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## Introduction to National Urban Policy in Myanmar

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## Urbanisation in Myanmar

- World is 55% Urban and by 2050 – 70% people in the cities. In Myanmar 29.6% in cities (2014)- 35 % by 2030 and 40% by 2040.
- It is **critical** that urbanization process is guided, managed and made sustainable.
- **National Urban Policy as the framework document** for Balanced Spatial Planning



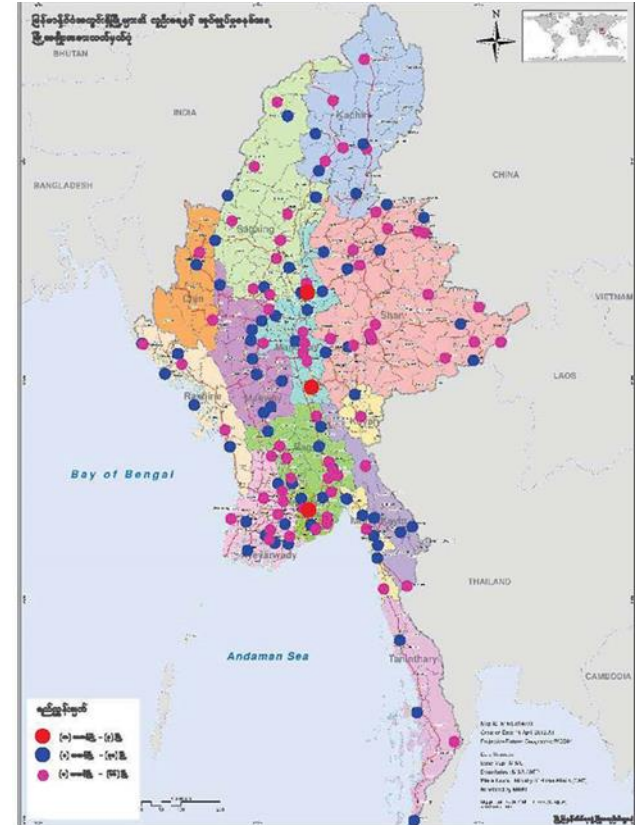
*Myanmar is at opportune juncture to manage its urbanization process and lead to balanced distribution of its people across the country*

# Myanmar's system of urban centres

Myanmar has a good spatial distribution of its cities

- 367 Cities and towns
- 3 major cities over 1 million population
- 18 cities above 100,000 population
- Balanced, inclusive and proportionate growth potential

*Possibilities of strengthening **inter-linkages** between rural and urban areas **providing better services opportunities** for rural population*





## As entry point to Implementation of NUA

**Vision :** To create a spatially integrated and orderly development of urban settlements with adequate infrastructure, efficient institutions, effective legal framework and a sound living and working environment to support the socio-economic development of Myanmar.

**For proper urbanization to occur, an effective and relevant National Urban Policy is as necessary as good urban planning and design at local level.**

2014



National  
Urban Policy  
Note

2016



National Housing  
Policy White  
Paper

2017



Rapid Urban  
Diagnostic  
Report

2017



National Housing  
Policy  
and Strategy

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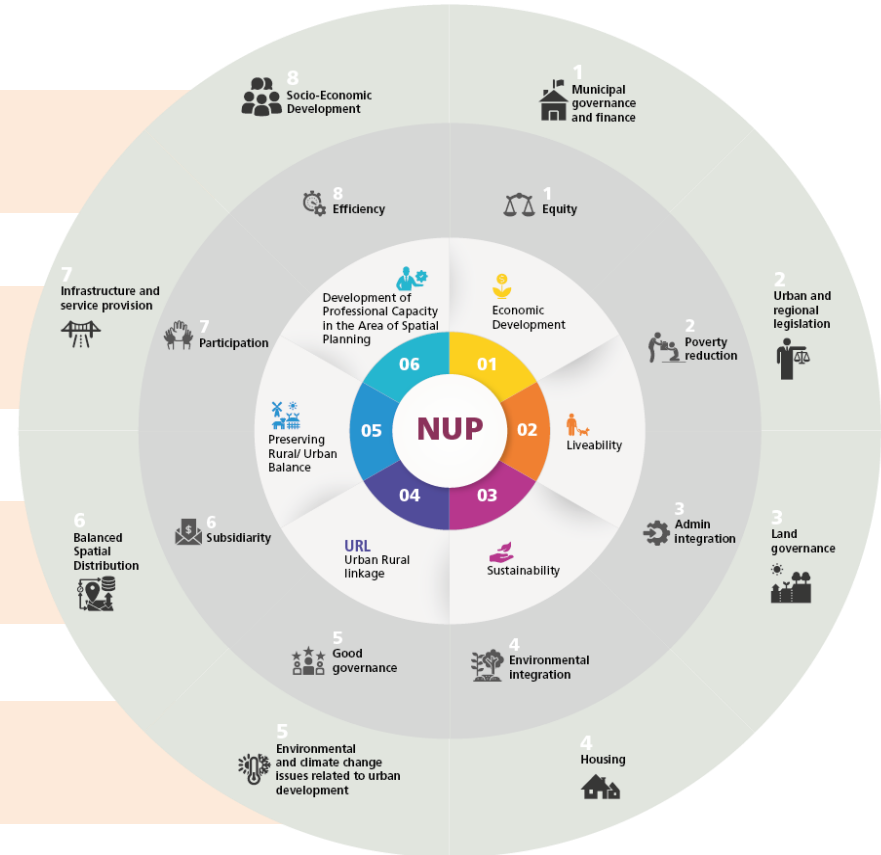


National Urban  
Policy  
Framework



# Myanmar's NUP

- 6 Goals
- 8 Principles
- 8 Thematic areas
- 58 Policy interventions



# NUP integration with National Priorities

1. Sustainable Development Goals
2. 5 goals of Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan
3. Sectoral plans and policies such as Myanmar Climate change policy, housing policy, transport masterplans, urban and regional development law





## NUP's Thematic areas – National Level

1. **Balanced Spatial Distribution** of cities, town and human settlements- their connectivity
2. **Urban Legislation.** (Urban and Regional Planning Law)
3. **Socio-Economic Development:** by tapping potential of ongoing urbanization process. (Inclusive and Proportionate growth)
4. **Infrastructure and service provision:** Integrated Network of National and regional express way, railways and waterways.



## NUP's Thematic areas – City Level

1. **Municipal Governance and Finance,**
2. **Housing** being at the centre of urban development and liveability of a city, is a key policy theme addressed in the NUP.
3. **Land Governance:** Modernize urban land administration and management system; Spatial Planning at the Cities/ town. Land conversion, land value capture.
4. **Environment and climate change** Myanmar's cities and towns are exposed to various climate hazards such as cyclones, heavy rain, floods, periods of extreme temperatures and drought.

**(Urban Design supported by Planning Process, Finances and Legislation : )**



# Thematic Area- Balanced Spatial Distribution

**Establishment of National Spatial Development Frame work proposes hierarchy of centers**

**Primary level - national strategic (growth) centers:** Stimulate bipolar economic development of Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw in the middle

**Secondary level - regional cities:** Develop NPT as the strategic center of the country and connect with secondary cities as strategic nodes of transportation activities supported with interconnections of highways, railways, and/or rivers.

**Tertiary level - agro-industrial centers :** This type of settlement encompasses major concentrations of population predominantly engaged in agrarian activities and industrial activities related to farming.

**Lowest level – border towns / special function settlements:**



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Thank you

