GLOBAL HOUSING STRATEGY
A process leading to paradigm change

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1. Global Housing Strategy:

UN-Habitat has been mandated to lead the formulation of a global housing strategy. There is a need for a paradigm change, incorporating lessons learned & the wealth of experience at country-level.
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Change in Paradigm

Housing Policy Implementation
- Housing reforms: scale, variety, tenure options, affordability, standards
- Roles of Governments
- Stakeholders participation
- Modes of Housing Finance
- Land supply & Land Delivery Systems
- Building codes & processes: incrementalism
- Green building process & sustainability
- Typologies e.g. single, multi-family, densities
- Policy options e.g. rental, cooperatives
- Maintenance & management of existing stock
- Incentives to suppliers, producers, consumers
- Change in technology, design, use…

Housing Theory & Practice

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Housing Problem manifests itself in different ways. Policy responses give clues what works and what doesn’t.

IMPLICATIONS FOR AFRICA.
In some regions: urbanisation is a synonym of slum formation

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Source: UN-HABITAT, 2008
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The People’s Housing Process:

its logic is fundamentally incremental and resource-based

The process of housing production is Incremental.

The consolidation of the right to land is Incremental & Evolutionary.

Policy to Regularisation needs to be Incremental.

Occupy, build, hold your ground
Tolerance: continue x stop!
Negociate, investment, services & land consolidation
Tolerance: resources to change from provisory to permanent
More resources & expansion
Consolidation & security of tenure: regularisation?

Figure: Varella, Bertazo and Jacques (2002).
Housing production process is bound to needs & it is incremental

Process of transformation is continuous & follows its own norms & standards

Enabling Housing Policy can bring this to scale

Materials
Security of Tenure
Resources

Figure: Varella, Bertazzo and Jacques (2002).
3. Planners, policy makers and architects as enablers of people’s housing development processes:

Facilitating the incremental and evolutionary self-determined development mechanisms.
4.

It is possible to adapt people’s housing process in a planned environment:

The professional, architect and planner as enablers of incremental development mechanisms.