

# URBAN AGE MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 2006

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# MEXICO CITY REGION

## A New Vision

## What Have I learnt?



### **Abundant Environmental Wealth**

**More rainwater than needed**

**Mountains, Wetlands and Ecology**

### **Slow Governance**

**Means well, but it takes too long**

### **Strength and Passion of the Informal City**

**Get things done, FARO**

**Lack of necessary infrastructure and growing environmental problems**

**1 million trees = 6 trees/hectare**

**No Water- a sinking city- a polluted aquifer**

### **Whose City Is it**

**Conflict between the formal and informal city**



# 'Creativeness of Poverty'

**This Implies.....**

- **Lack of money is no excuse**
- **Lack of government is no excuse**
- **Poverty and informality are the City's greatest assets**

## What Is Needed?



- **Strategies to Clean the City**

- **Strategies to provide low cost, effective infrastructure that allows adaptable growth at the periphery**

- **Strategies of Delivery**



### **Redefinition of a Road**

**NOT** to reduce congestion

Facilitate public transport

Encourage air movement and dilution

Create green ecological corridors

Absorb carbon clean the air

### **Redefinition of the Park**

**NOT** to just public realm

Water collection and storage

Aquifer recharging

Ecology reserves

Green lungs, health

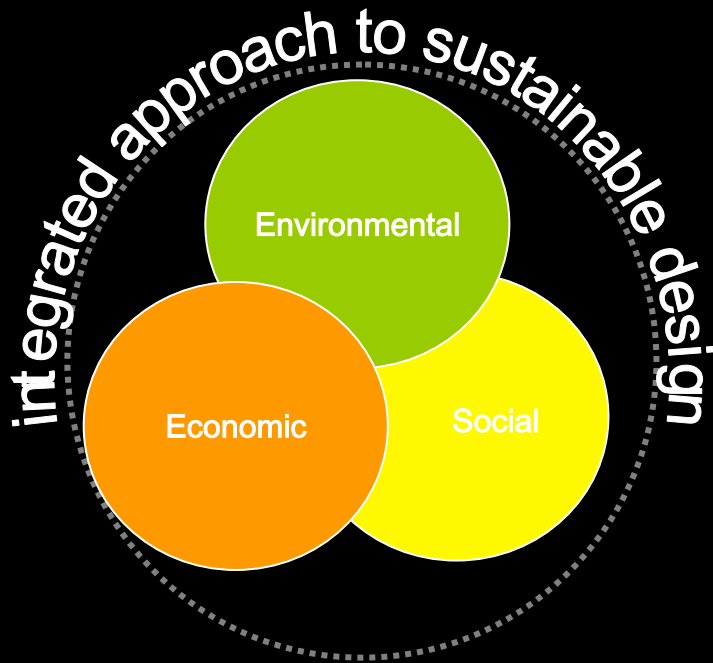
### **New Economic (Delivery ) Mechanisms**

#### **A New Kyoto**

Pay the informal city to harvest carbon

Incentivise low carbon development

# An Integrated Sustainable Development Framework



Intergrate and protect our vast natural heritage

-This is one of our best assets

Develop New and Creative Infrastructure solutions. Infrastructure that Works.

-'Protect our Aquifer'

Promotion of a Healthy, Clean, Carbon Free city.

-REAL and CONSIDERED targets that the city will be MEASURED against

Recognition and Empowerment of the Informal City