

Iberdrola with the Sustainable Development Goals



Keys to understanding urban sustainability



Urban population

More than half (55%) of the world's population live in urban areas, equivalent to more than 4 billion people.



Marginalised communities

1.1 billion people currently live in slums or similar conditions in cities.

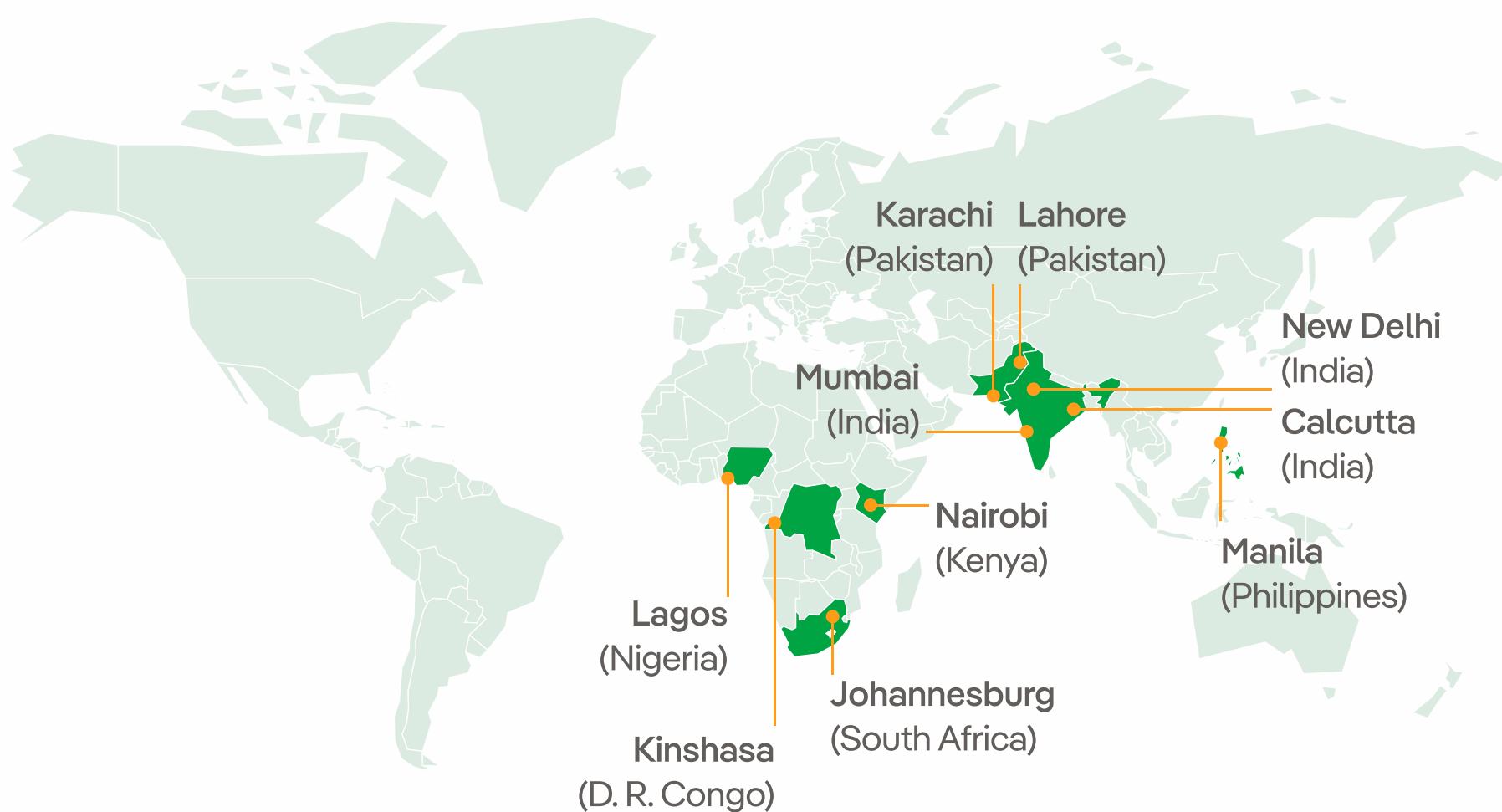


Atmospheric pollution

9 out of 10 people living in urban areas around the world breathe air that does not meet the World Health Organisation's air quality guidelines.

World's least sustainable cities

The 10 least sustainable cities in the world among the 100 analysed by the consultancy Arcadis are concentrated in Asia (60%) and Africa (40%).



Data from 2022.



Main causes

Rapid urban growth in less developed countries; increased rural-urban migration; increased competition for natural resources such as land and water; lack of funds to provide basic services; and deteriorating infrastructure.



How can we develop sustainable cities?

We need to ensure access to safe and affordable housing; we need to upgrade slums; we need to invest in public transport; we need to create green public areas; and we need to put in place measures to make urban planning and management participatory and inclusive.

Source: UN (2023) and Arcadis (2022).