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OECD URBAN DAYS

14-17 April 2025 | OECD, Paris





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Many thanks to our partners





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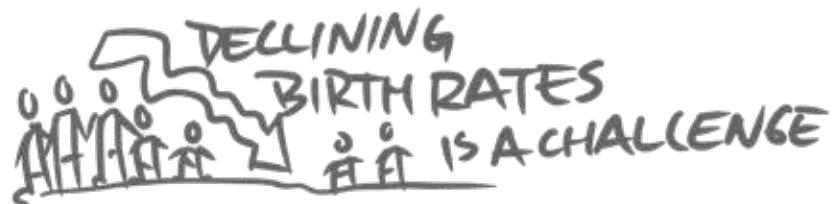
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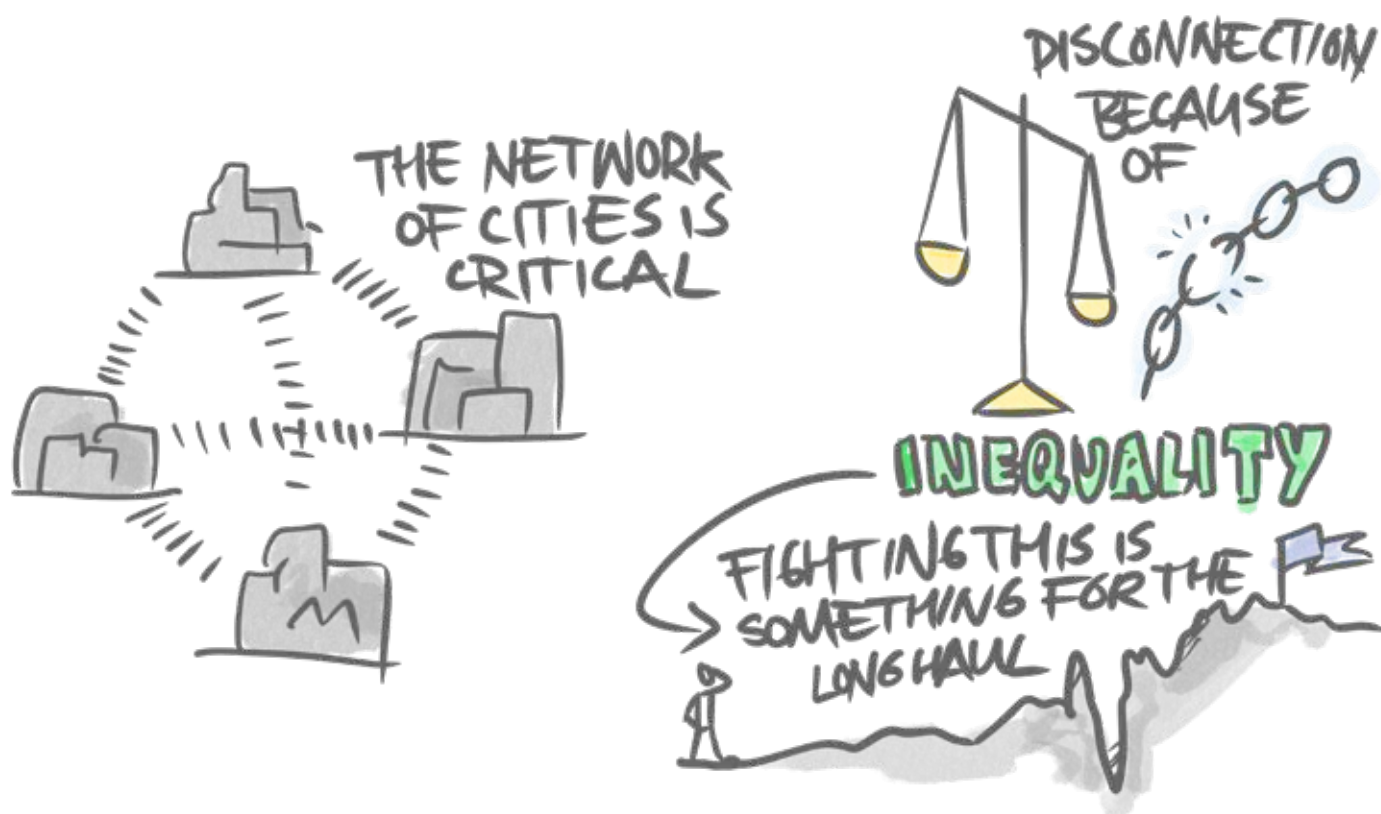




CITIES FOR ALL IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY









BUT NOT ALL (CAN) SHARE IN THAT Dream





! LOCAL SERVICE
PROVISION!

WHO ARE THE VULNERABLE
(MAYORS?)
WHAT IS VULNERABILITY

"MAYORS
ARE THE
MOST IMPORTANT
PEOPLE IN
THE WORLD"

PROTECT OUR
POPULATIONS

THE GLOBAL
PLAYINGFIELD
IS RAPIDLY
CHANGING

"OUR IDEAS
ARE OLD"

AI
IS ACCELERATING
CHANGE

MORAL
EROSION
IS A
THREAT

PREVENTION
RATHER THAN
AFTER THE
FACT

! MENTAL
HEALTH
IS CRUCIAL
(INCL. & GREEN)
ESPECIALLY
SINCE THE
PANDEMIC

KEEP AN
EYE ON
THE BIG
PICTURE

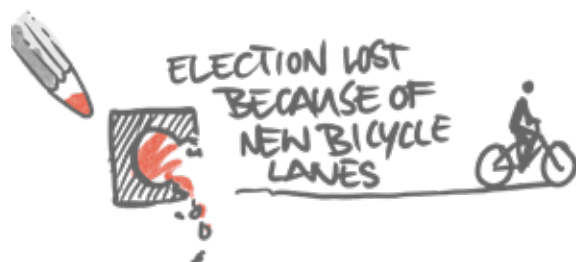
not just
focus on the
SHORT TERM
BUT ALSO
LONG TERM
Thinking

ARCHITECTS
CAN BE
ALLIES

MULTILATERISM
IN LOCAL
GOVERNMENT



TRANSFORMING URBAN MOBILITY



A TIME OF IMMENSE OPPORTUNITY



PUBLIC TRANSPORT
is the
BACKBONE
of the
Future **CITIES**



INCLUSIVE FOR
ALL, INCLUDING
THE ELDERLY &
DISABLED



FROM AN AGING FLEET



↓ TO



NEW
& ELECTRIC

LOOKING AHEAD →



SHORT & LONG
TERM INVESTMENTS

IT'S ALSO ABOUT
PERCEPTION
OF PUBLIC
TRANSPORT



Affordable
housing

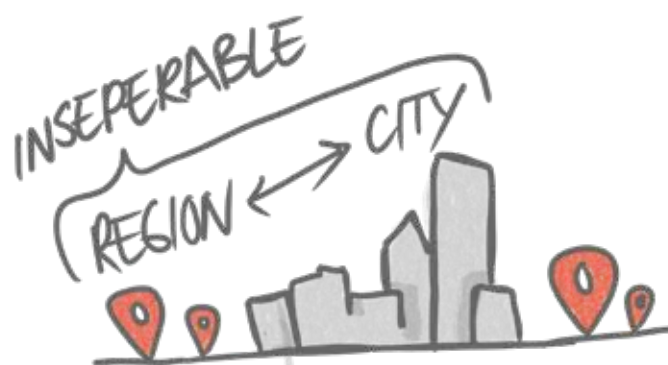
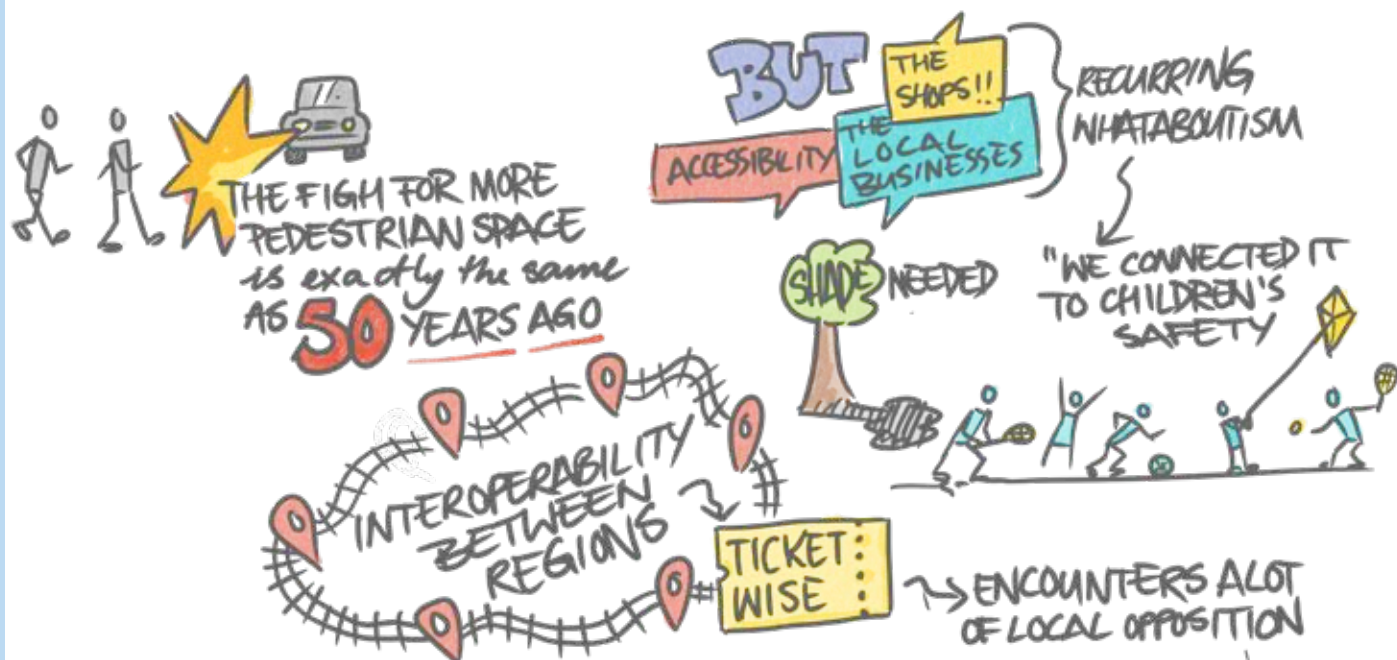


close to public transport

PROVIDE ACCESS
TO CITY
CENTERS



MAKE PEOPLE
SEE THE
BENEFIT





KICK-OFF

AN HOLISTIC
APPROACH



A CALL TO
ACTION FOR
THE
OECD MINISTERIAL
MEETING

CITIES
FOR ALL
AGES

the most
urgent



FOOD
SECURITY

10 years
NEW
URBAN
AGENDA

THREAT OF
CLIMATE CHANGE

HOUSING
CRISIS
ACCESS
TO CLEAN
WATER
HOMELESSNESS

CHILDREN ARE OUR SOCIETY'S



GREATEST
TREASURE

WHILE

CARE OF THE
ELDERLY IS
NOT TO BE
DISREGARDED

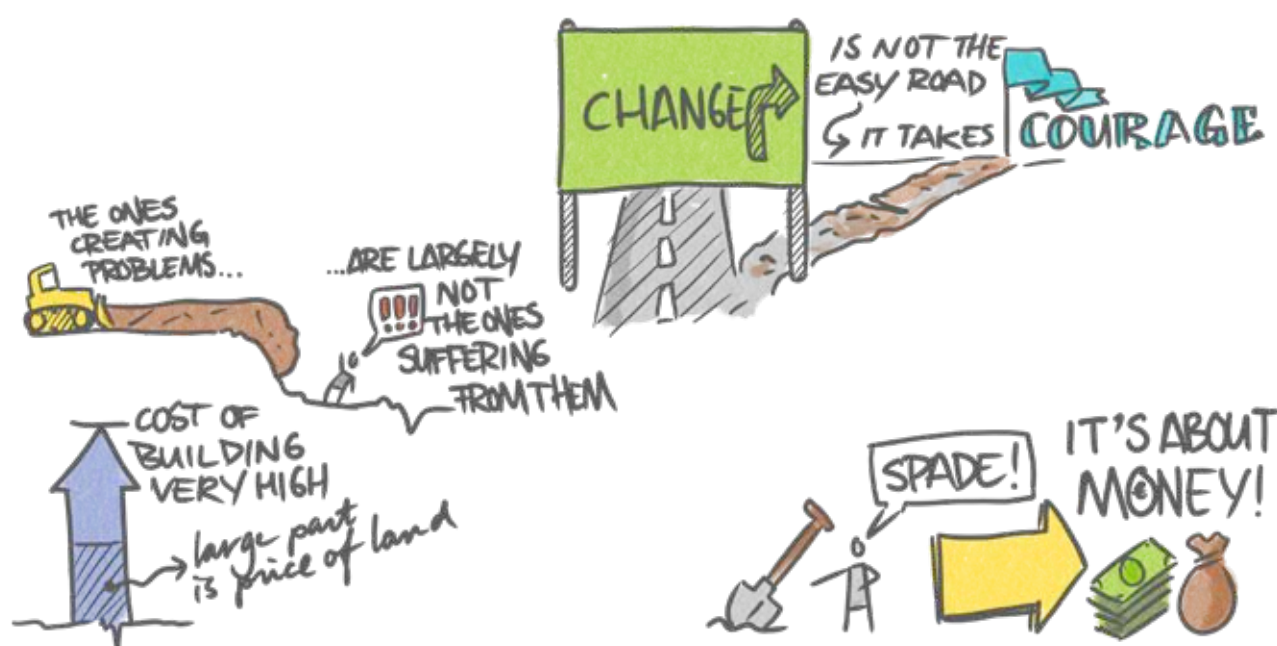


World
Wide
CO-OP-
ERATION

CHASING
INNOVATION



COLLECTIVE
EFFORT ON STARTUPS





CITIES FOR ALL AGES

INTERGENERATIONAL APPROACH } ADDRESS THE WHOLE LIFE CYCLE



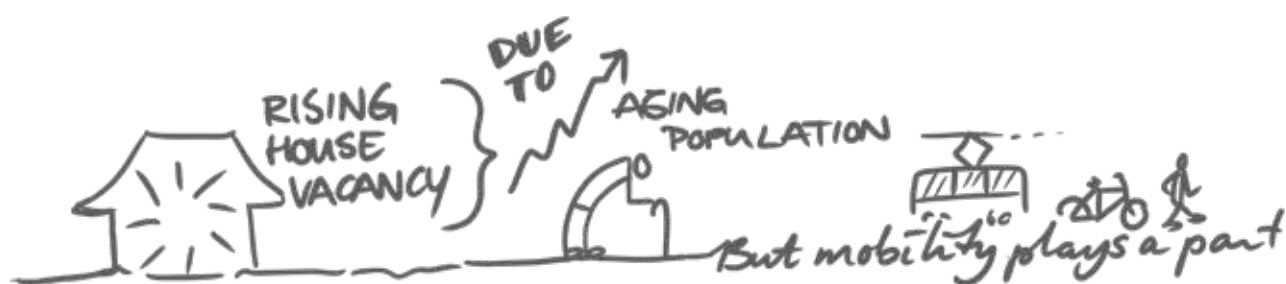
KID SAFETY AS A STARTING POINT



HEALTH SHOULD NOT BE ILLNESS DRIVEN / APPROACHED



LOCAL FINANCE



HOW CAN MODALITIES BE SHARED



BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE



SMART METERS for a SMART City



URBAN DESIGN
CAN HELP



CITIES
SHOULD
BE A MIX
OF INCOME
LEVELS

LESS = MORE
in the
public space

→ LESS SPACE
FOR CARS



YOUNG WOMEN
ARE INTERGENERATIONAL
CARETAKERS

BUT UNDERREPRESENTED

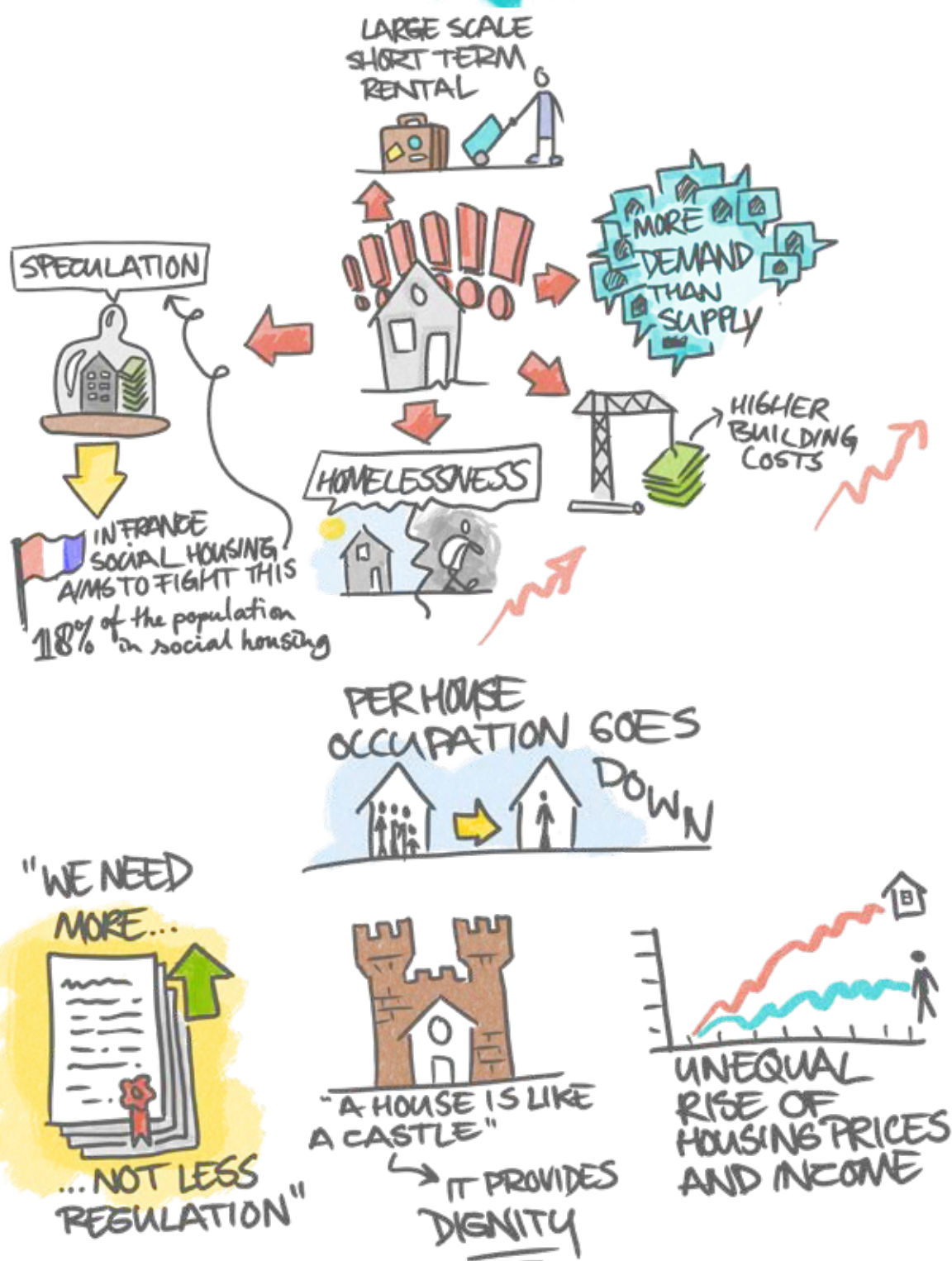


CITIES
NEED TO
CATER TO
MANY
DIFFERENT
NEEDS





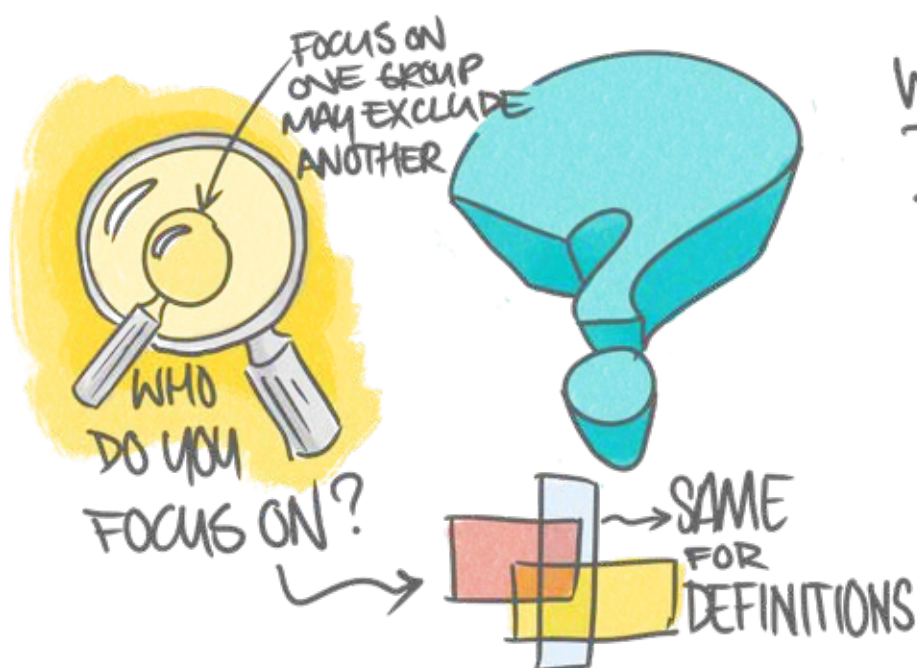
HOUSING CRISIS





BUILD INCREMENTALLY
↳ NOT A HOUSE AT ONCE

↳ BUT OVER TIME



WHAT DO
PEOPLE
REALLY
NEED?

↓
DO WE
KNOW?



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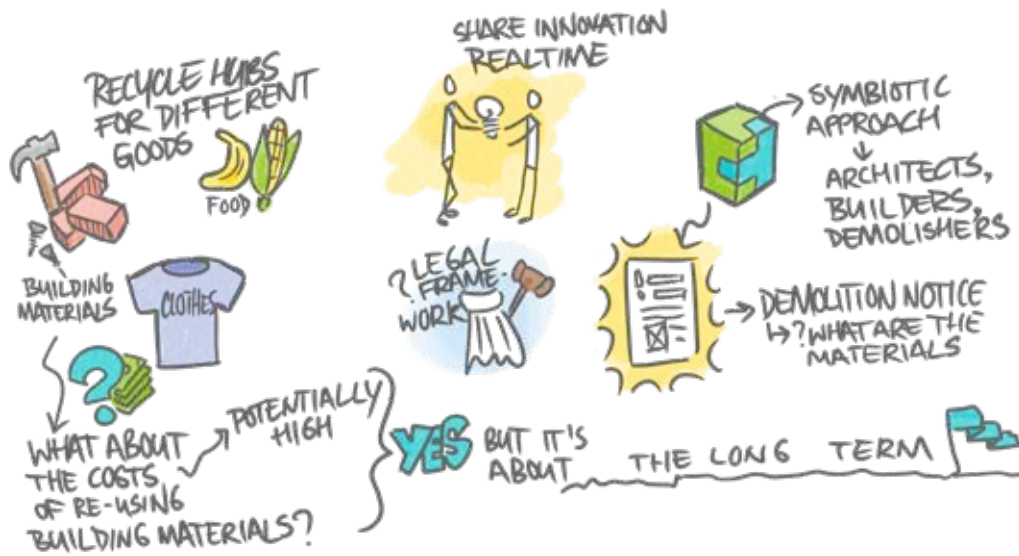
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CLOSING THE LOOP







CIRCULAR CITIES & REGIONS IN ACTION

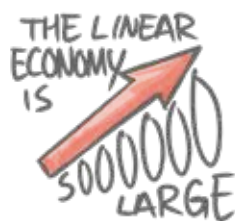


PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

ENGAGE
ACROSS
SECTORS

LIMIT CONSUMPTION







DEEP DIVE #1 BEYOND BRICKS



DENSIFICATION

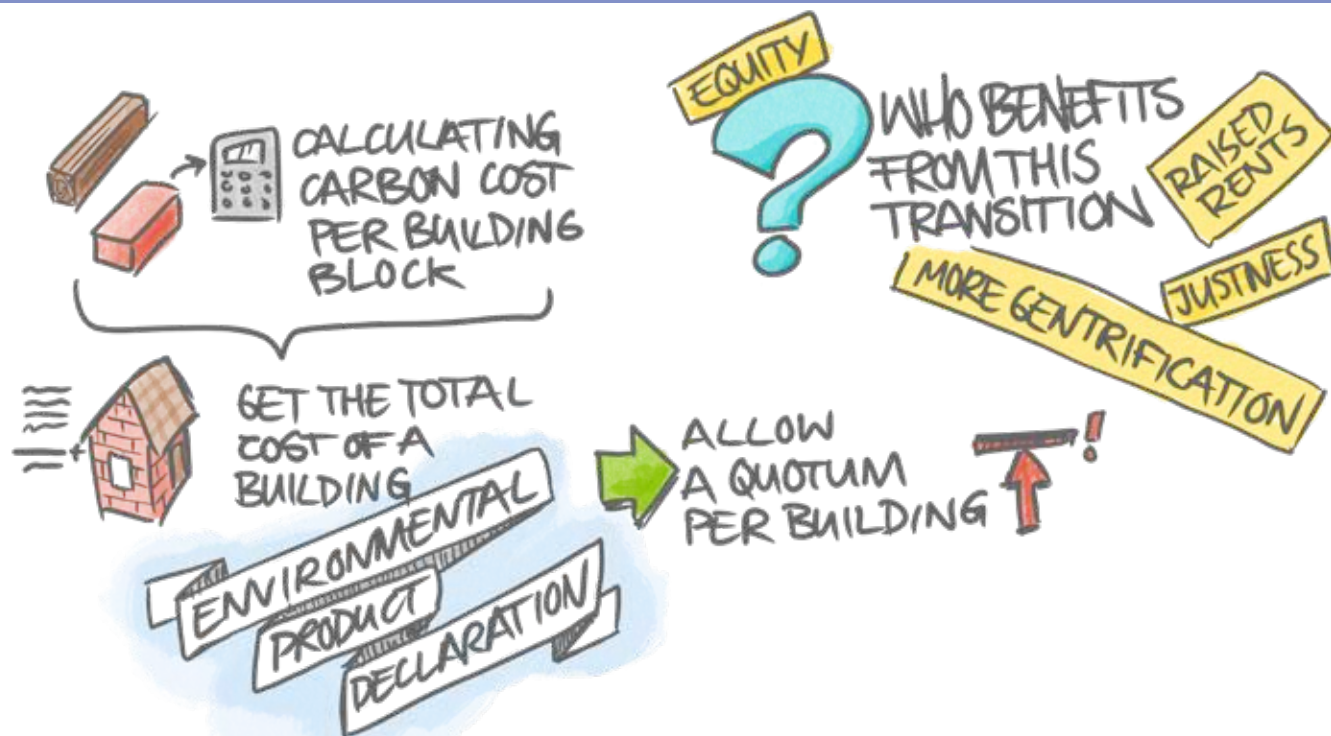
OF EXISTING BUILT-UP
AREAS - USING THE
INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE



WHEN DEMOLISHING

HOW DO WE
WITH DEAL
MATERIALS
NOT
UP TO MODERN
STANDARDS?





DEEP DIVE #2 FROM DRAIN TO GRAIN





WE NEED
LOCAL
GOVERNANCE

"IT'S
ABOUT
JUMPING
SILOS"

ALSO HERE
FINANCE
IS KEY

WATER
'HIGHWAYS'
INFRASTRUCTURE

WATER
IS VITAL
AGAINST
URBAN
HEAT
ISLANDS

(PROPER)
LEGISLATION IS
INDISPENSIBLE BUT THERE ARE
BARRIERS



FRAGMENTED
LEGISLATION

OVERLAPPING
RESPONSABILITIES

THE CIRCULAR
ECONOMY IS
NOT OPTIONAL
BUT A
NECESSITY



CRISES
CAN
LEAD TO



NEW IDEAS
AND
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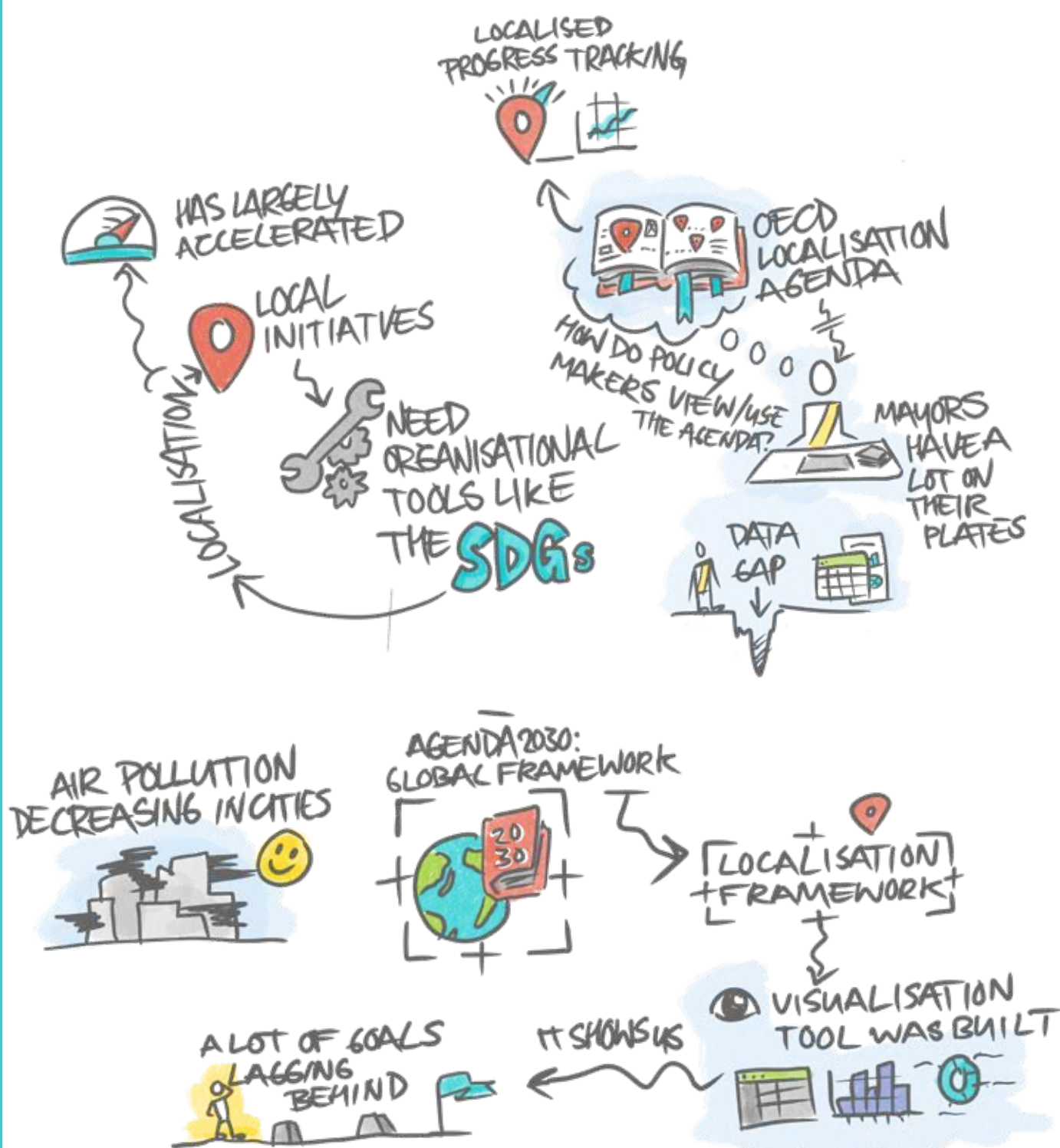
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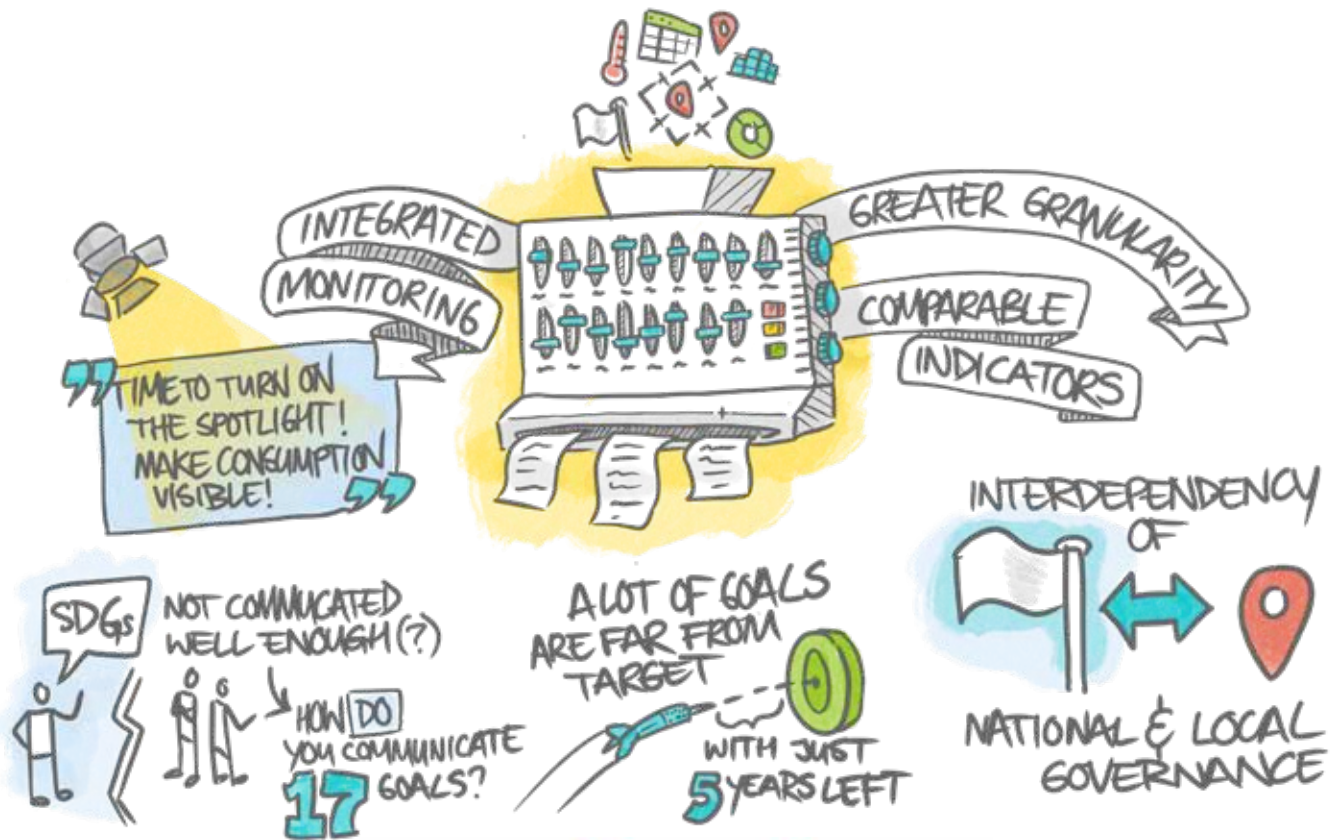
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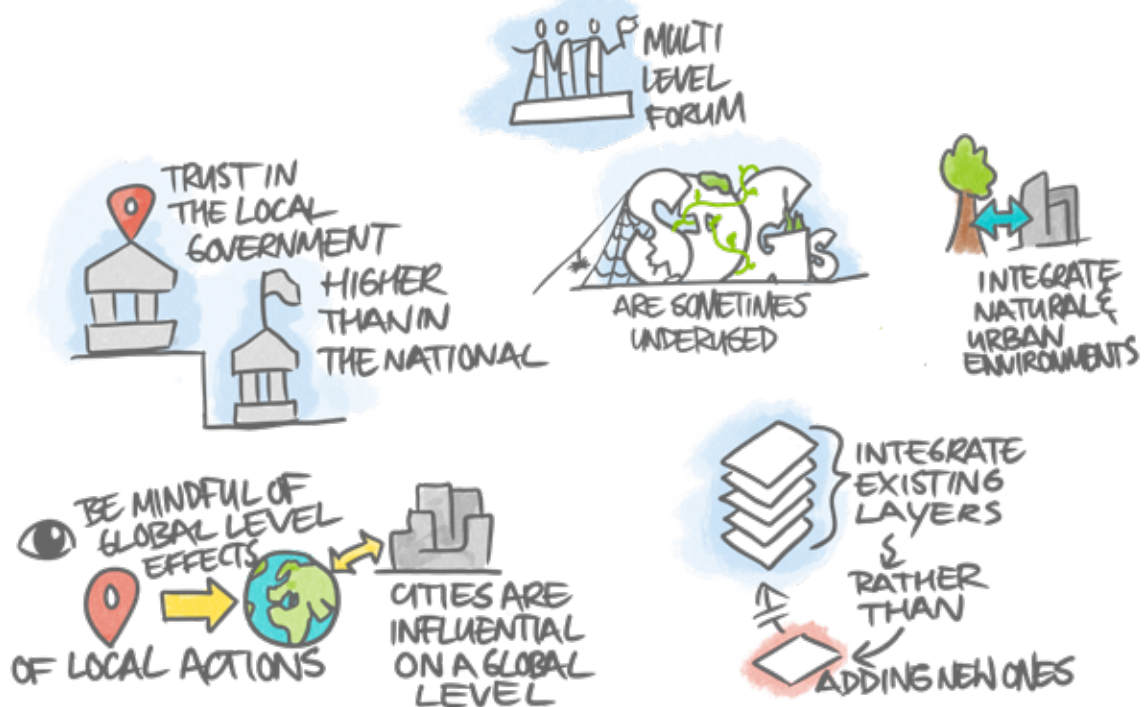


LOCAL ACTION, GLOBAL IMPACT



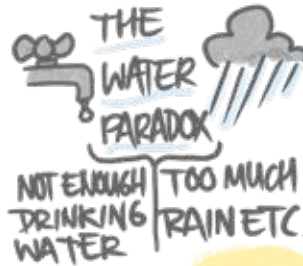


SDGs IN ACTION



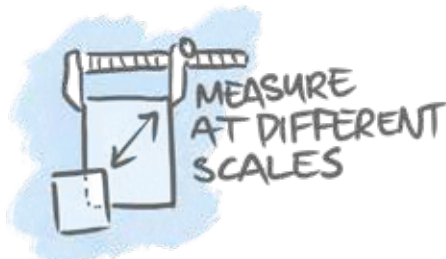
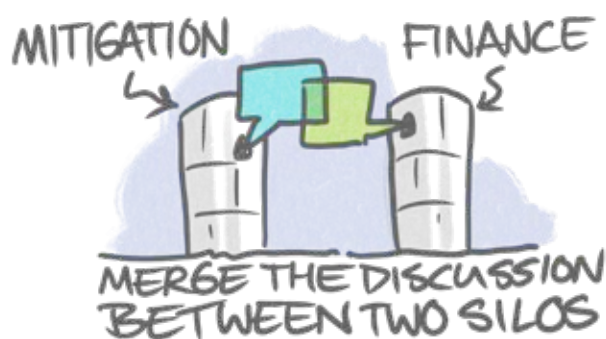
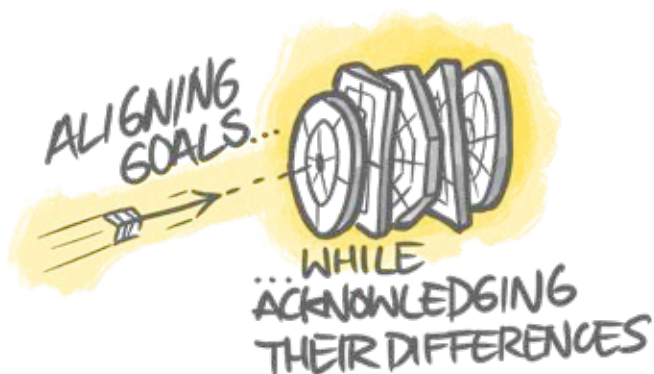


"IN FOUR BUS STOPS,
LIFE EXPECTANCY CAN
DROP DRAMATICALLY"



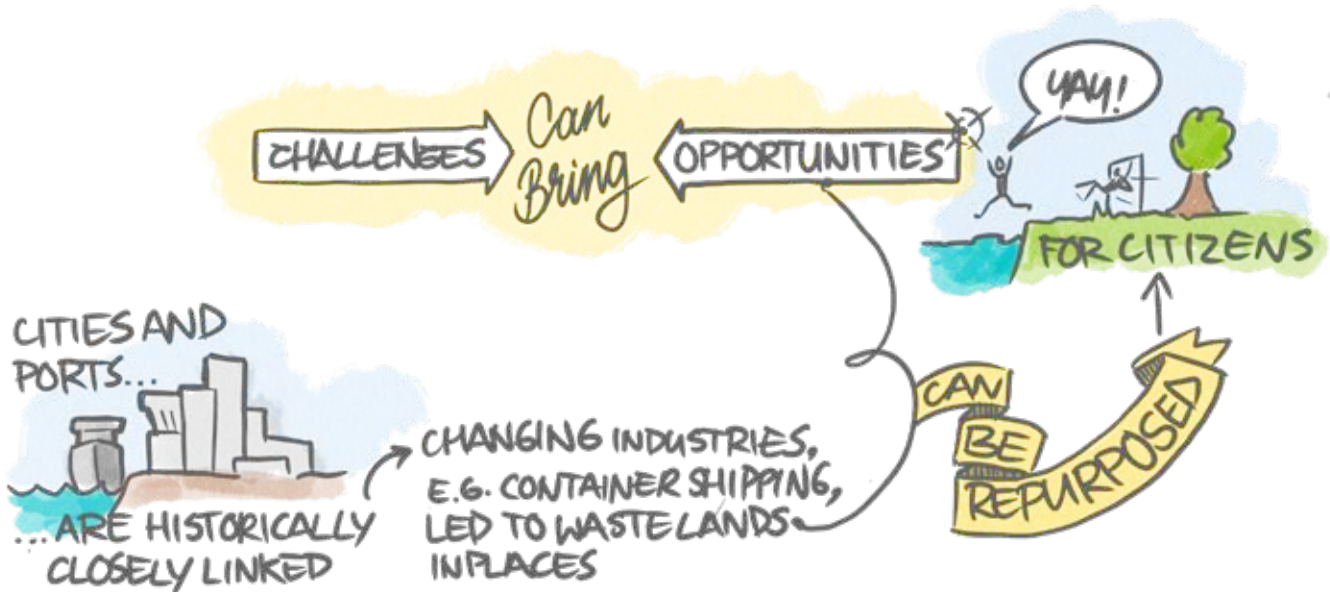
SPOTLIGHT ON SDG 13: CLIMATE







SPOTLIGHT ON SDG 14: LIFE BELOW WATER





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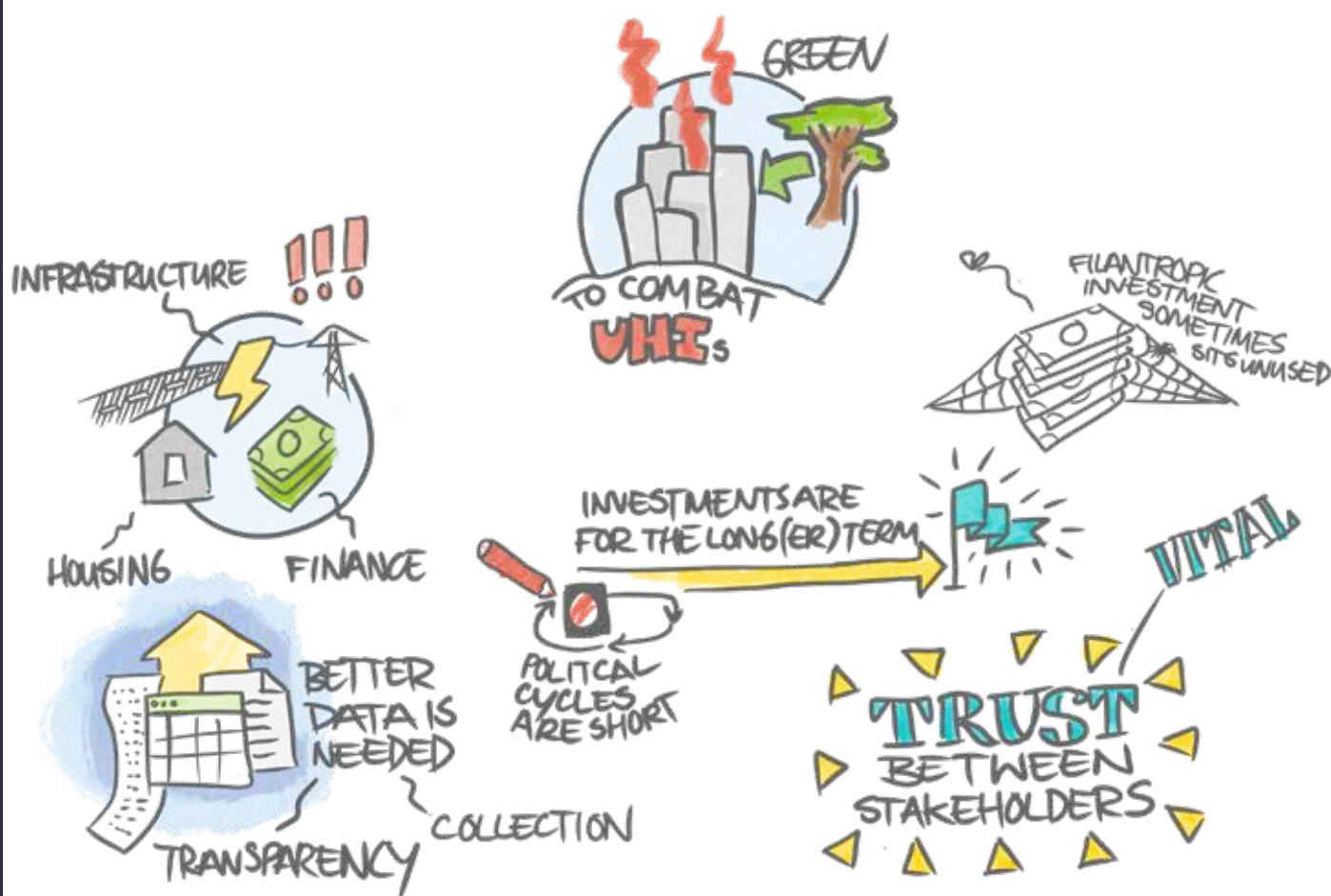
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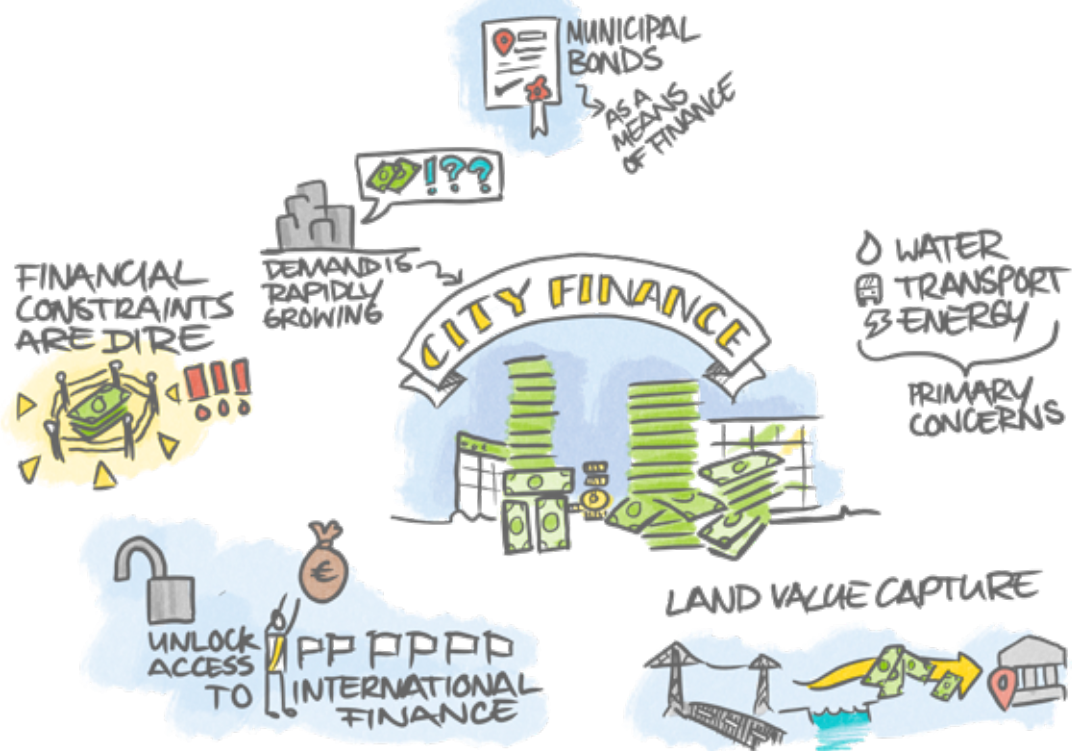
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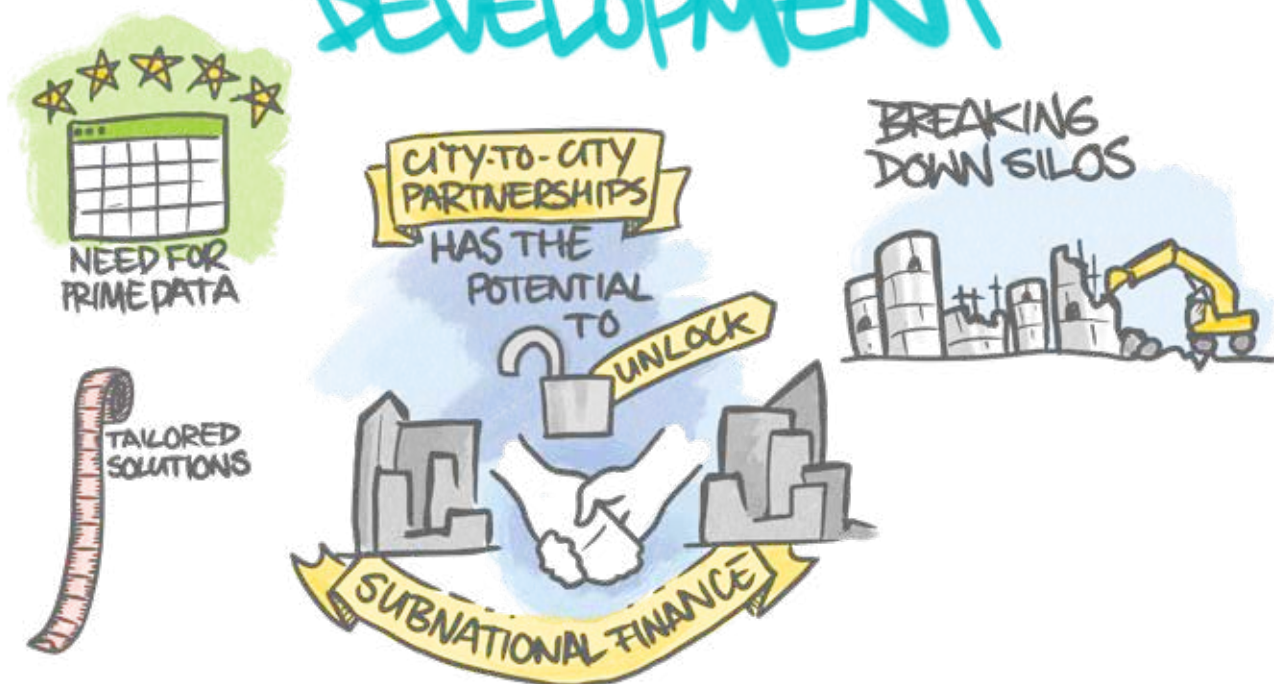


FINANCING THE CITIES OF TOMORROW





HARNESSING CITY-TO-CITY PARTNERSHIPS TO FINANCE URBAN DEVELOPMENT





REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

40%

OF EMISSIONS
COME FROM
BUILT
ENVIRONMENTS

BANKS → AGAIN THERE IS A DATA GAP
REAL ESTATE
ALSO KNOWLEDGE
GAPS



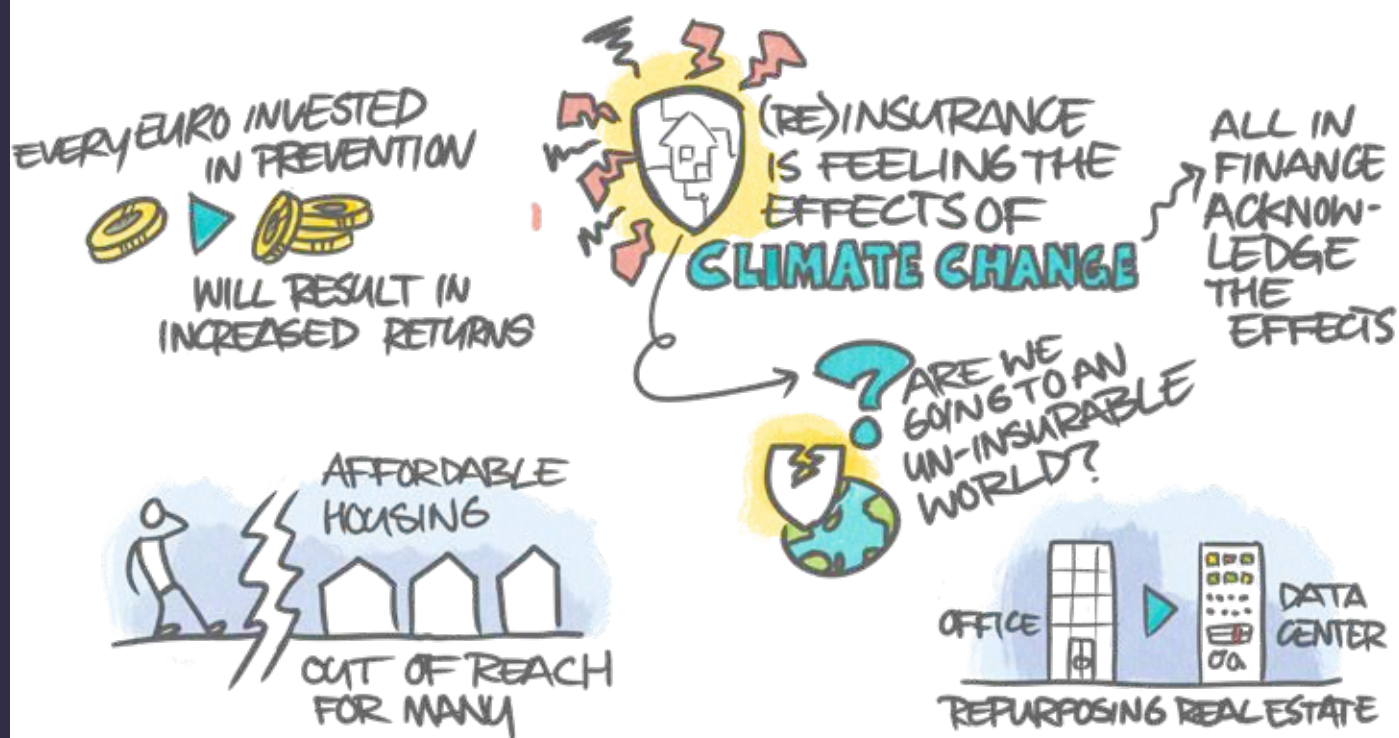
REAL ESTATE
is
4x GLOBAL
GDP

VERY VULNERABLE
TO CLIMATE CHANGE



FRAGMENTED
OWNERSHIP
→ BARRIER TO
FINANCE

DIFFERENCE
↓
BETWEEN
CALCULATED AND ACTUAL
ENERGY CONSUMPTION



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