

Speaking Points: UN-Habitat's Integrated Land-Sea Planning and Resilience Initiatives

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68% in urban by 2050 60% yet to be built 50% live in slums

1. Introduction to UN-Habitat's Role:

- Supports various government levels and stakeholders in promoting integrated land-sea planning.
- Aims to foster a sustainable blue economy and enhance the resilience of urban coastal populations.

2. Strategic Plan 2020-2025:

- Focus on protecting ecological assets in and around cities, encompassing both land and water.
- Strategies include improving waste and water infrastructure and reducing urban sprawl to create sustainable coastal urban settings.

3. Global Environmental Connections:

- Drives connections between global actors and policies with local contexts.
- Offers policy advice, technical support, knowledge production, and practice sharing to rapidly growing coastal cities.

4. Collaboration with Specialized Agencies:

- Partners with agencies and multilateral environmental agreements to promote nature-based solutions.
- Actively participates in knowledge exchange platforms like UNESCO's Cities with the Ocean initiative and the upcoming Ocean Rise and Resilience Coalition.

5. Addressing Marine Litter and Plastic Pollution:

- Under the Global Partnership for Marine Litter and in cooperation with UNEP, focuses on improving municipal solid waste management in coastal cities.
- Launched the Waste Wise Cities Tool (WaCT) for rapid assessment and quantification of municipal solid waste.

6. Data Collection and Modelling:

- Uses GIS modelling (SPOT model) to generate global estimates on SDG indicator 11.6.1 and identify plastic pollution hotspots.
- Data integrated into the GPML Data Hub and OECD's Global Plastic Outlook Policy Scenarios to 2060.

7. Support for Small Islands Developing States (SIDS):

- Implements projects funded by UN DESA for green, resilient, and pro-poor pandemic recovery in African, Caribbean, and Pacific SIDS.
- Programs focus on strengthening national regulatory frameworks and urban resilience planning.

8. CityRAP Tool for Urban Resilience:

- Applied in over 40 cities across Africa, including SIDS and coastal cities.
- Participatory process leads to Resilience Action Plans, featuring integrated resilience interventions.

9. Go Blue Project in Kenya:

- Advances integrated land-sea planning through comprehensive guidelines and regional data systems.
- Supports Marine Spatial Planning and county-level integration of land and sea planning, including projects like Blue Carbon initiatives and constructed wetlands.

10. Regional Focus on Asia and the Pacific:

- Chairs the Pacific Urban Partnership and regularly convenes the Pacific Urban Forum.
- Programs like Climate Resilient Honiara and the Fiji Resilient Informal Settlements project provide solutions for urban communities vulnerable to climate change.

11. Initiatives in the Philippines:

- Healthy Oceans Clean Cities Initiative supports policy development and community solutions for marine litter.
- RRSg thru NBS-CE project strengthens government capacities to support vulnerable populations with nature-based solutions and circular economy.

By focusing on these points, you can effectively convey the comprehensive efforts and initiatives undertaken by UN-Habitat to promote integrated land-sea planning, protect ecological assets, and enhance urban resilience globally.