International Good Practice Principles for Sustainable Infrastructure



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## Background



- UN Environment Assembly (UNEA) resolutions on sustainable and resilient infrastructure
- Sustainable Infrastructure Partnership (SIP)
- UN Environment Management Group (EMG) - endorsement across UN system







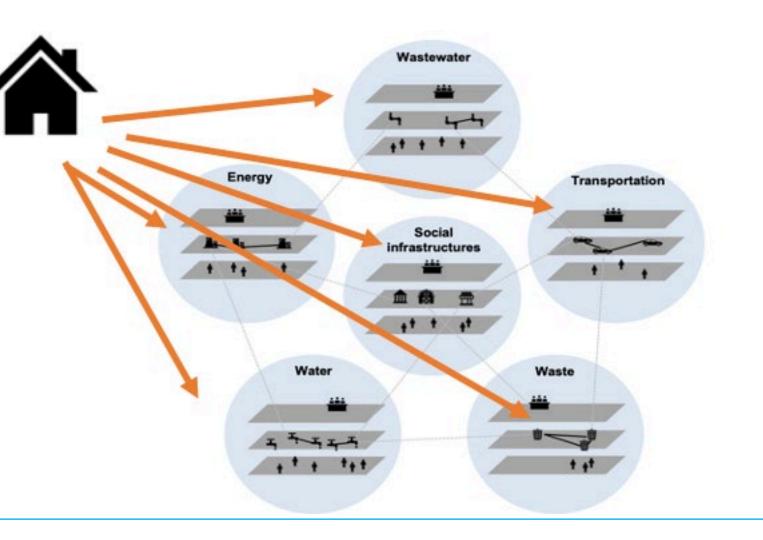


- 10 guiding principles
- Integrated, systems-level approaches
- Creating an enabling environment for sustainable infrastructure



#### Approach

- Integration of all aspects of sustainability
- Integration of different infrastructure systems and sectors
- Understanding impacts and benefits at the aggregate level
- Needs-based
- Nature













#### **10 Principles**



- 1. Strategic planning
- 2. Responsive, resilient, and flexible service provision
- 3. Comprehensive life cycle assessment of sustainability
- 4. Avoiding environmental impacts and investing in nature
- 5. Resource efficiency and circularity
- 6. Equity, inclusiveness, and empowerment
- 7. Enhancing economic benefits
- 8. Fiscal sustainability and innovative financing
- 9. Transparent, inclusive, and participatory decisionmaking
- 10. Evidence-based decision-making





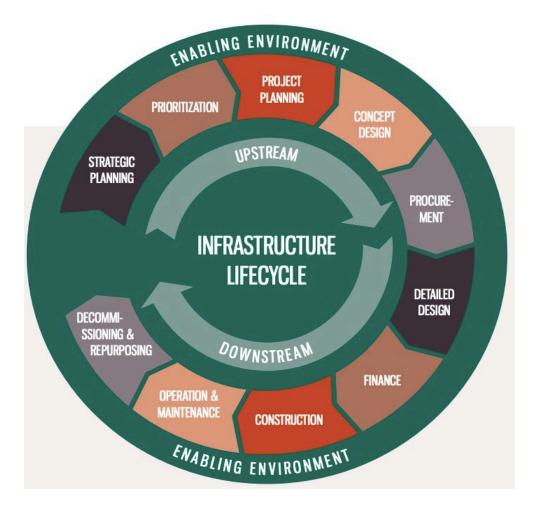
## 5. RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND CIRCULARITY

Circularity and the use of sustainable technologies<sup>v</sup> and construction materials should be planned and designed into infrastructure systems to minimize their footprints and reduce emissions, waste and other pollutants.

## Life cycle perspective



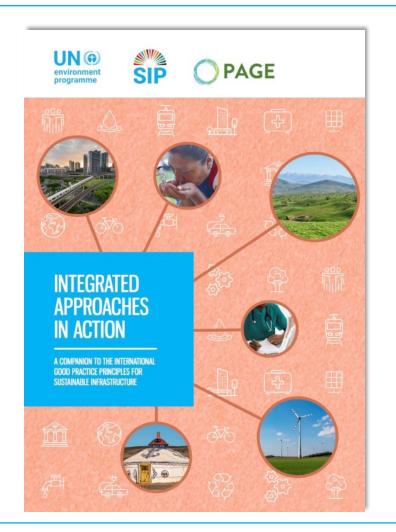
 Emphasis on "upstream" phases, but principles consider whole infrastructure life cycle



#### **Case studies**



- Illustrating the 10 principles
- Growing database





#### **Sustainable Infrastructure Tool Navigator**



- Further complement
- Database of tools
- User-friendly navigation interface
- Matching stakeholders with tools needed for implementation



# Thank you



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