

**UNESCAP Pacific Office in association with
UN HABITAT and the Commonwealth Local Government
Forum (CLGF)**

Mobilizing Action on Urban Issues in the Pacific

Nadi, Fiji - UNESCAP, CLGF and UNHABITAT are mobilizing action on urban issues in the Pacific. Between Nov 30 and Dec 2 2011, UNESCAP, CLGF and UNH will hold the Pacific Urban Forum to help support Pacific Island Countries with integrating urban issues into national development plans. The forum will focus on forging links between local government and national planners, assessing sustainable urban infrastructure opportunities and discussing strategic climate change adaptation measures in towns and cities.

The population of the Pacific, currently estimated to be 10 million, is expected to increase to 15 million within 25 years and Pacific populations continue to relocate from rural to urban areas. As urban populations grow, the quality of life, particularly in peri-urban communities, can become compromised. Rather than reacting to problems as they emerge, Pacific governments must continue working to anticipate and prepare for the impacts of urban growth. While action is taking place at the national level, it has come time to reconvene at the regional level and share our learning and progress.

The Pacific Urban Forum will bring together urban experts, development partners and government representatives from at least eight Pacific Island Countries including: Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

WHAT: Pacific Urban Forum “*Mobilizing Action on Urban Issues in the Pacific*”

WHEN: Wednesday Nov 30 – Friday Dec 2, 2011

WHERE: Novotel Hotel, Nadi, Fiji

WHO: Organised by UNESCAP, CLGF and UNH

For more information visit: <http://www.unescap.org/EPOC/activities.asp>

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