

What does the PRINAU-SICA aim to achieve?

It aims to promote sustainable urban development and establish socio-spatial conditions that help to build more resilient, equitable and environmentally sustainable societies, fostering a shift towards a new urban paradigm that recognises the city as a public good and inclusive urban and territorial planning as the means to achieve this goal.



It was developed with the explicit intention of promoting well-planned cities and regions that make a decisive contribution, together with social protection mechanisms and job creation and employability schemes for men and women, to building inclusive and resilient communities able to cope with extreme situations, such as those recently experienced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and Hurricanes Eta and Iota.

Areas of action



Area 1:
National urban
policies



Area 2:
Urban legal
frameworks



Area 3:
Urban and territorial
planning and integra-
ted urban design



Area 4:
Urban economy and
municipal finances



Area 5:
Local
implementation



Area 6:
Monitoring,
reporting and review
mechanisms



As an instrument that contributes to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Plan is based on the guiding principles set out in the New Urban Agenda and is adapted to reflect the specific circumstances of the Central American region to which it applies. It can be viewed as a support tool for achieving the goals set out in the Comprehensive Regional Social Policy of the Central American Integration System (PSIR-SICA). As such, it operates in coordination and alignment with the objectives and implementation of the Recovery, Social Reconstruction and Resilience Plan for Central America and the Dominican Republic.

Through the PRINAU-SICA, the Central American Council for Housing and Human Settlements (CCVAH) recognises the scope of its mandate for action on housing and human settlements. On this basis, it provides a regionally contextualised guiding framework instrument that supports national urban agendas and strategies, putting housing at the centre of the approach, as the linchpin in the **design and construction of inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities**. It invites other actors to become involved and contribute to implementing the plan in a coordinated manner, recognising that the goal being pursued will require the cooperation of numerous actors from different levels of government and sectors of society, each with their own powers, responsibilities and perspectives.

Principles



1. Inclusive, safe and resilient cities



2. Prosperous, sustainable and inclusive urban economies



3. Urban environmental sustainability and climate action



4. Effective and democratic governance



The Plan is a ground-breaking instrument that establishes a regional strategy for advancing a range of differentiated government measures and charts a path towards reducing inequality and increasing social and territorial cohesion in cities.

It incorporates a risk management and resilience-building approach and develops and promotes capacities for mainstreaming gender equality and equity principles into adaptation measures, with a view to ensuring that the specific and differentiated needs of women and groups in particularly vulnerable situations, associated with factors such as age, socio-economic status or ethnic identity, are addressed.

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