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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 37106:2018), which has been technically revised.

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Introduction

This document helps cities deliver their vision for a sustainable future, by providing a toolkit of "smart practices" for managing governance, services, data and systems across the city in an open, collaborative, citizen-centric and digitally-enabled way. It defines a "smart operating model" for cities, which enables them to operationalize their vision, strategy and policies at a faster pace, with greater agility and with lower delivery risk.

This means, in particular, a focus on enabling cities to:

a) make current and future citizen needs the driving force behind investment decision-making, planning and delivery of all city spaces and systems;

b) integrate physical and digital planning;

c) identify, anticipate and respond to emerging challenges in a systematic, agile and sustainable way;

d) create a step-change in the capacity for joined-up delivery and innovation across organizational boundaries within the city.

Although many of the principles and methodologies established by this document are relevant within specific vertical sectors of cities (e.g. water, waste, energy, urban agriculture, transport, IT), the focus is very much on the issues and challenges involved in joining all of these up into a whole-city strategic approach to the use of smart data, smart ways of working and smart technologies. Central to this document is therefore a strong emphasis on leadership and governance, culture, business model innovation, and the active role played by citizens, businesses and civil society in the creation, delivery and use of city spaces and services.

This document is aimed at city leaders. Much of the guidance can also be helpful to leaders of communities other than at city-scale, including both smaller urban areas and larger, regional-scale initiatives. But the prime intended audience, with whom the guidance has been developed and validated, is city leaders, including:

— policy developers in city authorities – both those responsible for the authority's service design, commissioning and delivery role, and also those responsible for its community leadership role, in particular:
  — elected leaders;
  — senior executives of local authorities (including chief executives, chief information officers and directors of key departments);
  — senior executives of other public bodies with a city-wide remit;
— other interested parties interested in leading and shaping the city environment, including:
  — senior executives in the private sector who wish to partner with and assist cities in the transformation of city systems to create shared value;
  — leaders from voluntary sector organizations active within the city;
  — leaders in the higher and further educations sectors;
  — community innovators and representatives.

In addition to this leadership audience, the document will be of interest to all parties engaged in smart cities, including individual citizens.

The working definition of a smart city used for the purposes of this document is the following:

A smart city should be described as one that 'dramatically increases the pace at which it improves its sustainability and resilience… by fundamentally improving how it engages society, how it applies

collaborative leadership methods, how it works across disciplines and city systems, and how it uses data and integrated technologies… in order to transform services and quality of life to those in and involved with the city (residents, businesses, visitors).'

NOTE This is deliberately presented as a working definition rather than intended as a definitive definition which all cities are to follow. While there is a strong degree of commonality among the smart city strategies that are being developed around the world, there is also significant diversity. All cities embarking on the development of a smart city strategy can define their own reasons for doing so, in their own language; the process of discussion and debate between interested parties to define what, for them, is meant by "Smart Paris", "Smart Tokyo" or "Smart Toronto" is an important one. Sustainable cities and communities — Guidance on establishing smart city operating models for sustainable communities.

In the development of this document, ISO Guide 82 has been taken into account in addressing sustainability issues.

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1 Scope

This document gives guidance for leaders in smart cities and communities (from the public, private and voluntary sectors) on how to develop an open, collaborative, citizen-centric and digitally-enabled operating model for their city that puts its vision for a sustainable future into operation.

This document does not describe a one-size-fits-all model for the future of cities. Rather, the focus is on the enabling processes by which innovative use of technology and data, coupled with organizational change, can help each city deliver its own specific vision for a sustainable future in more efficient, effective and agile ways.

This document provides proven tools that cities can deploy when operationalizing the vision, strategy and policy agenda they have developed following the adoption of ISO 37101, the management system for sustainable development of communities. It can also be used, either in whole or in part, by cities that have not committed to deployment of the ISO 37101 management system.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 37100, *Sustainable cities and communities — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 37100 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
innovation ecosystem
complex system of interdependent components from the public and private sectors that work together to enable innovation within a city or community

3.2
silo
group of individuals/teams/organizations that collaborate to deliver a specific function within a city

EXAMPLE Education, energy, transport.