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“Nigeria's economic potential is huge if it can get urbanisation right, but tremendous costs await it under business as usual” (world bank 2016)

... putting in place the **right policies, strategies and plans is the best way to go about it...**

NUP is one of the Five Pillars of implementing the New Urban Agenda

- 1. National Urban Policies (NUPs)**
- 2. Rules and Regulations**
- 3. Urban Planning and Design**
- 4. Financing Urbanization**
- 5. Local Implementation**

What is a National Urban Policy?

A coherent set of decisions derived through a deliberate government-led process of coordinating and rallying various actors for a common vision and goal that will promote more transformative, productive, inclusive and resilient urban development for the long term (UN-Habitat, 2014).

Relevance of National Urban Policy

- **Coordinated approach and clear policy directions are needed in order to harness urbanization, mitigate its negative externalities, and promote good urbanization.**
- **A National Urban Policy is a tool that can be used by government in order to direct and control urbanization. With input from the regional and local levels, a coordinated effort from the national level government through a NUP provides the best opportunity for the development of a coordinating and thorough nation-wide urban development plan.**

Urban Research Nigeria and its Policy Recommendations.

- Many policy recommendations have been made by URN in all the thematic areas of urbanisation.
- How do we harness these evidence based data and information for decision making and proper policies?
- Which agency(s) will be responsible?
- How do you kick start the process and ensure its sustainability?
- How do you mainstream them into the governance process?
- How do we ensure that no stakeholder, region or tier of government is not left behind?

National Urban Policy Nigeria.

- Nigeria had promulgated NUDP in 2012, time to review?
- Conduct all inclusive National Urban Forum to discuss new findings from URN as well as other urbanization reviews conducted recently and agree on the way forward.
- Agree on institutional arrangements and responsibilities ... some institutions are key and should be made to play key roles: **National Planning Commission, National Population Commission, National Bureau for Statistics, etc.**
- Reach Consensus and agree on commitment and road map

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