

# NATIONAL PHYSICAL MASTER PLAN OF THE LEBANESE TERRITORY



## PROJECT

The National Physical Master Plan of the Lebanese Territory (NPMPLT), a strategic reference document, overrides all documents concerning regional and local urban development and planning. It guides and locates major public investments. The sustainable development guidelines are used as a framework for regional sustainable development policies. The NPMPLT was endorsed by a decree issued by the Council of Ministers in July 2009.

## METHOD

The project produced a territorial assessment, a prospective analysis and a national physical master plan. The Geographic Information System (GIS) and the Atlas covers around 50 thematic map layers. The project was conducted with broad public sector participation including the main decision-makers of the central government, the presidents of the major municipalities, professional and academic circles and non-profit bodies. The results were presented and discussed with the highest authorities.

## RESULTS

Within the framework of the "DAR-IAU" partnership, the IAU oversaw the technical management of the project, drew up the synthesis report and ensured the quality control of all technical documents produced and coordinated all studies on regional and urban planning, natural resources, agriculture, the geographic information system, including, in particular, the planning of coastal and mountainous areas.

## PRODUCTS

National physical master plan of the Lebanese territory report  
Atlas of Lebanon

## MAIN POINTS

### Beneficiaries

Council for  
Development and  
Reconstruction

### Donors

Republic of Lebanon

### Implementation period

March 2002 / September 2004

### Duration of the study

30 months

### Total cost of project

2,000,000 euros

### IAU's share

80,000 euros

### Partners

IAU  
Dar Al-Handasah Consultants  
(Shair & Partners)  
CRI, URBI, CNB, ECODIT  
AAA, CNRS-L

### Mobilisation of experts

41 person-days x month

### Main experts

#### IAU

Fouad Awada, project leader

Jean-Louis Pagès, architect and urban planner

Bernard Cauchetier, transport engineer

Bassem N'Souli (Dar Al-Handasah)

Charbel Nahas (CNB)

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### Basic project data

Surface area: 10,500 sq. km.

Population: 3.8 million inhabitants