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Counterbalance - The Nature of Cities

The State of the World's Cities Report (UNCHS, 2001) recognizes the role of cities in governance, sustainable development, economic prosperity and human rights. However the conditions in the cities are growing causes of concern. Due to inadequate housing, a growing awareness between human rights and sustainable development has seen the extension of secure tenure to urban poor. Conditions in the urban areas are not uniform, with cities divided into areas with different living conditions. Marginalised groups are not integrated into the local government service delivery programmes. Health and pollution issues as a result of lack of sanitation, inadequate waste disposal and dirty industries continue to plague urban dwellers. Urban economies are restrained by infrastructure shortfalls, inadequate governance frameworks and limited access to financial services. The informal sector continues to make a worthwhile economic contribution, which is not always recognized by local authorities.

In Sub Saharan Africa thirty four percent of the total population of 611 million people live in urban areas and contribute 60% of the region's GDP. Of this amount, municipalities receive a small percent of the GDP (approximately US\$ 14 per capita) (UN, World Urbanization Prospects, 1999, in State of the World's Cities 2001). In Sub Saharan Africa, patterns of urbanization differ between West and East Africa, with West Africa having fewer secondary cities and therefore a concentration of people in few large cities. In East Africa, there are more secondary and tertiary cities. Rural migration has been the most important factor in increasing urbanization in East and West African cities. In Southern Africa, natural population increase is the main contributor to urbanization. (UN, World Urbanization Prospects, 1999 in State of the World's Cities 2001)

Céline Sachs-Jeantet (1994) (www.unesco.org/most/sacjsen.htm) surmises that social transformation are shaping cities. She defines:

- A global city (linked to globalization)
- A fragmented city (Melting pots that integrate different people and linked to racism and xenophobia)
- A multicultural and multi ethnic city (cosmopolitan cities)
- A governed city (partnerships between government, civil society and private sector)
- An ecological city and (dimensions of quality of life in an integrated social and natural ecosystem)
- A technological city. (technology and improvements to quality of life)

Governments are recognizing the need for transparent participatory approaches to service delivery and stakeholder involvement in urban processes.

Editorial

In the July 2001 issue, we asked network members to provide us with succinct information about their involvement in or knowledge about activities, events and projects in preparation for the World Summit on Sustainable Development being held in Johannesburg, South Africa during 2 - 11 September 2002. We are looking for additional information, which should be sent using the following format:

Activity: _____
 Objective: _____
 Key activities and plans: _____
 Logistics: (timeframe, place): _____ ---- _____
 Stakeholders involved: _____
 Expected outcome: _____
 Contact details: _____

This information will be consolidated and made available on our website for further networking and knowledge sharing between organizations.

For your information, the previous issues of the KERN InfoBrief in 2001 concentrated on the following themes and are available on the MELISSA website at www.melissa.org:

- Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management in Sub Saharan Africa (January 2001)
- Renewable Energy: Experience and Practice in Sub Saharan Africa (March 2001)
- Integrated Environmental Risk Assessment and Management in Sub Saharan Africa (May 2001)
- Towards the World Summit on Sustainable Development (July 2001)

Publications

Individuals requiring any of the following publications are requested to contact the publishers directly.

Where possible, contact details have been provided in the KERN InfoBrief

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Websites and Alternative Contact Details

Best Practice Database (UNCHS): <http://www.bestpractices.org>

Cities Alliance: <http://www.citiesalliance.org>

City Environmental Reports on the Internet (CEROI): <http://www.ceroi.net>

Department for International Development (DFID): <http://www.dfid.gov.uk>

Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies: <http://www.ihs.org>

International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA): International Headquarters, 1330 23rd Street South, Suite C, Fargo, ND 58103 USA Phone +1.701.297.7908 Fax +1.701.297.7917 Website: <http://www.iaia.org> Email: info@iaia.org

International City/County Management Association (ICMA): <http://www.icma.org>

International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI): <http://www.iclei.org>

International Development 21, University of Sussex: <http://www.id21.org>

International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED): <http://www.iied.org>

International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISoCaRP): <http://www.isocarp.org>

International Union for Local Authorities (IULA): <http://www.iula-int.org>

IULA Association Capacity Building: <http://www.iula-acb.org>

Local Government International Bureau: <http://www.lgib.gov.uk>

One World Guides: the City: <http://www.oneworld.org/guides/thecity/>

Ministries of Uganda: http://www.government.go.ug/local_admin.htm

Municipal Development Program: West and Central Africa <http://www.pdm-net.org>

Municipal Development Program: Eastern and Southern Africa <http://www.mdpesa.co.za>
7th floor, Huruzda House 14 Baker Avenue Harare Zimbabwe Tel: (263)-4-774-385
Fax:(263)-4-774-387

The Natural Step: <http://www.naturalstep.org.uk>

Urban Sector Network, South Africa: <http://www.usn.org.za>

UNESCO MOST Urban issues: <http://www.unesco.org/most/most2.htm>

United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)(UNCHS): <http://www.unchs.org>

United Nations Centre for Human Settlement: Global Urban Observatory and Statistics:
<http://www.unchs.org/guo>

United Nations Development Program (UNDP): <http://www.undp.org>

United Nations Environment Program (UNEP): <http://www.unep.org>

United Nations Publications: Sales Office and Bookshop, CH-1211 Geneva 10 Switzerland
Tel: +41 22 917-2614 Fax: +41 22 917-0027 Email: unpubli@unog.ch

Urban Environment Management: <http://www.gdrc.org/uem>

Training and Conference

African Urban and City Management Course, Dakar, Senegal from 14-26 October 2001
Organized in conjunction with the world Bank Institute and the Municipal Development Program, the course takes place in Dakar, Senegal from 14 - 26 October 2001. The partners include the African Centre for Higher Studies in Management, the Institute for Urban Management and the Environment and Development in the Third World (ENDA). The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs are supporting the training course. The course will be held in French and the documents are available on the PDM website. Contact: 116 rue des Amoureux - 01 BP 3445 Cotonou, République du Bénin Tél: (229) 30 05 60 / 30 42 42 - Fax: (229) 30 19 76 E-mail: pdm@pdm-net.org

Tuition Scholarship for Urban Economic Development Training

The Galilee College is able to grant a full tuition scholarship to a qualified candidate who is a citizen of an African country. The three-week Urban Economic Development Program takes place from October 17 - November 5, 2001. Galilee College is the leading management institution in Israel training senior managers from Developing countries world-wide. Applicants must have a University degree and be fluent in English. Once the candidate is admitted, he or she will have to cover only the airfare to and from Israel and the living expenses (US\$2,865) while the participant is in Israel. We work in collaboration with Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Center for International Cooperation) and in cooperation with many major international organizations including the World Bank, UNESCO, UNDP, and the International Union of Local Authorities, among others. Contact: Ms. Rachel Gottlieb Director, African Division International Department, Galilee College, Israel. Email rgottlieb@galicol.ac.il Website: <http://www.galicol.ac.il/>

Urban Environment Training Course tentatively 3-6 December 2001, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

A planned professional workshop organized by the MELISSA program about "Urban Environment" is scheduled to take place in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, tentatively from 3 to 6 December

2001 in partnership with the Association of Municipal Engineers of West and Central Africa and targeting the Francophone Cities. Contact: Program Co-ordinator, The MELISSA Program, c/o World Bank Country Office, P O Box 12629, Hatfield, 0028, Pretoria, South Africa. Tel: 27 12 349-2994 Fax: 27 12 349-2080 Email: eddje@melissa.org Website: <http://www.melissa.org>

Productive and Inclusive Cities - Towards Cities for all Marrakech, Morocco 16-19 October 2001

The United Nations Centre for Human Settlement (UNCHS) and the Government of Morocco is organizing the 4th meeting of the International Forum on Poverty (IFUP). Information and registration are available at the UNCHS website <http://www.unchs.org/ifup>. The partners of the forum include governments, international organizations, local authorities, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, academic institutions and professional organizations. Contact: Gwendoline Mennetrier, UNCHS (Habitat) P O Box 30030 Nairobi Kenya Tel: +254 2 62 3029 Fax: +254 2 62 3080 Email: Gwendoline.Mennetrier@unchs.org

37th International IsoCaRP Congress

16-20 September 2001 in Utrecht, Netherlands. Contact: Congress Secretariat, Mauritskade 23, 2514 HD The Hague, Netherland. Tel: + 31 70 346 2654 Fax: + 31 70 361 7909 Email: secretariat@isocarp.org Website: <http://www.isocarp.org>

3rd International Congress on Environmental Indices and Indicators. Quality of Life Indicators

2-5 October 2001 in Rome, Italy. Contact: INENCO St Petersburg, 191187, Kutuzova nab, 14 Tel: +7 812 232 97 72 Fax: +7 812 272 42 65 Email: inenco@mail.neva.ru Website: http://www.inenco.org/index_conferences.html

International Seminar on Best Practices

19-21 November 2001 in Dubai, Saudi Arabia Contact: Municipality of Dubai, United Arab Emirates P O Box 67 Dubai, AUE. Tel: +971 4 221 5555 Fax: +971 4 224 6666 Email: info@dm.gov.ae

Awards

International Awards for Best Practices in Improving the Living Environment

Best Practices are outstanding contributions to improving the living environment. They are defined by the United Nations and the international community at large as successful initiatives which:

- Have a demonstrable and tangible impact on improving people's quality of life;
- Are the result of effective partnerships between the public, private and civic sectors of society;
- Are socially, culturally, economically and environmentally sustainable.

The Dubai award is presented biannually. 31st January 2002 is the first deadline for submissions that requests substantive feedback on compliance with criteria. The total amount of the Award is US\$ 400,000 (Four hundred thousand US Dollars). This amount will be divided as follows:

- US\$ 300,000 (Three hundred thousand US Dollars) for ten Best Practices.
- US\$ 100,000 (One hundred thousand US Dollars) towards management expenses including travel and accommodation for a delegation of up to two people for each award winning best practice.
- Each Best Practice Award winner will also receive a trophy and commemorative certificate especially designed for the award.

Contact: Dubai Municipality, United Arab Emirates, Fax: (971 4) 246666; Email: info@dm.gov.ae and UNCHS/Habitat, Nairobi, Kenya. Fax: (254 2) 623080, Email: bestpractices@unchs.org Website:

<http://www.sustainabledevelopment.org/blp/awards/guide.html> and

<http://www.bestpractices.org/bp2002> and <http://www.dm.gov.ae>

Showcasing African Initiatives

Survey of Local Authorities by ICLEI

The survey launched jointly by the Secretariat for the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) will be conducted in collaboration with Capacity 21/UN Development Program (UNDP). The survey is part of a broader effort to document the work being done by local governments and their associations to implement Agenda 21. They will be used to identify the obstacles that local authorities are facing in their efforts to implement sustainable development, and to define the kinds of support that they need. The results will be reported in various publications and posted on the Internet for general access by local authorities interested in sustainable development. Contact: ICLEI - LA21 Survey, 100 Queen Street W, City Hall, 16thfl W. Tower, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5H 2N2 Tel: +416 392 1739, Fax: +416 392 1478 Email: la21_survey@iclei.org Website: <http://www.iclei.org>

National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana (NALAG):

National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana (NALAG) has a mission statement which espouses the following aims:

- To effectively represent all 110 Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies in Ghana;
- To promote the rights, privileges and interests of all member local authorities as affected by proposed or enacted legislation and to assist in maintaining a high standard of local government service delivery;
- To provide for discussion and exchange of ideas, viewpoints and information on matters of common interest relating to local government administration and local government service delivery with a view to helping member local government authorities to solve their problems through training, education and information sharing;
- Improve the partnership with the central government in the implementation and monitoring of its programmes in the districts;
- To provide a channel of effective communication between member local government authorities and central government;
- To promote effective and efficient local government administration though affiliation with any international local government association with identical objectives.

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Urban Councils Association of Zimbabwe (UCAZ)

UCAZ consists of 22 member local authorities representing 2.8 million inhabitants. The members include five cities, seven municipalities, eight town councils and two local boards. It enjoys a 100% membership; all the urban local authorities in the country are members. The objectives of the association are:

- to promote the interests of urban local government affairs, discuss matters of common concern and to make representation on such matters,
- to protect by all constitutional means, the rights and interests of all members of the Association,
- to establish and maintain a library and bureau of information relating to local government administration and to facilitate investigation and research into all aspects of such administration,
- to sponsor and assist the study of local government in any manner considered desirable including visits to other places and attendance at conferences to gain information and experience of benefit to the Association and its members,
- to promote local autonomy and contribute towards the improvement of local administration,
- to promote the idea of the participation of the community in civic affairs,
- to invest, place on deposit or otherwise deal with any moneys which are not required to meet current charges,
- to borrow and raise money in such a manner as the Association may think fit,
- to do all other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

Contact: Joel Zowa, P O Box 23 Harare Zimbabwe. Tel: +263 4 721 623 Fax: +263 4 706 758 Email: ucaz@samara.co.zw

The Association of Municipalities in Burkina Faso (AMBF)

The Municipal Development Program provided technical assistance for drafting constituent texts and welcomed a mission of the AMBF bureau in Cotonou for an information session and its activities. In January 1996 an agreement was reached between the parties and aims to:

- Strengthen communications equipment
- Reinforce the capacities of the permanent secretariat
- Technical and financial support to produce the " Negr Wagati " magazine
- Provide equipment for the headquarters of the association: computer and communications equipment

Contact: Monsieur Simon COMPAORE President of AMBF Mayor of Ouagadougou 01 BP 6203 Ouagadougou 01 Tel : (226) 38 23 28 /38 23 27 Fax : (226) 38 23 29 E-mail : Siege.ambf@ambf.gov.bf ; simon.compaore@ambf.gov.bf Web Site: www.ambf.bf

Local Government Associations in Cameroon

The Municipal Development Program provided support to help set up an association, especially completion of the constituent texts and organisation of the association. Differences of opinion led to the creation of two separate associations however discussions have been organized, aiming at reconciling both associations. Contact: Monsieur ANDZE ANDZE Emile President of the Association, Maire de YAOUDE 1 Adresse: 5546 Yaoundé 1 Centre YAOUNDE Tél: (237) 20 59 36 Fax: (237) 20 59 36 and Monsieur Adamou Ndam Njoya President of UVCV Adresse: 1638 Yaoundé Tél: (237) 22 46 20 Fax: (237) 22 46 20

International Resources Cities Program and African Cities

Under the auspices of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), the International Resources Cities Program (IRCP) with USAID have partnered with cities in South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Nigeria and Zimbabwe. The formal partnerships last for 18-24 months and often result in ongoing contact once the formal project is completed. The ICMA Annual conference takes place during 23-26 September 2001 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Contact: ICMA, 777 North Capital Street NE Suite 500 Washington DC 20002. Tel: +1 202 289 4262 Fax: +1 202 962 3500. Email: Jon Bormet jbormet@icma.org and Melissa Speed mspeed@icma.org (The organization provides many online publications about public works and environmental management and promotes international municipal programs with over 40 countries around the world.)

Integrated Development Planning in South Africa

Local government is a key role-player in the development process in South Africa. To facilitate this process, integrated development planning process (IDP) was developed as a decision making tool for issues such as municipal budgets, land management, promotion of local economic development and institutional transformation in a consultative, systematic and strategic manner. The process outcome is a five-year strategic development plan, which has legal status.

The following are the core components of the Integrated Development Plan:

- As assessment of existing levels of development
- The municipalities vision
- The council's development priorities and objectives, and strategies
- Identified projects
- A spatial development framework
- A disaster management plan
- Integrated financial plan (capital and operational budgets)
- Key performance indicators and targets.

The role players involved in the IDP process include the officials, the councilors, the municipal stakeholders and the provincial and national sector departments.

For more information: <http://www.local.gov.za/DCD/dcdindex.html>

Regional Conference on the Phasing-Out of Leaded Gasoline in Sub-Saharan Africa

The participants from 25 Sub-Saharan African countries, representing governments, industry and civil society, and from international organizations attending the Regional Conference on the Phasing Out of Leaded Gasoline (Dakar, June 26 - 28, 2001) formulated a statement about the phasing-out of leaded gasoline in Sub Saharan Africa, known as the

Declaration of Dakar. Some of the key statements in the Declaration are:

- Join efforts to accelerate the formulation and implementation of programs to completely phase out leaded gasoline in all SSA countries as soon as possible, latest by 2005.
- Recommend governments to reduce the lead content in gasoline - currently 0.8 gm/ltr in most SSA countries - to average 0.4 gm/ltr. by 2002 and to 0.2 gm/ltr. by 2003.
- Harmonize the gasoline norms in all sub-regional markets.
- Complete the sub-regional action plans within the next 12 months framing the respective national clean air programs.
- Request the oil supply chain operators to improve their production, storage and distribution facilities in accordance with the target lead phase out frame.
- Request WHO, UNEP, WB and bilateral environmental agencies such as USEPA to support SSA stakeholders in developing the capacity to implement the lead phase out programs within air quality management.
- Develop an appropriate public information campaign with an active participation of NGOs community.
- Request the WB and other international donor agencies to give a high priority to lead phase out in economic policy dialogues with the SSA governments and to continue supporting required technical assistance programs and assisting in the financing of viable investments.
- Request OAU and other regional organizations (ECOWAS, WAEMU, SADCC, CAEMU, etc.) to endorse the phasing out of leaded gasoline in their priority programs and to contribute to the harmonization of standards and technical specifications.

Contact: Patrick Bultynck Email: pbultynck@worldbank.org Clean Air Initiative, World Bank

Managing Water for African Cities

The Program works with city and local authorities, national governments, the private sector, civil society, resource centres and the media. It is a product of the United Nations System-wide Initiative on Africa (UNSI) and of the broad partnership of the UNSIA Water Cluster. National Steering Committees administer the city projects of the Program. The objective of the Program is to tackle the urban water crisis in African cities through efficient and effective water demand management, build capacity to mitigate the environmental impact of urbanisation on freshwater resources and boost awareness and information exchange on water management and conservation. It also promotes the exchange of best practices in urban water management in support of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

The Program is intended for the benefit of all African cities and is being demonstrated in seven African cities, namely: Abidjan (Cote d'Ivoire), Accra (Ghana), Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Dakar (Senegal), Johannesburg (South Africa), Lusaka (Zambia) and Nairobi (Kenya). Targeted beneficiaries include policy makers on water and the environment, city managers of water utilities, water consumers, school children for water education, and the mass media for awareness promotion. A program management team of UNEP and UNCHS (Habitat) staff guides and backstops city projects and co-ordinates region-wide activities from Nairobi. A website and listserve provide electronic bilingual English/French communication services for the entire Programme, while periodic city managers' meetings and resource centres provide networking and pooling of Programme experiences. Publications, especially a hardcopy newsletter, augment information exchange. Contact: The Co-ordinator Water for African Cities Program UNCHS (Habitat) P.O. Box 30030, Nairobi, Kenya Tel: 254-2-623039 Fax: 254-2-623588 E-mail: wacmail@unchs.org Web-site: www.un-urbanwater.net

Cities Alliance

The Cities Alliance was created to foster new tools, practical approaches and knowledge sharing to promote local economic development and a direct attack on urban poverty. Its activities support the implementation of the Habitat Agenda. A global alliance of cities and their development partners committed to improve the living conditions of the urban poor through action in two key areas:

- City development strategies which reflect a shared vision for the city's future and local priorities for action to reduce urban poverty.
- Citywide and nationwide slum upgrading - moving upgrading to scale.

Grant funding is available within specific criteria. The Alliance provides support for city development strategies (CDS), with priority to those cities already engaged in realizing an inclusive vision for city development. Key methods of intervention are:

- support city-based consensus-building process to establish priorities, strategies, and actions for urban poverty reduction and sustainable urban development, and to strengthen policy and regulatory frameworks;
- assess the city's economic growth prospects linked to employment and to regional and national development objectives;
- assist local authorities in outlining financing and investment strategies, taking into account city-based resources and revenues, as well as private sector investors and partners; and
- build capacity and share the lessons and knowledge acquired in formulating and implementing city development strategies.

All proposals must be sponsored by at least one member of the Alliance. As of January 2001, the members of the Alliance include ten Governments (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, UK, and USA), four global organizations of local authorities (International Union of Local Authorities-IULA, Metropolis, the United Towns Organization- FMCU/UTO, and the World Associations of Cities and Local Authorities Coordination-WACLAC), and two multilateral organizations (UNCHS-Habitat and the World Bank). Contact: The Cities Alliance, World Bank, Mailstop F-4P-400 1818 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20433 Tel: (+1 202) 473-9233 Fax: (+1 202) 522-3224 Email: info@citiesalliance.org Website: <http://www.citiesalliance.org>

City to city cooperation

The United Nations Development Program acknowledges the need for city to city cooperation to strengthen capacities and to alleviate poverty in the world's cities. Their April 2000 publication "The Challenges of Linking" outlines their approach, especially encouraging north-south linkages.

Key organizations for the twining process under UNDP guidelines include:

- Commonwealth Local Government Forum 35 Great Smith Street London SW1P 3BJ United Kingdom tel:(44)-171-664-3190 fax:(44)-171-799-1731 E-mail: clgf@compuserve.com
- International Union of Local Authorities (IULA) World Secretariat Laan Copes Van Cattenburch 60A, 2585-GC The Hague Netherlands tel: (31)-70-3066066 fax:(31)-70-3500496 E-mail: iula@iula-hq.nl
- METROPOLIS** 61 rue de Babylon 75007 Paris tel:(33)-1-5385-6267 fax:(33)-1-5385-6269 E-mail: sg@metropolis.org
- Summit Conference of Major Cities of the Worldc/o International Affairs Division Bureau of Citizens and Cultural Affairs Tokyo Metropolitan Government 2-8-1, Nishi Shinjuku, Tokyo 163-01 Japan tel:(81)-3-5388-3164 fax:(81)-3-5388-1329 E-mail: tokyopr@ntt.fr
- Towns and Development Laan Copes Van Cattenburch, 2585-GC The Hague tel:(31)-70-3502789 fax:(31)-70-3502753 E-mail: townsdev@worldaccess.nl
- World Associations of Cities and Local Authorities Coordination (WACLAC) 18 rue Saint-Leger 1204 Geneva Switzerland tel:(41)-22-310-3091 fax:(41)-22-310-3270 E-mail: camval@ville-ge.ch
- World Federation of United Towns (UTO) 60 rue de la Boetie 75008 Paris France tel:(33)-1-5396-0580 fax:(33)-1-5375-0581 E-mail: cites-unies@wanadoo.fr
- UNDP website: <http://magnet.undp.org/>

Midrand EcoCity in South Africa

The Midrand Regional Administration backs the Midrand EcoCity project. The objective is to create a city, which is both interdependent with the rest of the world and self reliant though creating its own economic, social, physical and environmental solutions. The basic principles underlying the Midrand EcoCity projects are;

- African renaissance
- Equity
- Poverty eradication
- Self reliance
- Green transformation
- Improving quality of life
- Enhancing natural resources
- Providing a future for the children

The main role-players are the local administration, business and industry and the community. Some of the projects include the state of environment report, the Ivory Park eco villages, passive thermal homes, Midrand transport demand strategy, solar water heaters in low-income areas, low smoke open stoves, energy saving solutions for small businesses, promoting ISO 1400 for business, water demand strategy, economic cooperatives for marketing of products, organic agriculture, river clean ups and recycling. Contact: Managing Director, Postnet Suite #117, Private Bag X65, Halfway House 1685 Tel: +27 11 805 7337 Fax: +27 11 805 7336 Email: annie@midrand-ecocity.co.za Website: <http://www.midrand-ecocity.co.za>

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