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This is the central question posed throughout this volume, with a practical focus on how academics, local decision makers and international practitioners can collaborate to meet the challenge of rapid growth, environmental pressures and resource gaps. This book is relevant to United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11, Sustainable cities and communities
