

# A few words on African Cities

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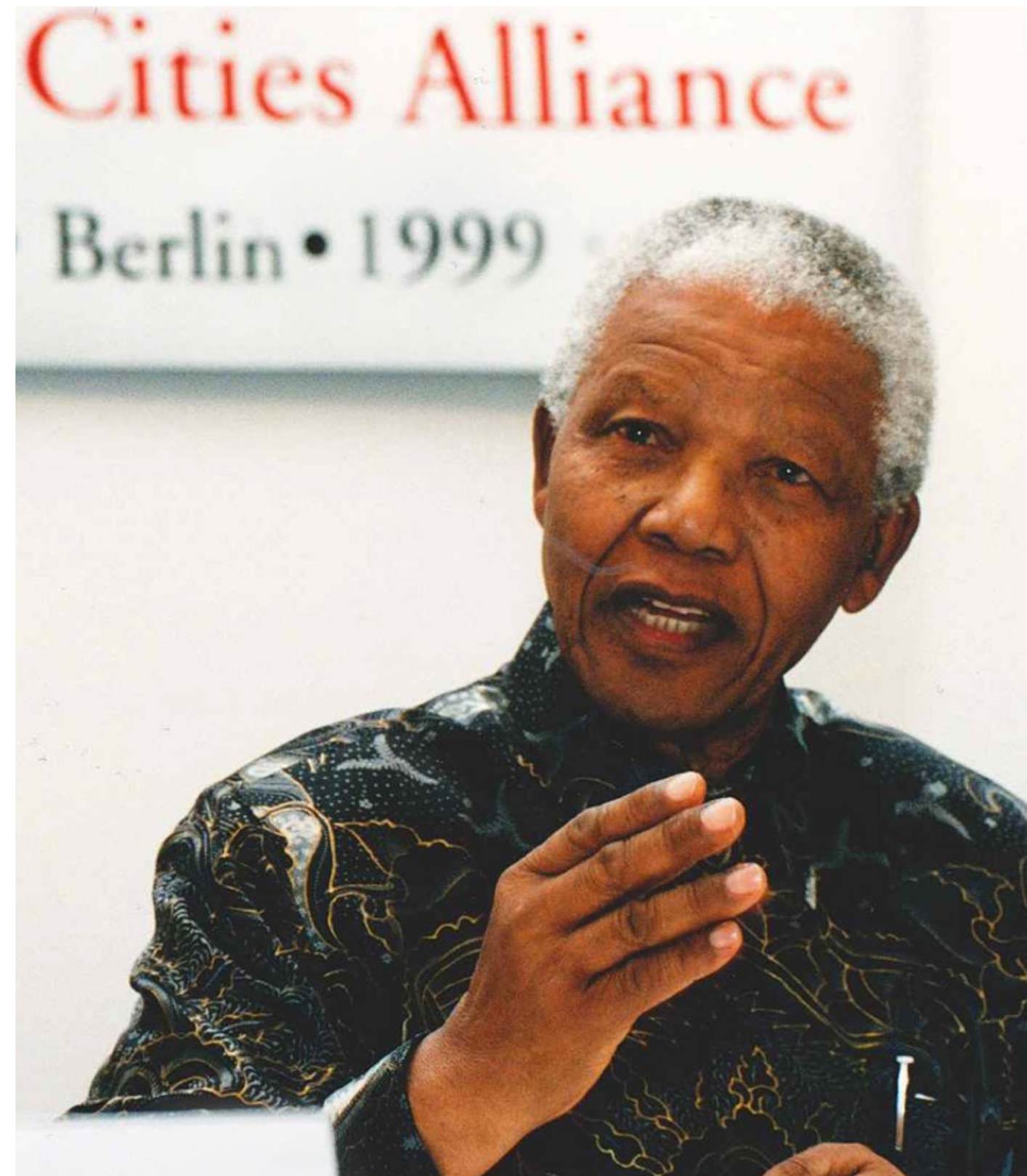


# Who we are

Cities Alliance is the global partnership fighting urban poverty and promoting the role of cities in sustainable development...

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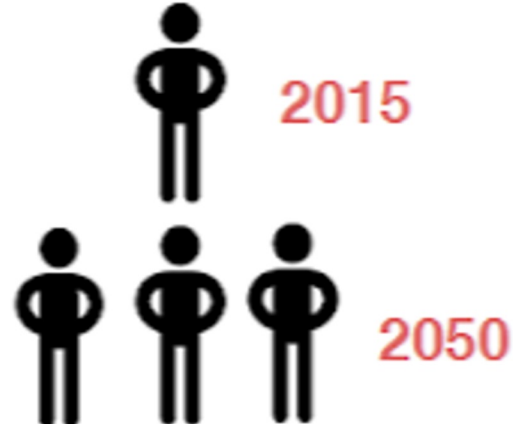


# African Urban Transition

By 2040 60% of the population will live in urban area



**315 million**  
Cities will grow by 315 million people in the next 15 years



Urban population will triple to 1.23 billion by 2050



## Youth

Will constitute the largest labour force with 1.1 billion by 2040

## Socio-Economic Stresses

Low Productivity Traps



**> 60%**

Of the population live in informal settlements



## Informal Sector

**61%**

Of urban employment in Africa

**93%**

Of new job creation

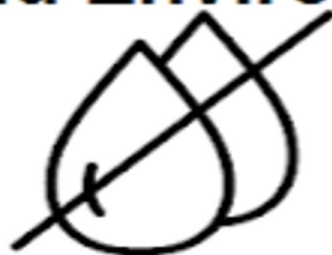


**92%**

Of employment for women

## Climate Change and Environment

High Risk



**20-30%**

Decrease in water availability in vulnerable areas



**3 - 4 degrees**

Warming faster than global average

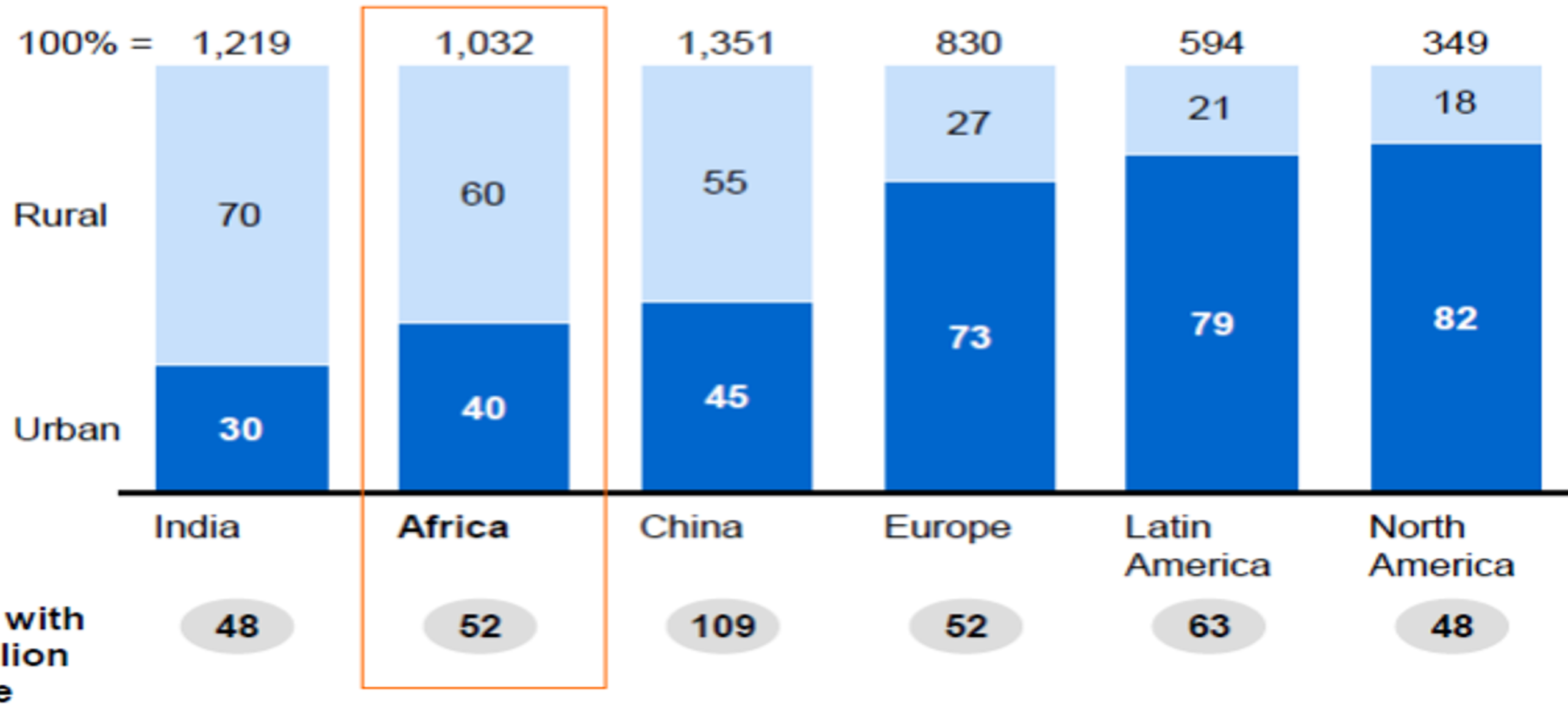


**90%**

Of energy use is biomass

# Africa is almost as urbanized as China and has as many cities of 1 million people as Europe

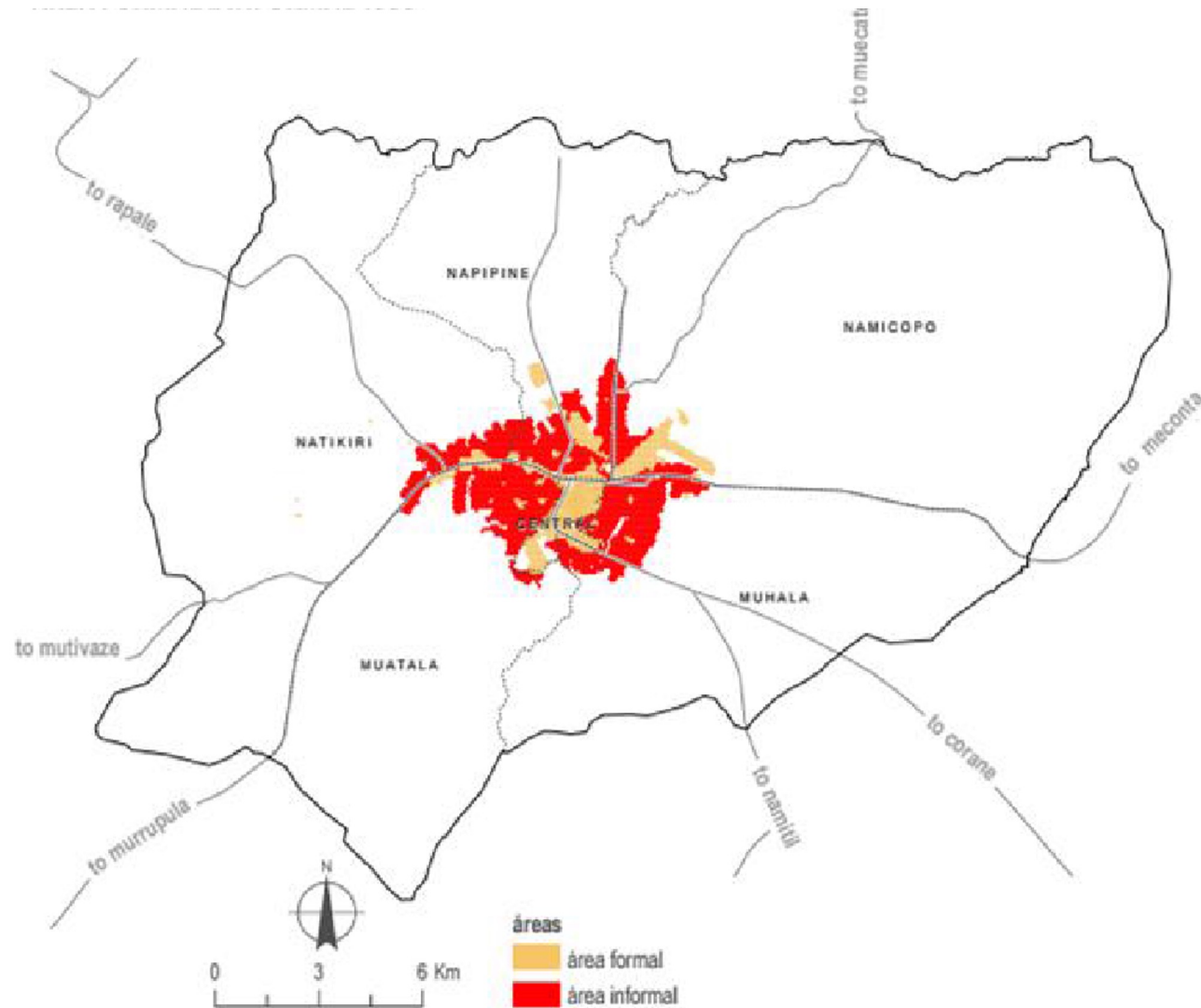
Share of rural vs. urban population by region, 2010  
%, million



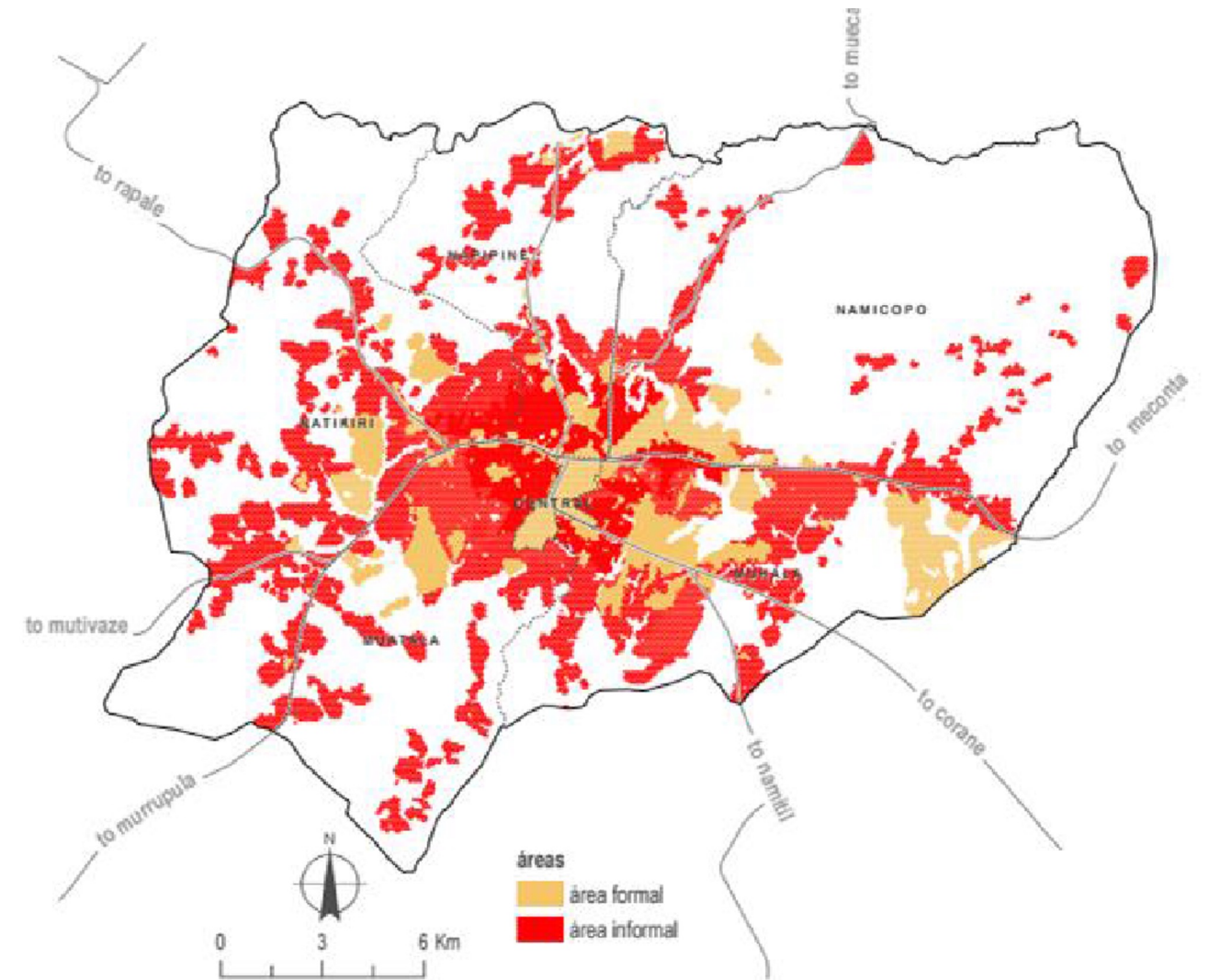
# Nampula, Mozambique

## Unplanned Growth– 5.7% Doubles in 12 years

Formal and Informal Area 1999



Formal and Informal Area 2015



# Sprawl then Compact



**2015**

**2007**

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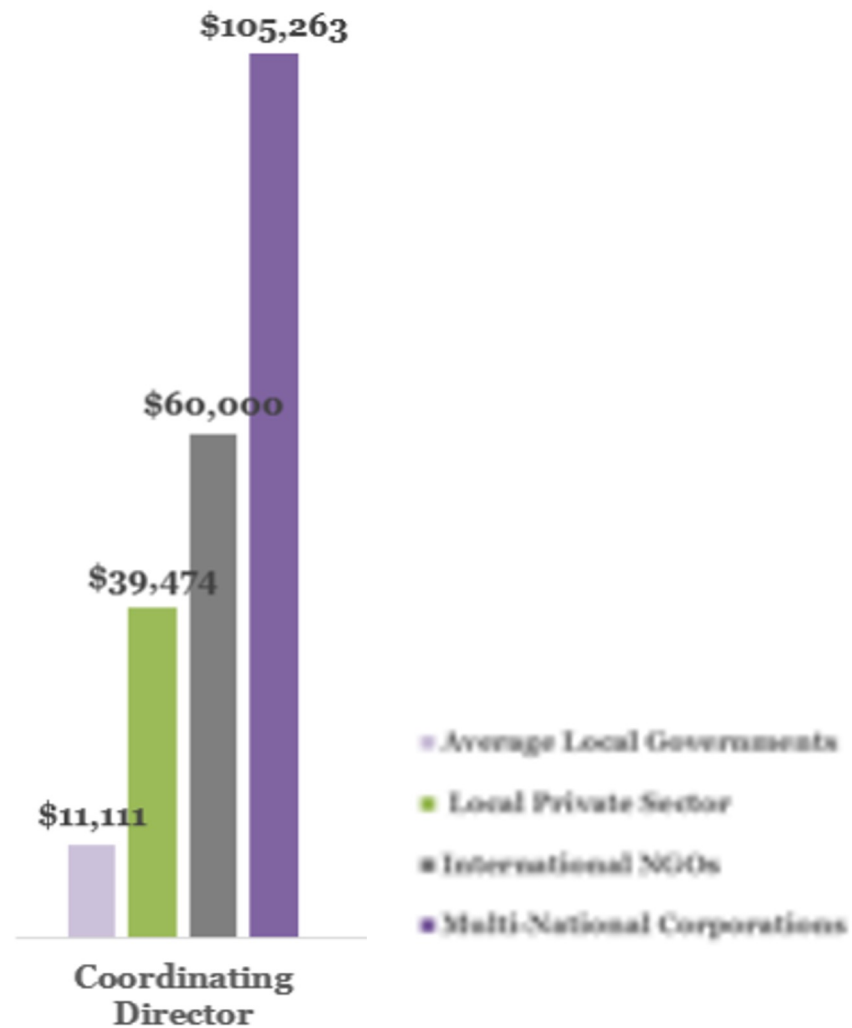
**2015**

# Training – 50 universities teach city planning Most are under resourced

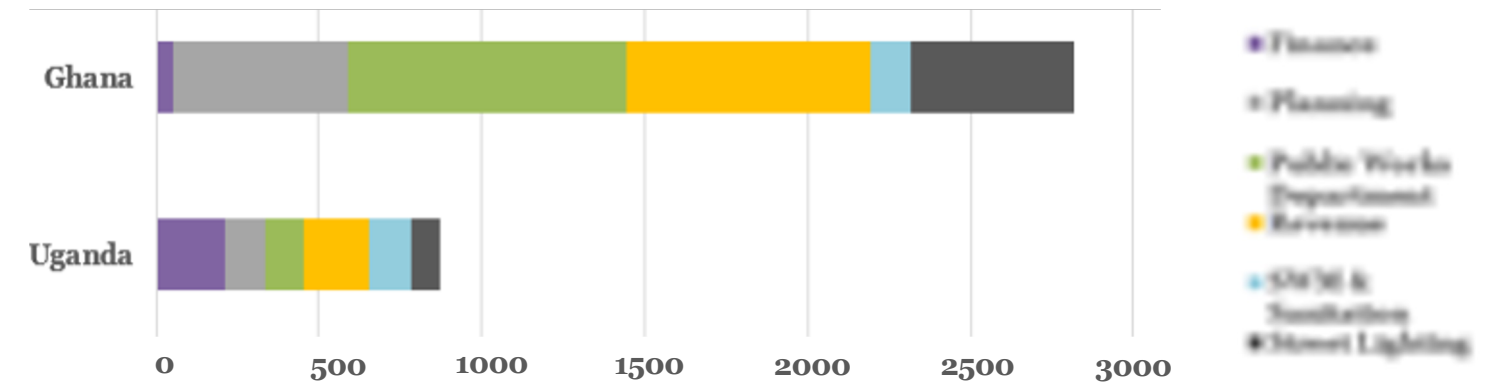


# Governance: Human Resources

## 1. Distorted Incentives *Undermining Good Governance*



## 2. Capacity Gaps *28% of Need*



## 3. Inadequate Employment Structure *Hierarchy Gaps - Dire Dawa, Ethiopia*





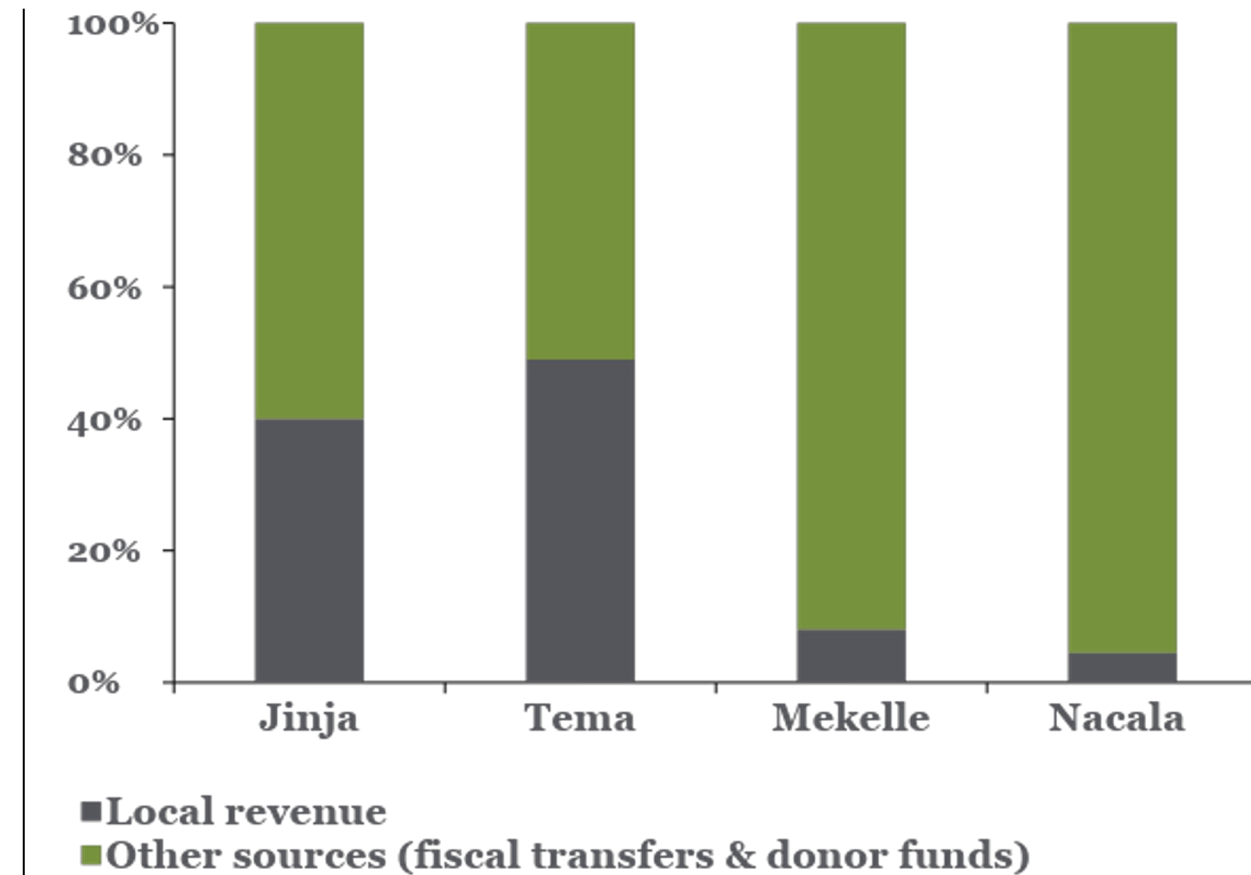
# Governance: Lack of Municipal Finance

In Kumasi-Ghana 70% of own revenue from informal economy.

In Tema –Ghana only 7% of total revenue spent on informal economy.

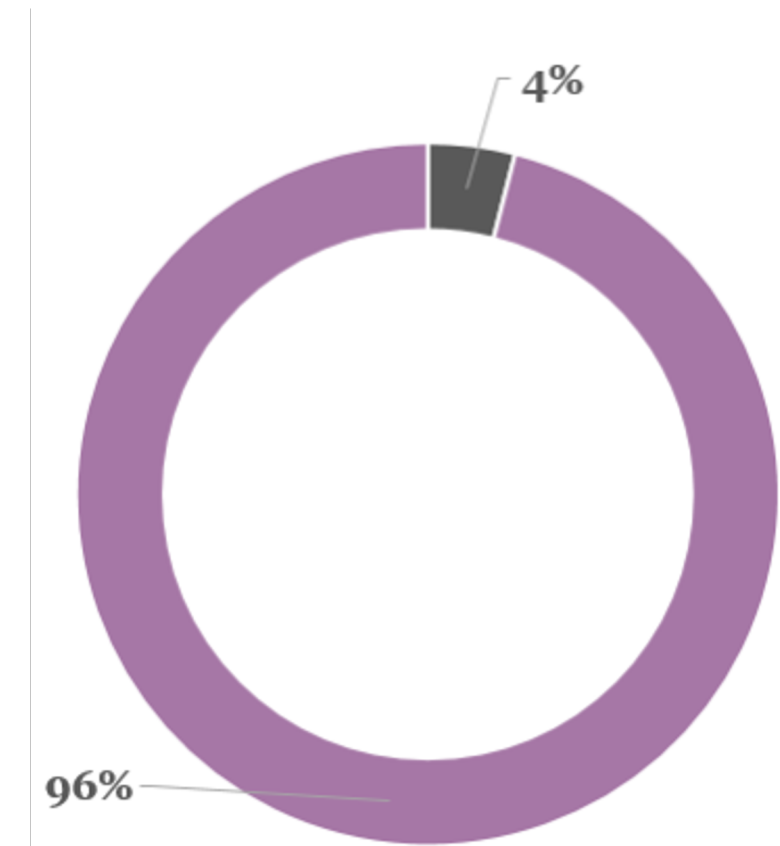
City	Municipal Expenditures per Capita (USD)
Jinja	37
Arua	28
Tema	27
Accra	18
Tete	36
Nampula	14

### Ratio of Local Revenue to Fiscal Transfers in Selected Cities



# Environment: 90% of Energy Biomass

## Percentage of Global GHG Emissions



# Partnership is key

- In a fast changing world those countries that have national policies and support institutions that enable cities to effectively and efficiently deliver services to an active citizenship will best manage the urbanization process reaping the urbanization dividend.

## Negotiated Development



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Settlement Forums  
Slum Upgrading Plans

Municipal Forums  
City Development Strategies

National Forums  
National Urban Policies

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# Alexandra Renewal Project, Johannesburg: Before



# Alexandra Renewal Project, Johannesburg: After



# Alexandra Renewal Project, Johannesburg: After



# Insitu-upgrading:





# Commitment needs to be multi-year and on budget



# More too slum upgrading than land



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# Incremental Upgrading

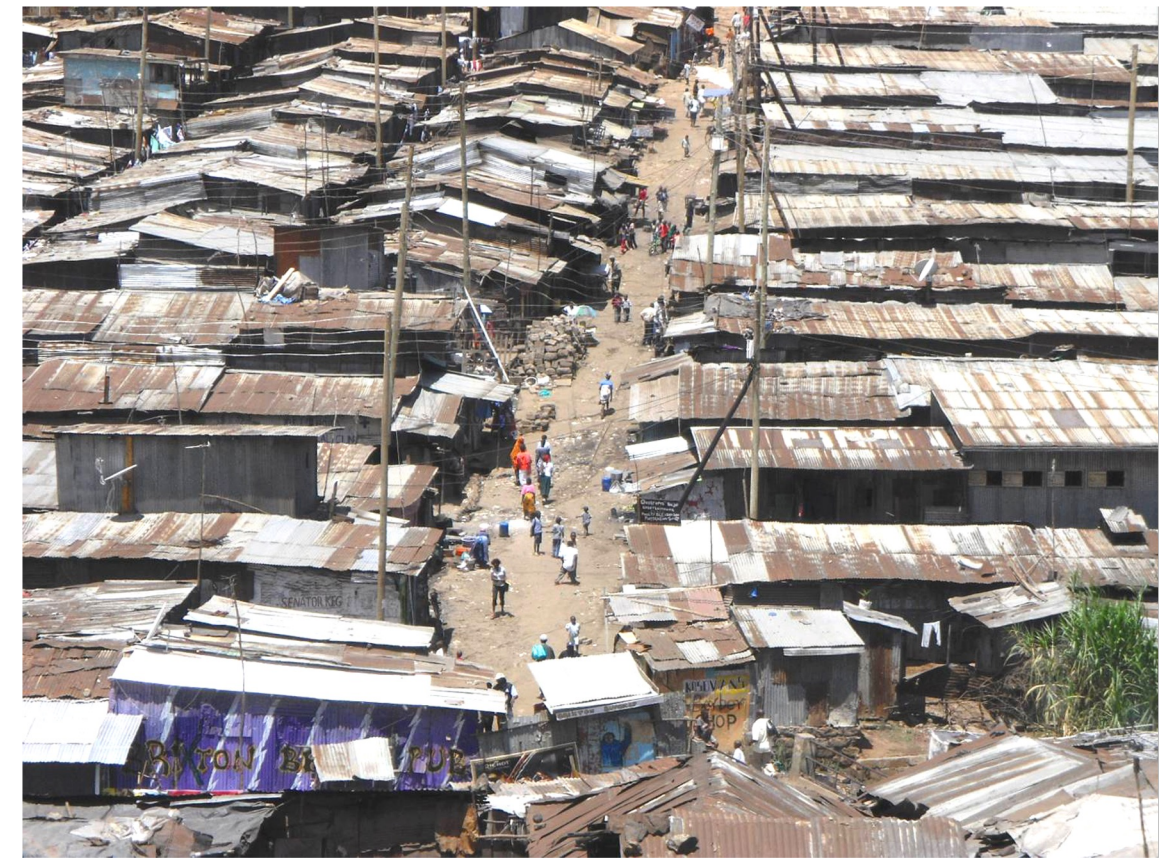


Ghana: Community engagement in technological sanitation choice.  
USD 150m



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**As our cities  
grow, how do  
we  
superimpose  
this on top of  
that.**



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# Urban poor champions of the natural environment

- Improved infrastructure through the restoration of natural ecosystems.
- Strengthened the relationship between the informal settlements and neighbouring wetland.
- Longer-term feasibility study undertaken and long-term management and restoration plans developed and implemented through schools
- Waste Management strategy for Kinawataka Wetland developed and elements piloted (bio-fill toilets, school champions, wetland committees)
- Detailed feasibility study of Kinawataka to guide other actors undertaken



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Empowering the next generation of urban youth.

Thank you!