



Kenya urbanization review

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The story of urbanization in Kenya should be one of cautious optimism. As an emerging middle-income country with a growing share of its population living in urban areas and a governance shift toward devolution, the country could be on the verge of a major social and economic transformation. How it manages its urbanization and devolution processes will determine whether it can maximize the benefits of its transition to a middle-income country. This is in part because no country has reached high-income status without urbanization, and in part because the devolution of state authority, resources, and functions may result in more equitable and efficient governance and services.