

# Challenges of Plan Preparation and Implementation – Identifying the Gaps to be filled by the UGS NAP

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# Understanding the Action Planning Process



Understand the  
action planning  
process



Gain confidence  
for leading or  
assisting with  
this process



Identify  
challenges and  
obstacles for  
making progress



Prepare  
strategies for  
addressing  
challenges

# Perceived Underlying Structural and Organizational Issues



Decentralized program planning



Donors/Funding Sources differ for various UGS related programs and projects



Different focus leading to different pilot areas



Uncoordinated time lines



# Challenges and obstacles for making progress

Limited resources


Attitudes, beliefs

Old perspectives

Lack of knowledge and understanding

Too many plans to be mainstreamed

Other issues:

- higher priority
  - no sense of urgency
  - political interference
  - lack of desire to invest time for planning
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# Other Challenges of UGS

## POTENTIAL CHALLENGES

Conflict between users and competition for space

Degradation of urban green spaces due to overuse

Community dissatisfaction with urban green space features/ services

Gentrification and replacement of residents with low socioeconomic status

Increase of health risks related to urban green spaces

Uncertain or reduced budgets for maintenance of urban green spaces

Safety issues, antisocial behaviour, vandalism and fear of crime

## POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

Early community engagement. Providing adequate urban green space to allow for parallel functions catering to different groups

Providing local urban green space close to people's homes to distribute the demand pressure – carrying capacity

Early community engagement regarding design features and amenities

Cooperating with urban and property developers and housing agencies to avoid significant rent increases caused by public green space investment


Inspecting and maintaining urban green spaces and associated equipment regularly , providing walkable paths for PLM/PWD/Seniors and others with special needs

Ensuring a low-maintenance design

Ensuring frequent maintenance to ensure safety and cleanliness



## **Common Barriers to Planning**

- Inability to plan or inadequate planning
  - Lack of commitment to the planning process.
  - Inferior information/lack of data
  - 3 Cs – competence, complexity and complacency
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# Barriers to Effective UGS Action Planning



Lack of  
Leadership




Lack of  
Systems



Limited  
Manpower  
to Complete  
Tasks



Inadequate  
Resources  
and Funding



**Action without vision is only  
passing time, vision without  
action is merely day dreaming,  
but vision with action can  
change the world.**

**Nelson Mandela (1918-2013)**

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