



Chapter 2

Key Policies, Regulations, and Agricultural Conditions in the Field of Urban-Rural Integrated Development

- (1) Promoting Urban-Rural Integrated and Regional Coordinated Development and Optimizing Economic Structure
- (2) Striving to Build a New Pattern of Urban-Rural Integrated Development

(1) Taking Counties as the Starting Point, Facilitating the Two-way Flow and Integration of Factors Between Urban and Rural Areas.

In 2023, under the strong leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, China made steady progress in enhancing the level of regional coordination in urban-rural development. Major regional development strategies were advanced with high quality, the implementation of strategies on regional coordinated development was deepened, regional economic layout became further optimized, comprehensive rural revitalization was solidly promoted, new urbanization achieved notable progress, and the income gap between urban and rural residents continued to narrow.

Coordinating New Urbanization and Rural Revitalization to Promote Urban-Rural Integrated Development.

The Government Work Report proposed “coordinating new urbanization and comprehensive rural revitalization” and “actively promoting new urbanization”. A representative of the 14th National People's Congress emphasized the need to integrate promoting new urbanization and comprehensive rural revitalization, deepening the implementation of the new urbanization initiative, advancing comprehensive rural revitalization, promoting two-way flow of resources between urban and rural areas, and forming a new model of urban-rural integrated development.

Rural areas still face the greatest

challenges in the process of building a modern socialist country and achieving common prosperity. Narrowing the urban-rural gap remains a key task.

Enhancing Regional Coordination to Drive High-Quality Development.

High-quality development requires coordination as a core feature. The Government Work Report called for improving the level of regional coordinated development. A representative of the 14th National People's Congress said that implementing the strategy of regional coordinated development is vital to our country's overall economic development, and is a key component of implementing the new development philosophy and building a modern economic system.

Leveraging Regional Strengths to Support the New Development Pattern.

“Promoting regional coordinated development underpins high-quality development. We must enhance synergy between policies, deepen cooperation, unite our power, and accelerate the creation of a unified national market,” said Meng Hui, Deputy Mayor of Wuhan, Hubei. He emphasized respecting the laws of economic development and regional differences in endowments, leveraging comparative advantages, and pursuing the path of reasonable division of labor and optimized development. Wuhan, with its concentration of scientific and educational

talents, strengths in location and transportation, and massive domestic demand, will deepen the integration of technological and industrial innovation and strengthen its role as a hub in the domestic-international dual circulation.

Promoting Regional Coordinated Development and Promoting the Efficient Allocation and Concentration of Factors.

“Since the Yangtze River Region integration strategy was launched, a planning policy system has been formed and improved, the region's function as a strong growth pole has been consolidated and

enhanced, a modern industrial system has been taking shape, and regional coordinated development has been making substantial progress. These have helped our country win strategic opportunities for building a new development pattern and promoting high-quality international collaborations,” said Quan Heng, Secretary of the Party Committee of the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences. Promoting key regional strategies will foster specialization, complementarity, and interaction, opening broader space for China's economic development.



On March 5, 2024, the opening meeting of the Third Session of the 14th National People's Congress was held at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. While delivering the Government Work Report, Li Qiang, Premier of the State Council, outlined the government agenda for 2024, emphasizing the promotion of new urbanization and regional coordinated development to further optimize the spatial development layout.

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China National People's Congress Network | Government Work Report Delivered by Li Qiang (Excerpt) (2025-03-05).
http://www.npc.gov.cn/c2/c30834/202503/t20250305_443425.html

(2) Striving to Build a New Pattern of Urban-Rural Integrated Development

Urban-rural integrated development is a fundamental requirement of Chinese-style modernization. President Xi emphasized that building a modern socialist country requires both thriving cities and prosperous rural areas. Since the 18th CPC National Congress, the CPC Central Committee with Xi Jinping at its core has prioritized resolving issues related to “agriculture, rural areas, and farmers”. China has achieved a decisive victory in poverty alleviation and launched the rural revitalization strategy. In the first three quarters of 2024, the urban-rural per capita income ratio narrowed to 2.46, down 0.05 year-on-year.

Improving Urban-Rural Integrated Development Mechanisms to Expand Space for Modernized Development.

Facilitating flows between urban and rural areas and between industry and agriculture is a crucial aspect of enhancing domestic economic circulation and improving economic resilience. As hundreds of millions of farmers advance toward modernization, their enormous creation and consumption potential will be unleashed, driving economic and social development.

Better Leveraging Rural Areas as Vast Consumer and Factor Markets.

Rural areas nationwide are developing new cultural and tourism consumption patterns, revitalizing the rural market. In terms of consumption potential, in 2023,

rural residents' per capita consumption expenses were about 18,200 yuan, which amounted to roughly two-thirds of the national average. In terms of investment potential, investment demand in agriculture and rural sectors is expected to reach nearly 15 trillion yuan over the next 5 to 10 years. Enhancing the mechanisms of urban-rural integrated development will unlock this vast market demand, creating a virtuous cycle of demand and supply where demand drives supply, and supply creates demand, providing strong power for high quality development.

Promoting Greater Flow of Resources to Rural Areas and Accelerating Agricultural Modernization.

To advance Chinese-style modernization, breaking down the urban-rural dual structure and boosting flows of various resources to rural areas is essential to helping the agricultural sector and rural areas keep pace in the process of modernization. The "Decision" in the Third Plenary Session of the 20th CPC Central Committee emphasized prioritizing rural development, improving investment mechanisms for rural revitalization, and applying the experience of 'The Green Rural Revival Program' to establish a lasting system for promoting comprehensive rural revitalization.

Strengthening Policy Guidance and Attracting Talents, Capital, Technology, and Information to Agriculture and Rural Areas.

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On talents, we should adhere to a combined strategy of local training and external recruitment, vigorously cultivate rural talents, and encourage urban professionals of various kinds to support rural development. On capital, public budgets should continue prioritizing agriculture and rural areas, while investment and financing mechanisms of rural revitalization should be further improved. Greater support should be directed toward new agricultural entities, especially through credit and guarantees for key

products like grain and oilseeds.

By 2035, basic public services will have been largely equalized between urban and rural areas, with rural communities enjoying modern living standards and with the urban-rural integrated development system being further improved. By mid-century, the institutional system for urban-rural integrated development will have been mature. A new chapter of shared progress between urban and rural areas is steadily unfolding across China.



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The Third Plenary Session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China was held in Beijing from July 15 to 18, 2024. The “Decision” proposed “improving the institutional mechanisms for urban-rural integrated development.”

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Chinese Government Network | Communiqué of the Third Plenary Session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (2024-07-18).

https://www.gov.cn/yaowen/liebiao/202407/content_6963409.htm