



Mainstreaming Recommendations to Future Sustainable Urban Planning in Developing and Emerging Economies

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- Accessibility: access for all to adequate, safe, and affordable basic services and transport systems.
- Energy transition: integrated energy system analyses; innovations to improve air quality; circular economy.
- Data management and smart cities: smart cities and digitalization challenges; big data; machine learning and AI applications; case studies.
- Assessment and evaluation techniques: financial analysis, costs–benefits analysis; multi-criteria analysis (MCA); spatial decision support systems (MC-SDSS); operations research; decision processes.
- Policy framework: adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards resource efficiency; environmental regulatory support.



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