5th PACIFIC URBAN FORUM
KEY HIGHLIGHTS
NADI, REPUBLIC OF FIJI
1-3 JULY, 2019

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The **Fifth Pacific Urban Forum (PUF5)** was held in Nadi, Fiji, in the first week of July 2019. Following the adoption of the New Urban Agenda and a renewed recognition of the many opportunities and challenges for the Pacific, PUF5 provided an inclusive multi-stakeholder platform for review of **progress towards the Pacific New Urban Agenda** and for exchange and dialogue for further action planning.
The three-day forum focused on **Accelerating the implementation of the New Urban Agenda to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in the Pacific.**
PUF5 in numbers

- **185** registered participants from 25 countries
- **2** Heads of State
- **6** Ministers
- **11** country delegations from the region

Civil society organizations
Professionals
UN system participation
Private sector

Countries represented in the Region
A declaration was adopted, reaffirming the commitment to accelerate the implementation of the Pacific New Urban Agenda.

An action plan was agreed upon based on voluntary commitments to the four pillars of the PNUA: social equity; environment, resilience and urbanization; urban economy and urban governance.
High-level Commitment

The **Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji**, Hon. Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama underlined sustainable urban development as a tool to tackle inequality and climate vulnerability:

> The impact of our actions, the boldness of our decisions and the strength of our cooperation of this Forum and beyond, will determine whether those urban centres emerge as engines of sustainable development, or bastions of inequity and climate vulnerability.

The **Prime Minister of Tuvalu**, Hon. Enele Sosana Sopoaga committed to support the successful political anchoring of the Pacific New Urban Agenda at the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders meeting and at global events including the Seventh Asia Pacific Forum and the tenth session of the World Urban Forum:

> As incoming Chairman, I will be happy to place in the Pacific Islands Forum leaders’ discussions the outcomes of this Forum.
High-level Plenary Meeting

In the Pacific despite rapid urbanization being a critical concern, it remains a marginal policy issue. The High-level Plenary Meeting explored the state of the Pacific New Urban Agenda and how its political and institutional anchoring can be strengthened.
“If we act with foresight and get our responses to these challenges right, urbanization can become a powerful force for the sustainable development of our Pacific countries.”
Listen to Cities -
Local governments & urbanization in the Pacific

The *Listen to Cities* plenary session provided insights into how local governments around the Pacific are managing rapid urbanisation. Representatives from local governments across five countries in the region deliberated on how best national and local governments can be supported to **successfully implement the New Urban Agenda and achieve SDG11.**
The Governor for the National Capital District, Hon. Powes Parkop (Papua New Guinea), highlighted how solutions rest with strong, passionate and committed leadership, and the need to be innovative and solution focused by seeing problems as opportunities.
Special Sessions & Side Events

The three day forum included Special Sessions and Side Events on the main themes **Governance and Data, Urban Resilience and Climate Change, Informal Settlements, Land and Planning** and **Urban Economic Development** that remain key issues in the region.
Special Sessions

A total of **eight Special Sessions** were organized, covering topics such as National Urban Policies, Localization of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Pacific, City resilience, Informal Settlements Upgrading, Ocean-Focused Urban Development, Cities and Economic Growth, Urban Land Use and Territorial Planning and Affordable Housing.
A four-day training on innovative financing strategies for informal settlements upgrading was organized by UN-Habitat during the Forum.
New Partnerships

Two partnerships were established, strengthening collaboration and dialogue in the Pacific region:

A plan to develop affordable housing for low and middle-income families in Port Moresby was signed between the Government of Papua New Guinea and the International Finance Cooperation.

The Eastern Regional Organisation for Planning and Human Settlements (EAROPH) International, EAROPH Australia, the Commonwealth Association of Planners and the New Zealand Planning Institute agreed on stronger collaboration to achieve sustainable urban development in the region.
Roadmap

- 2015: PUF4, New Pacific Urban Agenda
- 2016: HIII, Habitat III - Quito
- 2017: Oceans Pathway COP23 - Bonn
- 2018: WUF9, 9th World Urban Forum - Kuala
- 2019: PUF5, 1-3 July, Nadi
  Accelerating the implementation of the New Urban Agenda
to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in the Pacific
- 2019: 50th PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM LEADERS MEETING
  13-16 August, Tuvalu
- 2019: 7th ASIA-PACIFIC URBAN FORUM
  15 - 18 October, Penang
  Future of Asia and Pacific Cities: Transformative Pathways to Achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- 2020: 10th WORLD URBAN FORUM
  8 - 13 February, Abu Dhabi
  Cities of Opportunities: Connecting Culture and Innovation
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