



**CITIES AND RESILIENCE: PROGRESS  
AND CHALLENGES IN ADDRESSING  
URBAN ADAPTATION IN ASIA**

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- Climate change impacts would cut across ecosystems in varying effects and significant pressures will challenge structure of economies, patterns of settlements, environmental sustainability, livelihood and employment.

- With almost 60% of the Philippine population concentrated in urban areas, ***Cities and the urban sector in general have a key role to play*** in climate change adaptation and mitigation



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- Cities are drivers of economic growth
- Philippine Cities contribute 75% to the country's economic output and about 67% of its expenditure



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- About 13.4 million people are in settlements found in low-elevation coastal zones
- CLUPs given climate change impacts should be revisited



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- Sustainability of the urban environment will spell the capacity of the cities to adapt to climate change pressures



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- Livelihood baseline would be altered and local economies should be ready for it
- The tourism industry (with climate related activities) would be challenged



## KEY MESSAGES

1. Cities are central to adaptation actions on climate change and thus it is important to enhance national-local government partnership in order to develop viable adaptation strategies..



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1. Cities could leverage resources and mobilize local actions, however Philippine cities critically need capacity development to enable local authorities to plan for and implement sustainable adaptation..
  - *Cities need technology transfer and sharing (north-south and south-south exchanges)*
  - *Access to adaptation financing to support its plans*

