Oceanic Pathways to Sustainable Cities & Towns

Launch of the 2025 State of Urbanisation in the Pacific Report

Time: 3:45pm – 5:00pm Wednesday, 23rd April 2025
Location: Meeting Room A, United Nations Conference Centre

CONCEPT NOTE

Overview

The 6th Pacific Urban Forum, held in Suva, Fiji, in 2023, saw the endorsement of the Suva Statement for a Sustainable Urban Pacific. Facilitated by the hosts, the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat and the Government of Fiji, and the Pacific Urban Partnership, the Suva Statement charted a path to accelerate action for inclusive, safe, and climate resilient cities, towns and communities in Pacific Island Countries in support of the implementation of the 2050 Blue Pacific Strategy. Over the subsequent two years a range of national focal points and partner organisations across the region have worked towards developing a collective Oceanic vision for sustainable urbanisation in the Blue Pacific.

With panellists representing political leadership and sustainable urbanisation experts from across the Pacific, the session will demonstrate key concerns and considerations as the region grapples with the role of cities and towns in the poly crisis. The session will include the launch of a UN regional report - the first in more than a decade - into the State of Urbanisation in the Pacific, as well as highlight implementation pathways towards the 7th Pacific Urban Forum, to be hosted by the PNG Government in Port Moresby in late 2025.

Schedule

3:45pm	Welcome Remarks	Ms. Andie Foy Tong, ESCAP Pacific
3:50pm	Urbanisation & the Blue Pacific Strategy	Pacific Island Forum Secretariat HoD
3:55pm	State of Urbanisation in the Pacific Report	Dr. Alexei Trundle, University of Melbourne
4:20pm	Reflections – Building on the Suva Statement	Hon. Maciu Nalumisa, Fiji Government
4:25pm	Reflections – Linking to the 54th PIFLM	Hon. Rexson Ramofafia, Solomon Islands Govt
4:30pm	Open Discussion / Talanoa	Pacific Island Leaders & Representatives
4:40pm		Observers, Partners & Other Attendee Input
4:50pm	Towards PUF7, Port Moresby	Government of Papua New Guniea
4:55pm	Closing Remarks	Mr. Srinivasa Popuri, UN-Habitat

MC: Mr Omar Siddique, UN ESCAP