



Uganda's experience in integrating population dynamics into urban development plans: A south-south perspective and intervention needs in the post-2015 agenda

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Presentation Outline

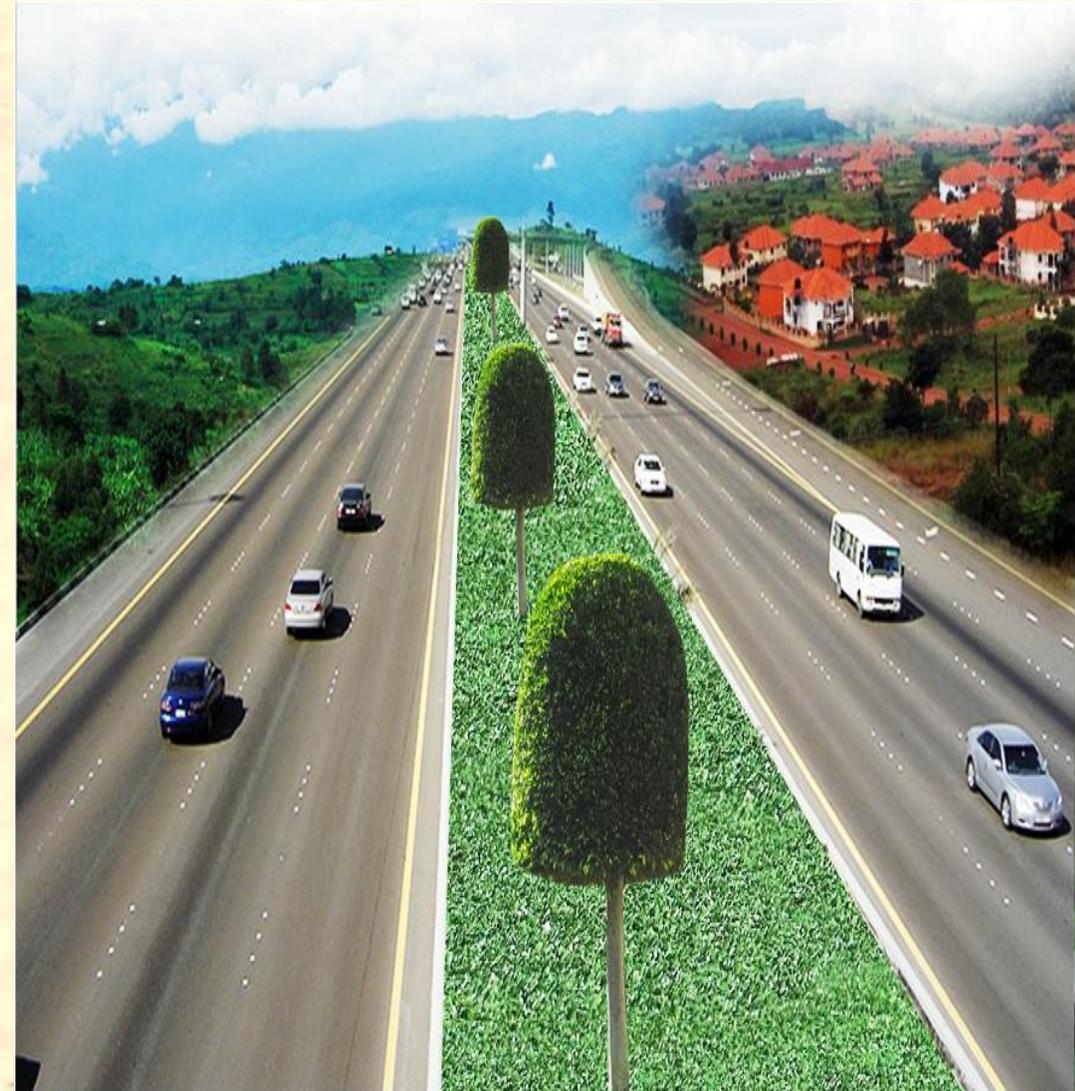
- ◆ **Uganda's development context**
- ◆ **Tackling urbanization issues**
- ◆ **New strategic focus**



Development context: Uganda's Vision 2040



- ★ ***“A transformed Ugandan society from a peasant to a modern and prosperous country within 30 years”*** with a per capita GDP of \$9,500;
- ★ **Recognizes Uganda's rapid population growth, young age structure and consequent high child dependency burden among the threats to the achievement of socioeconomic development**



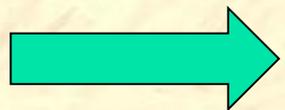


Vision Actualization

- ◆ **3 ten-year perspective plans**
- ◆ **6 five-year development plans (NDPs)**
- ◆ **Started with 1st of 6 NDPs in 2010**
- ◆ **Now in middle on 2nd NDP**

DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

- Urbanization
- Private Sector – led growth
 - Industrialization -Value Addition (agro processing and mineral beneficiation) and light manufacturing
 - Fast Tracking Skills Development
 - A Quasi-Market Approach
 - Strengthening governance mechanisms



Urbanism as a transformation driver



More indicators of failed urbanism

- ✦ Labour force was not appropriately skilled
- ✦ Labour force was not sufficiently educated
- ✦ Health indicators were unsatisfactory



New strategic focus

- ★ It was observed that population factors had not been sufficiently incorporated into urban planning;
- ★ Decision: Revise population policy to center on **PLANNED URBANIZATION** (focusing on population factors in the context of **SDG 11**); formerly focused on rural transformation





Designed a four-pronged strategy to achieve the original target of cities as change agents:



1. Aggressive mindset change campaign to change:

- ✦ Attitudes towards family size
- ✦ Settlement habits
- ✦ Rural-like life styles (e.g. energy use)



2. Promote apartment-type housing (high-rise)

- ✦ Rationalizing land use
- ✦ Family size reduction
- ✦ Change in service delivery model: people-centered



3. Create enabling environment for private sector investment in agricultural value chains

- ✦ Design private sector-friendly policies and programmes – tax system, credit, terms of trade
- ✦ Public investment in infrastructure and other growth boosters





4. Invest in the large segment of young people created from successive years of high fertility



- ◆ **Develop a conscious investment strategy to convert the abundant human resource into human capital:**
 - ◆ **Proper health starting from early childhood development (ECD)**
 - ◆ **All inclusive competence-based education**
 - ◆ **Appropriate skilling programme driven by the existing and emerging job markets**





Overall Population Policy Goal

To harness the demographic dividend to create an economic boost in the country in the medium to long term



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