



# The Role of Cities in Modelling Prosperity

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A system that objectively and  
comprehensively measures the health  
and wellbeing of a city or town

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# Agenda

1. The Global Landscape
2. The Importance of a City Strategy
3. The Role of Data Science
4. The CitiIQ Measurement System



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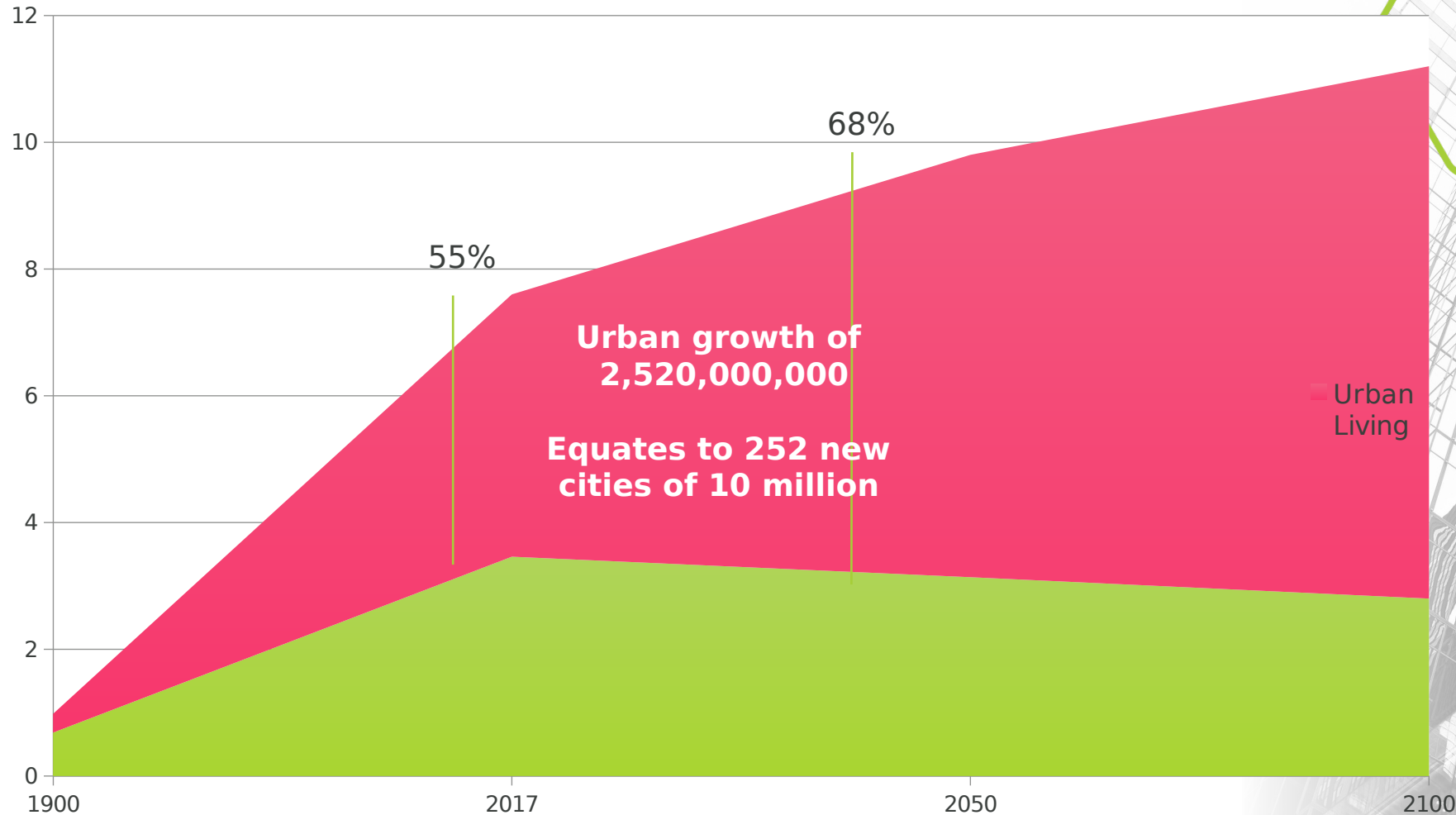
# A Global Shift

In 1950, only 30% of the world's population lived in cities. A century later, that will be flipped. By 2050, it is expected that 70% of all people will live in cities, and just 30% will live in rural areas.

It's been a boom to global growth and the economy. In fact, McKinsey estimates that the top 600 urban centers generate an incredible 60% of the world's total GDP.

Source:  
UN DESA  
report (2015)

# Global Population Growth (billions)

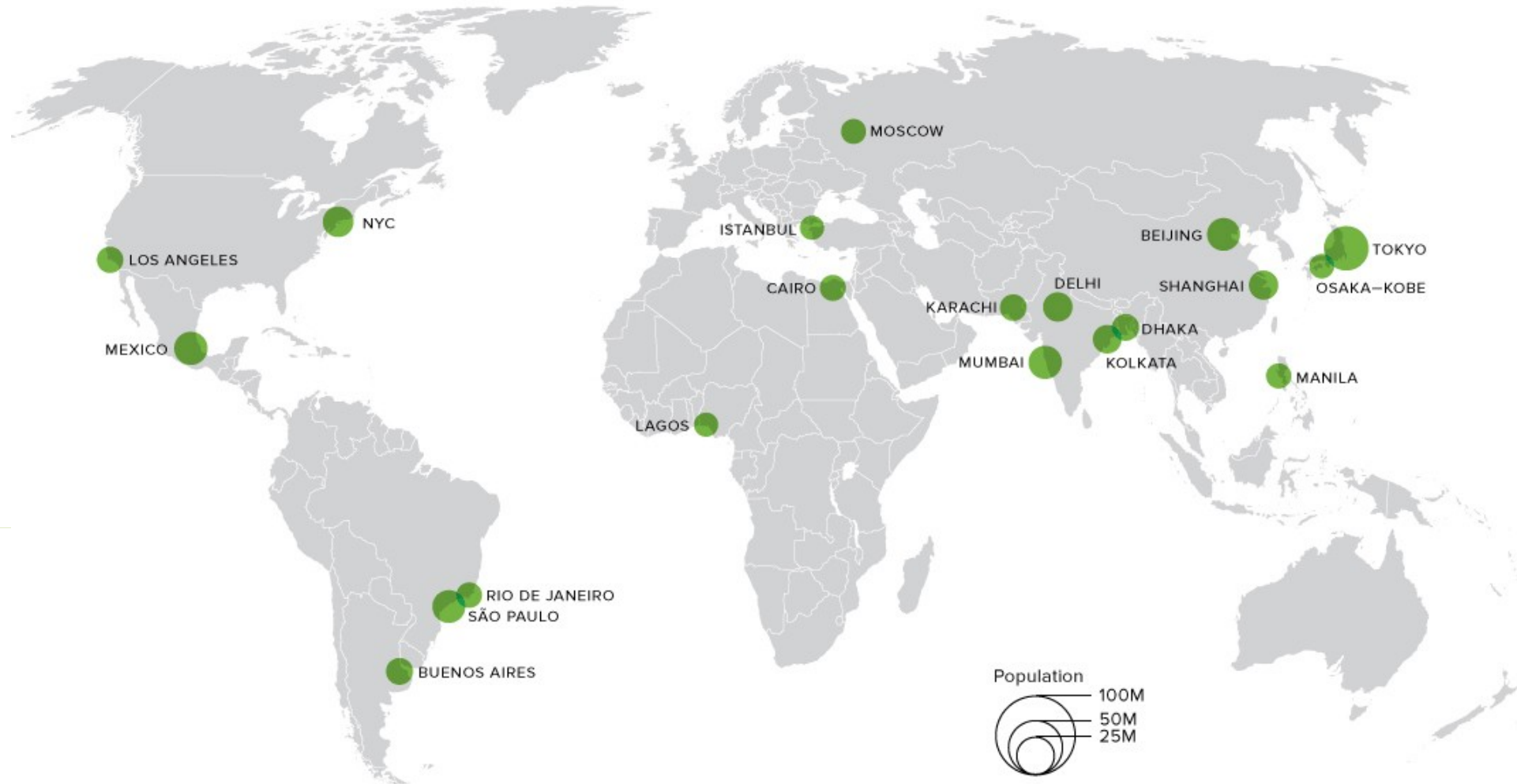




# THE WORLD'S 20 MOST POPULOUS MEGACITIES (2010 - 2100)

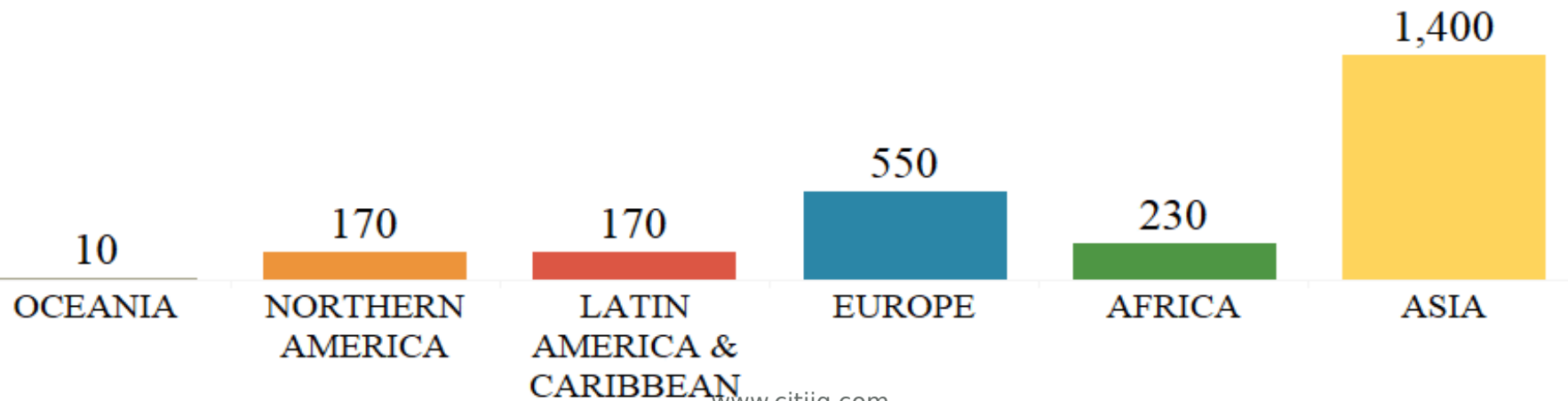
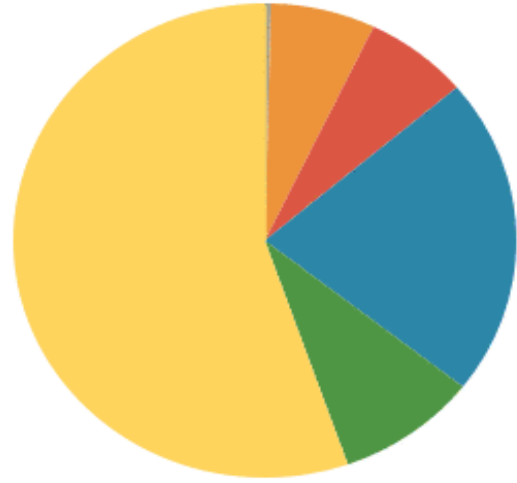
A total of 13 African cities will surpass New York in size over the next 80 years

## 2010 TOP 20 CITIES BY POPULATION



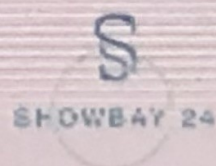
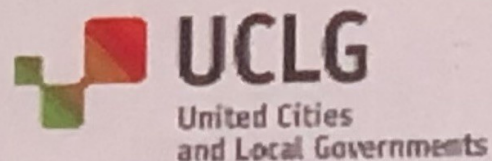
# Population in millions by region **1950**

Share of world population **2.5B**



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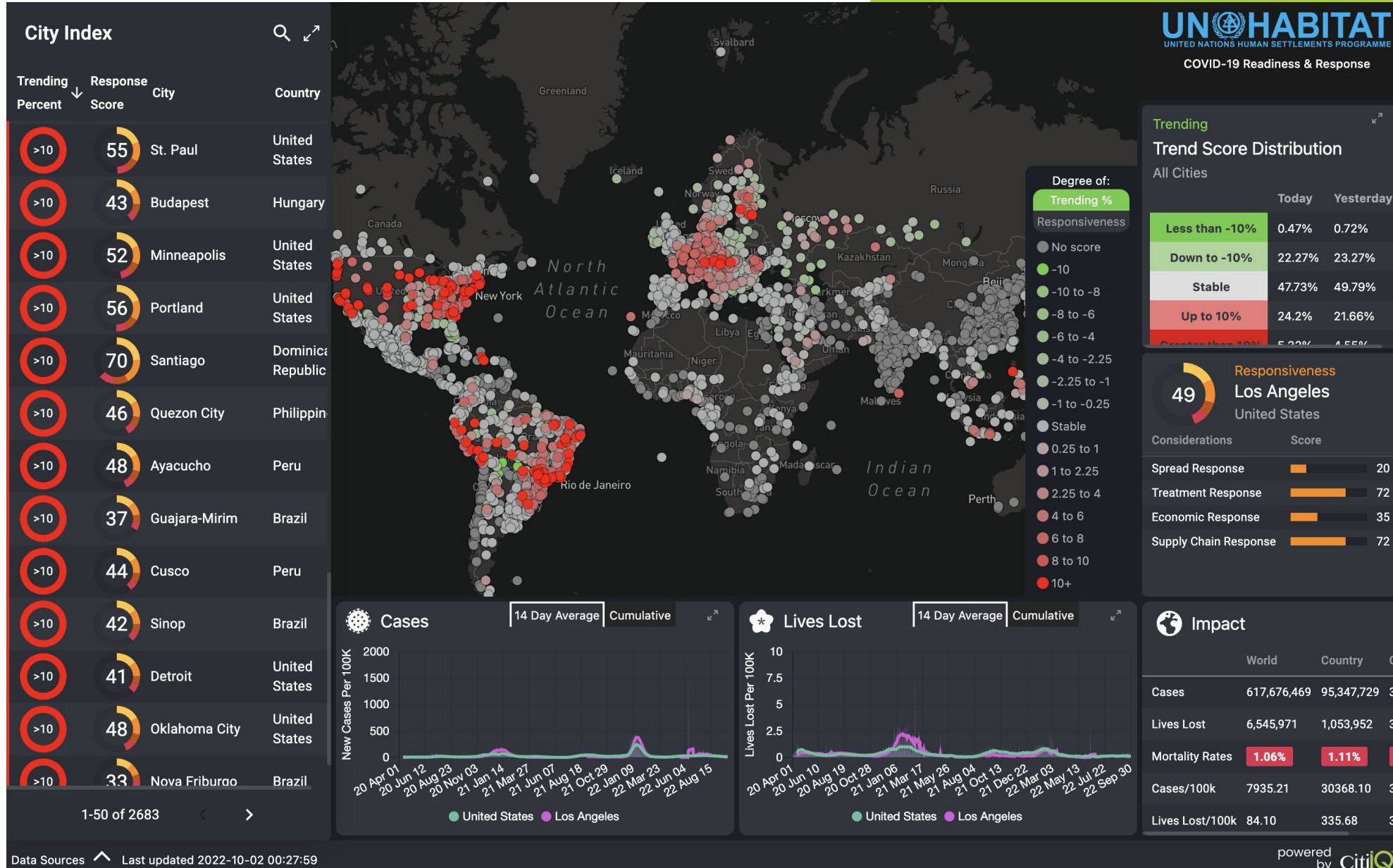
AFRICA

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# UN-Habitat Covid-19 Tracker

- Using CitiIQ data collection techniques, monitored the impact of Covid-19
- Tracked Covid cases, deaths, and recoveries
- Daily updates for over 2,600 cities





# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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# “Our Promise is in Peril”



Leave no one behind. That defining principle of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a shared promise by every country to work together to secure the rights and well-being of everyone on a healthy, thriving planet. **But halfway to 2030, that promise is in peril. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are disappearing in the rear-view mirror - and with them the hope and rights of current and future generations. A fundamental shift is needed** - in commitment, solidarity, financing and action - to put the world on a better path. And it is needed now.

“The SDG Summit in September must be a moment of unity to provide a renewed impetus and accelerated actions for reaching the SDGs.”

*ANTÓNIO GUTERRES, United Nations Secretary-General*





# LOCALIZING THE SDGs

“ is the process of defining, implementing and monitoring strategies at the local level for achieving global, national, and subnational sustainable development goals.”

The SDGs are global in their ambition, but their achievement will depend on local action and local leadership.



# City Strategies

## Circular City

- Builds on the principles of the Circular Economy
- Model of production and consumption that prioritizes reusing and recycling to reduce waste and increase sustainability.
- A circular city applies these principles to the implementation of infrastructure, services and products – making a durable, adaptable, and sustainable city.

## Smart City

- Increases the efficiency of a city using technological instruments and sensors
- The collected data helps inform the management of city assets, resources and services – and increases collaboration
- Result is a more efficient city which maximizes citizen wellbeing.

## 15-Minute City

- Promotes access-oriented urban transformations.
- Intends for all residents to be within a 15-minute walk or bike ride to key necessities like transport, public services, and entertainment.
- 15-minute city encourages sustainability and improved livability.

## Measurement

- Data measurement is essential to every city strategy.
- Measurement enables effective monitoring and evaluation of city projects and progress in sustainable development.
- The most beneficial city measurement strategies will prioritize a broad range of priorities and considerations.





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# Using Data Science to help Cities

...you can only manage well  
what you measure well

# Thesi

**S**  
if: **Cities will continue to face the extreme challenges arising from a dramatic urban surge;**

and if: **Resources will be chronically finite;**

and if: **The hope of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the worlds' people depends upon the *management of their cities*;**

and if: **We can only manage well, what we measure well;**

Then: ***It has never been more important to establish a practical, comparable, framework to measure the health and wellbeing of our cities!***

# Key Attributes of CitiIQ

- Standard scoring algorithm for the world
- Recognizes that human needs are the same for a small town or large city anywhere in the world
- Normalizes data to scores out of 100
- A framework for comparability
- Human Centric - uses non-linear aggregation
- Comprehensive/Interdependent - measures all 4 City Infrastructures



# 4 City Infrastructures

## 1. **Economic** Infrastructure:

Creating a **Competitive** City

## 2. **Environmental** Infrastructure:

Creating a **Livable** City

## 3. **Cultural** Infrastructure:

Recognizing a city's **Heritage** and **Endowments**

## 4. **Social** Infrastructure:

Creating a **Hopeful** and **Resilient** People



# Methodology



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# 35 Primary Considerations of any city





# A Hierarchy of Needs with 5 Dimensions





# 35 Considerations arranged by dimension

## Destiny

HOPE

## Livability

QUALITY OF LIFE

EXCELLENCE

COLLABORATION

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

ENTERTAINMENT

SOCIAL ISOLATION

## Opportunity

TALENT POOL

URBAN DESIGN

CHILDREN + YOUTH

INNOVATION + ENTREPRENEURSHIP

GENDER EQUALITY

TOURISM

HIGHER EDUCATION

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

## Competitiveness

POLITICAL STABILITY

MOBILITY + TRANSPORTATION

FAIR + JUST SYSTEM

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

CONNECTIVITY + COMMUNICATION

EFFICIENCY

RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

INVESTMENT

TRADE

WASTE MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC WELFARE

SHELTER + HOUSING

## Basic Needs

EMPLOYMENT

SAFETY + SECURITY

ETHICAL COMPASS

PUBLIC HEALTH

SHELTER + HOUSING

PUBLIC HEALTH

SHelter + HOUSING

BASIC EDUCATION

WATER SUPPLY

ENERGY SUPPLY

FAMILY

FOOD SECURITY

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# Basic Needs



# Competitiveness





# Opportunity

TALENT  
POOL

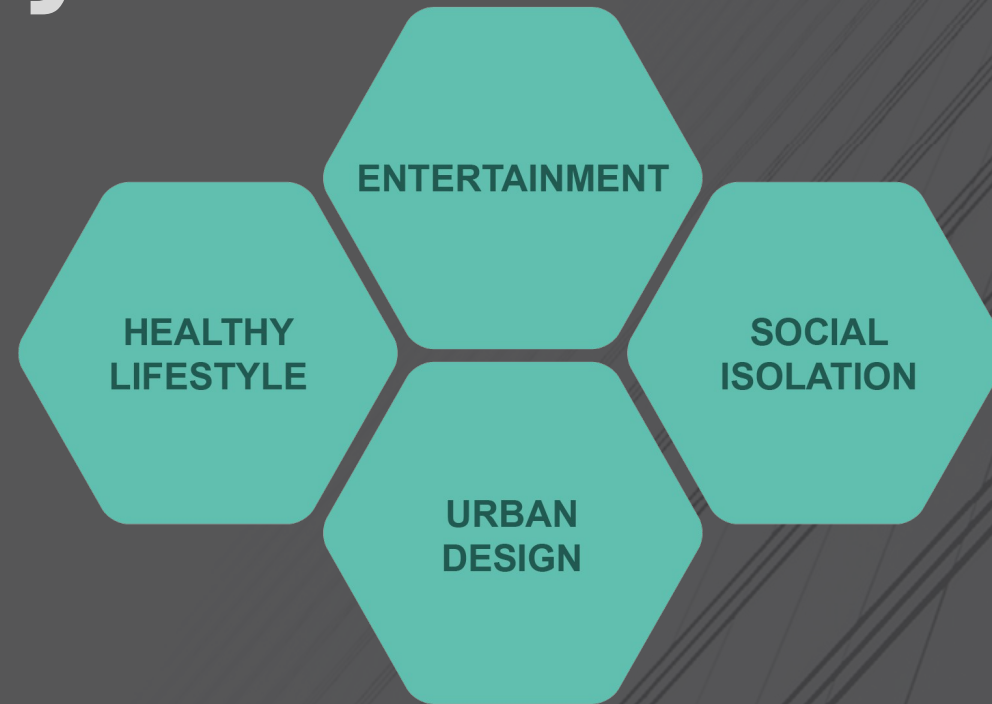
INNOVATION +  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

HIGHER  
EDUCATION

GENDER  
EQUALITY

CHILDREN +  
YOUTH

# Livability



# Destiny





# 107 Indicators

- Access to Education
- Adolescent Motherhood
- Affordability of Dining
- Affordability of Entertainment
- Air Quality
- Airport Throughput
- Annual Economic Growth
- Arts and Culture Community
- Availability of Nursing Personnel
- Balanced Distribution of Age Demographic
- Basic Internet Connection
- Business Start-Up Time
- Child Labour
- Child Nutrition
- City Restaurants
- Communications Infrastructure
- Commute Time
- Consumer Confidence
- Corruption
- Cost of Borrowing
- Cost of Living
- Credit Rating
- Current Account Balance
- Dedicated Cycleways
- Developed Business Climate
- Distribution of Gross Domestic Product
- Domestic and International Security
- Energy Network Efficiency
- Entertainment Reputation
- Female Political Representation
- Food Supply Reliability
- Foreign Investment
- Freedom of Speech
- Global Prominence
- Government Fiscal Independence
- Green Space
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Healthcare Personnel
- Healthy Population Weight
- High-Capacity Public Transport
- High Speed Cellular Services
- High Speed Internet Connection
- Homelessness
- Hospital Capacity
- Household Capacity
- Household Income
- Housing Affordability
- Income Equality
- Innovative Research Institutions
- International Trade
- Investment Risk
- Job Creation
- Labour Force Gender Equality
- Mitigation of Diabetes
- Mitigation of Infectious Diseases
- Mobile Phone Usage
- National Economic Strength
- National Gender Equality
- National Population Happiness
- Patented Innovations
- Population Above Poverty Threshold
- Population Density
- Population Electricity Access
- Population Life Expectancy
- Population Literacy
- Postgraduate Degrees

# 107 Indicators

- Prevention of Child Mortality
- Prevention of Drug-Related Deaths
- Primary Education Student-Teacher Ratio
- Primary Level Education Endurance
- Proportion of Two-Parent Families
- Protection Against Natural Disaster
- Protection Against Sexual Violence
- Provision for Paid Parental Leave
- Proximity to Air Transit
- Proximity to Public Transit
- Public Access to Appropriate Shelter
- Public Infrastructure Supply
- Public Transport Ridership
- Recycling Services
- Refuse Collection Services
- Renewable Energy
- Research and Development
- Safety from Domestic Abuse
- Secondary Level Education Endurance
- Security from Homicide
- Sights and Landmarks
- Sporting and Event Facilities
- Strength of Fire-related Emergency Services
- Strength of Police-related Emergency Services
- Suicide Prevention
- Sustainable Access to Basic Sanitation
- Sustainable Access to Basic Water Sources
- Sustainable Access to Safely Managed Sanitation
- Sustainable Access to Safely Managed Water Sources
- Sustainable Population Fertility
- Taxation of Income
- Taxational Barriers to Investment
- Tertiary Degrees
- Tourism Revenue
- Tourism Visits
- Transportation Fatalities
- Unemployment
- Universities Ranking
- Voter Participation
- Youth Suicide Prevention
- Youth Wellbeing







Scoring of over  
4,000 cities  
providing a  
framework for  
Global comparison

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- Dashboard
- City Scores
- City Profile
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Trend
- Methodology
- Urban Monitoring Framework
- Admin

# Dashboard

Since data availability differs among cities, each Overall city score is rated with up to 5 stars to illustrate the quality of the data inputs used to derive the score. 5 stars suggests the highest quality of data.



### Watch List

Considerations

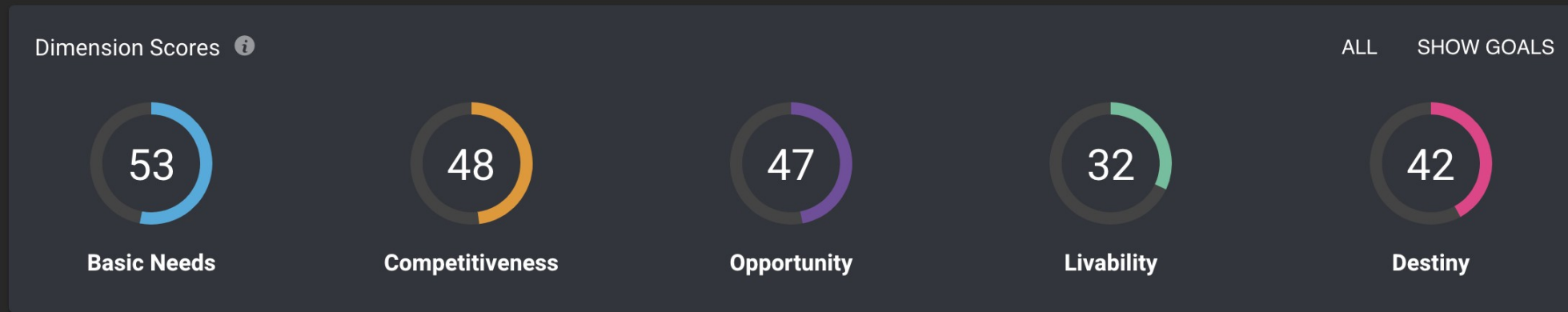
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Energy Supply	Basic Needs	63
Resilient Infrastructure	Competitiveness	55
Environmental Stewardship	Competitiveness	52



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### ← City Scores



Sort by: High to Low

#### Basic Needs







**Kisumu**  
Kenya

Population (Metro Area)



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Currency



Kenyan shilling

Municipal GDP (B USD)



3.9000

Area Km2



297.00

Current Temp.

21°C



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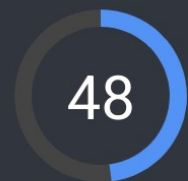
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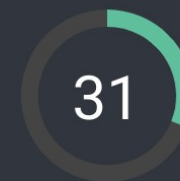
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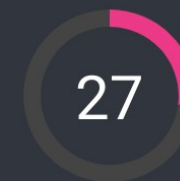
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**Opportunity**



**Livability**

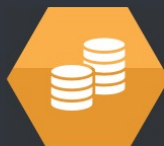


**Destiny**

City Scores

Sort by: High to Low

### Competitiveness



57

Investment



53

Fair + Just System



53

Political Stability



48

Connectivity + Communication



42

Resilient Infrastructure



42

Trade



39

Efficiency



26

Mobility + Transportation



Kisumu  
Kenya

Population (Metro Area)



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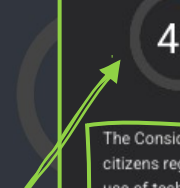
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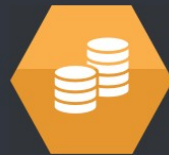


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Trade



Consideration

Resilient Infrastructure



Score  
Derived from indicators that are first normalized and then applied in proportions.



Weighting  
How much this consideration affects the dimension score.

City Scores

The Consideration of Resilient Infrastructure identifies the ability of a city to meet the needs of its citizens regarding the maintenance and preparedness of infrastructure. Resilience is the efficient use of technology and resources to provide sustainable buildings and communities that can grow over time. Futureproofing is the process of anticipating the future based on existing data sets from local and international data trends, and developing methods and infrastructure that minimise the effects of shocks and stresses of future events such as: - Natural Disasters - Population Growth - Energy Harvesting & Resourcing - Climate Change For a city to be competitive and thrive into the foreseeable future, it must ensure its longevity, quality of service, livability and sustainability. A modern city must build in a way that is conducive to future growth to facilitate success in all facets of city life, from the economic to the environmental and the social. Future-proof infrastructure is a vital measure of a city's resilience and is further indicative of its competitive positioning.

Indicators

The Indicators and their proportional contribution to this score.

16 4.24%	Domestic and International Security	85 11.88%	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
19 9.58%	High Capacity Public Transport	73 6.79%	High Speed Cellular Services
10 11.52%	High Speed Internet Connection	20 4.24%	Protection Against Natural Disaster
40 13.82%	Public Infrastructure Supply	19 4.85%	Public Transport Ridership
70 15.76%	Renewable Energy	23 11.52%	Sustainable Access to Safely Managed Sanitation
43 5.82%	Sustainable Access to Safely Managed Water Sources		

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Abu Dhabi  
United Arab Emirates



Accra  
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Ad Dammam  
Saudi Arabia



Addis Ababa  
Ethiopia



Adelaide  
Australia



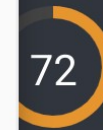
Ahmadabad  
India

Compare Cities +

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Dimensions

Highest  
Competitiveness



Oslo  
Norway

Highest Opportunity



Toronto  
Canada

Highest Livability



London  
United Kingdom

Highest Destiny



London  
United Kingdom

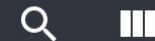






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### Multi-City Scores



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City	Overall ↓	Basic Needs	Competitiveness	Opportunity	Livability
Nairobi Kenya	41	54	45	49	36
Accra Ghana	36	51	43	42	32
Kisumu Kenya	34	48	45	40	31

## Overall

## Dimensions

● Basic Needs

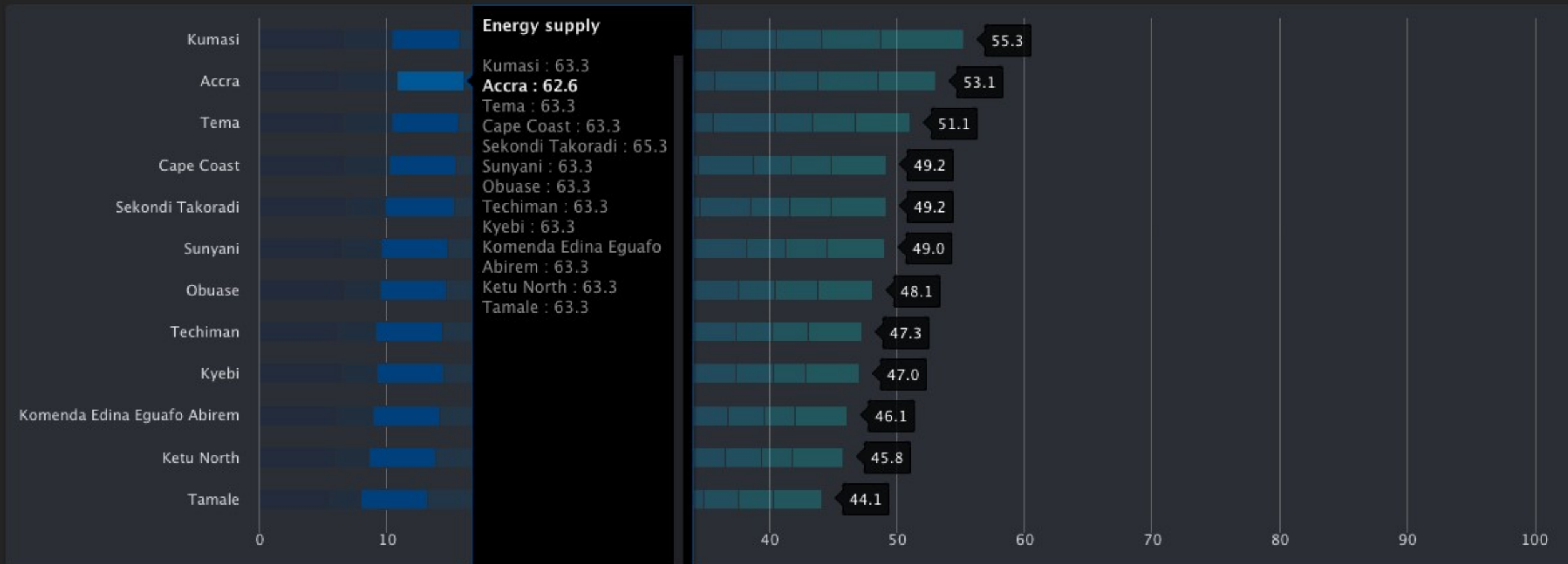
● Competitiveness

● Opportunity

● Livability

● Destiny

## Dimension: Basic Needs



# CitiIQ's SDG Tracker

- Captures the change in SDG progress between quarters and across a year.
- CitiIQ Considerations map to the SDGs, so changes in Consideration scores instruct changes in the SDG trends.
- Informs VLR/VNR of SDGs





# CitiIQ Maps to the 17 SDGs

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# CitiIQ's SDG Tracker in Action

Example case: SDG 11- *Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable*



## Targets:

- *Access to safe, affordable housing and basic services*
- *Access to safe, affordable, and sustainable transport*
- *Inclusive and sustainable urbanization*
- *Protect cultural and natural heritage*
- *Reduce losses from natural disaster*
- *Reduce adverse environmental impact of cities*
- *Accessible and safe public green spaces*

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## CitiIQ Consideration Matches:

- *Shelter and Housing*
  - *Housing affordability, access to shelter, access to basic services, etc.*
- *Environmental Stewardship*
  - *Air quality, green space, GHG emissions, renewable energy, etc.*
- *Mobility and Transportation*
  - *Transport ridership, proximity to public transport, cycleways, etc.*
- *Quality of Life*
  - *Arts and culture community, social isolation etc.*
- *Safety and Security*
  - *Disaster mitigation and protections, security from crime, etc.*

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# Value for City Stakeholders

- Assess strengths and weaknesses
- Gain consensus and set goals
- Compare cities
- Monitor SDG progress
- Conduct VLR/VNR
- Report to stakeholders
- Obtain financing/investor opportunities
- No staff to be hired
- No software to be developed





# Thoughts

1. As increased focus is placed on Municipal Strategies....
2. Adopt a National “Municipal Measurement Framework”
3. Identify, prioritize and incentivize key municipal strategies
4. Measure and compare municipal progress over time



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