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*Bringing together the best ideas and practices to promote liveable cities
that are dynamic, vibrant & sustainable*

World's Urbanization Explosion

90 % of the most rapid urbanization will take place in emerging cities in **Asia**, Africa, Latin America



Source: UN Population Division/DESA, *World Urbanization Prospects: The 2007 Revision*, CD-Rom, 2008.

Population Estimate

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Urbanization: Complex Challenges

If developing countries urbanize as developed countries, it will require **4 Earths** to sustain this growth...



Climate Change



Resource Scarcity



Environmental Pollution

India and China: Unprecedented Urbanization



India

30% live in cities now
By 2050, this will be
55%, a two-fold
increase to 900 million



China

40% live in cities now
By 2050, this will be
70%, slightly over a
billion

Urbanization Strategies

- China
 - Started with coastal SEZs e.g. Shenzhen, Shanghai; now focusing on Western provinces
 - Integrating within and across regions, massive investments in roads, highways, railways
 - US\$54 billion stimulus for rural infrastructure
- India
 - JNNURM initiative, focus on 63 mission cities
 - Focus on improving infrastructure & provision of basic essential services e.g. water, solid waste management
 - However, comprehensive planning of city regions not included

Infrastructure Alone Insufficient



Rural-Urban Migration



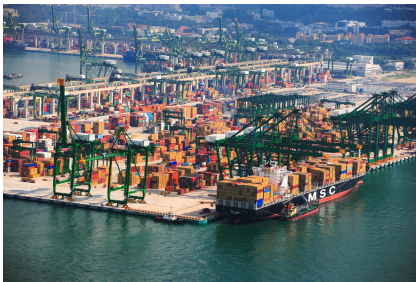
Poverty vs Wealth

It requires a holistic approach,
marrying **political vision**
+ **social policies** +
infrastructure

Singapore's Experience



Public Housing



Port of Singapore
Authority



Public Service



Changi Airport - SIA

1965

Population: 1.89 million
Per capita GDP: US\$512

2009

Population: 4.84 million
Per capita GDP: > US\$32, 500

Singapore – The Three Ingredients

Vision



Example: long term
land use planning

Social Policies



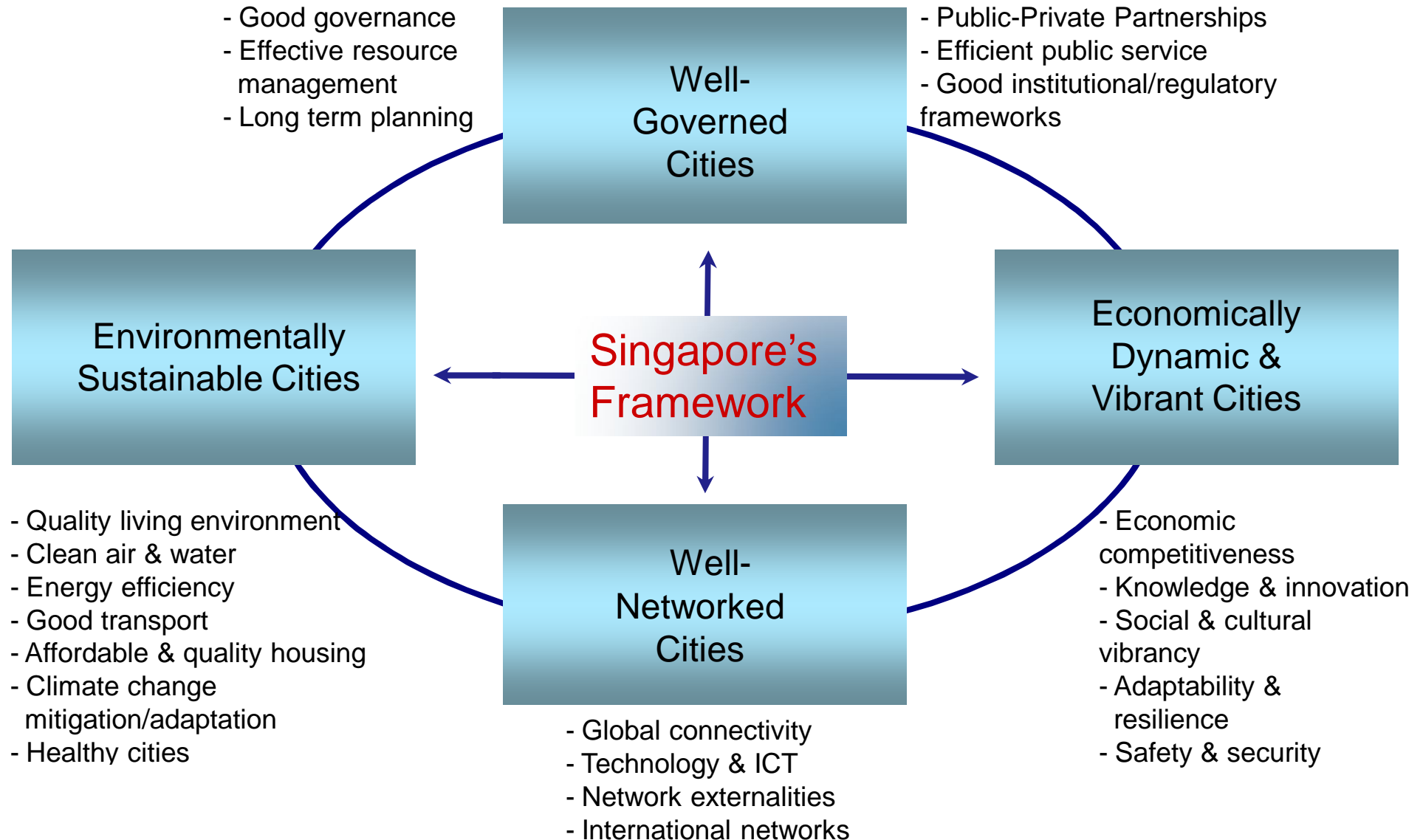
Example: public
housing

Infrastructure



Example: Changi
Airport

Understanding Singapore's Framework



International Tech Park Bangalore (ITPB)



- Opened in 1998
- A self-contained city spread over **28 hectares**, offering office, retail, residential and recreational facilities
- Employs over **20,000** tech professionals in over **130 companies**

Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP)



- First and largest joint project, started in 1994
- Maintained an average economic growth of **30%** for the last 15 years, drawing investments of nearly **US\$16 billion**
- Covers **288 km²** with a planned population of **1.2 million**

Tianjin Eco-City



Designed around **three** aspects:

- a balance between nature and man-made environments
- healthy lifestyles
- economic prosperity

It is also designed to be **practical**, **replicable** and **scalable**.

- **Location**: 40km from downtown Tianjin, 150km from Beijing
- Projected **area** (in 2020): 30km²
- Projected **population** size (in 2020): 350,000
- Estimated cost of **initial investment**: US\$5 billion

Conclusion

Urbanization is a critical issue for developing countries like **India** and **China**



Yet on a smaller ecological footprint



Equitable distribution of wealth



Integration of millions of rural migrants

Navigating these challenges well will be necessary for success

Future Developments in Singapore

Sentosa Resorts World



Future Developments in Singapore

Marina Bay Sands Integrated Resort



Future Developments in Singapore

Gardens by the Bay

