A UN Urban Agenda on top of local, national and EU urban policies!

*How does it work and
what should be the added value?*

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Politicians and experts assign a key role to cities and local governance in the agenda implementation process.

The road to global sustainability runs through the world's cities and towns

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon's remarks to
'Cities Leadership Day', Rio de Janeiro
Brazil, 21 June 2012

Metropolitan areas and local governments will be at the center of decision-making and therefore need to be empowered,…

(SDSN Report, page 19)

Cities are where the battle for sustainable development will be won or lost.

(HLP of Eminent Persons Report, page 17)

*Unfortunately, the key role
is not backed by appropriate
implementation provisions.*

Nothing contained in the present Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state or shall require the members to submit such matters to settlement under the present Charter.
UN Charter, Art 2,7

"Inspirational character of the Agenda"

Jeffrey Sachs, SDSN

"(…) it is beyond the scope of this report to propose options for the Reform of the UN, but the Panel calls for every step to be taken to improve coordination (…). "

(HLP of Eminent Persons Report, page 21)

Mind the gap between high expectations and the lack of implementation provisions.

Metropolitan areas and local government have to get ready for the new agenda.

How to Bridge the Gap ?

1. **SDG need appropriate implementing provisions**
    The Agenda in general but specifically an urban SDG like the proposed focus area 'Sustainable cities and human settlements' require implementing provisions.

2. **NUPs as the linkage between global agenda and local implementation**
    NUPs gain relevance and need to balance high expectations towards cities and local governance with responsibilities of the state.

3. **Strengthen capacities of local governments**
    Local service delivery with a global voice

What needs to be done ?

1. **SDG need appropriate implementing provisions**

   ➢ *Substantiate challenges* **for local governments** *and risks* **for the agenda if local governments are left without an enabling environment**

   ➢ **UN-Habitat and partners continue to advocate and support** *SDG formulation and safeguarding of finances of SDG* **(e.g. HLPF, OWG)**

   ➢ **Further strengthening of** *co-operation* **with international partners (WB, OECD, UCLG, ICLEI, DG Regio, EU CoR, CoE, AU, RSA, AESOP…)**

What needs to be done ?

2. **NUPs as the linkage between global agenda and local implementation**

    ➢ **Discuss the increased _need for NUPs_ due to the requirements of the Agenda**

    ➢ **Develop a _model NUP_ to support NUP development at the national level**

    ➢ **Carry out _pilot actions_, inform, advocate and support consensus finding**

What needs to be done ?

3. **Strengthen capacities of local governments**

➢ **Capacity building for local stakeholders involved in agenda implementation at the local level and its coordination at the inter-municipal, national and international level**

➢ **Development of models and tools for capacity building (e.g. co-financed by national partners)**

➢ **Pilot actions**

➢ **Safeguarding funding for capacity building**

When ?

➢ **2014 and 2015:**
Implementing provisions and capacities need to be developed _in parallel_ **to the ongoing Agenda setting**

➢ **2016:**
Habitat III as a _first review point_ **to discuss and (re-)negotiate implementing provisions, capacity building and funding mechanisms**

➢ **2016 onwards:**
Strengthening of the enabling environment to achieve SDG through a combination of _fact finding studies, pilot actions_ **and** _evidence based advocacy_
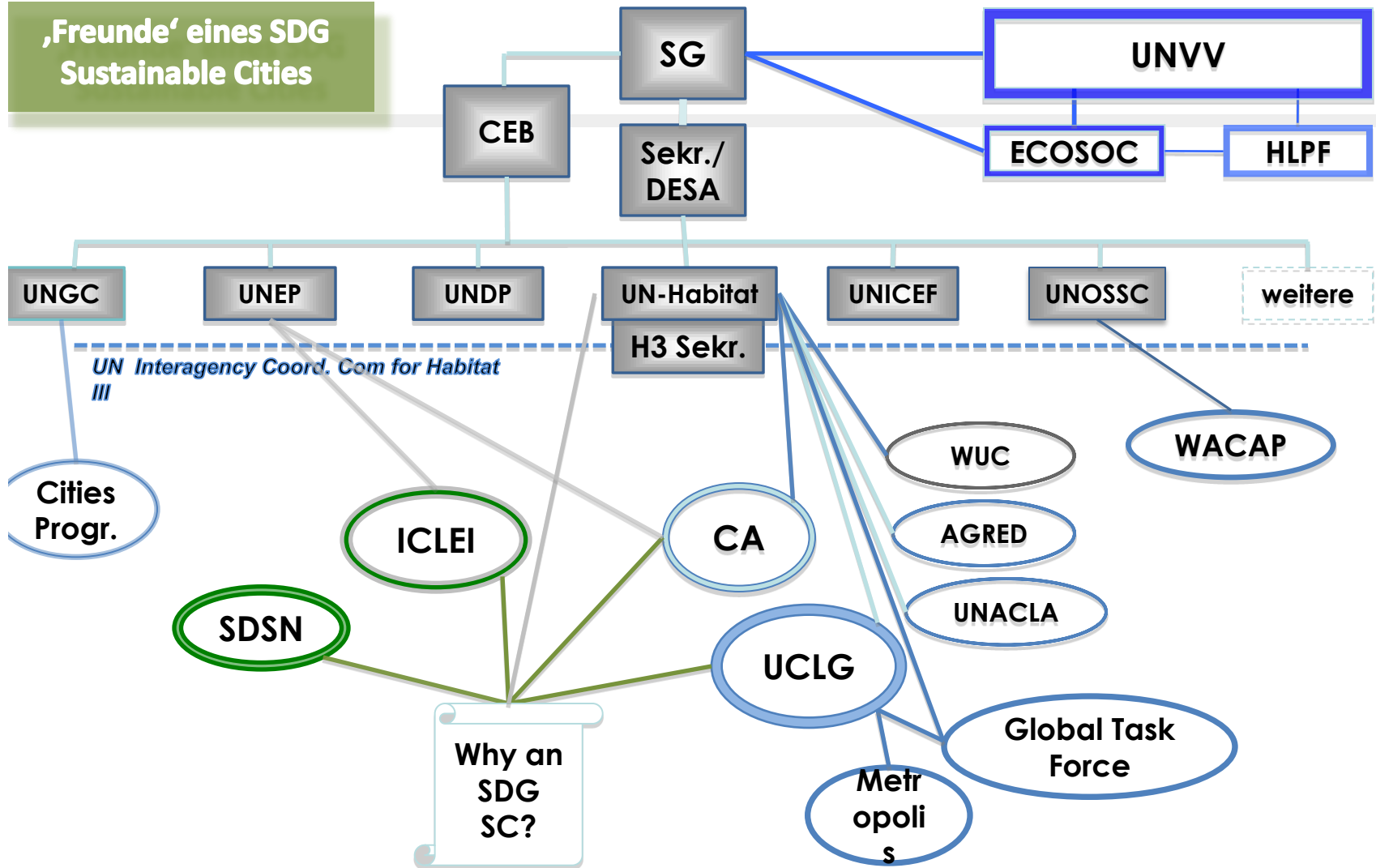
Cities in the multi-level system of governance

SDG and Habitat are already changing the actor constellation

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United Nations Initiated Non-Governmental Organisation – UNINGO?

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UCLG	- World Organization of United Cities and Local Governments and its Thematic Committees
UNACLA	- United Nations Advisory Committee for Local Authorities
ICLEI	- Local Governments for Sustainability
AIMF	- International Association of Francophone Mayors
ATO	- Arab Towns Organization
CLGF	- Commonwealth Local Government Forum
MERCOCIUDADES	- Network of cities of Mercosur
Nrg4SD	- Network of Regional Governments for Sustainability
FOGAR	- Forum of Regions of UCLG
METROPOLIS	- Metropolitan Section of UCLG
CEMR-CCRE	- Council of European Municipalities and Regions
UCLG-ASPAC	- Asia Pacific Section of UCLG
UCLG-Euro-Asia	- Euro-Asian Section of UCLG
UCLG-MEWA,	- Middle East and West Asia Section of UCLG
UCLG-NORAM	- North American Section of UCLG
FLACMA	- Latin American Federation of Municipalities and Local Government Associations
UCLGA	- UCLG Africa
CUF	- Cités Unies France
FMDV	- Global fund for cities development

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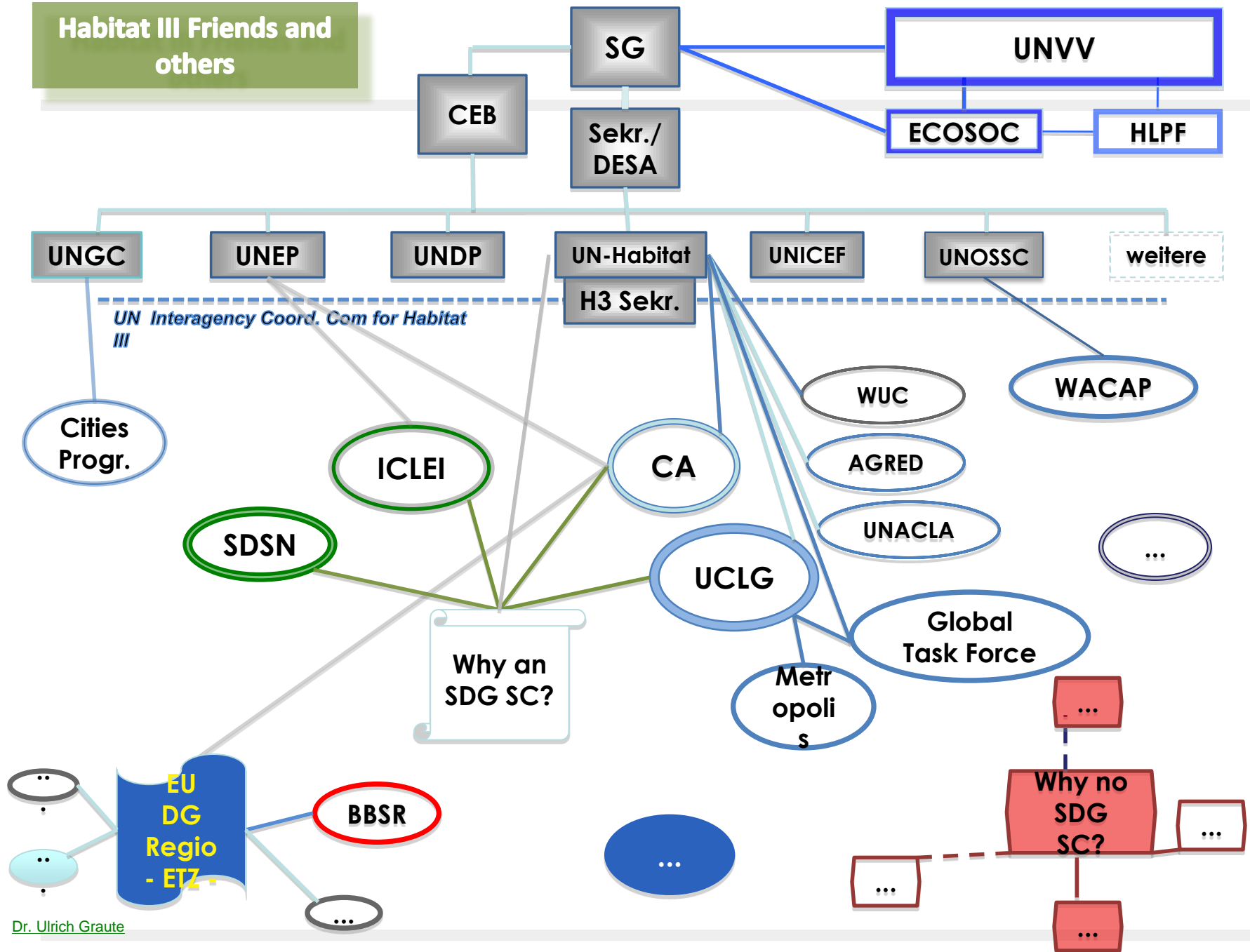
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*'The road to global sustainability runs through the world's cities and towns' *,*

then it is up to UN-Habitat and its partners
to act as competent tour guides
and coordinator along this part of the road.

* Quotation: SG Ban Ki-Moon in 2012