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The legal assessment framework  
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# Legal Assessment Framework

- Quick self-assessment tool
- To identify strengths and weakness of an urban planning system
- To be used during focus groups
- Looks at all the laws, regulations, decrees applicable in a city, enacted at different levels
- Only black letter law, but will stimulate the discussion on the eventual discrepancies



## Legal Assessment Framework

- A tool to assess five elements of urban law: **land management, public space, building codes, buildability rights, plots and blocks**
- Two major indicators against which the thematic law is assessed:
  1. functional effectiveness of law
  2. technical aspects



- **Functional effectiveness** includes: clarity of the objectives of the regulation ; how clearly defined the processes are and if they impose a burden (time and money) on the public administration/citizens ; clarity of institutional roles and responsibilities ; ambiguity and standard of drafting ; capacity to implement.
- **Technical aspects** vary depending on the thematic area but have been spelled out for each.



**It is a useful for**

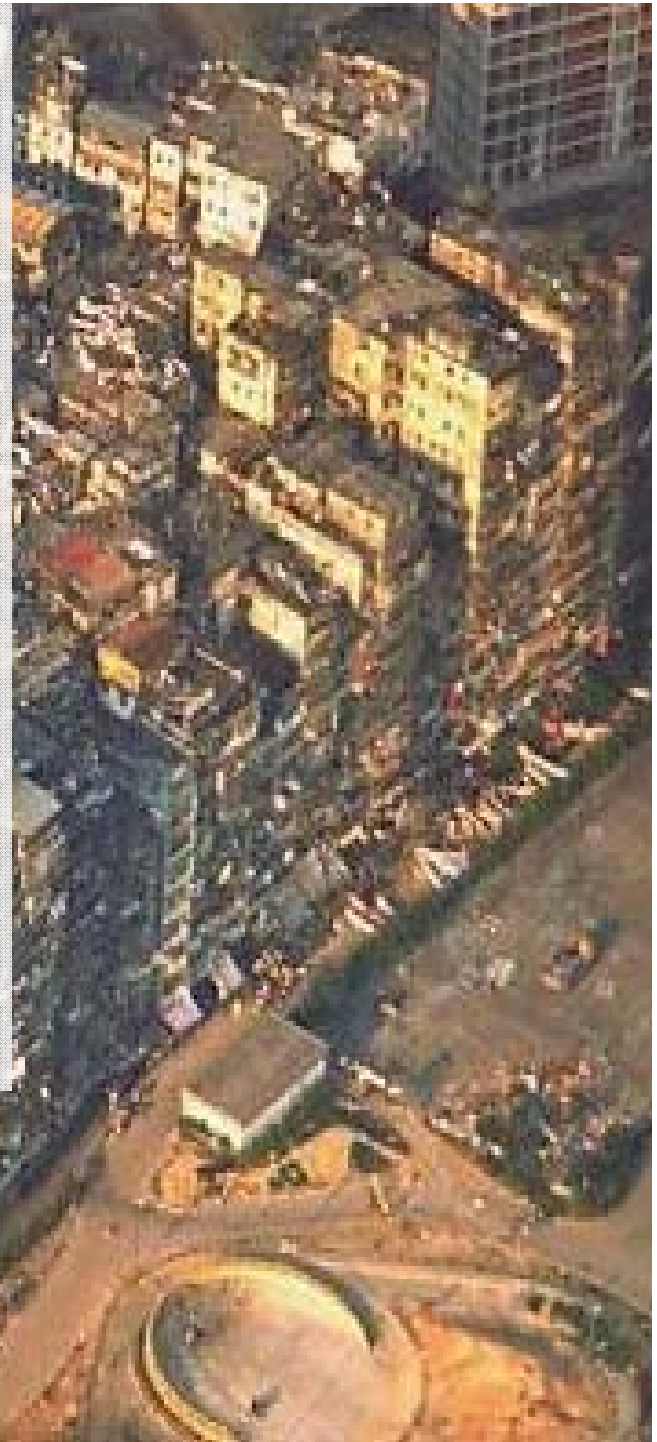
Quick self-assessment

To change mindset

Learning process

Constituency creation

First step to pursue a reform process



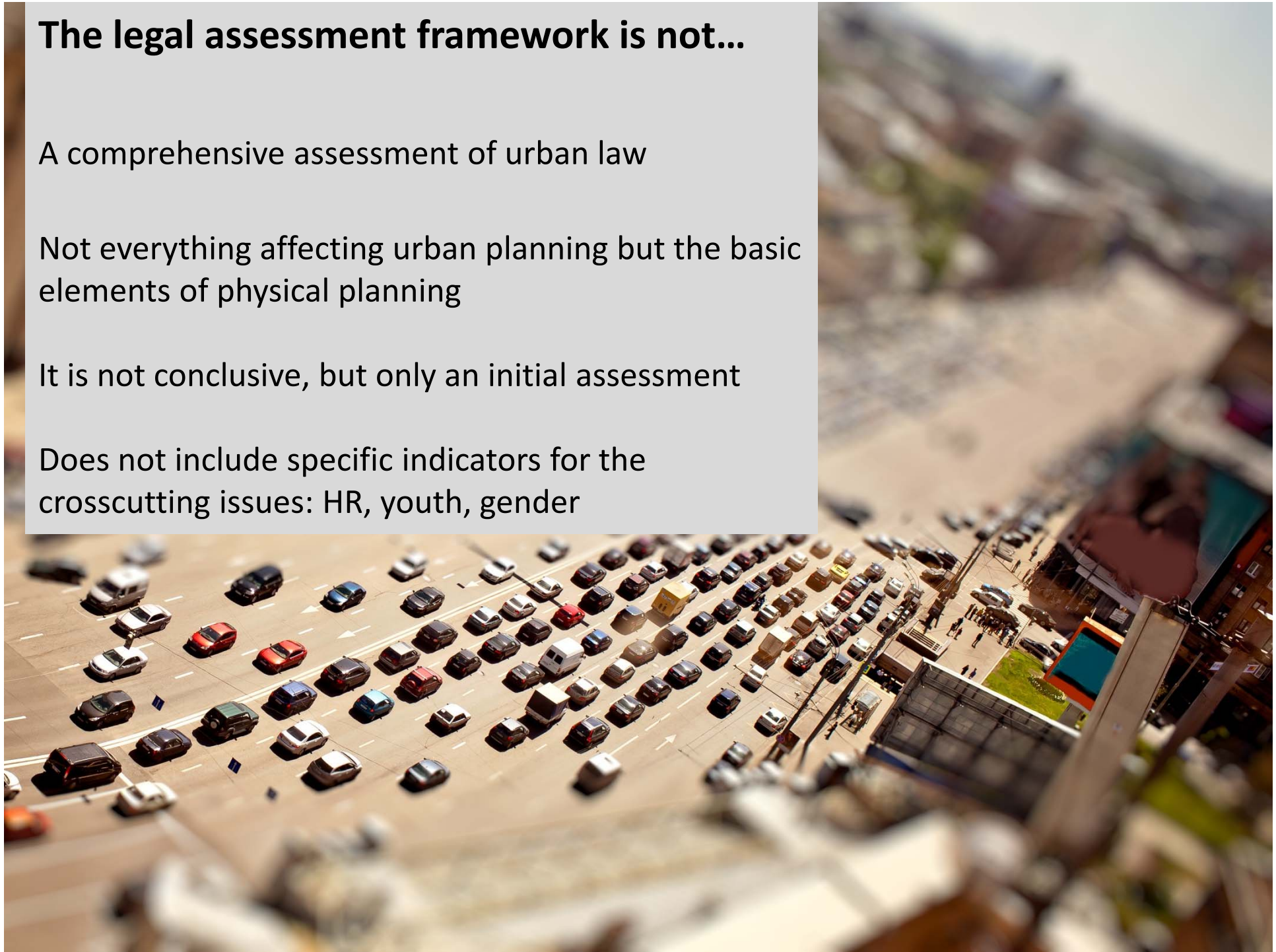
## The legal assessment framework is not...

A comprehensive assessment of urban law

Not everything affecting urban planning but the basic elements of physical planning

It is not conclusive, but only an initial assessment

Does not include specific indicators for the crosscutting issues: HR, youth, gender





Thank you