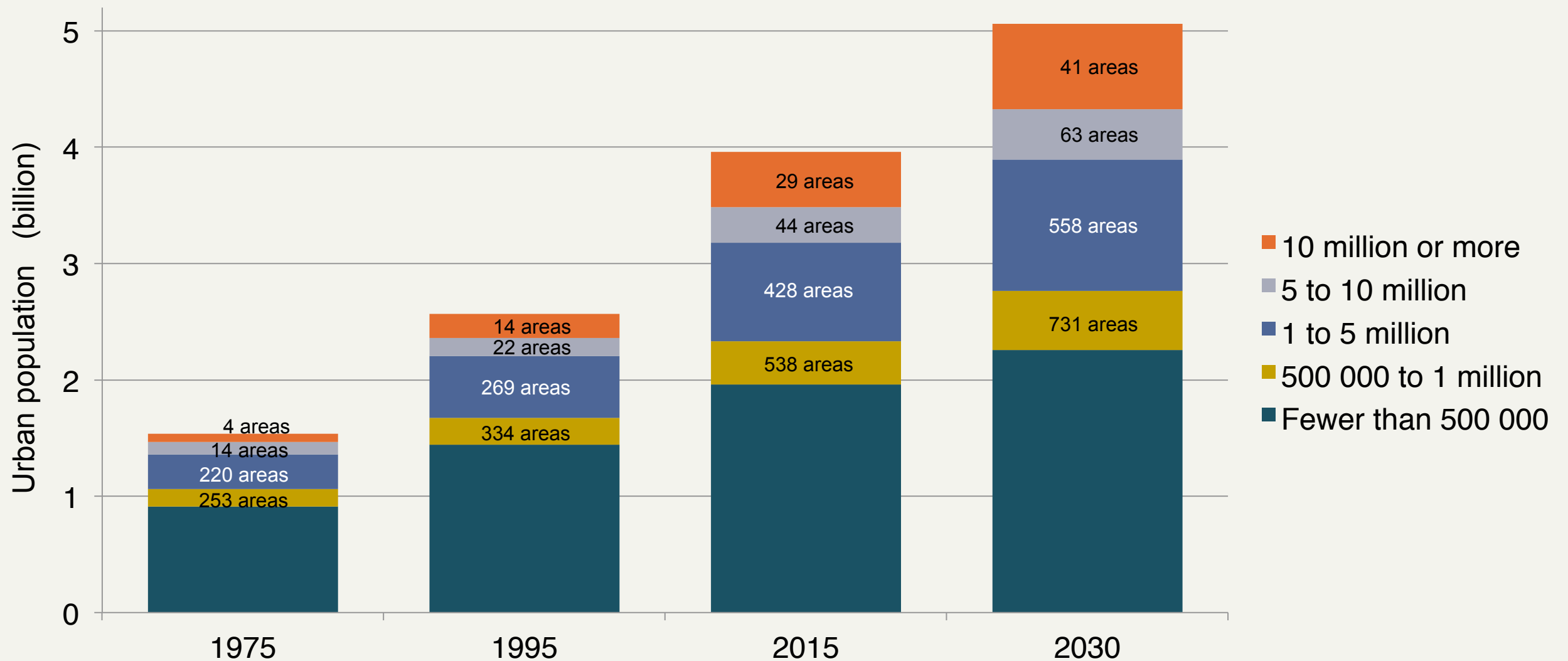
Global Metropolization

By their concentration of people and activities,

METROPOLITAN AREAS

play a role more and more central to the social, cultural, environmental and economic development of nations

Urban population by size of urban area, 1975-2030



Source: UN, *World Urbanization Prospects: The 2014 Revision*. Analysis: CMM, 2015.

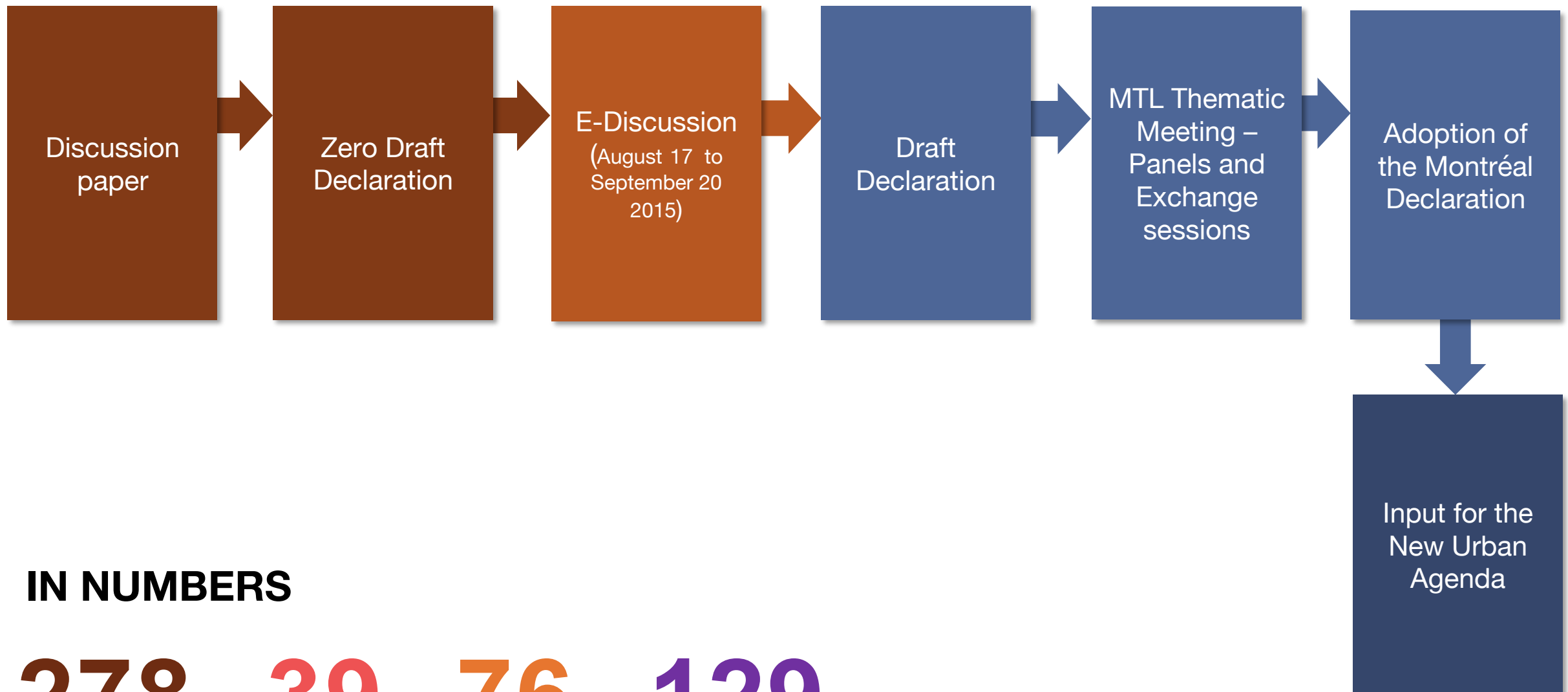
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at a glance

PROCESS



IN NUMBERS

278
participants

39
countries

76
cities

129
organizations



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FOSTERING METROPOLITAN COOPERATION FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Challenges that transcend city boundaries

- spatial planning
- transportation
- security
- urban-rural balance
- urban regeneration
- inclusion and social cohesion
- environmental protection
- water and air
- energy
- sanitation
- climate change

Therefore, metropolitan areas are a key partner in achieving the SDGs and taking on the challenges of 21st century urbanization

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Increasing the number of **ACCOUNTABLE, CAPABLE, INCLUSIVE AND SOCIALLY JUST METROPOLITAN AREAS** that implement policies for sustainable urban planning and development

Sustainable urban planning must engage **MULTIPLE STAKEHOLDERS**

To achieve the full potential of the planning process, **METROPOLITAN FINANCING** mechanisms must also be implemented

METROPOLITAN GOVERNANCE requires a clear legal and institutional framework, based on principles of democracy, respect for local autonomy and subsidiarity

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MULTILEVEL METROPOLITAN COOPERATION PARTNERSHIPS

Based on principles of good governance and democracy that ensure:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
ACCESS TO INFORMATION
TRANSPARENCY
ACCOUNTABILITY

either in formal and informal arrangements.

Commitment to international cooperation:

SHARING OF EXPERTISE
PROMOTE SOCIAL INNOVATION
ACCESS TO NEW TECHNOLOGY
STRENGTHENED MANAGEMENT CAPACITY
INCREASED SOLIDARITY

between metropolitan areas.

Multilevel Metropolitan Cooperation Partnerships



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THE GREATER MONTRÉAL AREA MODEL

