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What are inclusive cities?

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Local approaches to guaranteeing women's rights

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Who is excluded? (statistics from Arab region)



Migrants
38 million



Women



Youth
60% of pop. under 30



Persons with
disabilities
3% of population

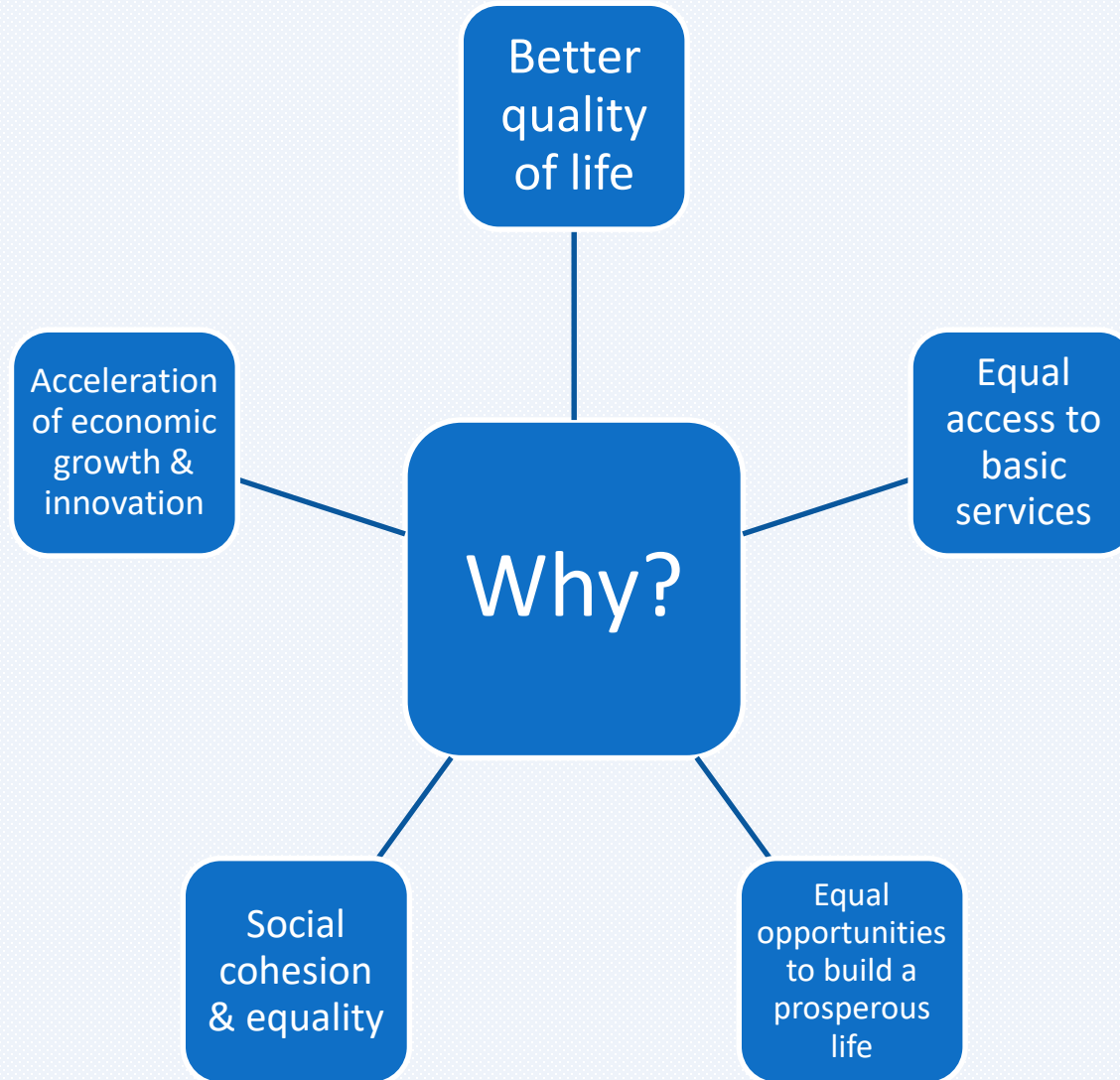


Elderly
7% of population

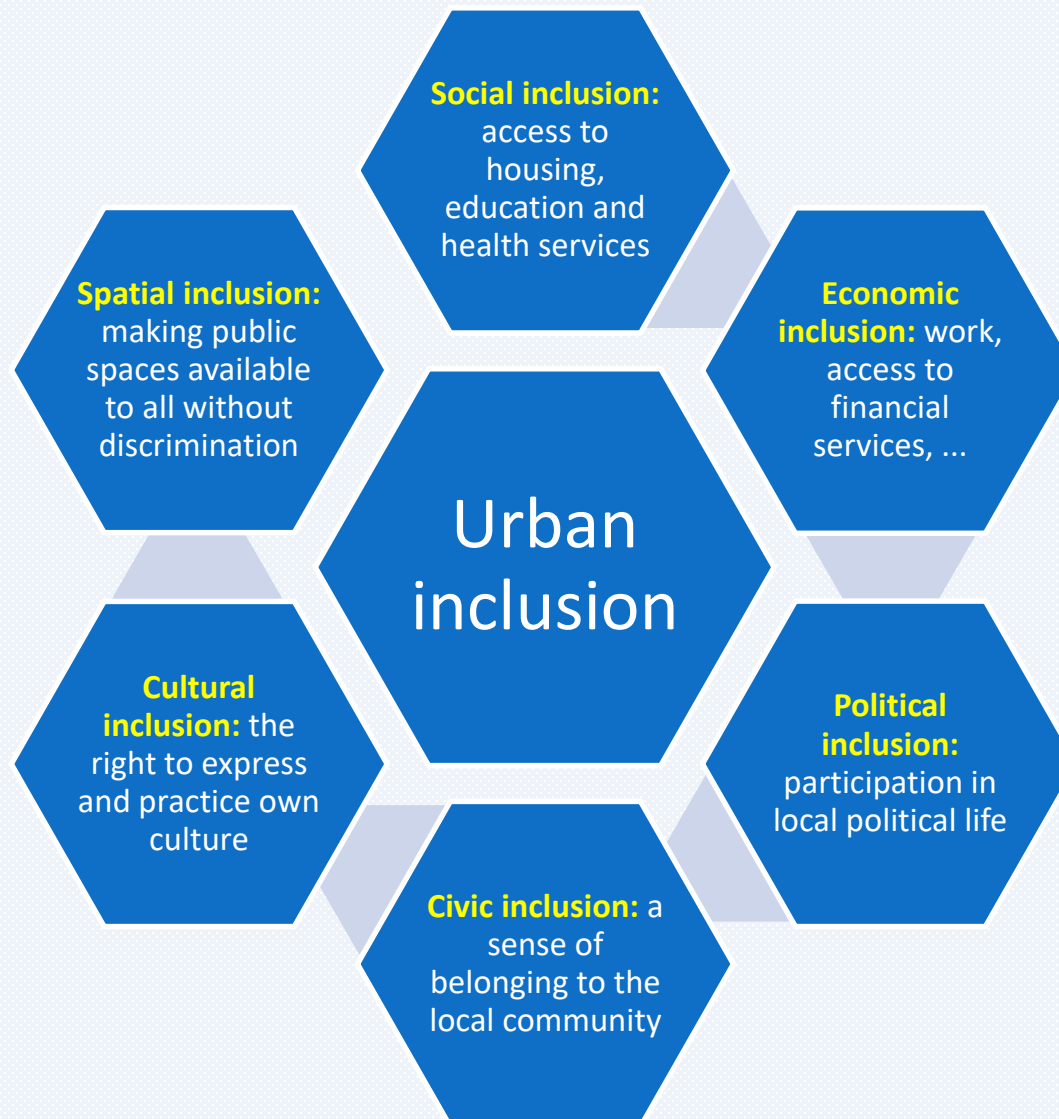


Minorities

Why Inclusive Cities? ... so as no one is left behind



What is urban inclusion?



12 best practices of inclusive cities

Alignment to international human rights standards and global agendas

Mainstreaming gender equality

Affirmative action for the inclusion and access to services of all

Civic and political representation

Transparent governance

Participatory urban planning

Participatory and inclusive budgeting

Sustainable financing

Contexts and trends analysis

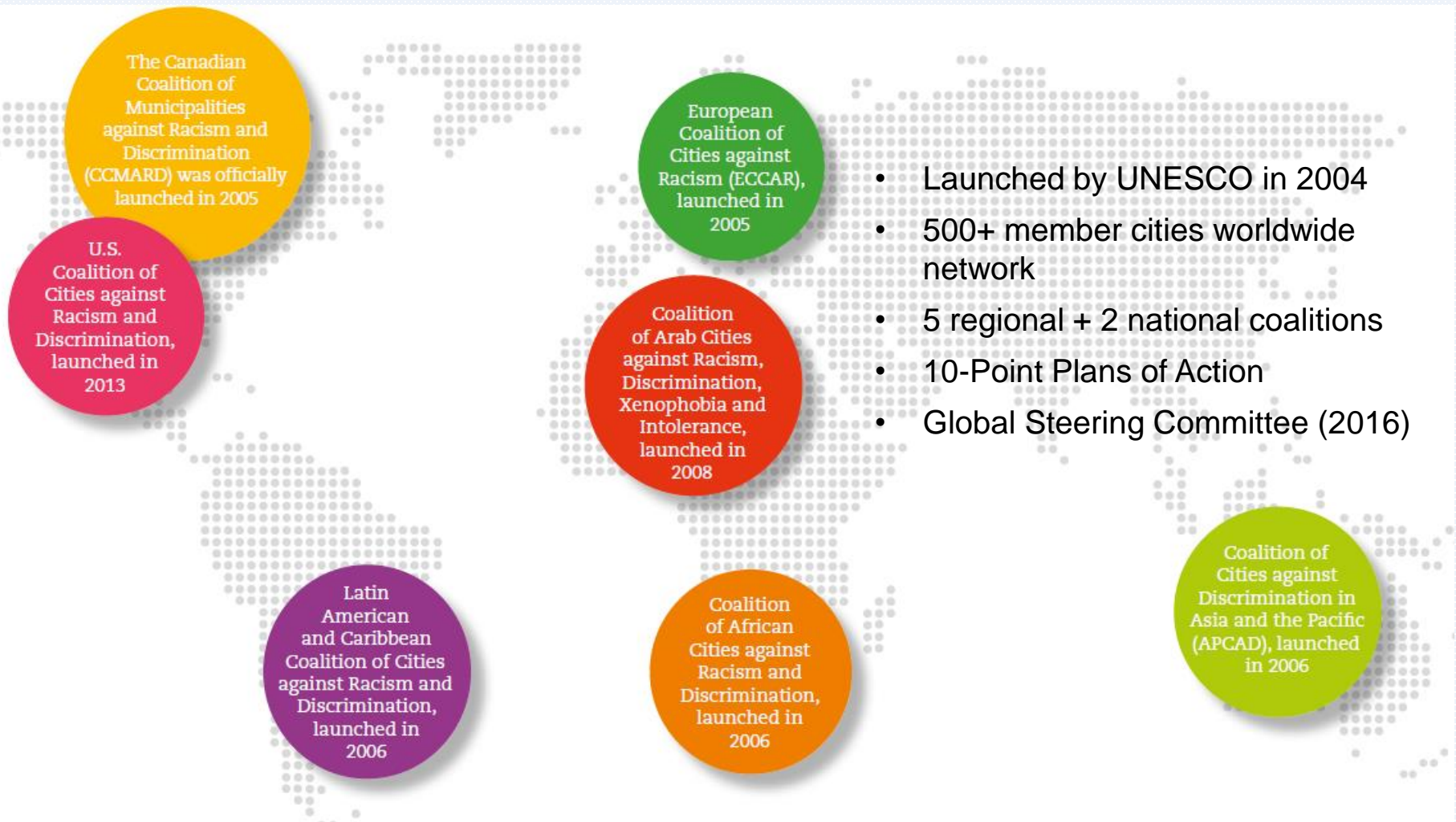
Comprehensive and reliable data for decision making

Monitoring and evaluation

Building broad partnerships

International Coalition of Inclusive & Sustainable Cities

- ICCAR



Regional coalitions

Coalition of Arab Cities against Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Intolerance

- Launched in June 2008 in Casablanca, Morocco
- 23 member cities in 8 Arab countries



Coalition of African Cities against Racism and Discrimination

- Launched in September 2006 in Nairobi, Kenya
- 59 member cities in 18 countries



What is the Toolkit for Urban Inclusion in Arab Cities?



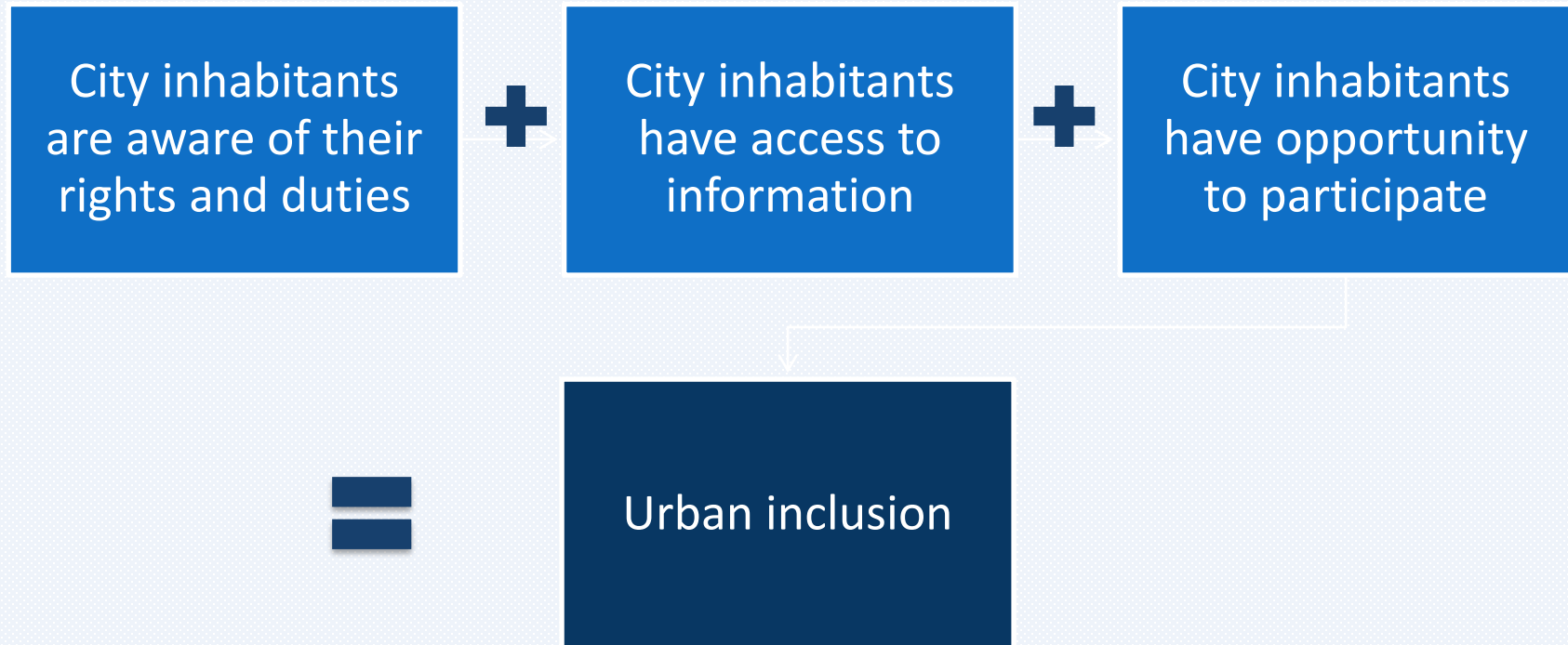
From cities to cities:

- *practical, viable **advice** to city actors*
- *advice proven by **actual experience***
- *documentation of **tacit knowledge***



Policy models, NOT a best practice report

Theory of Change



Gender dimension mainstreamed

Mainstreaming gender in ...

Public Participation



- Choosing culturally and spatially appropriate places for holding stakeholder consultations (e.g. mixed or women only group)
- Establish standing committee on women inclusion to maintain engagement
- Define clear and measurable objectives for women participation, monitor and evaluate them.

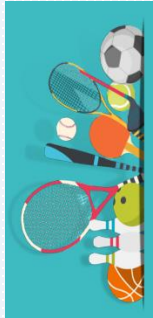
Access to Information



- Acknowledge and address differences between men and women in terms of information needs, type of information and access channels
- Analyse the challenges that may hinder women's access to information (e.g. digital divide) and identify means of mitigation

Mainstreaming gender in ...

Sport for Youth Inclusion



- Include the promotion of gender equality and women/girls' empowerment as a clearly stated goal of sports projects, and evaluate it
- Take measures to ensure the participation of girls and women in sports programs and address gender-related challenges to participation (e.g. sports spaces are safe for women and girls, prevent bullying or harassment)
- Design sports programs to educate about gender equality
- Organize information sessions for parents (and the wider community) on the benefits of sport on the physical and mental health of girls

Citizenship and Human Rights Education



- Ensure women and girls are aware of their rights
- Involve associations defending women's rights in city work
- Select the implementation methods most suitable to the needs of women, and provide reassurance guarantees to women participants (e.g. photos not taken)

What's next?

- Dissemination
- National and regional workshops
- Development of additional chapters
- Practical applications with cities



Access to the Toolkit

- Links to the Toolkit in Arabic, English and French
 - <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000374627>
 - <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000374629>
 - <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000374630>
- More information on UNESCO city work at:
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