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# Urbanization poses Greater Threat than Climate change

## Outlines:

### 1- Introduction:

#### Thesis Statement:

"Urbanization poses a faster and a direct risk 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:

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

(UN-Habitat  
2024)

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⑧b Deadly Urban night temperature  
Poor neighbourhood's face  
harshest night heat.

(UCAR, Resource for future)  
2023, 2024

⑧c Air pollution causes deaths.  
millions of people die each  
year due to inhaling polluted  
air (WHO 2023)

### (3) Urban flooding And infrastructure collapse:

③a Weak Urban drainage system.  
Weak drainage is fast but  
unplanned urban growth is the main  
reason behind flooding (World Bank 2023)

③b Floods causing 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 Resources Stress and Energy crisis.

④a) cities as main 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, driven by urbanization, economic development, and population growth. This is projected to exceed 100% by 2050.

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

World Bank (2023) noted that over 1 billion people live in slum dwellers face worse health, pollution, and infrastructure compared to wealthier urban residents.

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## 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 transition & green mobility to reduce urban emissions  
(IEA : 2023 )

(6c) : Equitable urban planning sustainable planning with community participation ~~co-operation~~  
~~share~~ ~~vulnerabilities~~  
~~and prevent future~~  
~~causes.~~

~~Un-Habitable -~~

~~Urban Planning~~

Conclusion:

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