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The main changes are as follows:

- categories in [Clause 3](#) have been revised from 6 to 7;
- 47 new terms were added to reflect the broad context of ISO/TC 268;
- 11 terms were deleted for being too specific or duplicate;
- definitions of 34 terms were updated.

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This document provides terms and concepts related to sustainable development in cities and communities. It serves as a fundamental reference for the documents on this subject developed by ISO/TC 268, by enabling:

- a common understanding of the terminology used;
- supporting communication among stakeholders implementing sustainable development initiatives; and
- facilitating the benchmarking of community sustainability practices.

The terms and concepts presented in this document are comprehensive and generic, focusing on terms relating to the concepts of sustainable, resilient, and smart cities.

This document also encompasses terms addressing key issues relevant to documents developed by ISO/TC 268, including management, compliance, governance, environmental and social responsibilities.

This document is arranged in subclauses, each representing a specific sub-domain and addresses different aspects of the sustainable development of cities and communities, namely sustainable development, resilience and smartness, city and community, management, quality and conformity, indicators and metrics, infrastructure, and services.

It is important to keep in mind that terms provided by ISO 37100 are compatible and aligned, where appropriate, with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), reinforcing its relevance in the context of international efforts to address pressing global challenges and promote sustainable and inclusive development. In addition to the Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), terms closely relating to the sustainable development of cities and communities that contribute to the rest of the UN SDGs are marked in Notes.