



CITIES COUNCIL: WORLD CITIES SUMMIT, 2023

Welcome to the city of the future... or at least what it could be! Every other year, cities around the world convene to discuss pressing issues affecting urban development at the Global Cities Summit in Singapore.

Currently, more than half of the world's population lives in urban areas. By 2050, that percentage will climb to over 70% with much of that growth expected to come from Africa and Asia. Despite this growth, urban development has continued to fail the needs of growing populations. The U.N. estimates that more than 1 billion people live in "slums" or other informal conditions in urban areas. Even more concerning, greater than 80% of these people live within just three regions of the world: Eastern and Southern Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. With the expected population growth in these regions, it has become more important than ever to find solutions that address the impending population crisis and lack of sustainable development solutions in cities. In committee, delegates will be addressing one of the following pressing urban issues: the development of sustainable infrastructure or improving healthcare.

Adequate housing and medical care are essential resources that many countries in the Global South continue to lack. Historically, the World Cities Summit has been a forum for countries that are traditionally underrepresented in global policy discussions. To keep in line with this principle, we have chosen to only include cities from Latin America, Asia, and Africa within this committee. While we have set our two primary topics, delegates should come prepared to address and discuss both issues as a formal topic will not be set until the start of the committee.



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