

Glossary

Fragmentation

The disintegration, collapse, or breakdown of norms of thought, behaviour, or social relationship.

Decentralization

Decentralization or **decentralization** is the process of redistributing or dispersing functions, powers, people or things away from a central location or authority.

Transfer of decision making power and assignment of accountability and responsibility for results. It is accompanied by delegation of commensurate authority to individuals or units at all levels of an organization even those far removed from headquarters or other centers of power.

Polarization

Polarization usually refers to how people think, especially when two views emerge that drive people apart, kind of like two opposing magnets.

Urban Management

Urban management means that city governments together with other urban stakeholders - civil society, private sector, and local communities - assume an active role in mobilization, management and coordination of resources to support the objectives of urban development and ensure the vitality of cities. A city, hence, is sustainable if it can provide all its inhabitants the environmental, social, cultural and economic needs without threatening natural, built or societal systems on which the safeguarding of these needs is based.