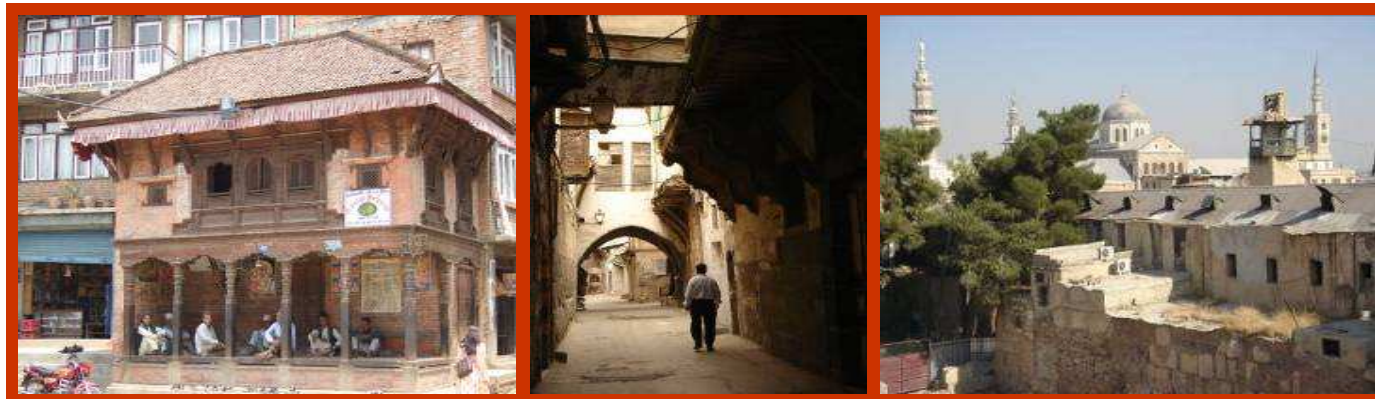


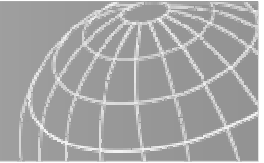
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GTZ's Experience in Urban Development
- Capacity Development for a sustainable urban Future -



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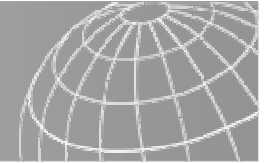
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The GTZ and its approach

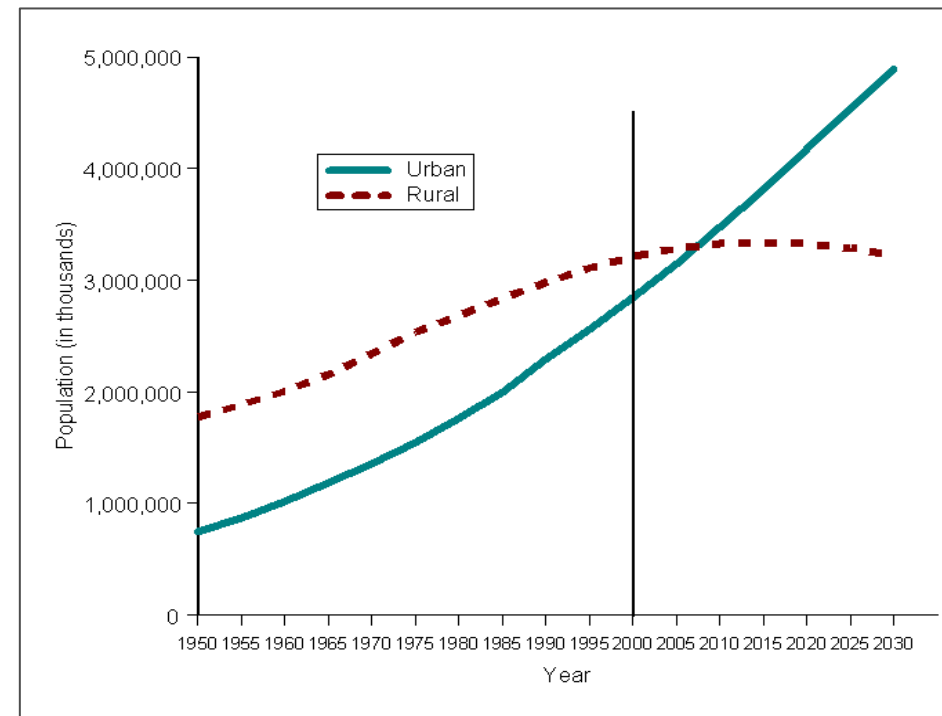
- GTZ is a federal enterprise mandated to implement the German Government's development policy. Its core competence is the delivery of international cooperation **services for sustainable development**.
- GTZ promotes complex **reforms and change processes**. Its corporate objective is to improve people's living conditions on a sustainable basis.
- In the **United Nations' Millennium Declaration**, the international community reached a consensus that good governance is a central feature for sustainable solutions.
- Promoting **good governance** is a core competence of German Development Cooperation, and therewith for the GTZ

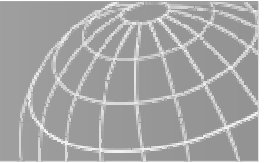




The World is Urbanising

- In 2007, the half of the world's population is urban
- In 2030 nearly 60% will be living in cities
- Under the pressure of urbanisation there is a need for:
 - Adequate living space
 - Infrastructure
 - Services
 - Economic opportunities
- Historical city centres are situated in an ambivalent position
→ they find themselves between cultural identity, the decline of structural fabric and market forces

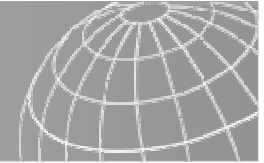




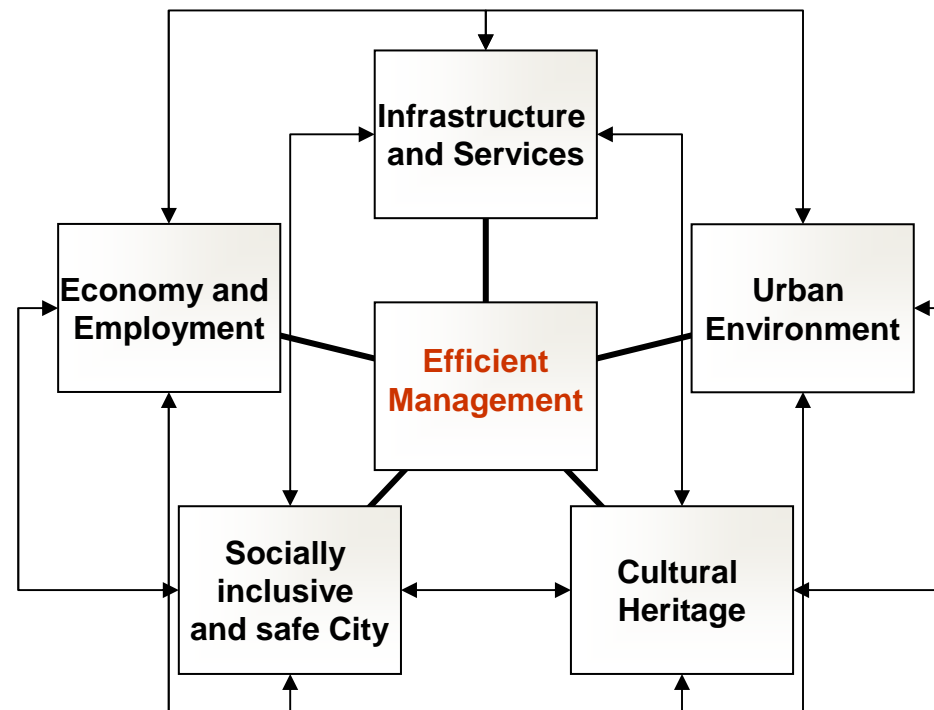
Urban Development: GTZ Experience

- GTZ promotes municipal and city development for more than 30 years
- In 2007, GTZ was realising around 120 projects related to urban management worldwide
 - 57 projects: integrated municipal and urban development
 - 45 projects: infrastructure and environment
 - 20 projects: regional planning
- GTZ has a special expertise on rehabilitation of historic city centres:
→ modern city development with preservation of cultural heritage

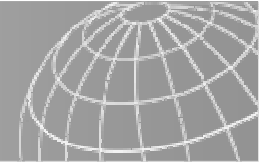




City Development: Components of Urban Management

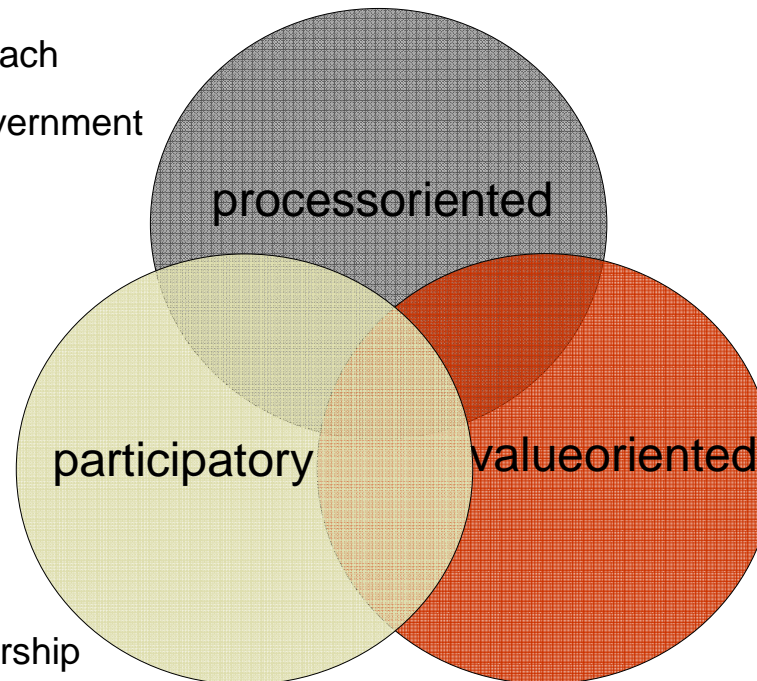


- Identification of complex problems and encompassing sustainable solutions
- Improvement of the framework conditions of urban living
- Involvement of all stakeholder at all levels



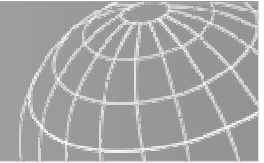
Three Basic Elements for Sustainable Urban Development

- cross sectorial approach
- different levels of government
- allow for sequences
- stay flexible



- positive identification
- ownership and leadership
- comitt actors
- build consensus amongst actors
- consider special groups

- how much state
- how much private sector
- role of civil society
- other actors
- social justice and distribution



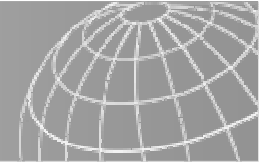
Capacity Development for a sustainable urban Future

GTZ works on different levels, combining direct development with policy advice and empowerment of the poor:

- Multisectoral programmes
- Improved self-organization and participation of the population
- Strengthening institutional capacities
- Advising good governance
- Linkage of regional and national levels

Institution building and Policy advice in order to

- enable urbanisation processes and city development strategies
- ensure environmental management in the context of climate change
- support local government planning
- establish financial management and innovative financial instruments
- support the revitalisation of historic cities and cultural heritage.



Urban Development of Old Cities: GTZ Projects on Rehabilitation



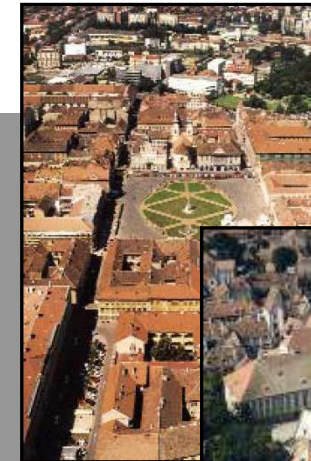
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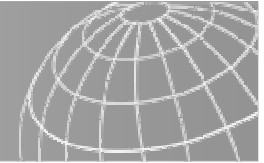
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Example Project Shibam (Yemen): Urban Heritage alive

Situation:

- Historic city centre of Shibam → UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1982
- In 2000, approx. the half of all historic buildings endangered to decline

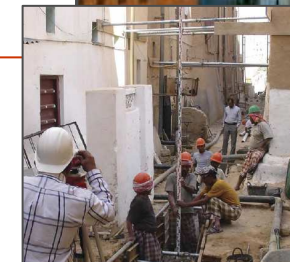
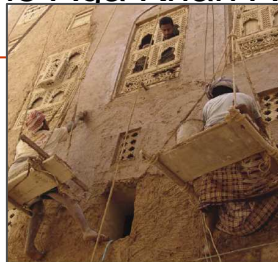
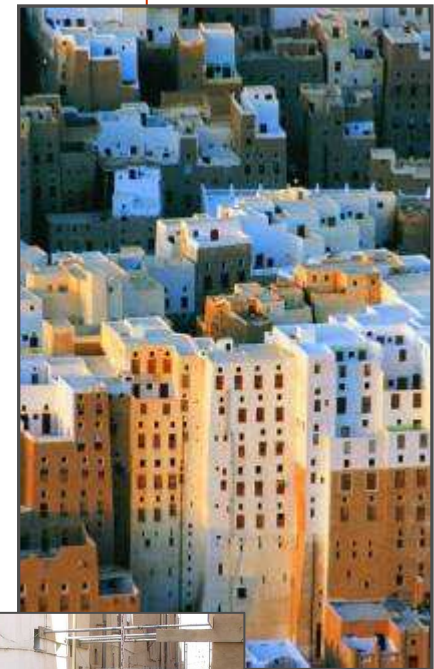
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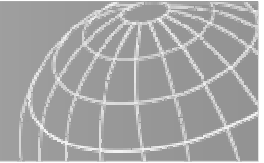
- Development of rehabilitation programme (Historic Housing Program)
- Time frame: 2000 to 2010

Results:

- Preservation and revival of the cultural heritage
- Acceleration of the economic and social development
- Strengthening community roles and initiatives

Awarded in 2007 with the Aga Khan Award for Architecture





Urbanisation and Challenges for Syria

- The **urban population** will increase from 9,6 (2005) to **18,3 million** people (2030)
- More than half of them will live in **Damascus and Aleppo!**

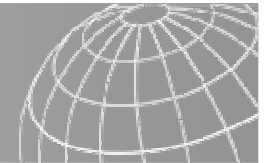


- **Increasing future demand for**
 - urban space and infrastructure
 - business and employment
 - public facilities and services

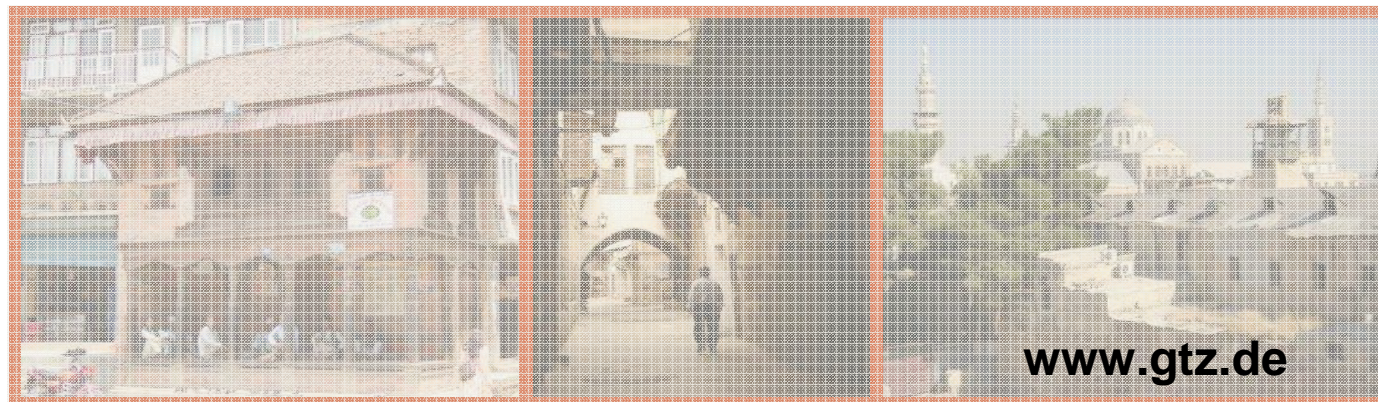


Need for effective tools on urban strategies

- To strenghten operational and management structures
- To reach a sound urban development: balancing social, economical and ecological aspects
- To preserve urban cultural heritage



Thank you for your attention!



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