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Urbanisation the Pacific

• 40% urban, rapid growth,
• Population driven growth, rural-urban drift and densification
• Policy gaps with varied political commitment
• Weak infrastructure and poor service delivery
• Increasing recognition for sustainable urban development for sustainable national (economic) development
Urban challenges in the Pacific

- Effective policy and planning
- Political commitment and technical resources
- Land and Housing
- Infrastructure and Services
- Traffic management
- Solid Waste Management
- High risk urban communities to natural disasters and climate change
Areas for Collaboration

- Climate change adaptation and mitigation actions:
  - Support local government Street Lights (solar)
  - Improved public transportation
- Solid waste management – include RRR
- Environmentally friendly approaching to strengthening building structures resilience to natural disasters (e.g. salt erosion, earthquake ‘proofing’, flood resistant)
- Assessment of feasibility of identified alternate/environmental technologies for community, cultural, recreational city spaces
THANK YOU

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