

# Urbanization poses Greater Threat than climate change

## Outlines:

### 1- Introduction:

#### Thesis Statement:

"Urbanization poses a faster and a direct risks than climate change through heat, flood, and resource pressure. Yet, ~~through~~ <sup>with</sup> smart planning and sustainable infrastructure, cities can turn these challenges into opportunities for safer and lasting growth."

### ② Urbanization Intensifies Heat and Health more than climate change:

②a) Cities heating faster than rural areas.

Urban areas heating up 2-3°C faster than rural areas.

(UN-Habitat 2024)



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②b) Deadly Urban night temperatures  
for neighbourhood's face  
harshes night heat.  
(UNAR, Resource for future)  
2023, 2024

②c) Air pollution causes deaths.  
millions of people die each  
year due to inhaling polluted  
air (WHO 2023)

### (3) Urban Flooding And infrastructure collaps:

③a) Weak Urban drainage system.  
Weak drainage and fast but  
unplanned urban growth is the main  
reason behind growing floods (World  
Bank 2022)

③b) Floods caused massive urban  
displacement:  
2022 floods affected 37 million people  
(NDMA 2022 / UN OCHA)

③c) Cities are sinking faster  
from Groundwater loss.  
[peer reviewed study] in  
Journal reported. "major  
cities are sinking because  
of groundwater extraction



#### 4. Urbanization Driving Resource Stress and Energy crisis.

(4a) cities as major contributors to Global emissions -

UN-Habitat highlights that Urban areas consume 2/3rds of energy and are responsible for more than 70% global Gas emissions.

Source: UN-Habitat  
- Urban Climate Action

(4b) Energy demand rising uncontrollably - IEA (2022)

IEA (2022): warned that cooling demand in urban areas is increasing rapidly and is projected to rise beyond current levels by 2050.

(4c) Slums facing extreme inequality (World Bank 2023)

World Bank (2023): notes that over 1 billion people live in slums dwellers face worse health pollution and are compared to wealthier urban residents.

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*A long term challenge - slower than*  
**Climate change - A long term challenge, but slower than Urbanisation.**

- ① Slow agricultural shifts vs. Immediate Urban flood: crises.

World Bank 2025 ) "Food insecurity grows fastest in cities where population expand quickly

- ② melting glaciers and Rising seas (UNEP 2023), 900 million coastal regions may be at risk by 2050, but urban floods hit within hours destroying homes.

- ③ Extreme weather Patterns.

(WMO 2023) confirms disasters increased five-fold since 1970, yet urbanisation creates daily dangers in health, housing, and air.



## ⑥ Way Forward : Building Safer and Greener cities:

⑥ Resilient urban infrastructure  
climate-smart urban drainage,  
housing, and transport systems.  
(World Bank - Urban Resilience)



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(6b) cleaner energy and  
transport shift  
IEA (2023) urged renewable  
energy integration & green mobility  
to reduce urban emissions  
(IEA : 2023)

(6c): Equitable urban planning  
sustainable planning  
with community  
participation can reduce  
slum vulnerabilities  
and prevent future  
crises.

UN-Habitat -

Urban Planning

Conclusion:

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meaningful phrases plz

Way forward : Building  
 safer and Greener cities.