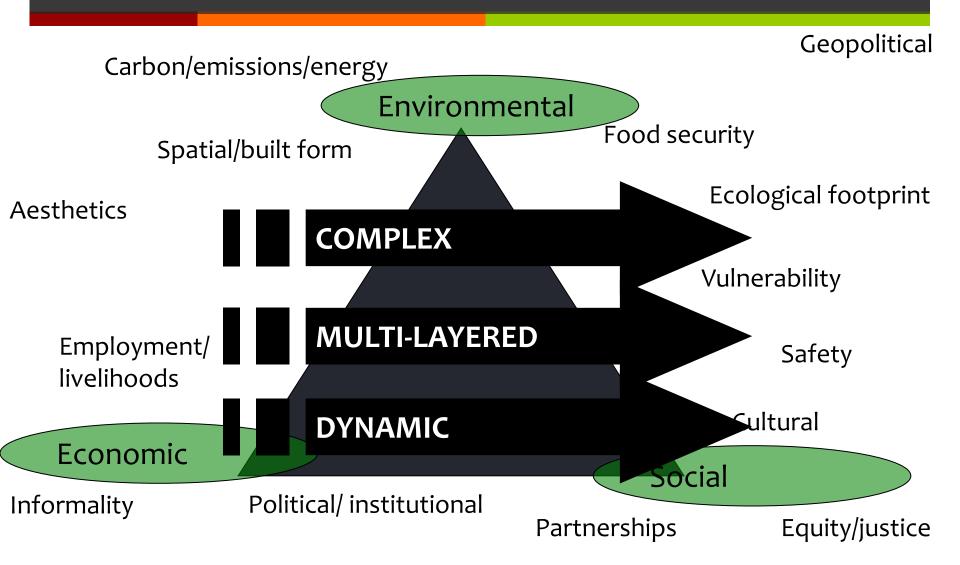
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Defining "sustainable cities"



The new buzzwords[1]: Compact cities

- Cities without sprawl
- Priority for "brownfield" development and infill
- Mixed, multi-layered uses
- High accessibility and use of public transport

The new buzzwords[2]: Smart cities

- Information technology and the 24x7 cities
- Data, information, knowledge
- Responsiveness and user satisfaction
- Creativity and innovation

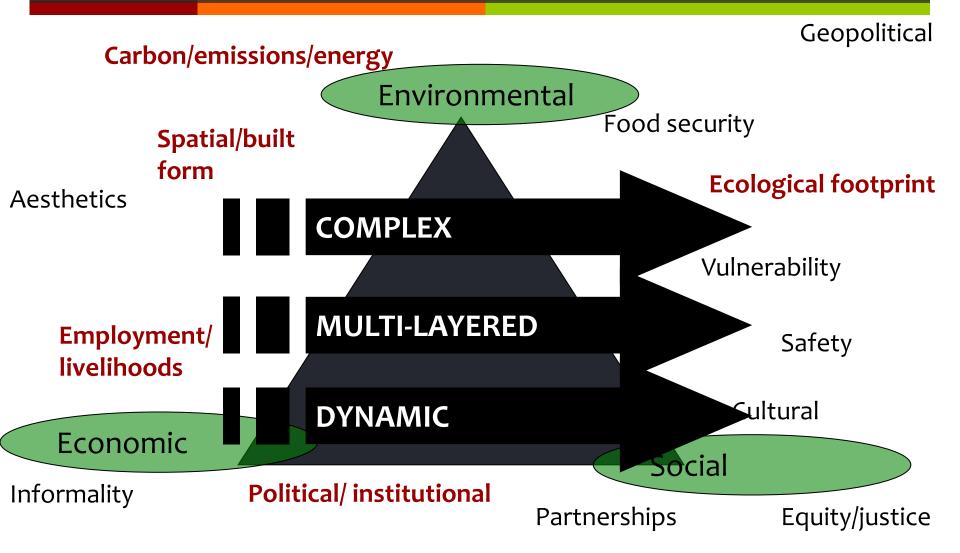
The new buzzwords[3]: Climate-neutral cities

- Measuring, reducing and offsetting emissions
- Radical transformation of energy policy
- Retrofitting and modernization
- Mitigation and adaptation

A few interesting innovations

- Carbon credits for brownfield development
- Energy efficiency and low-carbon cities
- Integrated urban eco-systems
- Sustainable Urbanisation Score Card
- Spatial information systems, databases and modelling

The new buzzwords and sustainability



What are we missing?

オ The inclusive city

- **7** Equity and justice
- Participation and partnerships
- **オ** Safety and resilience

A true paradigm shift?

Re-mixing ...

- オ the urban fabric
- オ the urban populace
- オ the urban economy
- urban institutions

Pre-requisites for success

- Political will, understanding and commitment
- Transparency, participation, partnerships
- A dynamic information base
- Sound (and light) legal and policy framework
- Adequate capacity of public agencies
- Transformation of planning objectives, processes and systems

Thank you for your attention!

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