

Water Wise Cities Principles 2.0: How to best include sanitation?

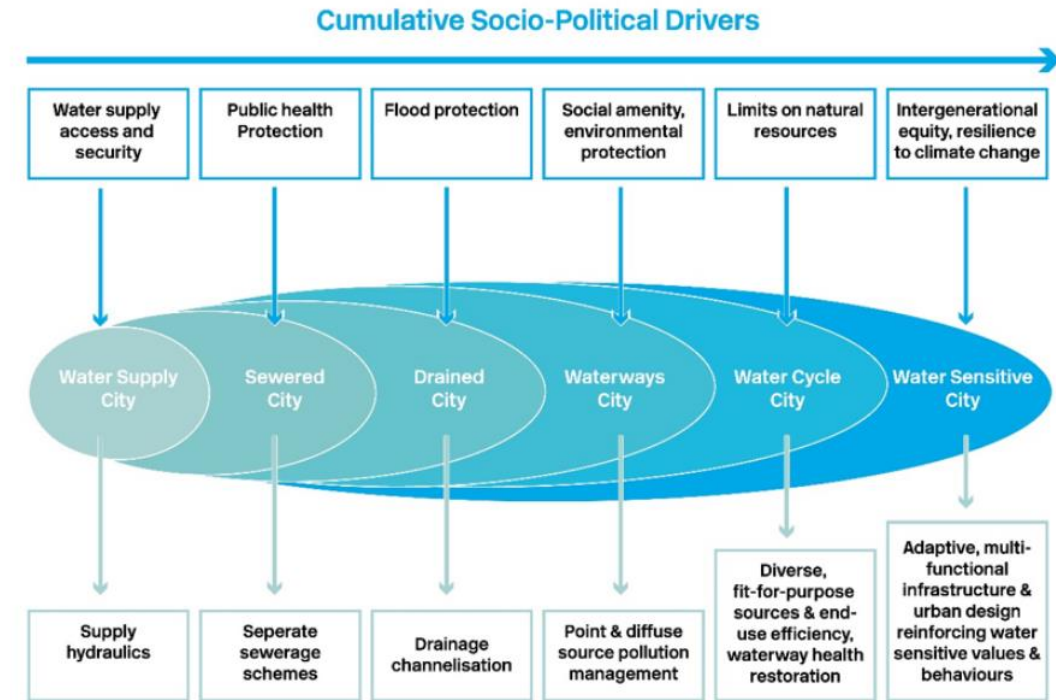
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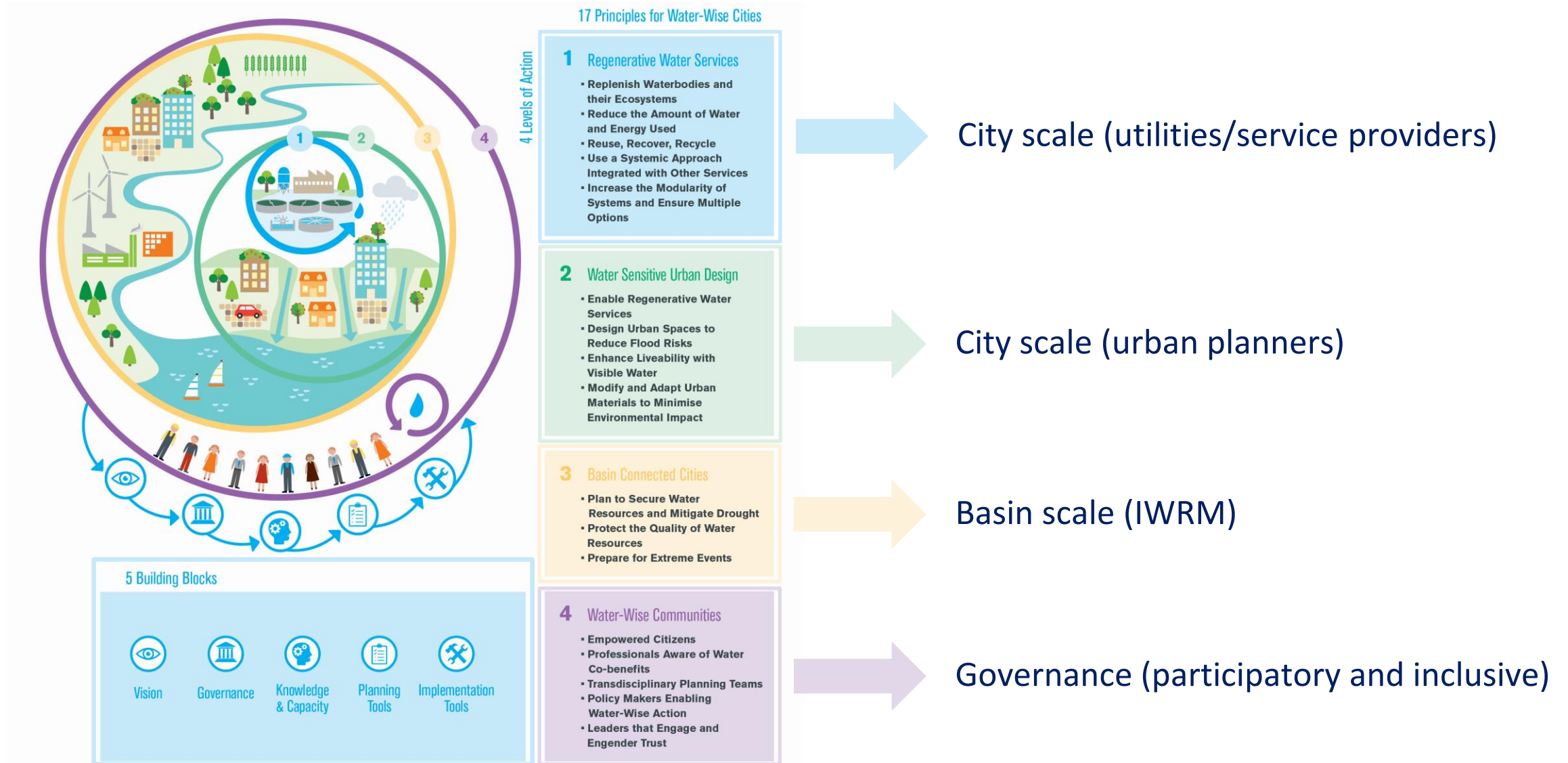
THE IWA WATER WISE CITIES PRINCIPLES

- Launched in 2016, the IWA Water Wise Cities Principles support city leaders *ensure that everyone in their cities has access to safe water and sanitation*.
- The Principles aim to mainstream a **“City Water Language”**, bringing people together for resilient city planning and guiding the urban water revolution needed to build the cities of the future.
- By *endorsing the Principles* (on behalf of a city, an organisation or as a water professional), one can become an **“Actor of Change”**, to accelerate the transition to water-wise cities through their work and influence.



Source: CRC for Water Sensitive Cities (adapted from Wong and Brown, 2009)

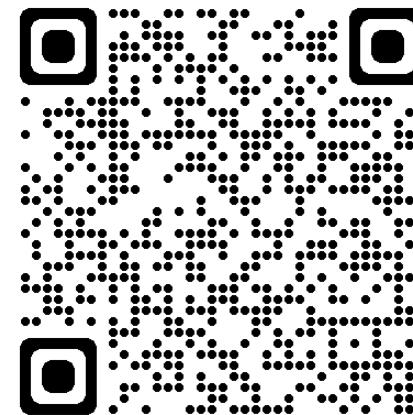
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IWA INCLUSIVE URBAN SANITATION INITIATIVE

- Launch in 2022, this initiative forms part of IWA's work to promote ***inclusive, resilient, water-wise and sanitation-secure cities***.
- IWA's Inclusive Urban Sanitation initiative aims to ***reshape the global agenda on urban sanitation*** over the coming years, looking beyond technology and the usual focus on building infrastructure.
- Inclusivity requires a ***wider approach***, including governance mechanisms, laws and regulations that clarify the mandate for safe and inclusive services, understanding how operators can be organized and incentivized, and how individual contributions and needs must be aligned and supported.

<https://iwa-network.org/projects/inclusive-sanitation/>



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The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2020

BEFORE COVID-19

DESPITE PROGRESS,
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WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES



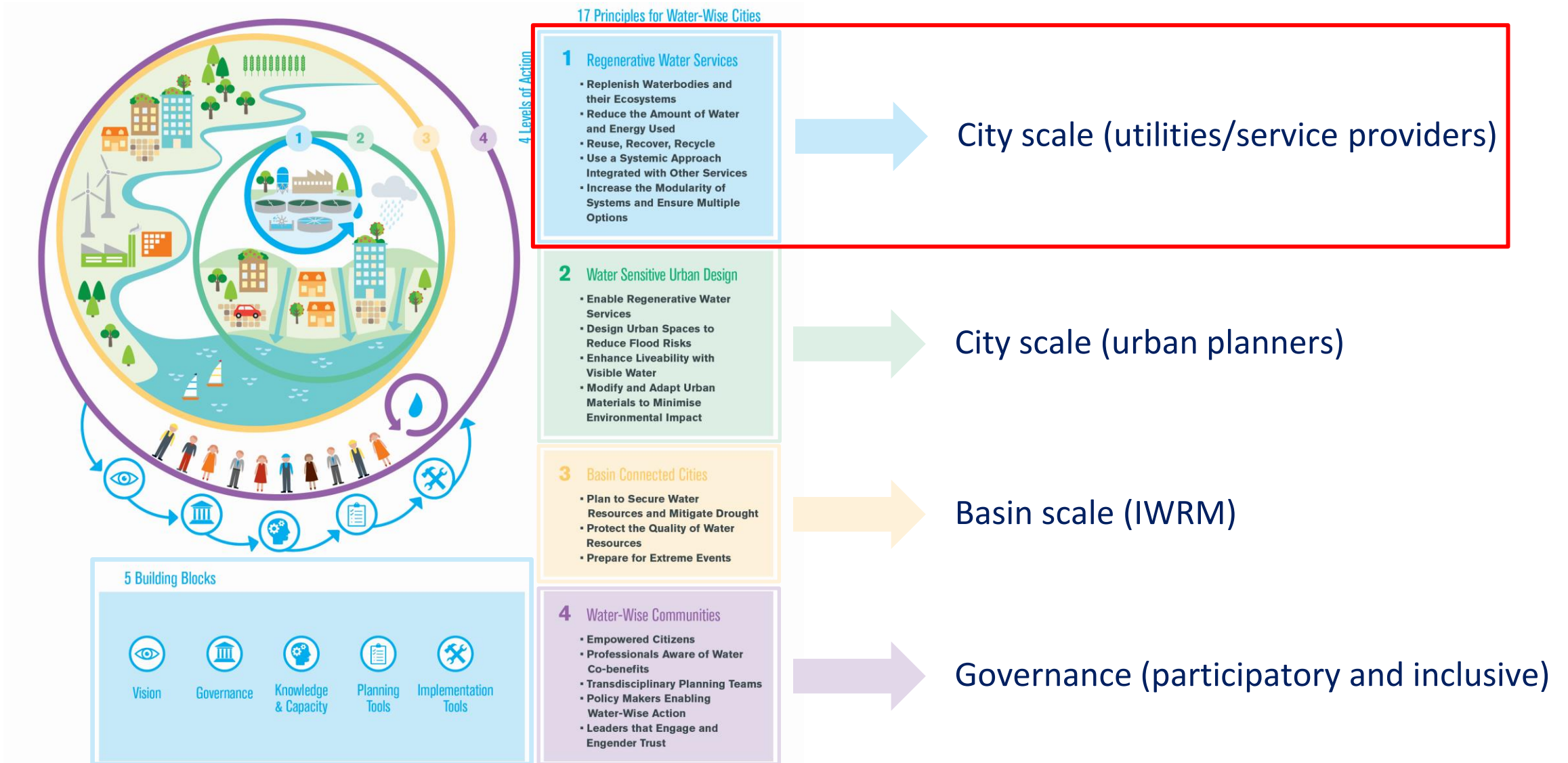
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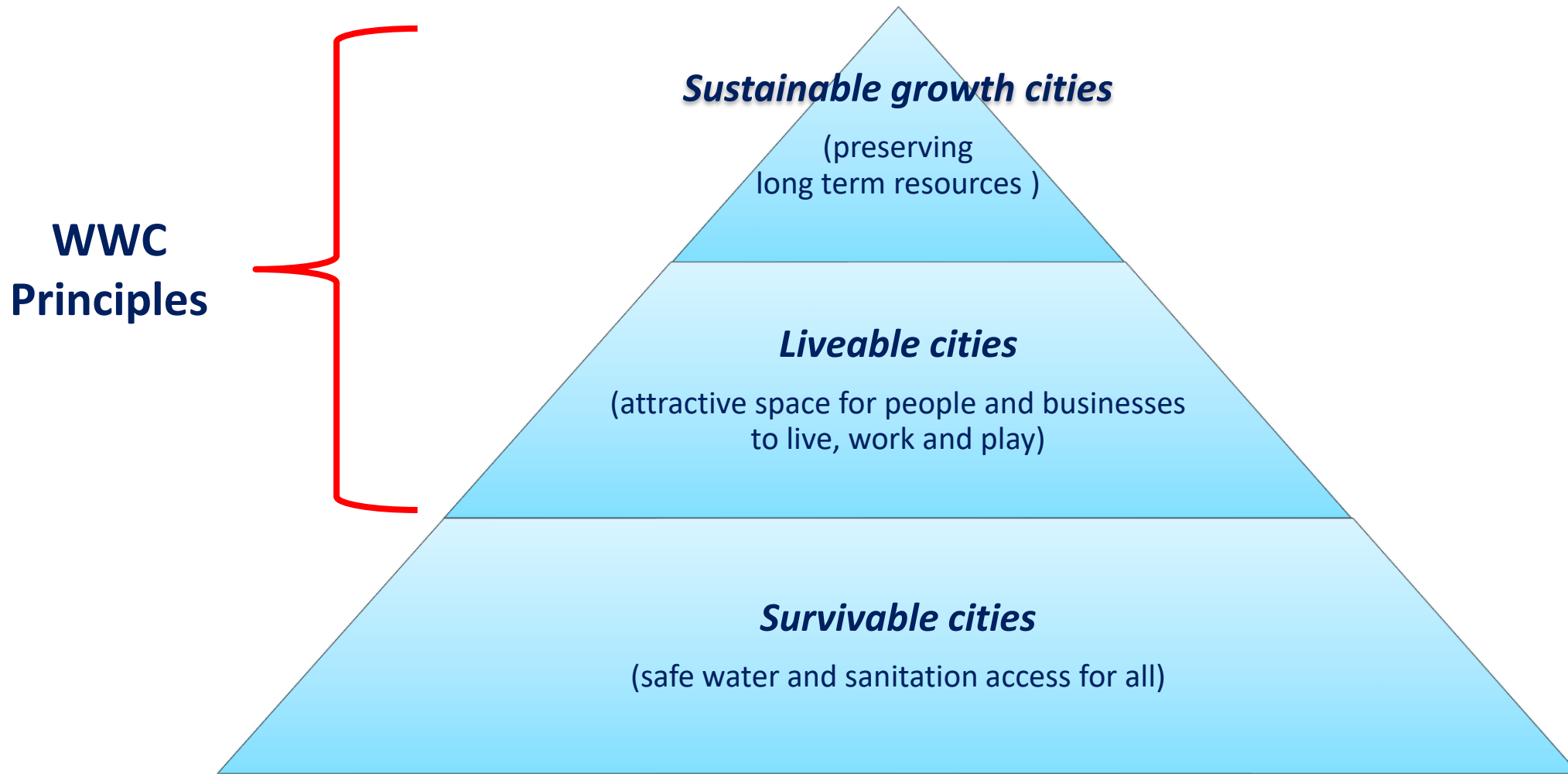
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***Can the Principles really contribute
to ensure universal access to
safe water & sanitation services?***

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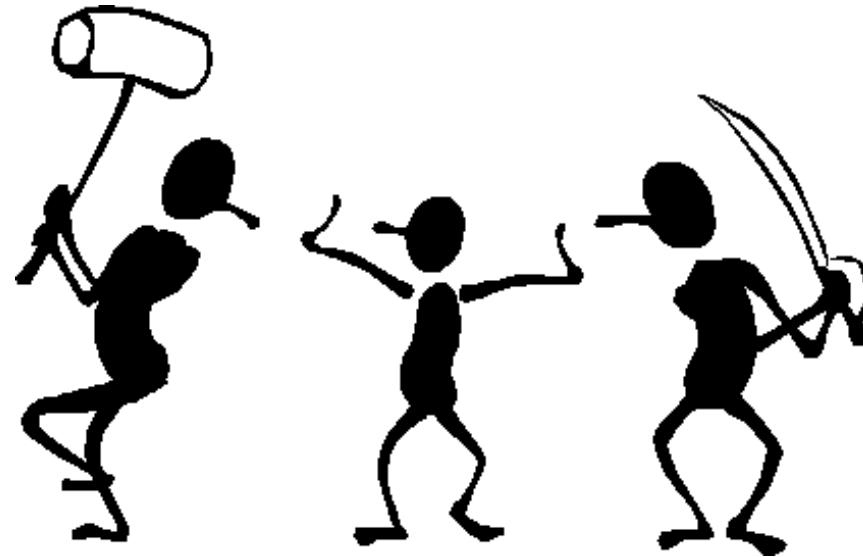


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How could the Principles address sanitation?

*“We need to
decolonize the Water
Wise Cities Principles!”*



*“The Principles don’t
needed to be reviewed.
It’s just a matter of
stating that they were
built on the assumption
that SDG 6.1 and 6.2 were
achieved.”*

THE IWA WATER WISE CITIES PRINCIPLES 2.0

Key outputs from the Copenhagen dialogue:

- **Definitions** of water & sanitation vary across different contexts.
- Need to consider clear/inclusive messaging/terminologies for drinking water, sanitation, wastewater, and drainage, as they are **highly interconnected**.
- Communication should holistically focus on water and sanitation **service delivery** within the context of sustainable development goals.
- Need to consider all contexts: **HIC and LMIC**.
- What **needs to be done**: open discussion, to be continued ...

