

- increasing rural to urban migration and the rapid growth of cities
- urbanization most dominant global trend
- demographic and spatial phenomenon
- strong linkages to all other SDGs
- Issues:
 - Growing slums, inadequate housing & services
 - Pollution, waste, & disaster vulnerability
 - Need for reliable, standardized data & monitoring
- Targets of SDG 11:

Affordable housing and basic services

 - Sustainable & inclusive transport
 - Protection of cultural and natural heritage
 - Reduced disaster risks & environmental impacts
 - Universal access to safe green/public space
- national sample representative of all sub-regions, sizes and functionality of urban areas
- allow them to customize monitoring to a city or country (UN Habitat helps build a geographically and historically sound sample)
- most targets: Indicator for which there are no established methodology and standards or methodology/standards are being developed/tested
- spatially disaggregated data needed - tools: GIS, GPS, Remote Sensing
- City Prosperity Initiative (monitoring urban performance)
- Multi-scalar lens: local ↔ regional ↔ global
- Uneven urban growth across regions
- Comparative regional studies