

Selection Criteria and Guide for Application

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GLOBAL AWARD
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(SHANGHAI AWARD)

**The Third Cycle of the Global
Award for Sustainable
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Call for Applications Rules and
Guidelines

March 2025

Eligibility



Especially welcome

in the field of urban sustainable development since 2016



Application platform



Complete the application form online

through the official website of UN-Habitat

• **<https://unhabitat.org/shanghai-award>**

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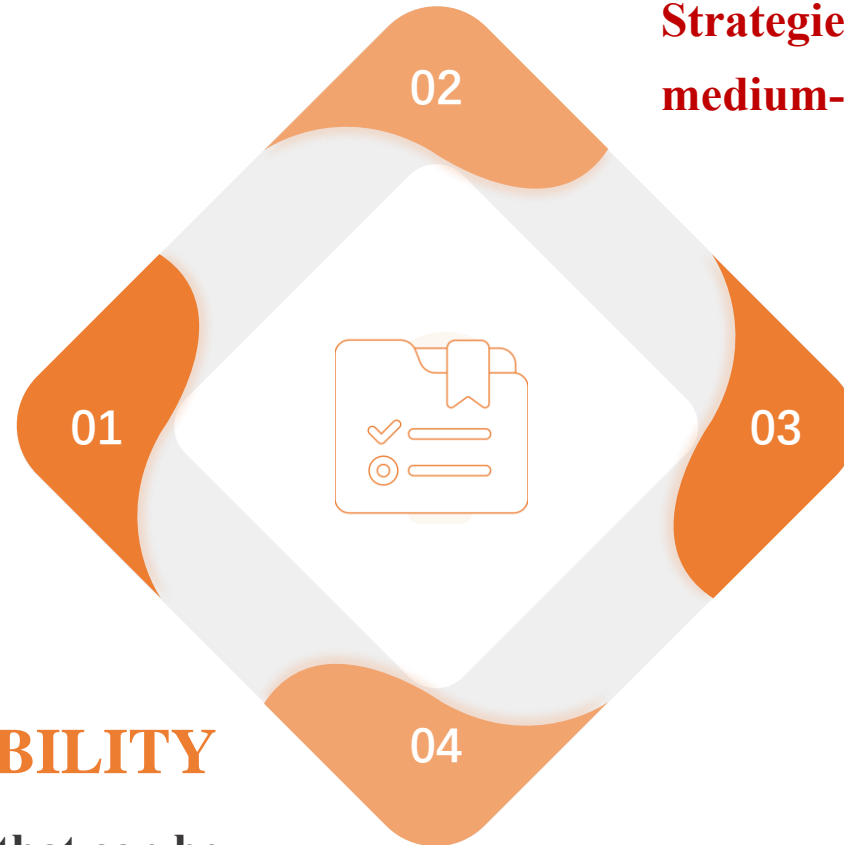
Selection Criteria

IMPACT

Achievements, progress, and impact on implementing the 2030 Agenda and the NUA.

ADAPTABILITY

Practices and experiences that can be **adopted, replicated, and promoted** by cities facing similar development challenges.



SUSTAINABILITY

Strategies, plans, and actions for the **medium- and long-term** implementation.

INNOVATION

Innovative approaches, methods, practices, technologies, or tools to achieve Sustainable Development Goals and the NUA.

Since 2016

Selection Criteria

IMPACT

1

Content

Select domains and provide a statement, narrative and evidence.

2

Equal Emphasis on Qualitative and Quantitative Aspects

e.g.: Per capita housing area, ratio of residents covered by digital municipal governance platform, carbon emissions per unit of GDP, disposable income of residents and etc..

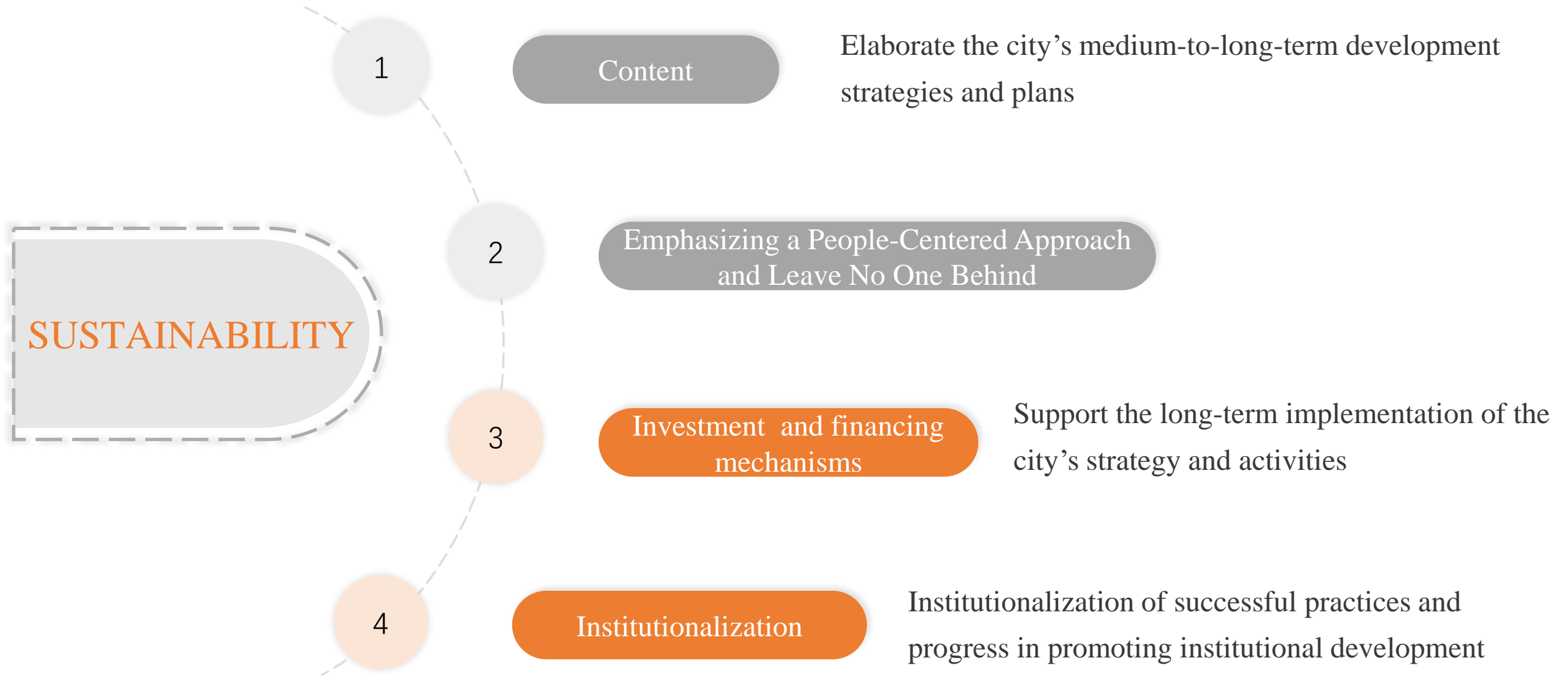
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Specify contributions to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals linked to the selected domains

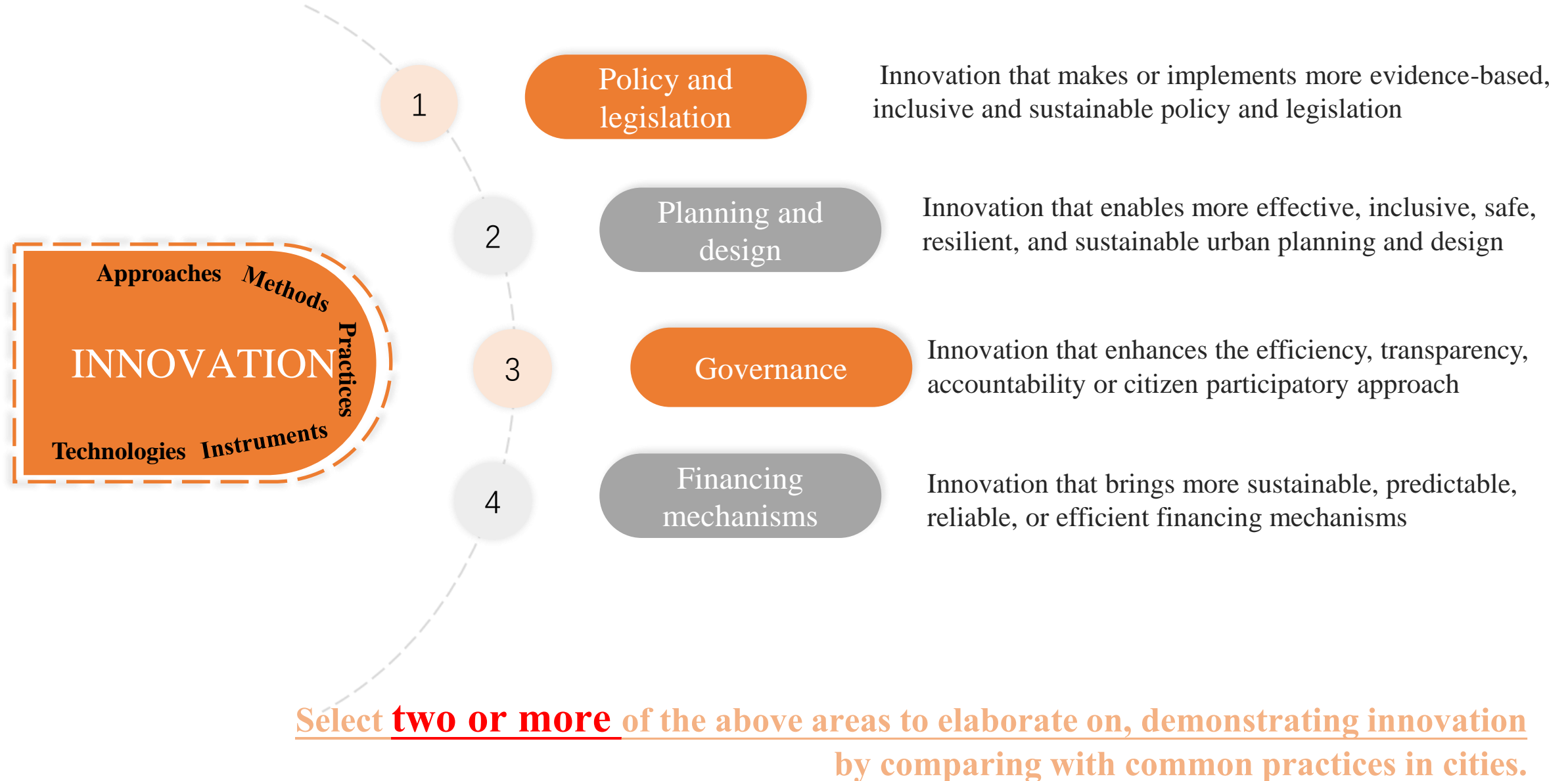
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Emphasizing a People-Centered Approach and Leaves No One Behind

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ADAPTABILITY

1

Practices, approaches or strategies can be adapted for cities who are faced with similar development challenges

2

Have been adopted by other cities

Have been upscaled and promoted nationally, regionally or globally

Have attracted stakeholders to join and promote the solution

3

Have an approach for inter-city collaboration

Share its successful experience through multi-level platforms

Facilitate multi-stakeholder partnership

4

Have been covered on media, publications, or other promotional platforms to disseminate the city's best practices or models

Bonus points

Features and Characteristics

City features not covered in the previous Criteria;
Special considerations, plans and actions.

01

Instrument Adoption

Adopt UN-Habitat's instruments;
Encourage cities to develop VLR.

02

Other Honours or International Cooperation

Other internationally recognised award or honour;
Participate in South–South Cooperation, Global Development Initiative, or the Belt and Road Initiative, etc.

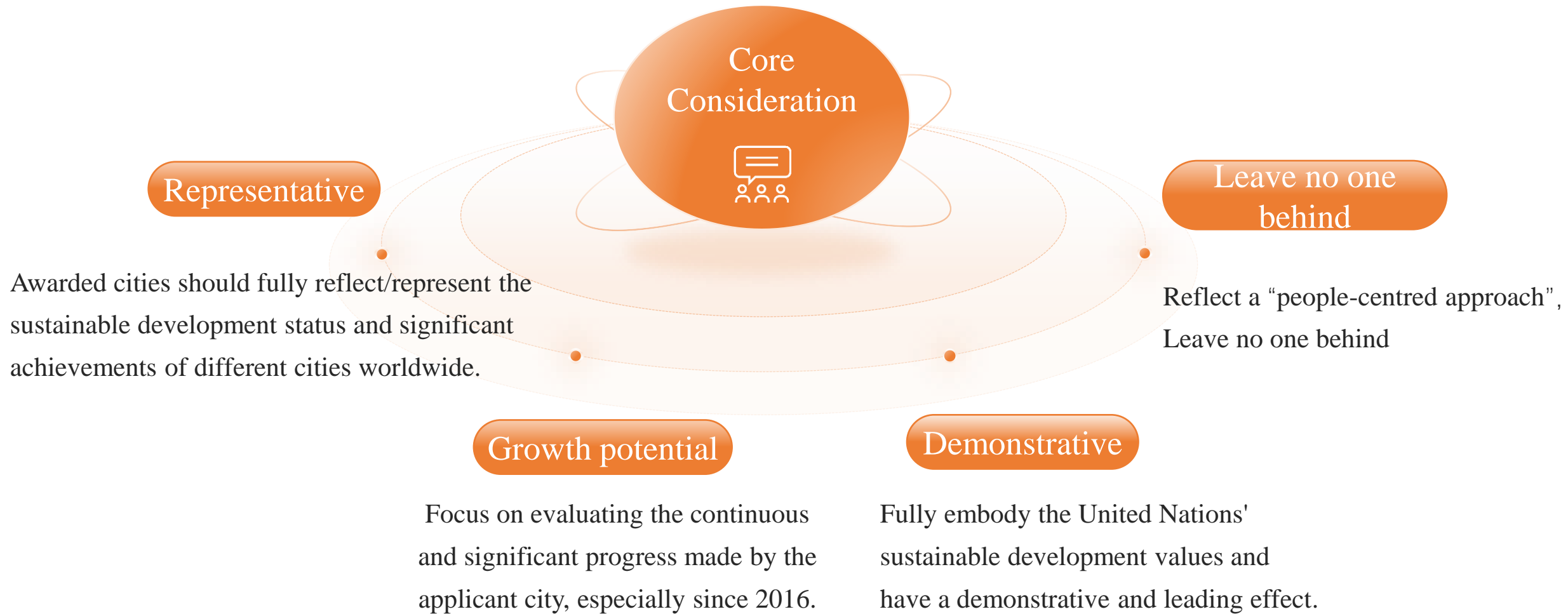
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Financing Mechanism/Plan

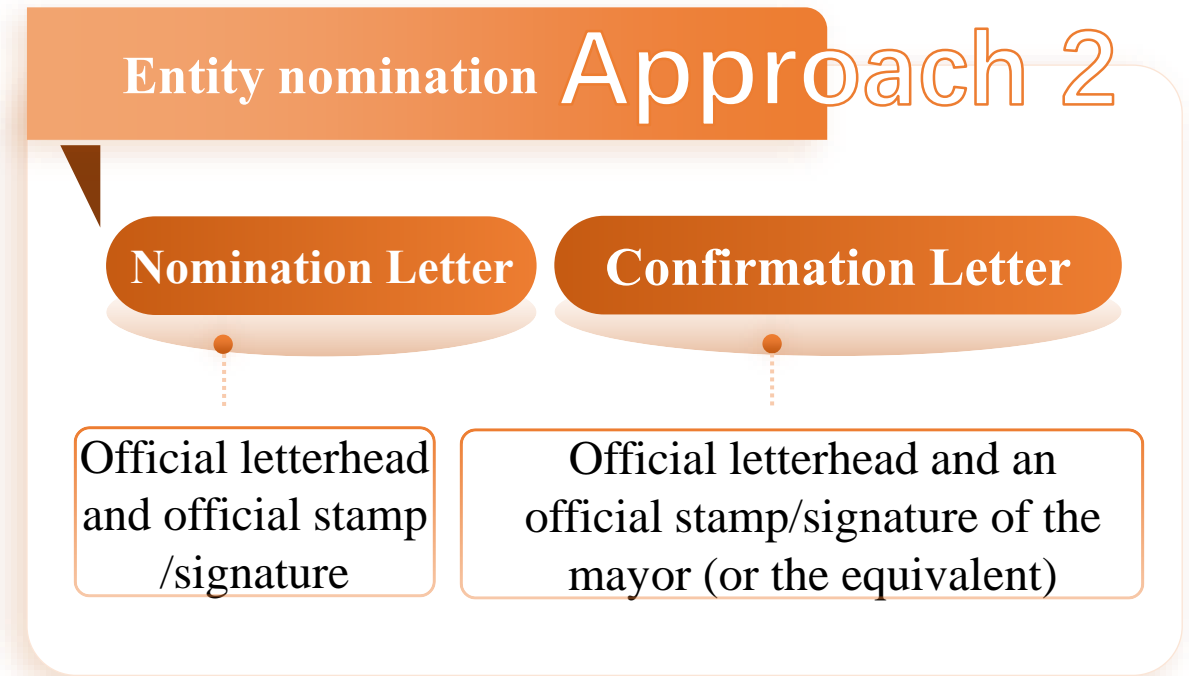
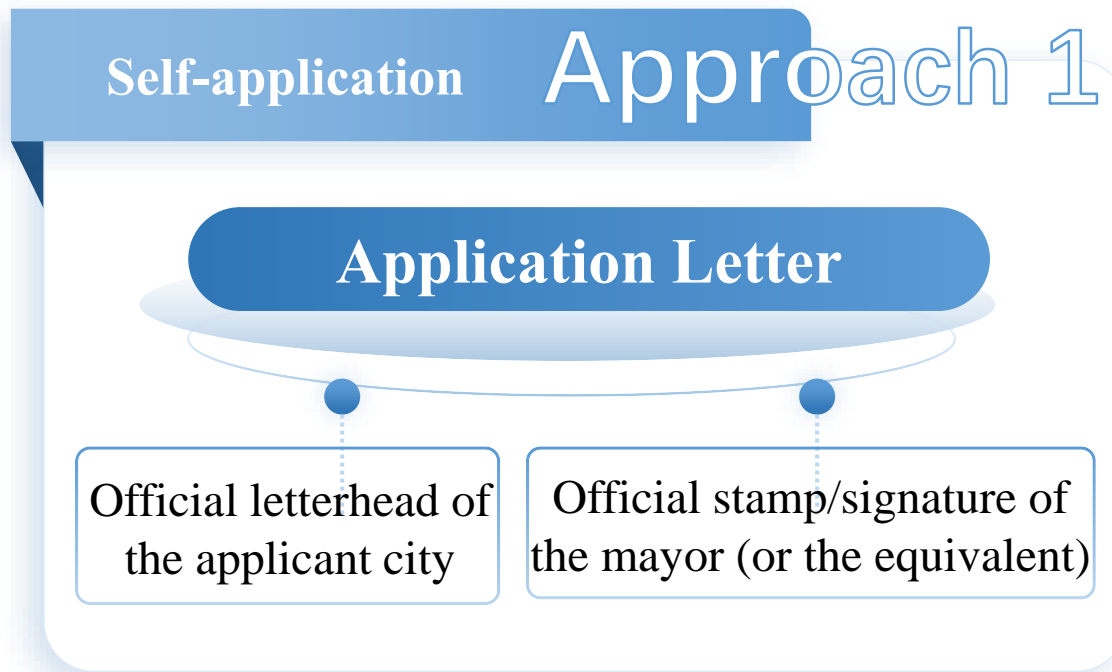
Encourage cities to implement financing mechanism/plan;
Transform the initiatives, approaches, strategies into market-base solutions.

04

Comprehensive Evaluation

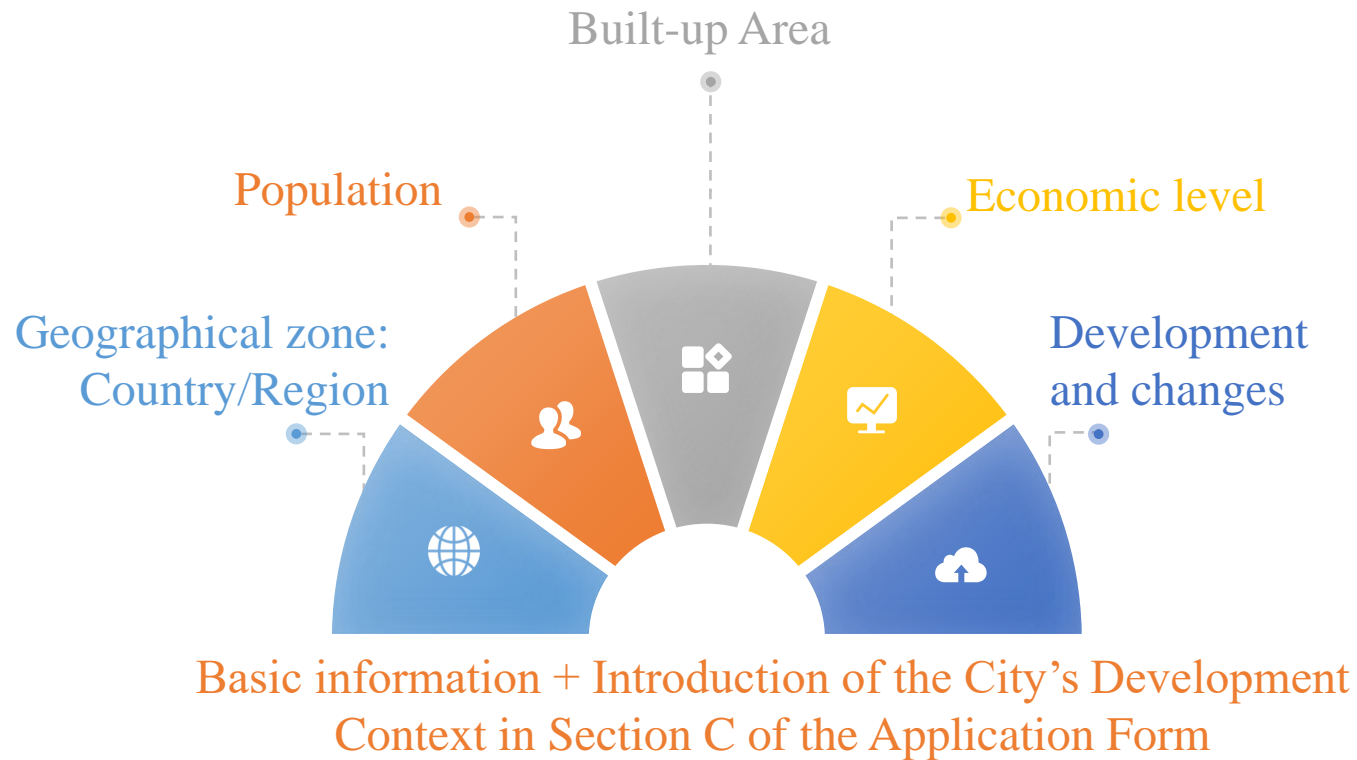


Two Approaches

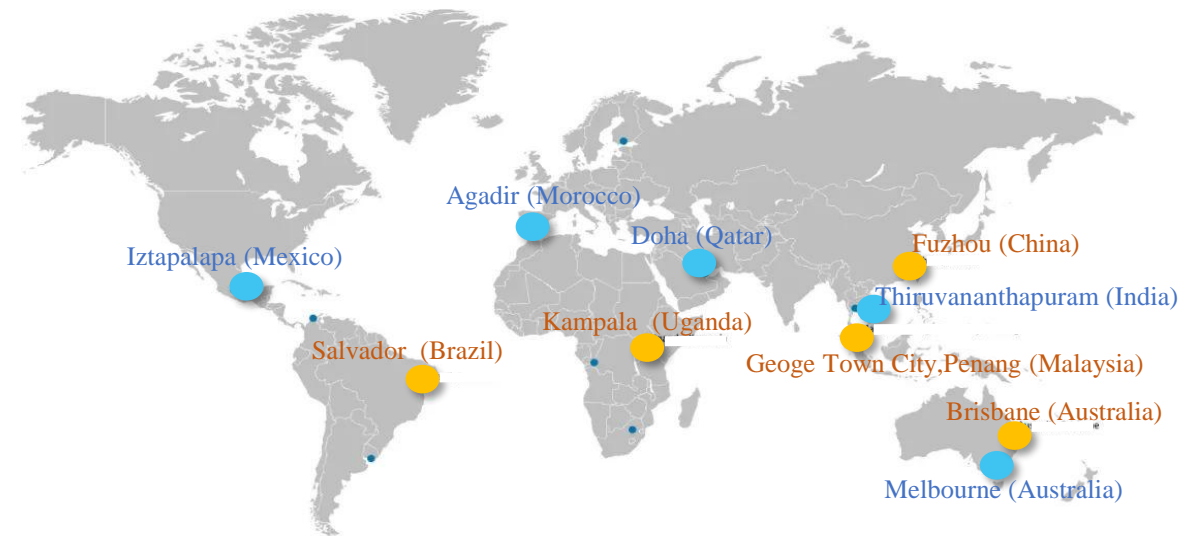


Member states of the United Nations, **United Nations agencies** other than UN-Habitat, **organizations and institutions with consultative status in the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**, and **organizations and institutions specially invited by UN-Habitat** can submit nominations.

Helpful Information



Seeking Comprehensive Urban Sustainable Development Solutions under Different Backgrounds and Challenges



Distribution of 2023 & 2024 Award-Winning Cities

Contact Person

Notice of Important Matters /
Reminder of Application Deadline, etc.

02

Notice of Award Results / Arrangements for the
Award Ceremony and Attendance at Other
Important International Forums and Events



Before International
Jury Review



During International
Jury Review



After International
Jury Review

01

Necessary Supplementary Materials Required by the Jury /
Possible Arrangements for Online Presentations or Defense Sessions

03

Risk Assessment

Potential Risks

Assess the potential risks in the city's policies, actions and recent incidents that may adversely impact the sustainable development of the city.

01

**UN-Habitat
Environment
and Social
Safeguard
System 3.0
(ESSS 3.0)**

02

Risk Mitigation Strategy

Explain how to mitigate these risks.

Supporting Materials

Support the information
already provided in the
previous sections of the
Application Form



Supplement
information not covered in
the previous sections of the
Application Form

Kind Suggestions

Required Fields

Questions marked with an * are required to answer. Incomplete application will lead to disqualification of the application.

Application Areas

The overall score of application materials covering 4 areas will be higher than those covering only 1 area or 2 areas.

Application Revision

The applications can be revised before the Call for Applications closes. Once the Call for Applications is closed, the materials submitted will not be returned.

Information Authorization

All materials submitted in the applications will be available for international exhibition, demonstration, publication and media coverage.

Disqualification

Failure to observe the Call for Applications Rules and Guidelines

Incomplete application information or late submissions



Disqualification

Presenting misleading and false information regarding the supporting documents

Unethical behaviour, including undue pressure on any person involved in the evaluation and selection process

Application Deadline: June 10

Official Language: English



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**Thank you for your attention.
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