



before us is therefore to halt the spread of poverty and to reverse it, providing improved housing and living conditions, ensuring access to basic social services and employment. Addressing these challenges is an urgent development priority of our time

The challenges that urbanization is posing to LDCs are paramount. Around 225 million people are now living in urban areas, while 500 Million are to be added by the LDCs. An estimated

improve the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by the year 2020. The investment