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Global Conversations on the
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A new Sourcebook ***"Integrating Health In Urban And Territorial Planning"*** has recently been launched by the [World Health Organisation](#) and [UN-Habitat](#). The publication could not be more appropriate and timely given the COVID-19 pandemic. It also considers a range of long-standing health challenges that impact constantly on mortality around the world.

The necessity for the different planning and health authorities to work closer together to address the immediate challenge and long-standing health issues are obvious now and in the future.

History shows us that standards and approaches are reshaped in the aftermath of these health challenges and we can imagine there is more to come once the immediate shock of the pandemic is addressed.

The sourcebook offers a comprehensive variety of resources, including frameworks, entry points, guidance and tools, as well as specific case studies illustrating recommended approaches to bring together planning and public health.

In this episode we talk to Mexican Architect, [Pamela Carbajal](#) who works with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and spent the last two years co-ordinating the sourcebook. We speak to from her current base in Nairobi.

She states: *"Cities have a central role in preventing diseases. Urban Planning and policies define the air we breathe, the quality of spaces we use, the water we drink, the way we move, our access to food, and also the treatment of diseases through adequate access to health care for all."*

In addition to championing the report, Pamela also supports different countries in Latin America on National Urban Policy development process and targeted City-wide public space assessments.