

## **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

## Other Challenges of UGS

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES	POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS
Conflict between users and competition for space	Early community engagement. Providing adequate urban green space to allow for parallel functions catering to different groups
Degradation of urban green spaces due to overuse	Providing local urban green space close to people's homes to distribute the demand pressure – carrying capacity
Community dissatisfaction with urban green space features/ services	Early community engagement regarding design features and amenities
Gentrification and replacement of residents with low socioeconomic status	Cooperating with urban and property developers and housing agencies to avoid significant rent increases caused by public green space investment
Increase of health risks related to urban green spaces	Inspecting and maintaining urban green spaces and associated equipment regularly, providing walkable paths for PLM/PWD/Seniors and others with special needs
Uncertain or reduced budgets for maintenance of urban green spaces	Ensuring a low-maintenance design
Safety issues, antisocial behaviour, vandalism and fear of crime	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

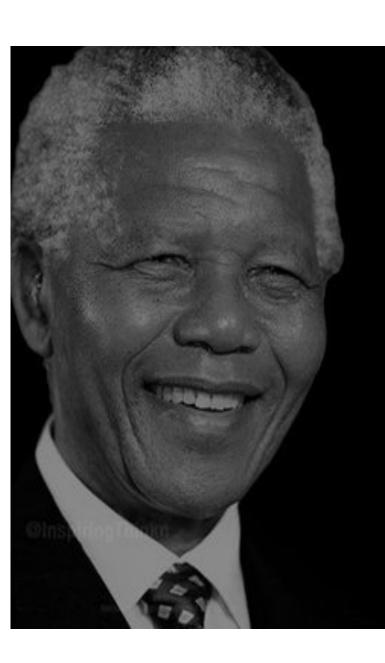
## **Barriers to Effective UGS Action Planning**

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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