DISABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

It is estimated that by 2050, 66% of the world’s population (6.3 billion people!) will be living in cities. Making cities and towns accessible and inclusive for all people, including persons with disabilities, is essential for sustainable urban development.

KEY FACTS*

The world’s urban population is expected to increase by more than two thirds by 2050

90% of the increase to take place in AFRICA & ASIA

A GROWING URBAN HABITAT

Proportion of the population living in urban areas:
- 39% in low-middle income countries
- 30% in low-income countries

Africa is expected to be the fastest urbanizing region, and will continue to rise from 2020 to 2050.

TODAY...

3.9 BILLION URBAN DWELLERS

550 million are persons with disabilities

MOST URBANIZED REGIONS

- Europe: 73%
- Latin America & Caribbean: 80%
- North America: 82%

BY 2050...

Out of the 6.3 BILLION urban dweller population

895 MILLION will be persons with disabilities

That is 1 in 7 people

Proportion of the population living in urban areas:
- 57% in low-middle income countries
- 48% in low-income countries

HABITAT III and the New Urban Agenda will promote sustainable development to create inclusive and accessible cities for all.

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