



THE STATE OF NATIONAL URBAN POLICY IN KOREA

Name of national urban policy	<i>Comprehensive National Territorial Plan (CNTP)</i>
Date of national urban policy	Started in 1972, the 4th CNTP is for the period 2000-2020
Explicit or partial	Explicit
Legal status (e.g. act of the legislature, executive order, administrative guidance, etc.)	Administrative guidance
Previous/secondary policies	<i>Provincial Territorial Plan</i>
Stage of development	Implementation
How developed (e.g. through a participatory/stakeholder process, or act of parliament, etc.)	Research and discussions with experts and municipal government officials
Implementing body	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
Government system	Centralised
Type of national urban agency	General national planning authority
Implementation mechanism (e.g. committee, involvement of multiple agencies, national-local co-ordination)	Implemented by local governments by <i>Provincial Territorial Plan</i> and <i>City Territorial Plan</i> under the <i>CNTP</i>

Current national urban policy

The *Comprehensive National Territorial Plan (CNTP)* is the top-level plan regarding national territory. CNTP establishes long-term comprehensive policies for the land use, development and conservation of national territory. It outlines an image of the future and established long-term development strategies in response to future economic and social changes, stating policies for population reorganisation, industry placement, infrastructure supply, living environment improvement, resource-management of national territory, and environmental conservation.

CNTP is for a term of 20 years. The 4th CNTP, the recent plan that was revised in 2011, applies from 2000 to 2020. The plan aims to achieve balanced national territory, green national territory, opened national territory and unified national territory.

Areas covered by current urban policy

Sector	Sectoral coverage in the 4th CNTP
Economic development	Extensive
Spatial structure	Extensive
Human development	Moderate
Environmental sustainability	Extensive
Climate resilience	Extensive

Specific issues covered by current national urban policy

The 4th CNTP includes the following characteristics:

Criteria for national urban policies	Appears in the policy
Responds to population dynamics	X
Promotes a territorial approach (in particular urban-rural linkages)	X
Addresses the urban systems (from large to medium and small cities) and the connectivity among cities	X
Prepares for infrastructure and services in cities (including public space)	X
Promotes urban land-use efficiency	X
Enhances environmental sustainability and resilience to climate change	X
Develops effective urban governance systems (horizontal co-ordination and vertical alignment)	X
Promotes effective municipal finance systems	X
Supports partnership and co-operation between urban actors	X
Safeguards inclusiveness and participation in the process and outcomes (inequity, segregation, safety, etc.)	X
Ensures robust and comparable urban scale data	X

Bibliography

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