



## **Open-Ended Informal Consultative Meetings**

### **Panel on Urban Spatial Strategies: Land Market and Segregation**

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# ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

After thirty years, the best definition of sustainable development remains the one from the 1987

"Our Common Future" report:

*"Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"*



*“This definition contains within it two key concepts:*

- ***THE CONCEPT OF NEEDS***  
*in particular the essential needs of the world's poor, to which overriding priority should be given;*
- ***THE IDEA OF LIMITATIONS***  
*imposed by the state of technology and social organization on the environment's ability to meet present and future needs.”*



Policy Unit 6's work has focused on how  
to achieve this goal through

the **SPATIAL DIMENSION OF  
DEVELOPMENT**



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## **THE VISION: PUBLIC SPACE**

Literally, public space is about the **PUBLIC** organizing **SPACE** in the interest of present and future generations.



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## **THE TOOL: PLANNING**

Sound planning IS THE ART OF TRANSFORMING SPACE INTO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - ensuring adequate living conditions for all while saving land, energy, money.





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## **THE RESOURCES: LAND**

The urbanization of land is the way to generate the financial resources needed for public investment in sustainable urban and territorial development.



# THREE GUIDING QUESTIONS:

- 1. Why is spatial planning so neglected when we speak about sustainable development?*
- 2. Isn't it about time for a public space-led approach to urbanization?*
- 3. Why is land so often used to create inequality and segregation instead of being a resource for public investment?*

