Sustainable Development Goals

Make Cities and Human Settlements Inclusive, Safe, Resilient and Sustainable

6 out of 10 people will be urban dwellers by 2030.
More than 880 million people were living in slums in 2014.

In 2014, half the global urban population was exposed to air pollution levels at least 2.5 times higher than maximum standards set by the WHO.

Definitions

Cities that are inclusive and safe, resilient and sustainable means managing them in such a way that they can be used fully by all members of the population. For example, it means creating public spaces that are accessible by those with disabilities, and putting in proper lighting so that they are safe at night for women and girls. It means creating green spaces, and reducing energy dependency, and also making structures that withstand natural disasters.

Inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable cities have robust and affordable housing and public services, waste disposal systems, and protected cultural heritage sites.

Targets

By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums.
By 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons.
By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries.

Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world’s cultural and natural heritage.

By 2030, significantly reduce the number of deaths and the number of people affected and substantially decrease the direct economic losses relative to global gross domestic product caused by disasters, including water-related disasters, with a focus on protecting the poor and people in vulnerable situations.

By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management.

By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities.

Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning.

By 2020, substantially increase the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters, and develop and implement, in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, holistic disaster risk management at all levels.

Support least developed countries, including through financial and technical assistance, in building sustainable and resilient buildings utilizing local materials.

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