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# Building Urban Climate Resilience: reflections from Mekong- Building Climate Resilience in Asian Cities (M-BRACE)

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# Urbanization as the starting point

- Transformative process
- Complex social-ecological systems
- Dependence on infrastructure & technology, and complex institutions
- Contested meaning and value, and interests
- *...factoring in climate change – uncertainty and risks*

# Core Governance Gaps

- Multiple drivers of urbanization – finance, demographics
- Multiple scales and actors
- Mixed roles of local government = both regulator and investor
- Failure of urban planning – land use planning, safeguards and guidelines

# Supporting conditions for urban governance

- Informed public dialogue & opening space
- Visions and options, scenario based planning
- Understanding thresholds and risks
- Access to information – expert and citizen science; between agencies and actors
- Public participation
- Redress & remedy (safeguards and guidelines)

# Urban futures – resilience & rights

- Resilience – complex systems, building capacity to learn
- Reaffirming the Right to the City – social justice and equity
- ***Building urban resilience is about building a long-term urban future – that will need to be very different from current trajectories of urbanization***

# Further information

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