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Ten concise points respond to the current draft of Habitat III's New Urban Agenda which is lengthy, dense and gives too little attention to the key roles of local government and civil society.

Habitat III will seek global political commitment to making urban centres more sustainable, inclusive and resilient. But the latest draft of the [New Urban Agenda](#) - to be agreed at the summit - is long, impenetrable and gives little attention to urban governance. Frustrated by this unwieldy document, we have developed an alternative version of the New Urban Agenda - in one page.

Borrowing the format of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction's [Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient \(PDF\)](#) these short and practical points provide national governments with clear direction for a workable outcome from Habitat III.

The text does not include many important goals. It seeks instead to push attention away from long lists that repeat commitments already made to the means by which these can be met.

Ahead of the [last negotiation meeting before the summit](#) we share these guidelines and are keen to hear comments.

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