URBAN-RURAL LINKAGES: GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Framework for Action to Advance Integrated Territorial Development

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What are the Urban-Rural Linkages: Guiding Principles and Framework for Action?

In many countries, the link between rural and urban areas is an increasingly important area of focus for sustainable development. There is also general agreement that any development of urban, peri-urban and rural areas should be “integrated”. The ten Guiding Principles and the Framework for Action outlining eleven areas of action are based on the premise that urban and rural areas should not be treated as separate entities when developing plans, policies and strategies. Rather, the aim is to harness the potential that their combined synergy generates. The publication can be accessed here: https://urbanrurallinkages.files.wordpress.com/2019/07/url-gp.pdf
Guiding Principles for Urban-Rural Linkages

1. Locally Grounded Interventions
2. Integrated Governance
3. Functionally and Spatial Systems-Based Approaches
4. Financially Inclusive
5. Balanced Partnership
6. Human Rights-Based
7. Do Not Harm and Provide Social Protection
8. Environmentally Sensitive
9. Participatory Engagement
10. Data Driven and Evidence-Based
Framework for Action for Urban-Rural Linkages

Creating an enabling environment for strengthened urban-rural linkages:
A. Governance, legislation and capacity development
B. Integrated planning across the urban-rural continuum
C. Investment and finance for inclusive urban-rural development
D. Empower people and communities
E. Knowledge and data management for dynamic spatial flows of people, products, services, resources and information

Sectorial and thematic entry points to promote integrated territorial development:
F. Territorial economic development and employment
G. Coherent approaches to social service provision
H. Infrastructure, technology and communication systems
I. Integrated approaches for food security, nutrition, and public health
J. Environmental impact and natural resource and land management
K. The urban-rural continuum in the face of conflict and disaster

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