



Conversation about Urban Design

Pre urban design and planning
convening information



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Welcome to Faith *for* Cities

Vision

Faiths actively, robustly, and collaboratively contributing to designing and building thriving cities, towns, and villages for all.

Mission

Leveraging the collective power of diverse faith communities to shape sustainable, inclusive, and thriving cities.

Approach

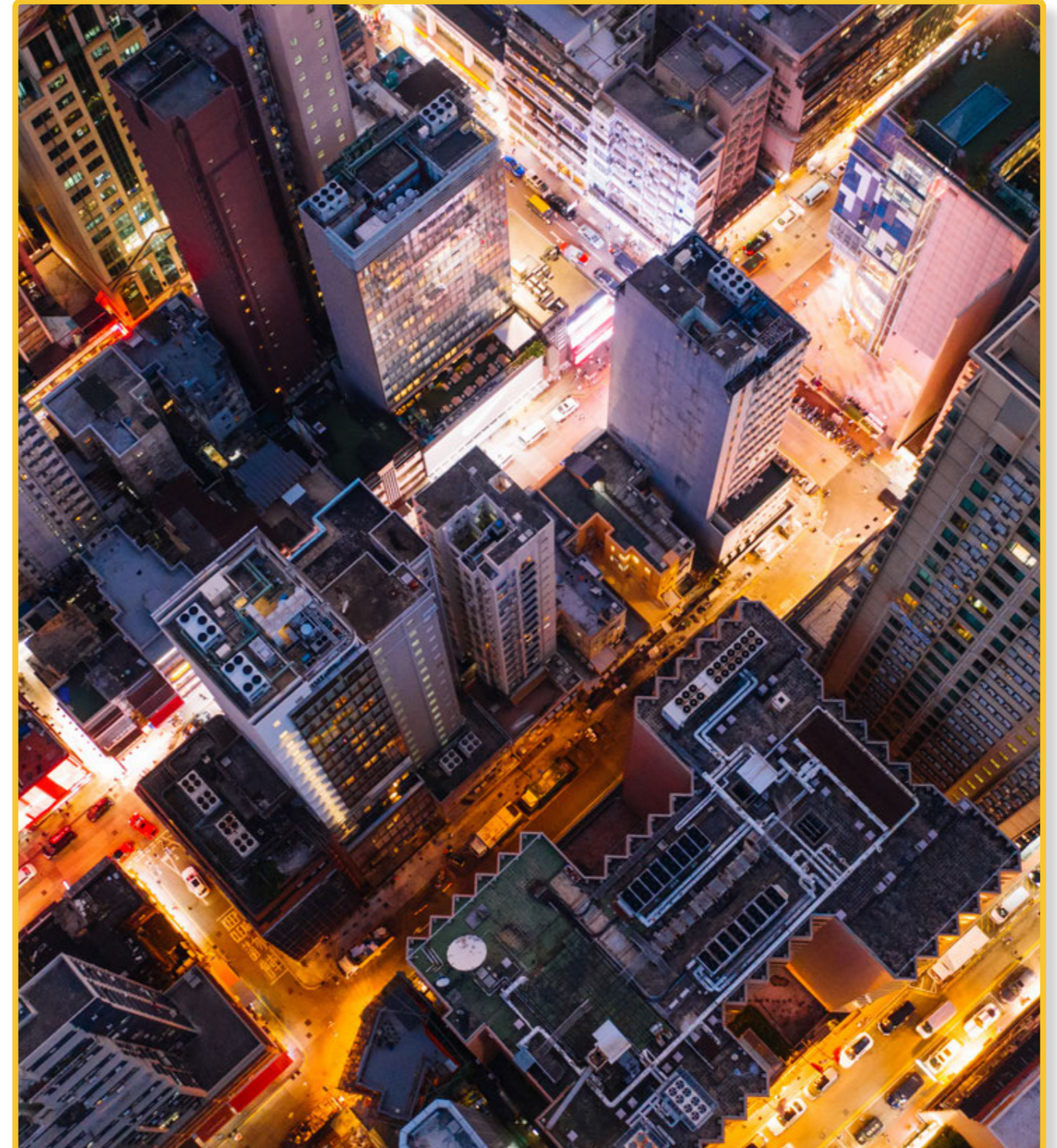
Uniting faith-based insights, capacities, and resources with common good urban development strategies to address the challenges of rapid global urbanization.

Key Objectives

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| 1
Foster, equip, and resource innovative, faith-consistent urban development projects. | 2
Promote multi-faith cooperation and dialogue in urban planning and policy-making. | 3
Align urban development efforts with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). |
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Impact

Envisioning cities that are not only habitable but spiritually enriching, where every community thrives in harmony and sustainability.

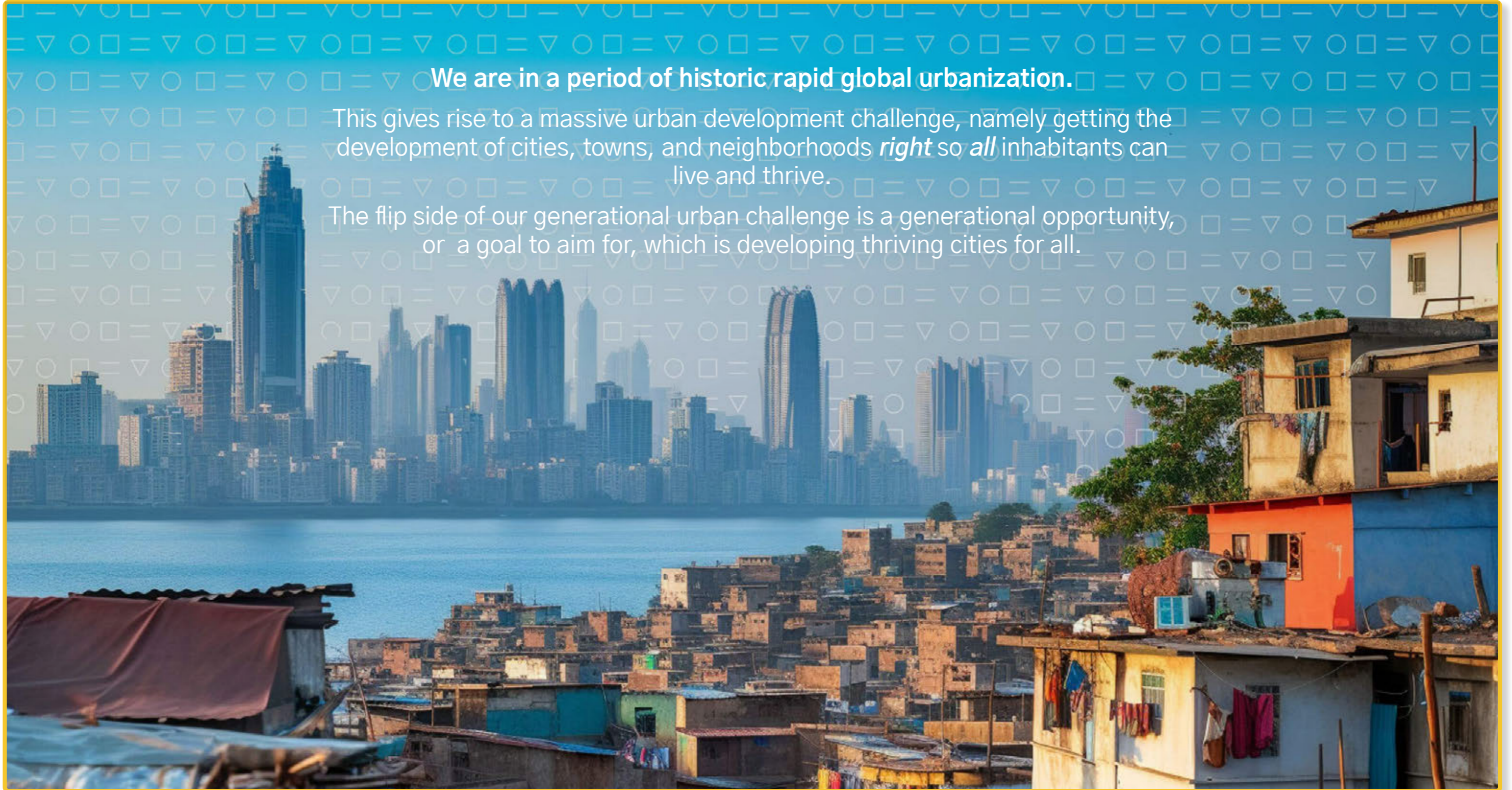


Why are We Taking This Journey Together?

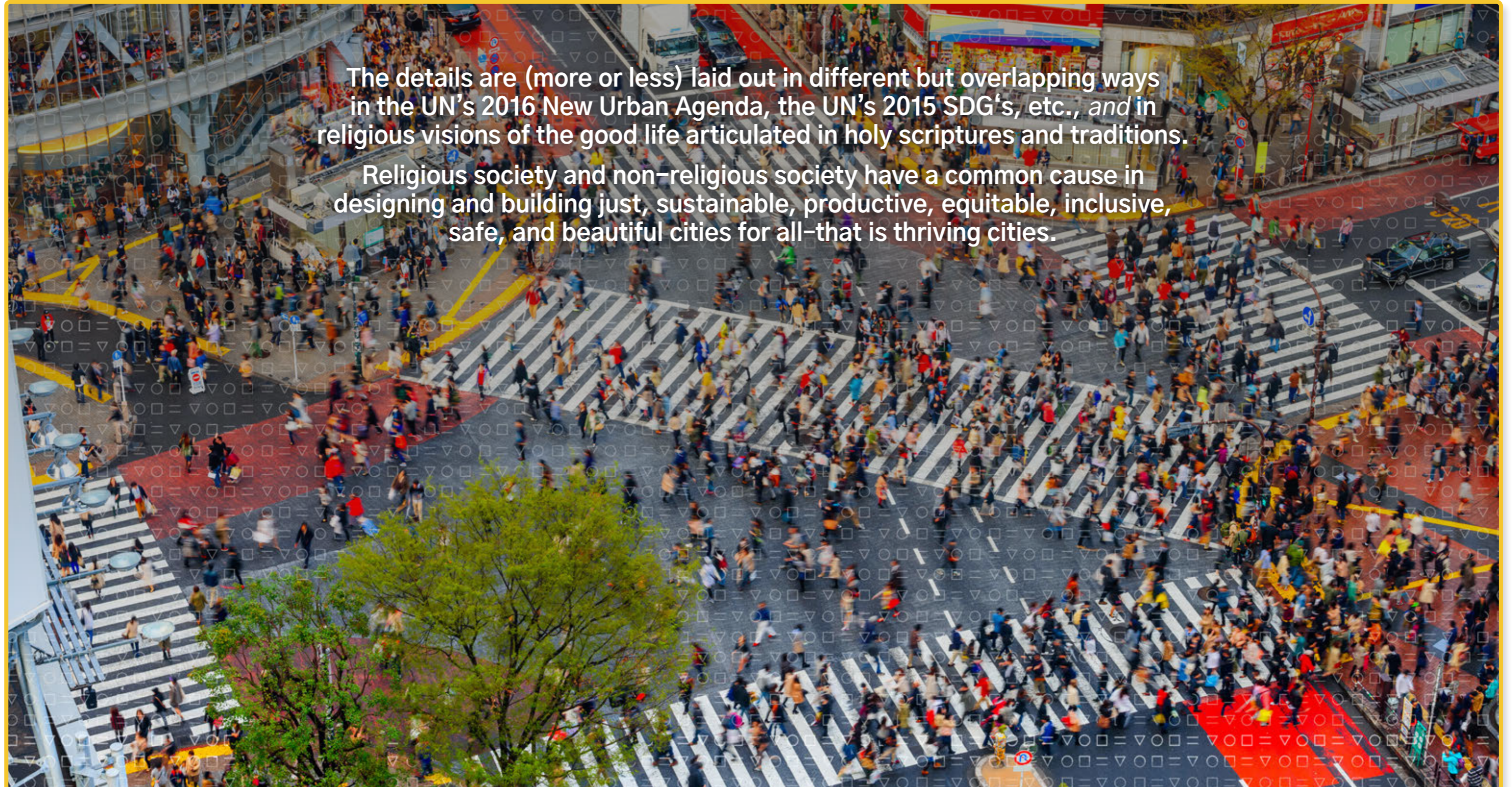
We are in a period of historic rapid global urbanization.

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?

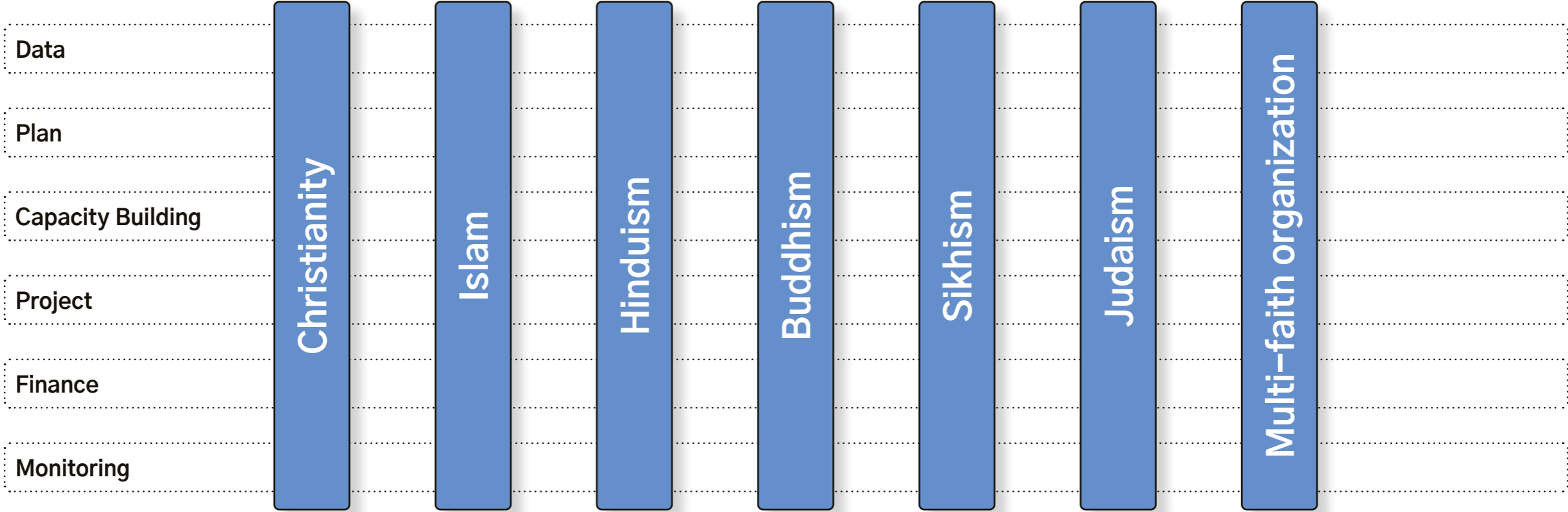


The details are (more or less) laid out in different but overlapping ways in the UN's 2016 New Urban Agenda, the UN's 2015 SDG's, etc., and in religious visions of the good life articulated in holy scriptures and traditions.

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.

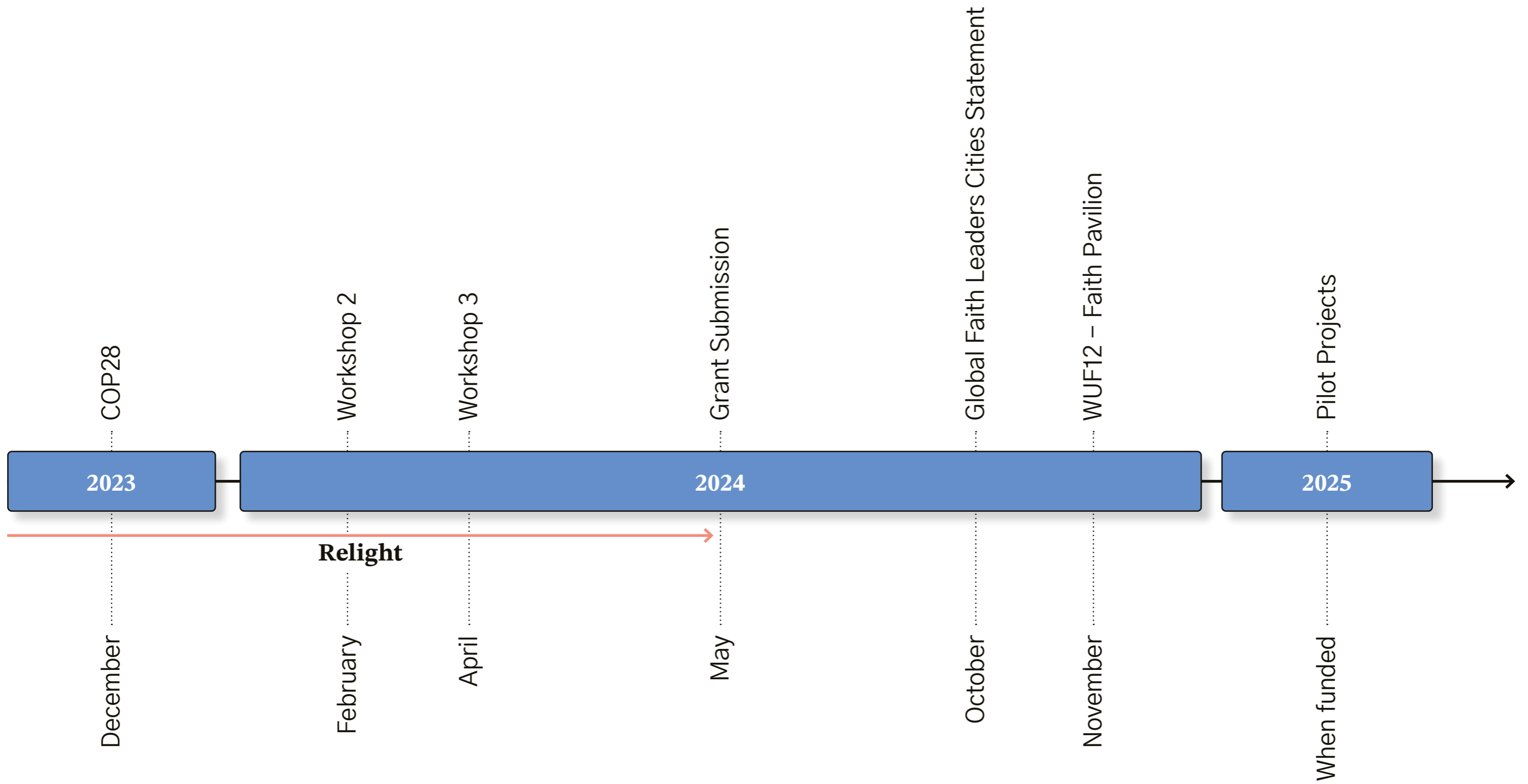
SDG Cities Framework

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?



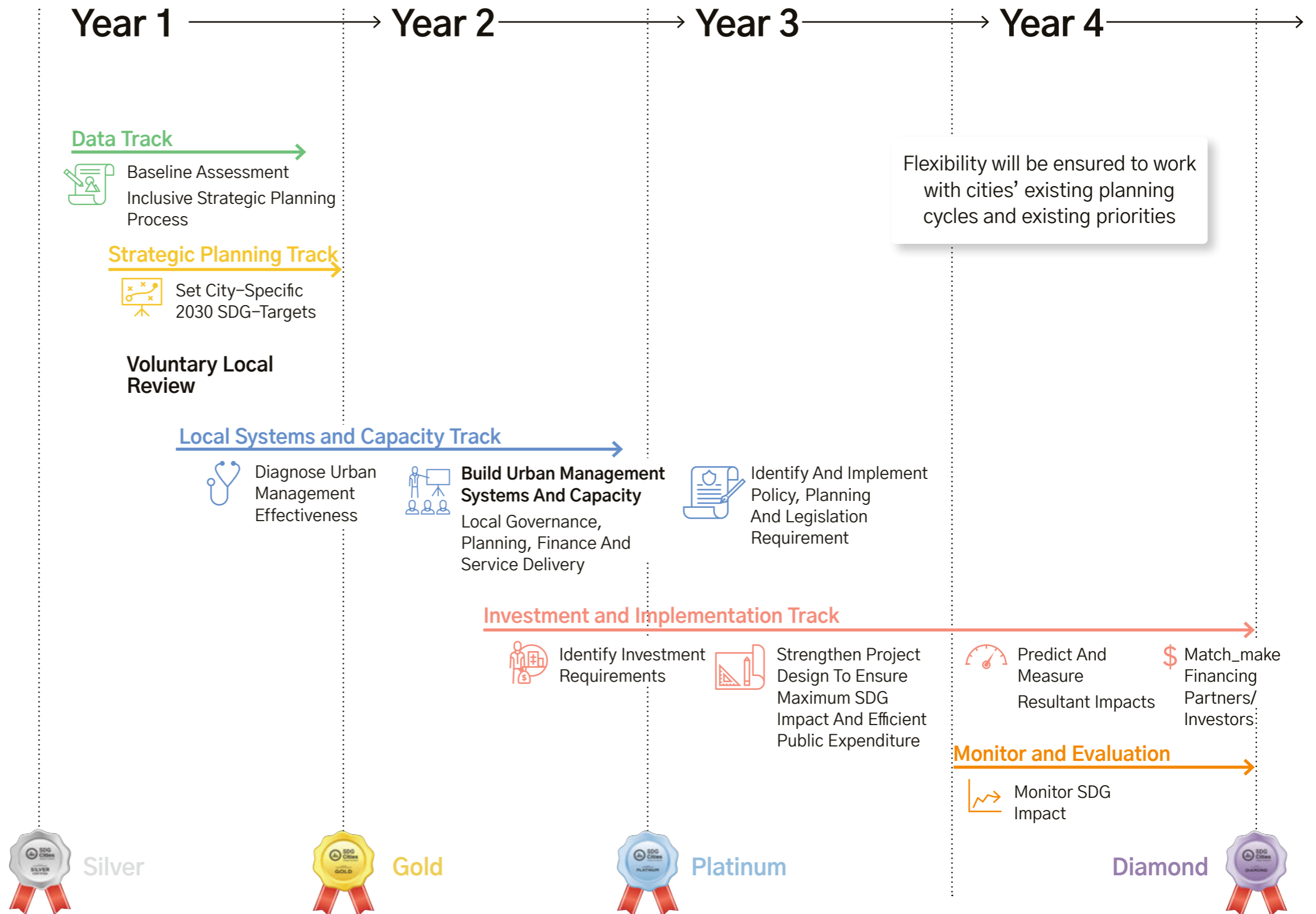
SDG Cities Value Chain

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

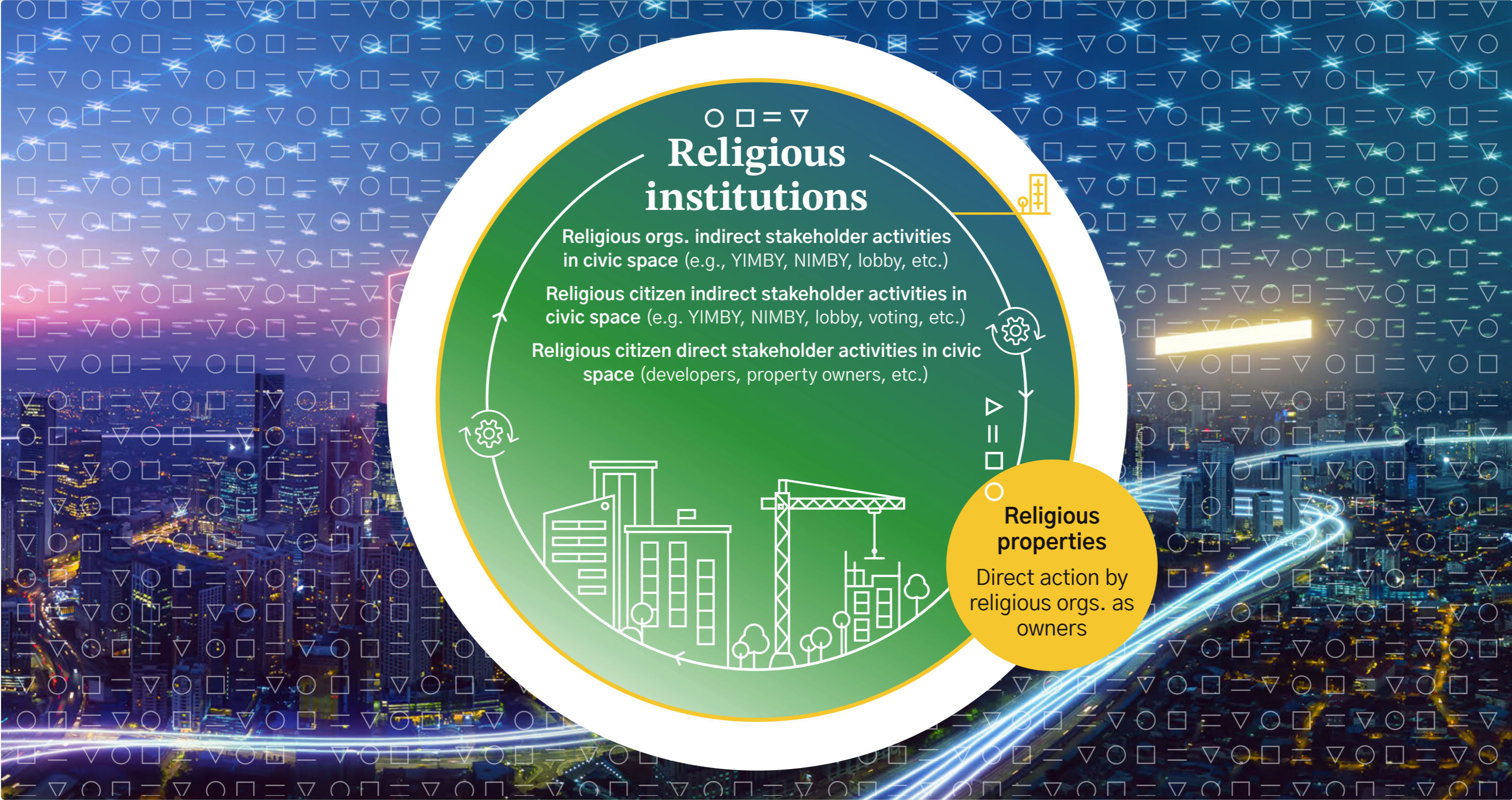
It is implemented in four tracks:

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

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

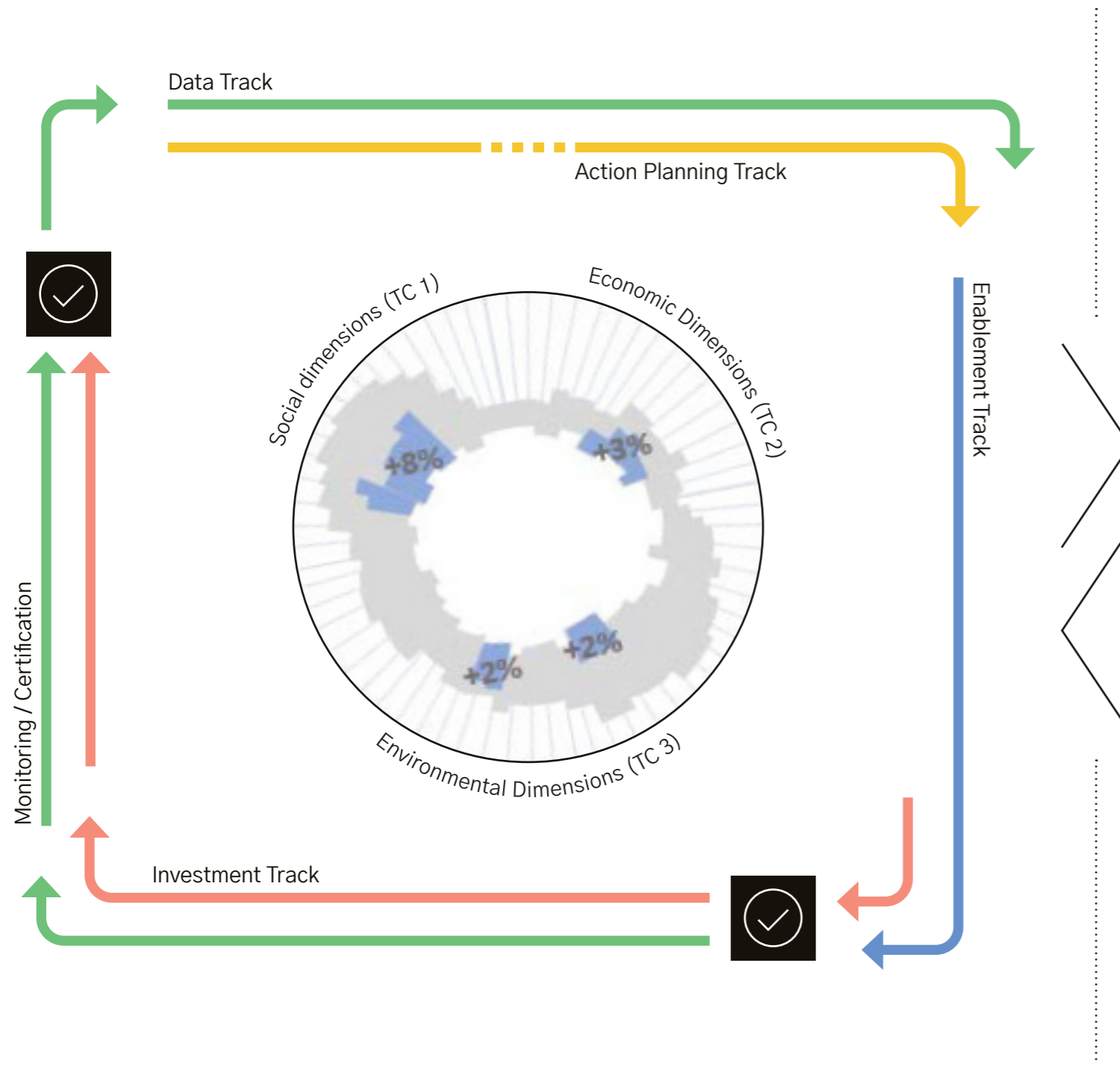


Draft Model of Religious Agency in Cities



Faith for Cities: Mirroring the SDG Cities Process

SDG Cities Framework



How do SDG Cities and FfC work together?

- 1 City A decides it wants to join the SDG Cities initiative.
- 2 City A's first step is to host a SDG cities conference that brings all the stakeholders together to learn about SDG cities and be invited to participate in the process going forward. The SDG Cities Charter requires the city to include the religious community in this process.
- 3 The city calls on FfC as SDG Cities faith-expert organization to work with the city's religious communities and equip them to fully participate in the SDG Cities process.
- 4 FfC contributes its data set/data diagnostic and it's own data driven perspective and priorities, into the city's overall data diagnostic of the city.
 - a. There will be a lot over overlap in data.
 - b. There will be some unique data focused on religion.
 - c. There is a fuller understanding of the city through this data sharing and ensuing analysis and discussion.
- 5 The city plan will be built on all the data, community engagement inputs and dialogue-including engagement with religious communities, and urban design and planning expertise. FfC may help religious communities to:
 - a. Develop their own specialty plans focused on their own properties and surrounding "districts."
 - b. Help religious communities understand the planning process, engage in the process, and identify areas of strong alignment for implementation.
- 6 Faith organizations and individuals then contribute to developing projects, financing projects, participate in public engagement, etc. that fit their priorities from the city plan.

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

The Purpose of the Urban Design and Planning Convening

Like SDG Cities, data contributes to the next step in the overall Faith for Cities process, which is urban design and planning. Thus, we are inviting leaders and organizations working in the overlapping areas of data, cities, religion, and urban design and planning 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, data, urban design and planning, and finance / project development 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 urban design and planning is a vital component of these initiatives.
3. Identify and map existing programs, organizations, toolkits, etc., within the faith and urban design and planning sector.
4. Discuss and map the challenges and gaps in the current ecosystem of faith and urban design and planning.

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 urban design and planning, 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 convening 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.