

KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING URBAN SUSTAINABILITY

WHO DOES IT AFFECT?



55 % of the world's population — **almost 4.2 billion people** — live in **urban areas**. **1 billion** still live in **marginal neighbourhoods**.

70 % of all greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions

come from urban areas...

Causing the **death every year of 8.8 million people** as a result of **air pollution**.

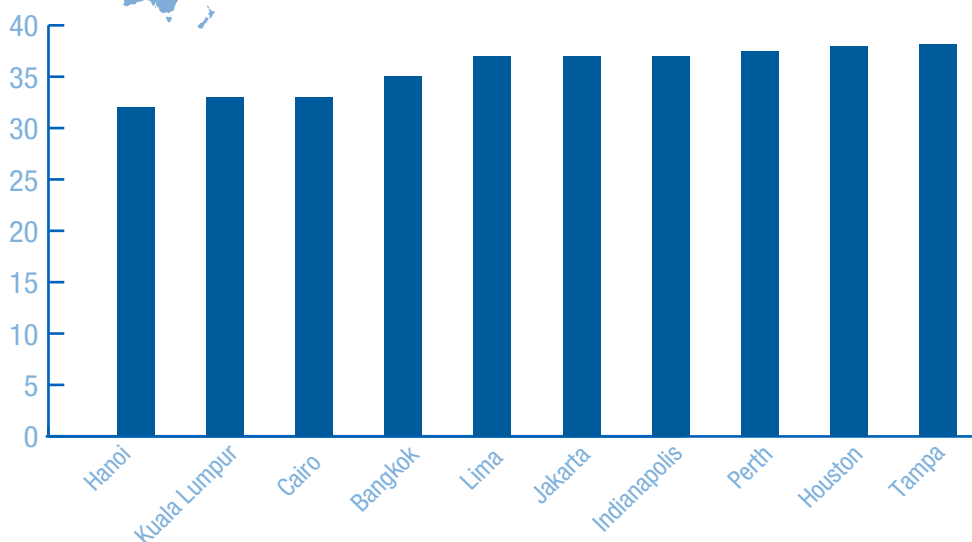


HOW IS THIS DISTRIBUTED AROUND THE WORLD?



The **10 least sustainable cities** in the world

are concentrated in **Asia** (40%), **North America** (30%), **South America** (10%), **Africa** (10%) and **Oceania** (10%):



MAIN CAUSES

The **rapid growth of cities** in less developed countries; the **increase in migration** from the countryside to the city; the greater **competition for natural resources**, such as land and water; the **lack of funds** to provide basic services; and the **deterioration of infrastructures**.

HOW CAN WE PUT AN END TO IT?

We must ensure access to **safe, affordable housing**; we must improve the **slums**; it is necessary to invest in **public transport**; create **green public areas**; and implement measures to make urban planning and management **participatory and inclusive**.

Sources: UN (2019) and Arcadis (2017).