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From the Executive Director

Why Cities Need to ACT Now

In the face of changing demographics, economic disruption, technological advances and the growing impacts of climate change, cities need to take bold transformational steps.

Published alongside the milestone 10th edition of the World Cities Summit, this issue of Urban Solutions explores how cities can ACT now—accelerate, collaborate and transform—to actively shape a more liveable future for all. Across the articles, three key themes emerge.

People-centred policy and design create shared benefits. When designed to respond to changing needs and aspirations, policy and planning initiatives can lead to improved liveability outcomes for all residents.

Strategic innovation unlocks urban potential. Tailored approaches allow cities to reimagine and revitalise spaces and unlock opportunities for growth. Technology is also an important enabler that cities can and should harness to test and scale urban solutions.

Collaborative networks amplify global impacts. Cities are recognising that collaboration and partnership across government, private sector and community are essential to address common issues and achieve collective outcomes.

I hope the insights shared in this edition of Urban Solutions will illuminate the way ahead for us to leverage the power of cities to make transformational change to improve urban life. I wish you an enjoyable read.



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