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URBAN WATER SUSTAINABILITY AND GHG REDUCTION

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91 of the world's leading megacities working together to tackle climate change



>650

Million people

>25%

of global GDP

11%

of world population

SUPPORTING MAYORS TO LEAD THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE



25%

CITY ACTIONS DIRECT
RESULT OF KNOWLEDGE
SHARING

3

TIMES MORE LIKELY TO
ACT IF A GOAL HAS
BEEN ESTABLISHED

0

MEMBERSHIP FEES

**C40 IS WORKING
TO TURN THE PARIS
AGREEMENT FROM
ASPIRATION TO ACTION**





THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT ROADMAP FOR
TURNING THE PARIS AGREEMENT FROM
ASPIRATION TO ACTION

INCREASING OUR DELIVERY

ENERGY AND BUILDINGS	TRANSPORTATION	URBAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	WASTE AND WATER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Building Efficiency • Municipal Building Efficiency • <i>New Building Efficiency</i> • Clean Energy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobility Management • Low Emission Vehicles • Bus Rapid Transit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Planning • Transit Oriented Development • Low-Carbon Districts • Food Systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Solid Waste Systems • Waste to Resources • Urban water management • Wastewater treatment
ADAPTATION		BUSINESS, DATA AND INNOVATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting Delta Cities • Climate Change Risk Assessment • Cool Cities 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Growth 	


C40'S MAYORS CAN LEAD A GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION






Water is the lifeline of a city.


Water patterns disruptions are often one of the first climate impacts that cities experience.



The urban water infrastructure market is worth **\$400B** per year and growing

A photograph of a wastewater treatment plant. In the foreground, two large, dark, corrugated metal pipes are discharging a thick, turbulent flow of brownish, foamy wastewater. The water is splashing and creating white foam as it falls into a larger body of water below. In the background, there are industrial structures, including a control room with windows and various pipes and equipment. The overall scene is industrial and somewhat somber due to the color of the wastewater.

80% of all
wastewater is
released into
nature untreated.



Water losses can be as high as 70% due to aging infrastructure

The image is a composite of two photographs. The left side shows an aerial view of a residential area that has been severely flooded. A road with a bridge crosses a wide, murky river of floodwater. In the background, there are houses, trees, and a tall apartment building. The right side shows a large concrete dam with a central tower, situated in a dry, hilly landscape. The water level behind the dam is high, and the surrounding terrain is rocky and sparsely vegetated. The text '64% of C40 cities face significant risks from flash and surface flooding' is overlaid in white on a semi-transparent dark band across the center of the image.

64% of C40 cities face significant risks from flash and surface flooding

Jakarta: Losses estimated at \$1B per year due to sea level rise. 590,000 people lost their homes in 2007



A photograph of the Melbourne skyline, featuring several prominent skyscrapers and the St. Paul's Cathedral on the left. In the foreground, a stone bridge with a decorative railing spans across a river. The sky is a clear, pale blue. A semi-transparent dark blue box is overlaid on the bottom half of the image, containing white text.

**Melbourne: 14 year long drought,
leading to water reserves 30% below
critical level**

Hong Kong: Total Water Management Strategy.



Auckland: offsetting the energy requirements from 22,000 homes through waste water treatment upgrades



New Network: Urban Water Management

Supporting cities to address all topics relating to the entire water cycle to improve and secure the urban water supply.

Focusing on

- improved efficiency and energy consumption,
- leaks and loss reduction,
- water capture and sourcing,
- storm water management,
- rainwater harvesting and
- water recycling.

New Network: Wastewater Treatment

Working with cities to improve or implement sanitation facilities and treatment infrastructure.

Focusing on

- energy efficiency,
- methane capture and utilization, nitrous oxide abatement,
- food waste co-digestion and
- contracting mechanisms.



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