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A Vision for Mexico City

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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

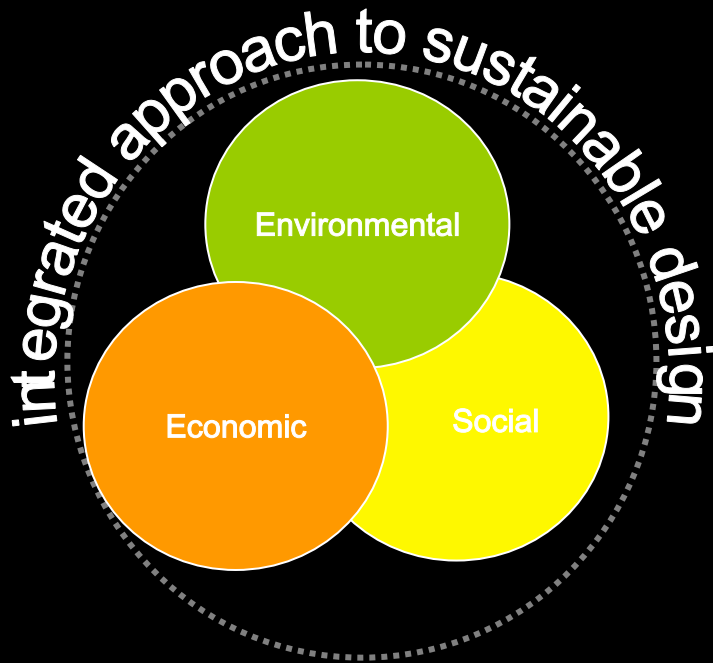
New Economic (Delivery) Mechanisms

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