



Environment and Nature

LEARNING WEEK 2025

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TECHNICAL SESSION 3: INVESTING IN CLEAN AIR

AIR QUALITY WORKING GROUP





Clean Air: A Strategic Pillar of Climate Resilience

Urban Resilience Trust Fund (URTF)

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\$82.15 million

Multi-donor trust fund

2023–2031

Timeline

Financing Partner



**UK International
Development**

Partnership | Progress | Prosperity

**Aims to strengthen adaptation and
resilience in Asia and the Pacific**

Planning and
policy change

Support for
innovative
investments

Capacity
building of cities
and
communities

Public and Private Investments

Uses a holistic resilience approach

Physical

Ecological

**Social and
Institutional**

Financial

Priority Themes

- 1 Urban Policy and Planning
- 2 Nature-Based Solutions
- 3 Air Quality
- 4 Water, Sanitation, Solid Waste
- 5 Disaster Resilience
- 6 GHG Reduction and Adaptation
- 7 Urban Mobility and Social Services
- 8 Community Empowerment

South Asia – 3

Southeast Asia – 7

Pacific – 14

24 Eligible Countries



Cleaner air strengthens public health, equity, and local economies. Resilience strategies keep air clean, creating a reinforcing cycle of resilience.



Cleaner air and improved health

- ▶ **Regional: Air Quality (TA 10537)**
Builds evidence and tools for cities in 12 countries to identify pollution hotspots and design policies and projects that cut emissions.



Clean energy

- ▶ **Tuvalu: Increasing Access to Renewable Energy - Phase 2 (IAREP-2) (Grant 0940)**
Facilitates the installation of marine floating solar for power generation, reducing air pollution and greenhouse gases.



Low-carbon and compact urban development

- ▶ **India: Strengthening Transit-Oriented Development for Urban Transformation in Indian Cities (TA 10116)**
Promotes compact development that cuts vehicle use and emissions by shifting trips to public transport and walkable neighborhoods.
- ▶ **Jakarta, Indonesia: Strengthening Urban Resilience and Fiscal Capacity for Climate Actions (TA 10452)**
Promotes policies and builds local capacity to incentivize transport and industries to reduce carbon emissions by putting a price on emissions.



Improved waste management

- ▶ **India: Strengthening Resilient, Inclusive, and Smart Waste Management in Indian Cities (TA 10234)**
Advances gender-responsive, resilient waste and sanitation systems in support of India's Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0, aiming for garbage-free cities by 2026.
- ▶ **Solomon Islands: Resilient Urban Services for Sustainable Tourism and Wetland Preservation (RESTOW) (TA 10267)**
Supports local initiatives in waste management, eco-tourism, and nature conservation to protect clean air and healthy environments.
- ▶ **Resilient Urban Methane Initiative (RUMI)**
Supports studies and initiatives that aims to retire dumpsites and replace them with systems that cut methane, VOCs, and smoke.



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