



The Case for SDG Localization in the post-pandemic era

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Presentation Outline



Pandemic and its impact on SDG achievement

Multiple interlinked crisis in the Asia-Pacific region and their impact on cities

Gaps and challenges that are hindering local solutions

Importance of SDG localization in cities

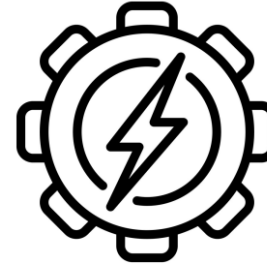
Pandemic has further slowed the progress to achieve SDGs in Asia-Pacific

Estimated
65%
 of SDG targets need to be met in local contexts



Source: UNESCAP, SDG Gateway Asia-Pacific <https://data.unescap.org/data-analysis/sdg-progress#>

- Disruptions to wheat and rice supply chains increase costs and affect food security in the region
- Rising fertilizer costs is affecting agriculture productivity



- High dependency of countries on fossil fuel
- Fuel crisis is linked with prices of goods and food security

- Home to 54% of the world's urban population
- Job losses are high, and women particularly affected



Multiple interlinked crises in the region



- 92% of the population experience levels of pollution that pose a significant health risk
- Decoupling air pollution from economic growth by investing in energy & transport sectors to control emissions and improve air quality

- Rising sea-levels, temperature increase & storms affected over 3.1 billion people
- Urban heat island effect leads to higher energy demand



- Urban health systems have not kept pace with rapid urbanization
- 95% of COVID cases were in the urban areas

Cities & SDGs

Gaps & challenges to address the interlinked crises

Urban policy and
legal frameworks

Fiscal space of local
governments

Data for evidence-
based policy
making

Open governance

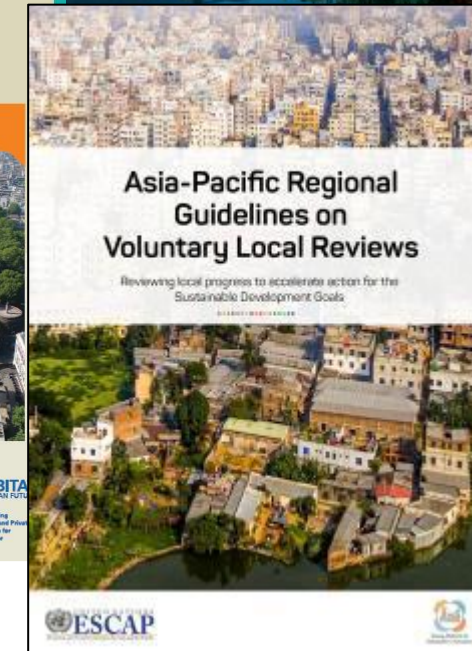
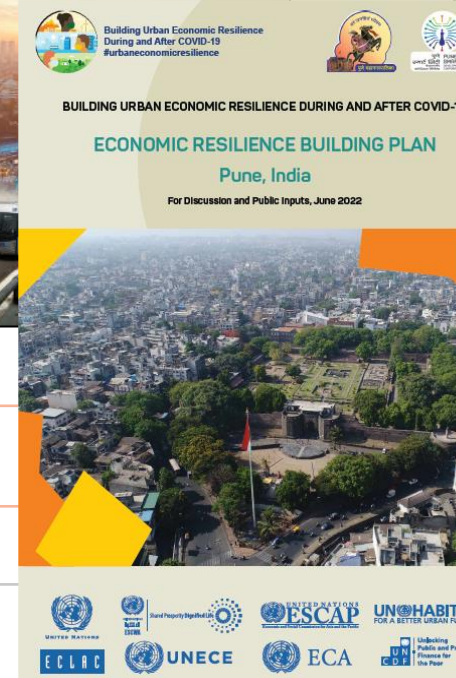
Leveraging SDG localization

Enhance multi-level governance and urban policy coordination

Local climate action plans; Local Resilience and Recovery Strategies and Local air pollution action plans

Facilitate Multistakeholder and private sector partnerships for financing municipal SDG priorities

VLR as a practical tool for monitoring SDG localization



How to leverage the SDGs to address interlinked crises



Identifying and addressing the challenges

- I. An urban world of colliding crises
- II. Key gaps and challenges
- III. Leveraging SDG localization to address severe disruptions

Developing pathways forward

- I. Expert Group Meeting
- II. Planning towards APUF-8
- III. Flagship on the future of Asian & Pacific Cities



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