

*Rethinking the Form and Function of
Cities in Post-Soviet Countries*

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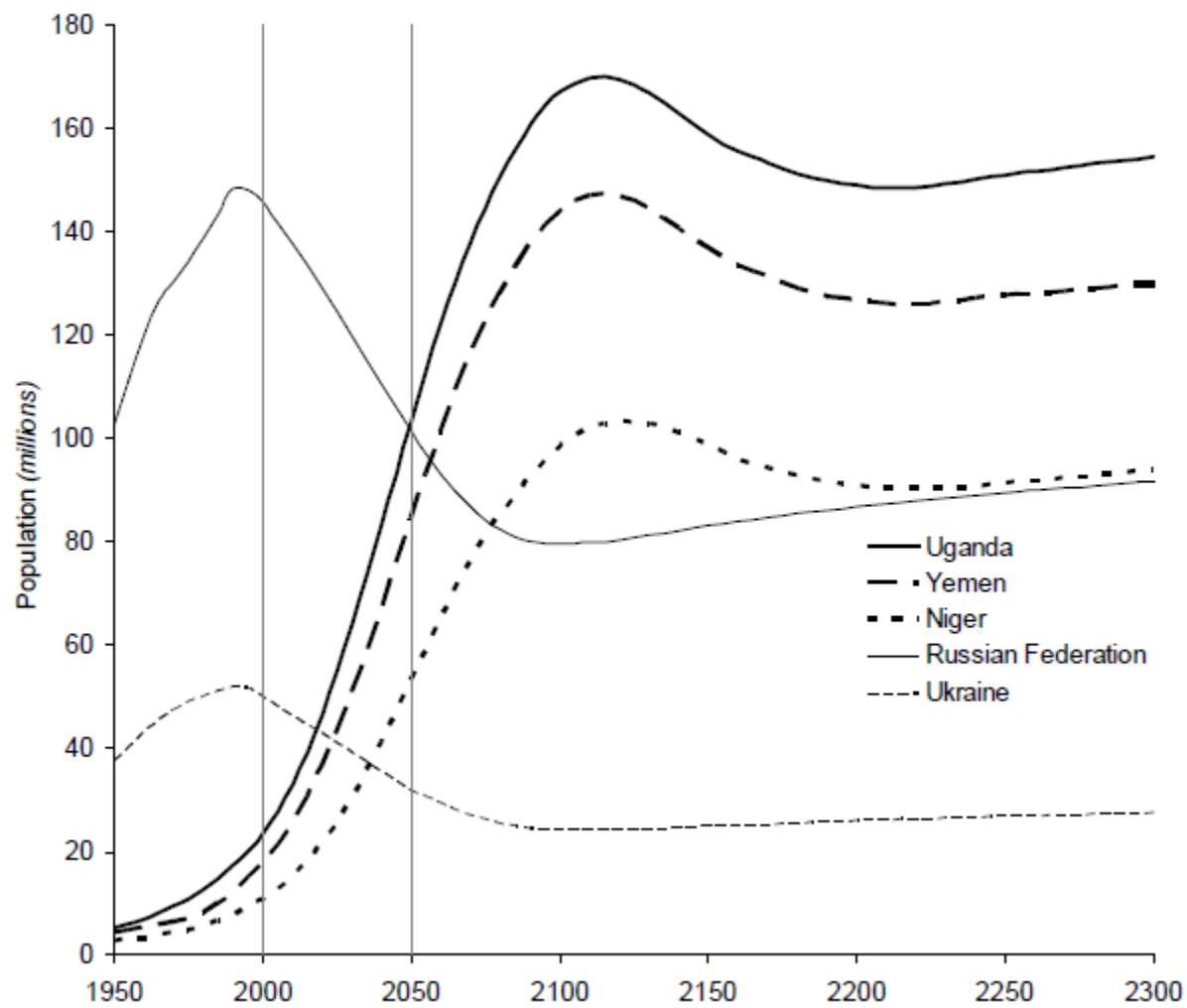
**The State of Eurasia Cities:
Territorial integration for a common
economic space**

UNECE, Geneva, 14 March 2013

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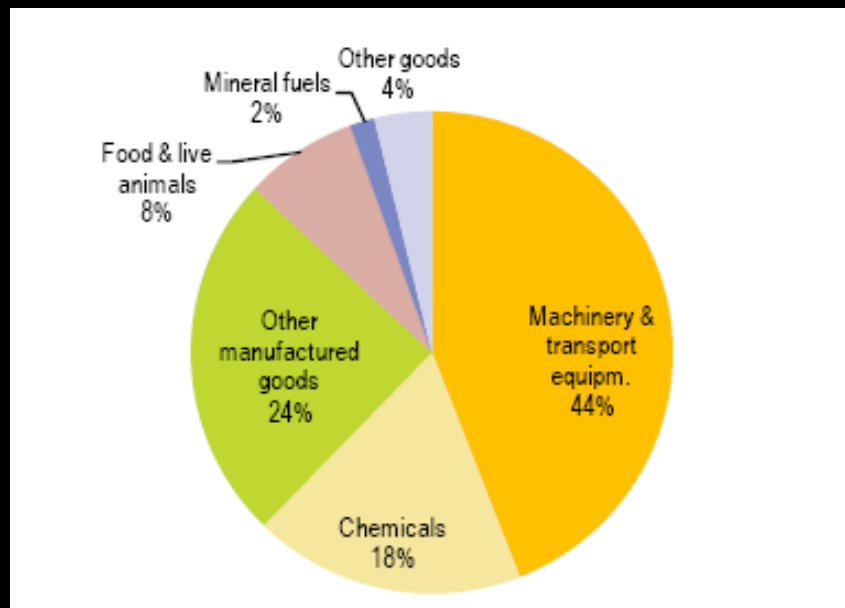
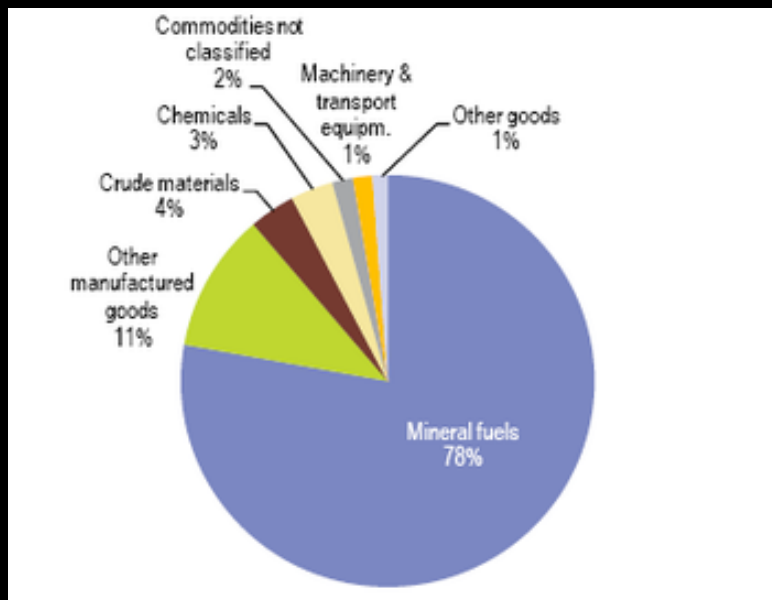
Figure 39. Population trends in selected high-growth and low-growth countries: 1950-2300



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EU – CIS trade



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- Spatial equity vs. concentration of economic activity and economies of scale: connectivity of the digital age? Spatial efficiency and economic congestion?
- Role of institutions in improving investment climate in the interplay of the market forces, state policies and implementation capacity?
- Municipal finance: sustaining the infrastructure and services...

Old and new questions for rethinking

- Learning from history: Revisiting Russia's territorial and administrative reforms of 1775 -1785;
 - *Interplay of governance framework, taxation and market forces;*
 - *Territorial integration and newly determined urban-rural linkages;*
- Cities as engines of growth vs. equitable development: role of secondary cities?
- Regional and global mobility and increase of urbanization – will region's cities survive the competition?

State of the Cities regional reports 2008 -

2012: In 2007, the Governing Council of UN-Habitat instructed to develop Regional reports to determine the regional specificity of sustainable urban development

First, pilot report on African Cities was published in 2008

ARAB States
2012

LATIN AMERICA
2012

AFRICA 2010

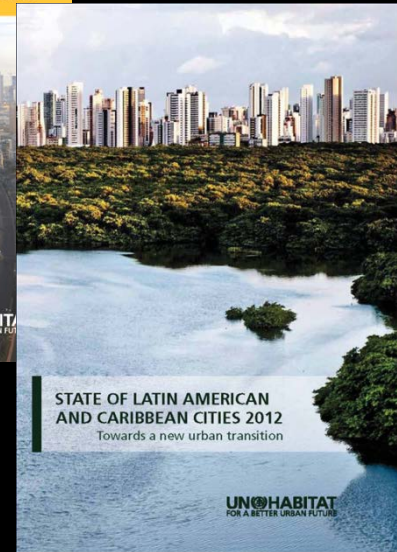
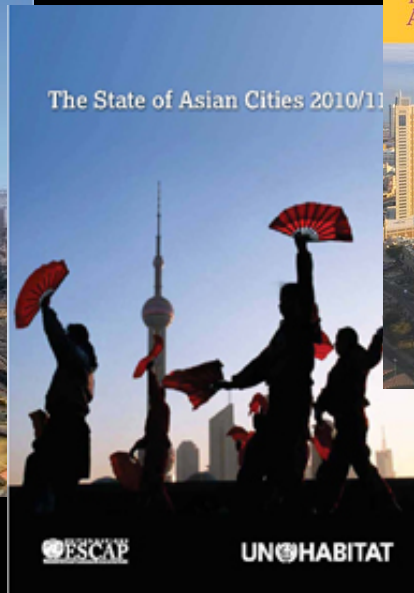
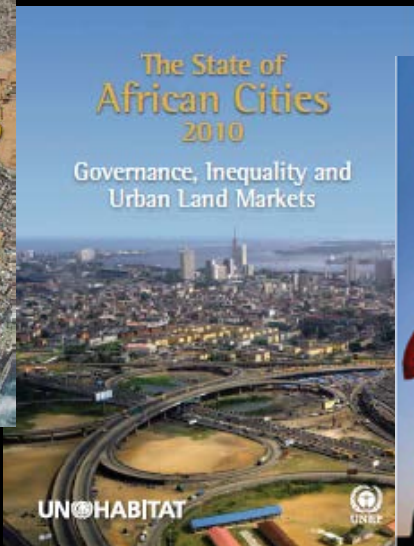
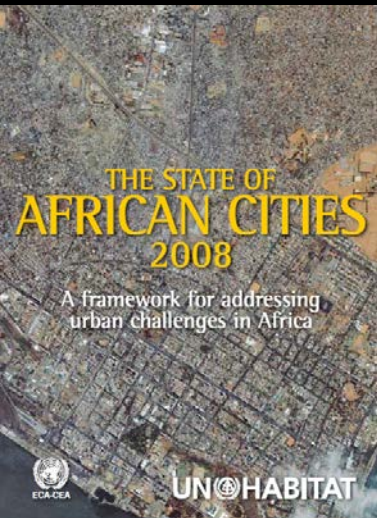
ASIA 2010-11

The State of
Arab Cities 2012

Challenges of
Urban Transition

The State of Asian Cities 2010/11

STATE OF LATIN AMERICAN
AND CARIBBEAN CITIES 2012
Towards a new urban transition



State of the Cities regional reports: Themes

- Demographic developments and trends,
- Urban Economy,
- Housing and Poverty,
- Urban Governance,
- Mobility,
- Urban Environment, and
- Emerging trends.
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State of the Cities regional reports:

identify regional and national territorial, urban and housing-related policy and capacity voids

- through monitoring, analyzing and reporting on both existing and emerging trends and the underlying factors
- of the realities faced by both urban policy makers and urban populations.

create regional normative knowledge

- towards achieving sustainable human settlements development;
- improving urban governance;
- and enhancing urban economic performance.

State of the Cities regional reports:

achieve region-specific, better-informed decision-making and policy formulation capacities,

- targeting the regional, sub-regional, national and local levels
- through the provision of analyses towards enhanced coherence
- in sub-regional and regional cooperation
- on trans-boundary territorial, social and other interventions.

enhance overall understanding of cities as:

- the socio-spatial habitat for a growing majority of the global population,
- economic nodes with national, regional and global outreach, and
- generators of both livelihood, socio-economic and other risks.

State of the Cities regional reports 2013 - 2016:

In 2013, UN-Habitat will launch:

State of European Cities In Transition 2013.

New reports are being prepared for Africa (2013), Asia – Pacific (2013), Latin America and Caribbean (2014),

State of Eurasian Cities 2014,

Arab States (2015), Europe (2016).

State of the Cities Eurasia report:

Partnership

UN-Habitat

UNECE

ESCAP

World Bank?

Other UN Entities?

Roadmap to Habitat III

