



# Smart Cities and Infrastructure

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# Urbanization Trends



Growth of urban areas during 2000-2030, will be larger than the cumulative expansion in human history



Anticipated global infrastructure investments in the next **40** years will be higher than the cumulative infrastructure spending of the past **4000** years

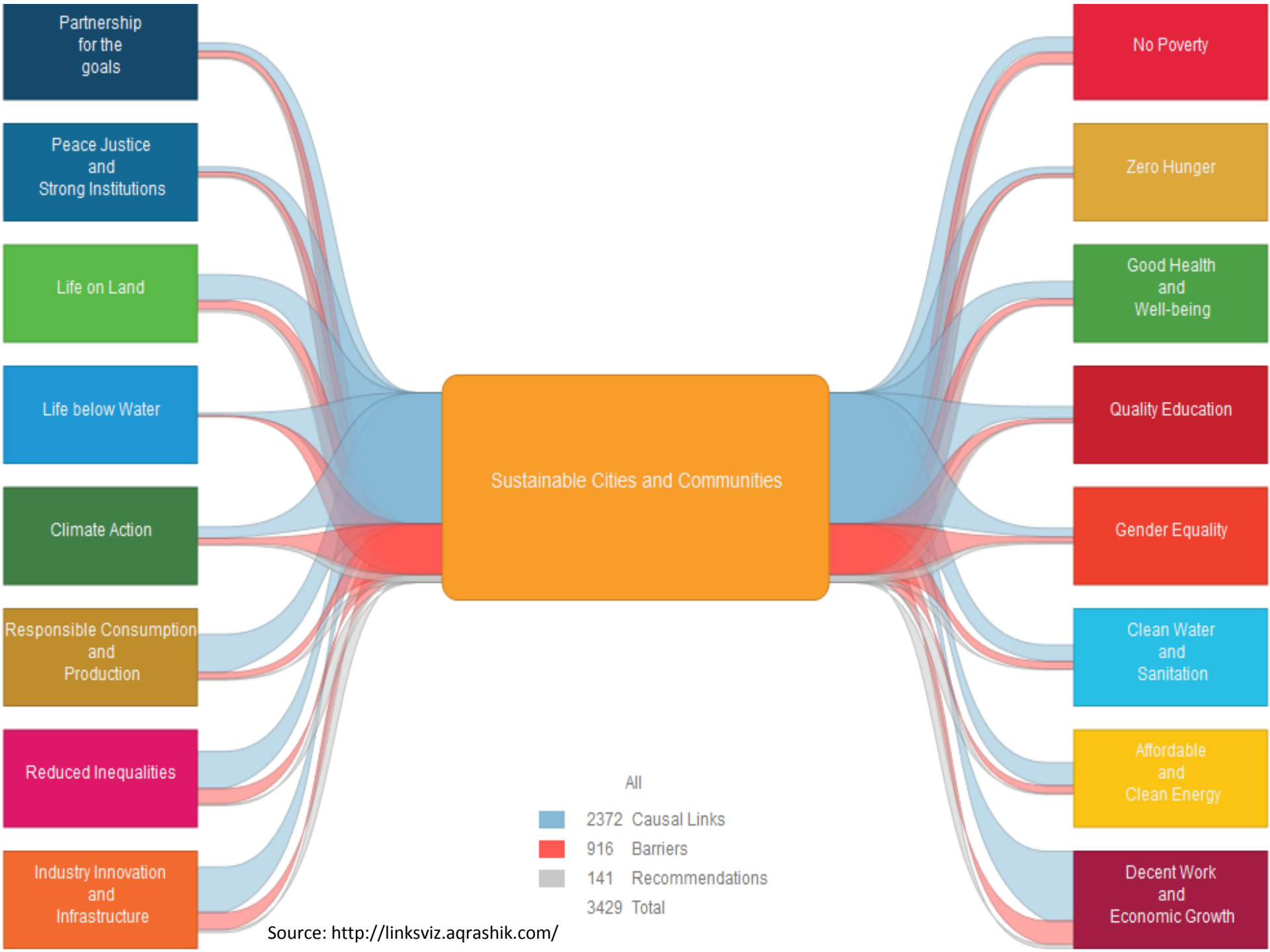
**2008:** World Urban population exceeded the rural population

**2050:** Two-thirds of global population will live in Cities

**2030:** 60% of global population will live in Cities

Cities account for **70%** of global energy use and greenhouse gas emissions but only occupy **5%** of the earth's landmass.

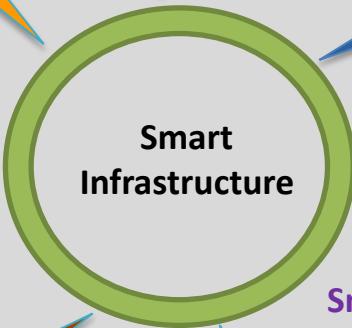




# Definition of Smart Cities

*“A smart sustainable city is an innovative city that uses information and communication technologies (ICTs) and **other means** to improve quality of life, efficiency of urban operation and services, and competitiveness, while ensuring that it meets the needs of present and future generations with respect to economic, social, environmental as well as cultural aspects”*

*ITU study group on SSC*



### Smart Digital Infrastructure

Helps monitor different parameters of the city; analyze the data collected



### Smart Buildings

Improve comfort of users ; optimize usage of utilities,



### Smart Health

Shift in focus to prevention; remote access to healthcare and personalized healthcare solutions



### Smart Mobility

Optimize traffic conditions; customized traffic solutions; reduce environmental footprint



### Smart Waste Management

Improve efficiency of waste collection, pickup, separation, reuse and recycle



### Smart Energy

Optimize energy distribution and usage; enable community-based energy monitoring

### Smart Water

Reduce cost and leakage; increase reliability and transparency of water distribution



# Challenge I : The Need for Localization of Smart Infrastructure



## Harness the local innovation system

Case Studies:

'Smart Shack' South Africa

Collaborations between two science parks and several other stakeholders for smart mobility project, Sweden



## Promote Open Science and Open Data Models

Case Studies:

Apps4SG competition, Singapore

Civic Hacking events worldwide



## Establish urban innovation units, living labs and exploit regional innovation networks

Case Studies:

The new urban mechanics lab in Mayor's office, Boston, USA

European Innovation Partnership on Smart Cities and Communities

## Challenge II : Skills Gap



### Accelerate STEM education programs

#### Case Studies:

The Urban data school, UK

Science of Smart Cities Program, USA



### Reform Curriculums, Promote Multi-disciplinary Learning

#### Case Studies:

MOOC on 'Smart Cities', The Open University



### Partner with Technology Firms

#### Case Studies:

Cisco and IBM partnerships with city governments



## Challenge III : Lack of Finance and well developed Business Models



Develop Technology Driven Innovative Financing Models

Case Studies:

Provision of drinking water through the *Jisomee Mita* programme, Kenya

KFW scheme to monetize the energy efficiency gains of buildings, Germany



Monetize Data

Caveat



Ensure protection of privacy



Generate finances through smarter use of existing public resources

Examples:

Better use of public resources,

Efficient taxation, case study: Kampala, Uganda

## Challenge IV: The Governance Challenge

Need to  
breakdown  
silos within  
government  
departments



Choose  
governance  
models that fit  
local contexts

Balance top-  
down and  
bottom-up  
governance  
approaches

## Challenge V : Making Smart Cities Inclusive



Help to formalize the informal sectors through smart applications

Case Study:

Applying mobile technology to map the informal settlements and informal sectors, Brazil, Monrovia & Tanzania



Provide affordable smart infrastructure for the informal sector

Case Studies:

M-KOPA: Combining mobile technology and solar power to make available and affordable energy solutions for informal settlements, East Africa



Make Smart cities gender sensitive

# Smart Infrastructure Design Principles



People-Centered and Inclusive Infrastructure



Resilience and Sustainability



Interoperability and Flexibility



Managing Risks and Ensuring Safety

## Recommendations

### Governments

- Adopt a participatory and integrated approach to smart city development
  - Integrate the smart city agendas within national STI and ICT policies
  - Strengthen the core ICT infrastructure
- Conduct skill gap analysis within workforce
- Promote open data and open science models
- Incorporate insights obtained from data generated from smart city into the governance process



### International Community

- Develop interoperability standards and other standardization measures
- Promote regional collaborations for pilot projects and for benchmarking



### CSTD

- Highlight the critical role of STI community in facilitating smart cities
- Share and analyze evidence on successful examples of localization of smart infrastructure
- Provide a forum to share evidence on successful models that incentivize local innovation

