



# Conversation about Data

Pre data convening information



synergine.

relight.co





# Welcome to Faith *for* Cities



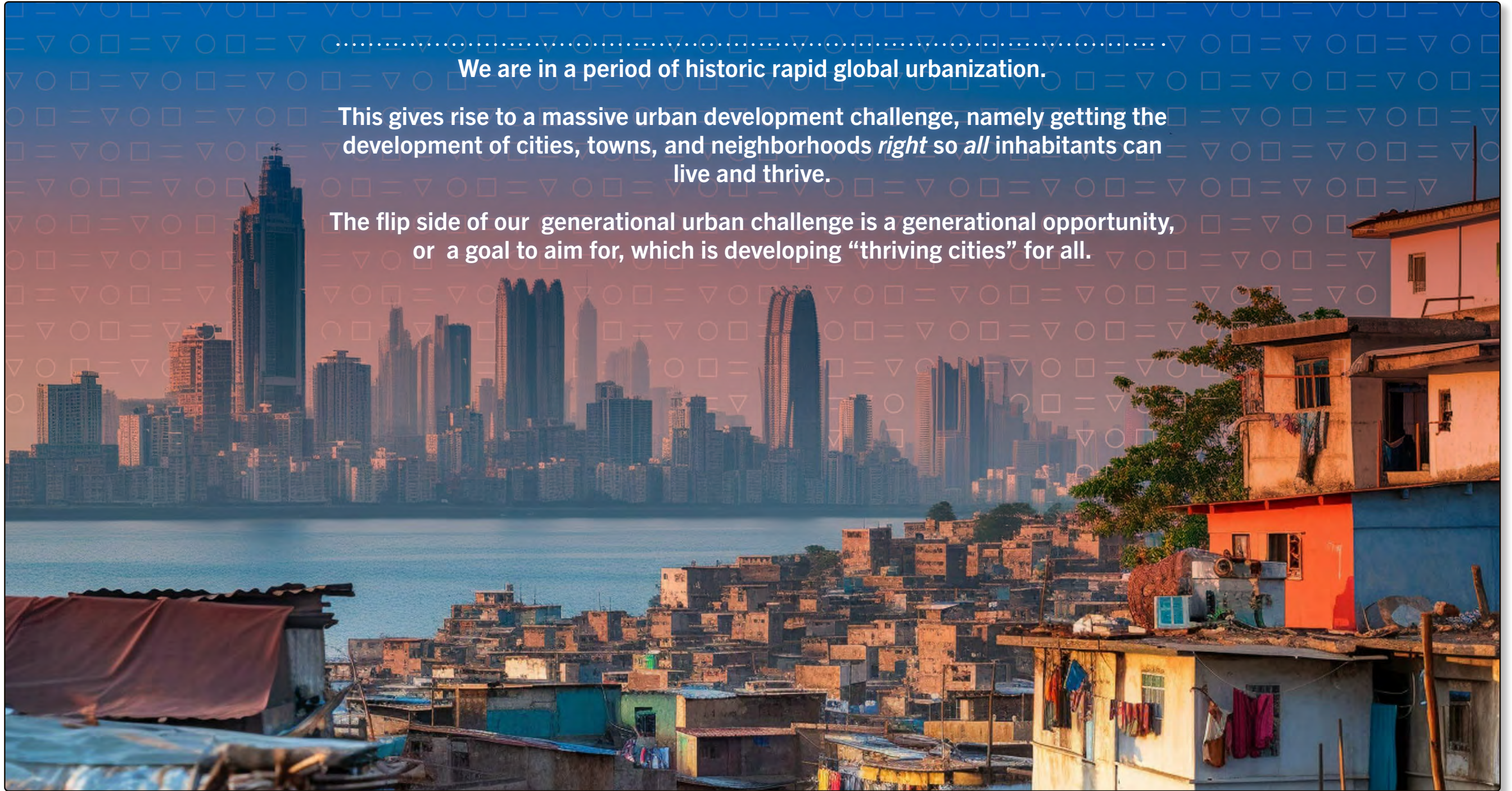


# Why are We Taking This Journey Together?

.....  
We are in a period of historic rapid global urbanization.

This gives rise to a massive urban development challenge, namely getting the development of cities, towns, and neighborhoods *right* so *all* inhabitants can live and thrive.

The flip side of our generational urban challenge is a generational opportunity, or a goal to aim for, which is developing “thriving cities” for all.

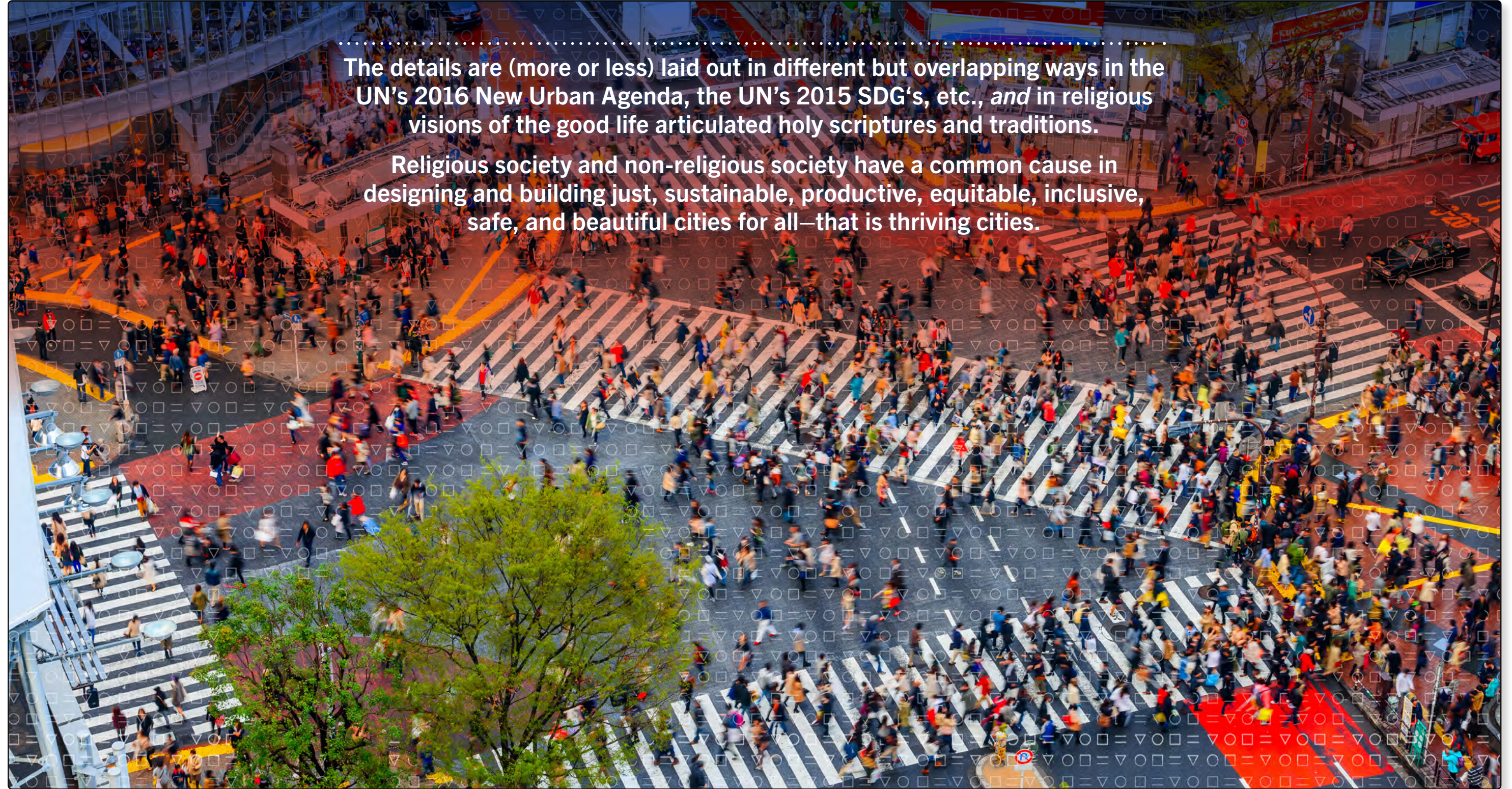




# What is a Thriving City?

The details are (more or less) laid out in different but overlapping ways in the UN's 2016 New Urban Agenda, the UN's 2015 SDG's, etc., *and* in religious visions of the good life articulated holy scriptures and traditions.

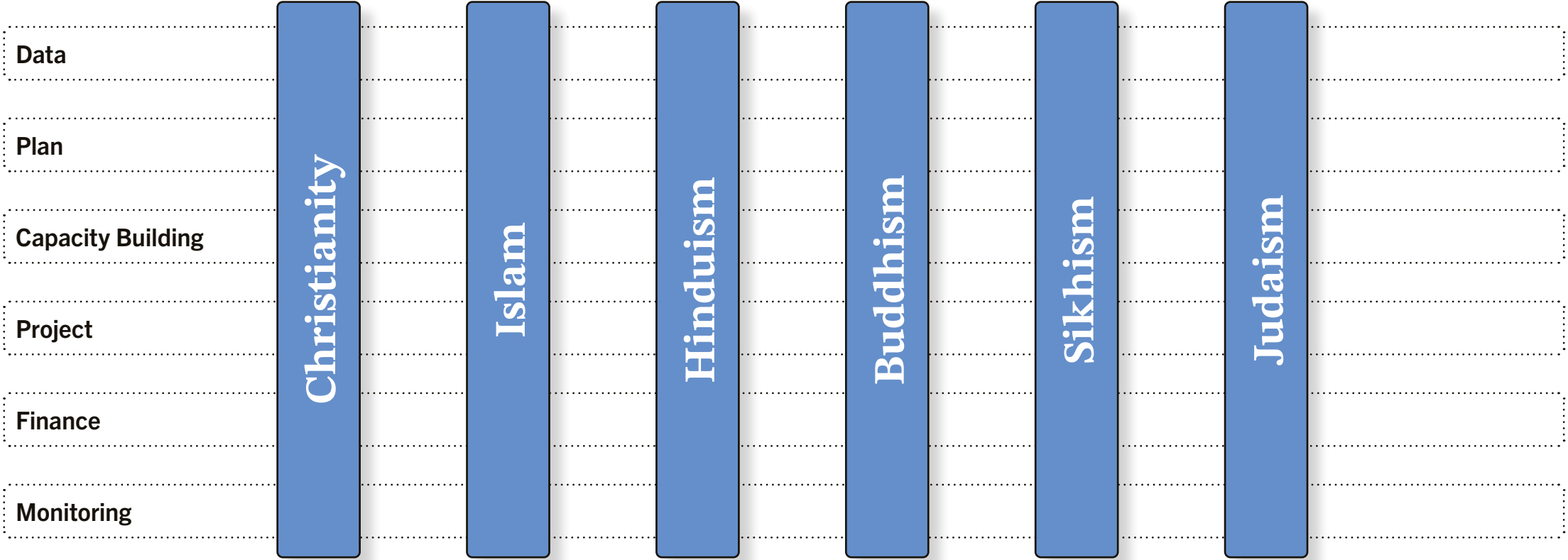
Religious society and non-religious society have a common cause in designing and building just, sustainable, productive, equitable, inclusive, safe, and beautiful cities for all—that is thriving cities.





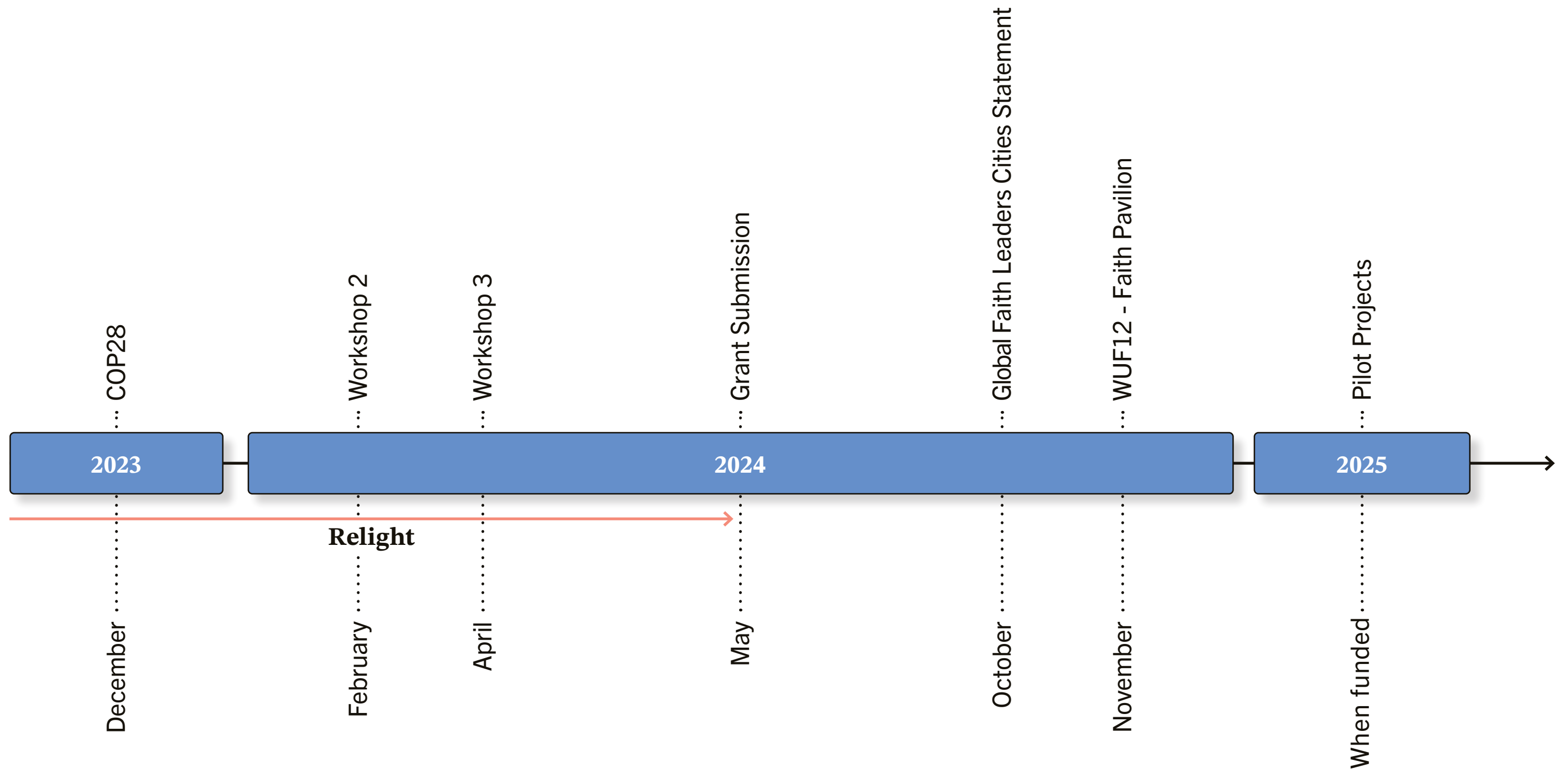
# SDG Cities Framework

**Faith for Cities**  
Multi-faith collaborative framework - "Linked"



**Faith specific verticals - "Rooted"**

# Timeline



.....  
**How is FfC helping the faith's lean into their stakeholder role in the development of cities, towns and neighborhoods?**

By developing a faith-based program that can plug seemingly into UN-Habitat's SDG Cities initiative.

The SDG Cities Initiative is a UN-Habitat initiative designed to help 1000 cities and over a billion people develop and meet the SDG's.

SDG Cities has a methodology to achieve this goal, which means a faith-based SDG's Cities program must also adopt the same methodology in order to plug into SDG Cities.

What is the COMMON methodology SDG Cities and FfC is using?



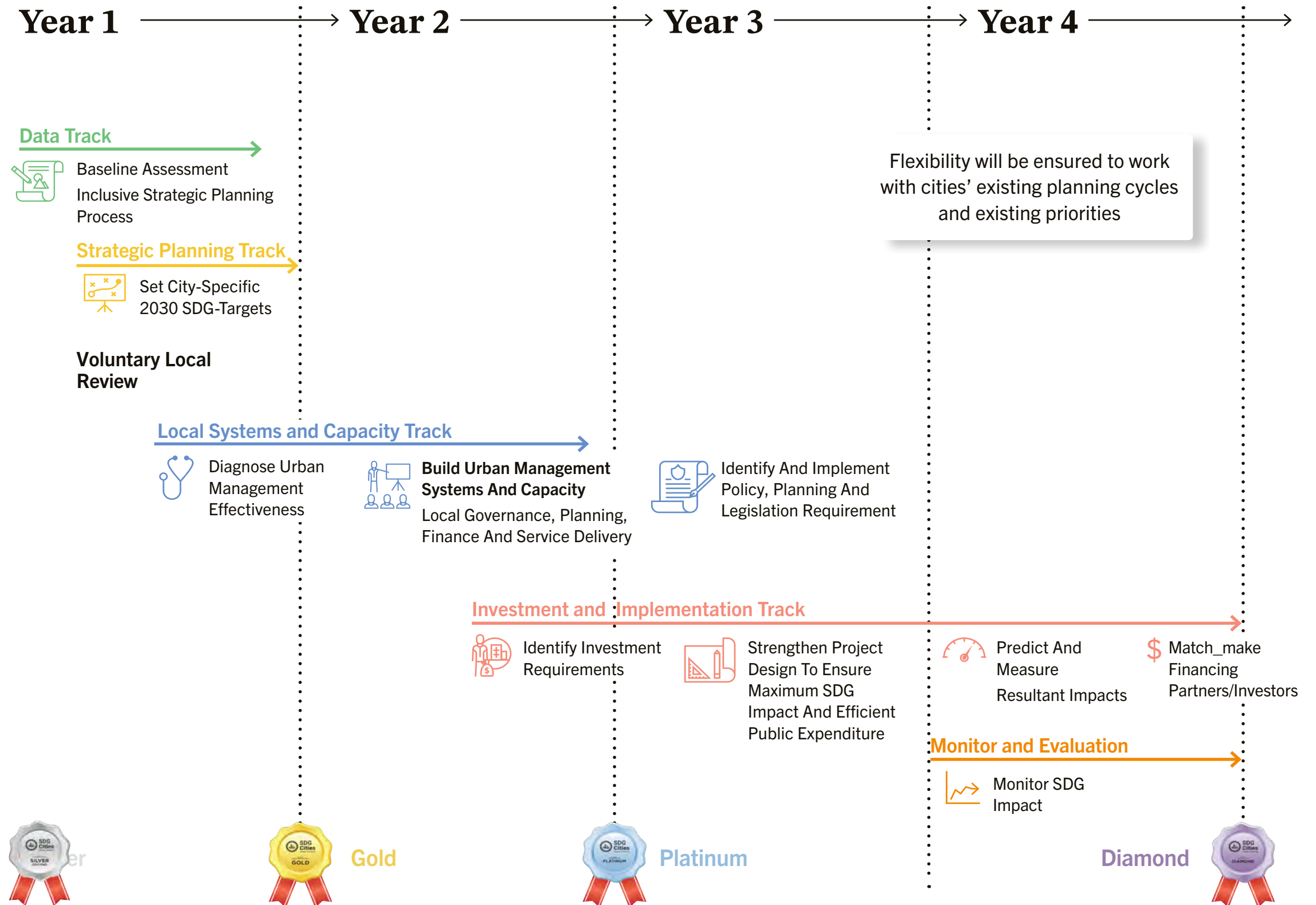
# SDG Cities Value Chain

SDG Cities is a cyclical process and is adaptable to existing planning and election cycles of city authorities.

It is implemented in four tracks:

- Data
- Evidence based planning
- Institutional strengthening
- Investment in Impact

Exceptional achievement is recognized globally through recognition at key stages: Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond.





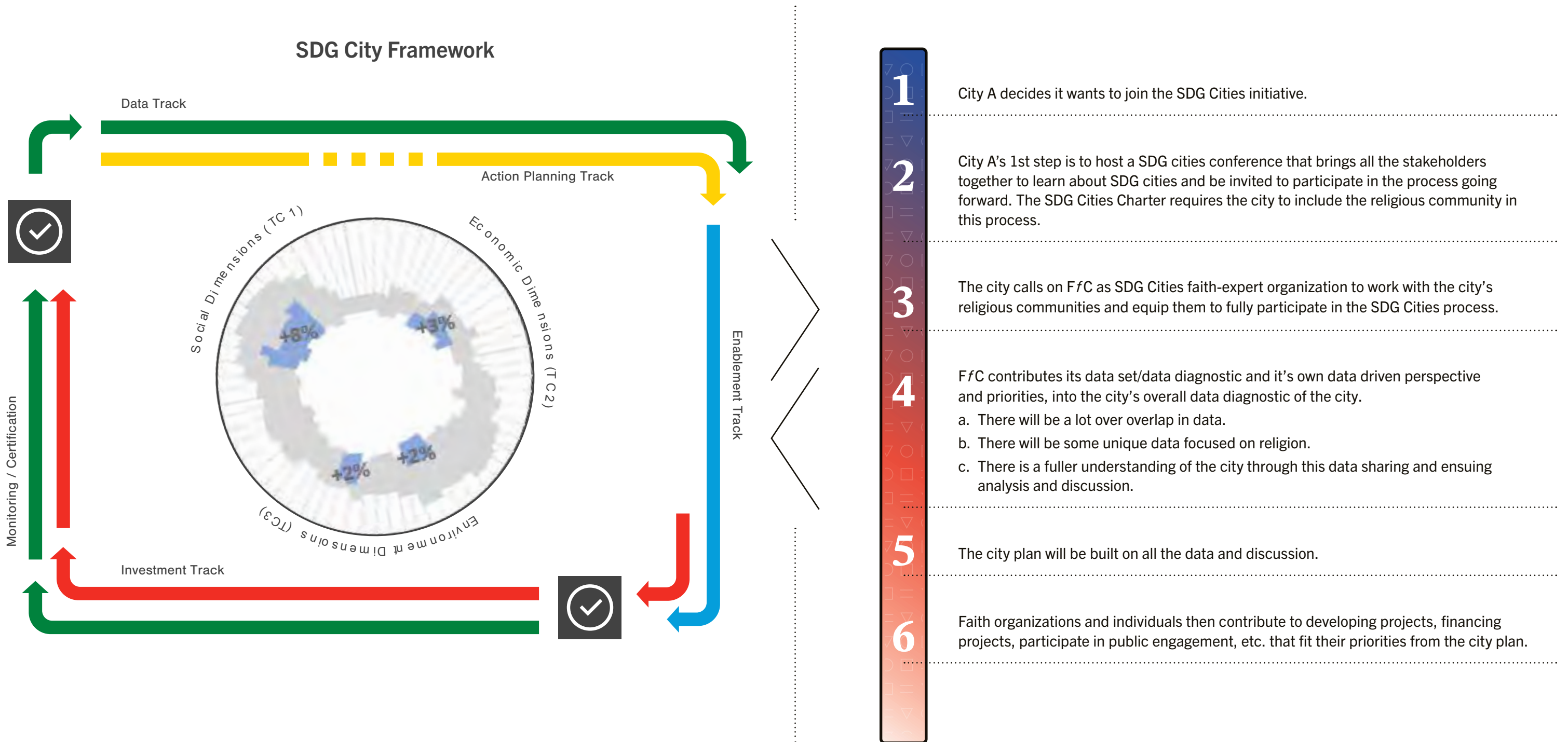
# Draft Model of Religious Agency in Cities





# Faith for Cities: Mirroring the SDG Cities Process

## How do SDG Cities and FfC work together?





# The Faith for Cities team is writing to invite you to a virtual meeting focused on faith-based data-driven approaches to urban development at local and global scales.

## The Purpose of the Data Convening

Like SDG Cities, Faith for Cities is a data driven initiative. Thus, we are inviting leaders and organizations working in the overlapping areas of data, cities, and religion to a new initiative promoting intentional collaboration. With practitioners who are willing, we are building a collaborative community that supports a global commons at the intersection of faith, cities, and data that will benefit all the stakeholders working in this space.

### Objectives of the Convening

Our session, spanning approximately 2 hours, is designed to:

1. Forge a collaborative network among experts in data, urban development, and faith.
2. Introduce participants to the SDG Cities Initiative, the mission of Faith for Cities, and how data is a vital component of these initiatives.
3. Identify and map existing data tools and programs within the faith and urban development sectors.
4. Discuss and map the challenges and gaps in the current ecosystem of tools and programs.

### Post Convening Follow-Up Agenda

While we can achieve a lot in the scheduled two hours of short presentations and collaborative work, we cannot do all the work that will be required to achieve our overarching goals. Thus, for those that want to keep tracking with our process on a voluntary basis all the above mapping work will set the stage for Faith for Cities to work on these follow-up questions:

1. How can Faith for Cities facilitate collaboration that benefits and serves all the leaders and organizations working in the data, cities, and religion space?
2. What are the current strengths in this space, and how can they be advanced and scaled?
3. What are the best ideas and plans for solving the gaps and challenges in this space?

### Why Your Participation Is Crucial

Your expertise and perspective are invaluable in the field of faith-based urban engagement, which we believe is resurging in new and important ways in the 21st century. This workshop is a stepping stone towards a comprehensive grant proposal to the Templeton Religion Trust, and potentially other funders, who want to fund the solutions proposed in the forthcoming grant that will bolster the field of faith-based participation in the development of just, productive, diverse, equitable, sustainable, and beautiful cities for all.