

## ***Abstract***

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### ***The processes and procedures in unlocking the challenges of planning and development of cities for positive urbanism. The case of the newly created regions and districts in Ghana.***

Urbanization is not a problem to be solved. It is a human reality that must be contained and maintained. Urbanization is not a new phenomenon to human settlements the world over, including Ghana but its management has differentiated one continent for the other and one country from the other. While developed nations are benefitting from urbanization, developing countries are scorching under its heat.

There are certain factors that permit the developed nations to plan towards urbanization and are therefore precise in terms of land use planning which facilitates the provisions of infrastructural services. The economic geography of urban centers are assured leading to a well arranged settlement patterns promoting easy mobility and good turn-around time in doing business in town. A well planned urban environment contributes to the health and longevity of its citizens, creating wealth and prosperity that trickles down to the towns and lower level communities.

On the other hand there are inhibiting factors that do not support urbanization and urban growth in the developing world including Ghana. The duty bearers may not get the support of the citizenry in their quest to promote positive and inclusive urbanism. The customs and traditions of land tenure systems, the history of settlement patterns, the over centralization of services, the bureaucracies involved in obtaining permits by applicants combine to lock up systems of planning that do not support the realization of positive urbanism.

This paper will submit how Ghana can unlock and popularize urban planning with all the goal post of urban development clearly identified and taken care of, creating new, integrated and inclusive urban settlements that are climate change resistant and environmentally friendly taking advantage of the newly created regions and districts in Ghana.