

# **A review towards the construct of Urban governance frameworks**

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## **Abstract**

The term ‘Urbanization’ has been one of the most broadly discussed topics in today’s world. Its consequences make the mankind to think further on a better tomorrow. The development plans and projects which the city authorities have brought up to the society, were identified as to be rearranged along with a new concept named as ‘Good Governance’ where to begin at the grass root level of society with the perspectives of citizens. Because the concentration of the development process at the central government was needed to deviate for the next steps in administrative hierarchy for the efficient and effective management. At a decentralized environment, the assessments on the effectiveness of Good Governance are significant for Sri Lanka as a still developing country. First the existing methodological assessments on governance around the world and their indicators were identified. The study has brought out eight (08) Urban Governance Frameworks out of twenty-two (22) to adapt an existing Governance Framework for the Sri Lankan context as it has not been piloted yet in Sri Lanka. Then, the selected literatures were distinctly analyzed according to the strengths and weaknesses of each assessment tool application and their types of methodologies. Eventually, the study reveals that it would be better to conduct a governance assessment with the ‘Urban Governance Index’ tool along with ‘Citizen Report Cards’ as a strong tool in evaluating ‘Good Governance’ for the Sri Lankan Context.

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