The Port Moresby Urban Action Agenda

Taking Forward the Suva Statement for a Sustainable Urban Pacific

We, the participants of the 7th Pacific Urban Forum (PUF7), hosted by the Ministry of Housing and Urbanization, Papua New Guinea and the National Capital District Commission (NCDC), and convened in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, on 24–26 March 2026, including Ministers, local government leaders, representatives of civil society, academia, the private sector, and development partners:

Recognize the growing significance of urbanisation in shaping the future of Pacific Island countries and territories, and the urgent need to address the interconnected challenges of climate change, inequality, informality, and urban infrastructure deficits;

Reaffirm our commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the New Urban Agenda, the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, and the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for small island developing States; *Recall and Build Upon* the Pacific New Urban Agenda, the Commonwealth Declaration on Sustainable Urbanisation, and the Suva Statement for a Sustainable Urban Pacific (PUF6) and the need to accelerate their implementation through concrete, inclusive, and context-specific actions;

Our Commitments

We commit to advancing the following priority action areas:

- Climate resilient urban development: Integrate climate adaptation, mitigation and disaster risk reduction into urban policies, planning, and investments;
- Land governance planning, and housing systems: Strengthen land governance, spatial planning, and housing systems, to ensure secure tenure, equitable access to land, and sustainable urban growth;
- Inclusive housing and basic services: Accelerate the provision of adequate and resilient housing and basic services, prioritising the transformation and upgrading of informal settlements while protecting vulnerable and underserved communities;
- Culture, identity, and traditional knowledge: Recognize and leverage cultural identity, traditional knowledge, and local practices as essential drivers of context-specific and resilient urban solutions;
- Social inclusion and equity: Address social and spatial inequalities and systemic barriers, including those affecting youth, women, and persons with disabilities, and marginalized groups, ensuring that no one is left behind.
- Local government empowerment: Strengthen the capacity, resources and mandates of local governments and urban institutions to deliver inclusive and people-centred services;
- Financing sustainable urbanization: Mobilise sustainable and innovative financing, including improving access to climate and green finance for inclusive, resilient and sustainable urban development;
- Data, knowledge, and evidence systems: Enhance urban data systems, research and knowledge-sharing, including by leveraging the development of a periodic *State of Urbanization in the Blue Pacific* report to inform policy, planning, and monitoring;
- Integrated governance and coordination: Promote cross-sectoral, multi-level governance and coordination across national, subnational, and regional levels.

Regional Cooperation and Institutional Strengthening

We further commit to:

- Strengthening regional cooperation and peer learning, enhancing exchange of knowledge, good practices and technical assistance collaboration across Pacific countries and stakeholders;
    - Reinforcing the role of the Pacific Urban Forum (PUF) as a regional platform to:
    - Provide advisory support to the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) and related
    - regional processes on sustainable urbanisation;
    - Facilitate multi-stakeholder dialogue and coordination on sustainable urban development issues;
    - Support localization and implementation of global and regional commitments.
- Strengthening the Pacific Urban Partnership (PUP) as an inclusive knowledge hub, collaborative platform and network for urban stakeholders in the region;
- Promoting alignment between national urban policies, regional frameworks, and global agendas.

Monitoring and Follow-up

We agree to:

- Periodically review progress on the implementation of this Action Statement through future PUF sessions;
- Support the preparation of regular regional progress reports, including the State of Urbanization in the Blue Pacific, to track achievements, identify gaps, and inform policy adjustments;
- Encourage voluntary national and local reporting aligned with SDG localisation and regional priorities.

Call to Pacific Leaders

We call upon Pacific Islands Forum Leaders (PIFL), members of the Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP), national and local governments, as well as development partners:

- Elevate inclusive, resilient and sustainable urban development as a strategic priority within national and regional development frameworks and initiatives, as a cornerstone of the Blue Pacific vision;
- Endorse and champion the Pacific New Urban Agenda, reinforced through the Suva Statement and this Port Moresby Urban Action Agenda;
- Support capacity development, financing, and partnerships to implement these commitments effectively;
- Promote active Pacific leadership and participation in global and regional urban development processes.

Looking Ahead

We note the importance of continued engagement in upcoming global and regional processes, including:

- World Urban Forum 13, 17–22 May 2026, Baku, Azerbaijan
- High-Level Political Forum 2026, 7–15 July 2026, New York, U.S.A.
- Pacific Island Forum Leaders Meeting, 30 August–4 September 2026, Koror, Palau
- Pre-Cop & COP31, 5–8 October 2026 (Pre-COP Fiji & Tuvalu), 9–20 November 2026 (COP31 Türkiye)
- Commonwealth Local Government Conference, TBD 2027
- Asia-Pacific Urban Forum 9, 31 August–2 September 2027, Yokohama, Japan
- Pacific Island Forum Leaders Meeting, TBD 2027
- Pacific Urban Forum 8, 2029, Samoa

We welcome the invitation by the Government of Samoa to host the eighth Pacific Urban Forum in Samoa (PUF8) in 2029, as seconded by the Government of Solomon Islands, and look forward to continuing regional collaboration towards PUF8.



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