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## UN-Habitat Executive Director's message for World Metropolitan Day

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An estimated 60% of the world's urban population is living, working and caring for each other in metropolitan spaces. It is projected that one billion more people will live in metropolitan areas in the next decade. We therefore need a robust and consistent approach for better metropolitan management. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, UN-Habitat Executive Director, urges all of us to support metropolitan sustainable development through enacting targeted legal frameworks, promoting effective metropolitan governance, including accounting for metropolitan scales at national and sub-national policies and planning systems, and establishing sound financing mechanisms. On World Metropolitan Day, let us continue advancing global awareness and advocacy for sustainable urbanisation from a wider perspective!