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Did you know, as per estimates by experts, an additional three billion people will live in cities by 2050? What will the impact be on the current world population—half of which currently lives in cities and contributes to about three-fourths of global economic output? The opportunities are vast but so are the potential issues.

Sustainable Cities provides an understanding of major challenges faced by urban areas around the world, including poverty, unemployment, poor housing infrastructure, and constraints on productivity, as well as the extraordinary potential of these areas to enable change in the future. From infrastructure to culture to economic opportunity, learn how harnessing the power of urban development for global progress is imperative.

This online course examines the way urban sustainability can be delivered with increasing productivity and reduced inequality; provision of universal basic services and infrastructure; protection of urban environment; and other solutions and investments, both speculative and in action, around the world.

Through this course, participants will learn about methods by which governments, private stakeholders and other actors can improve urban development to heed the call of Sustainable Development Goal 11—'making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable' by 2030.

Sustainable Cities has been developed through a partnership between the SDG Academy and the Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS), which is working to transform the current nature of urban education and practice in India.

## This course is for:

- Anyone interested in the concept of sustainable cities including those interested in the development of their own local community, and keen to understand the foundations of modern urban development
- Graduate students and advanced undergraduate students in architecture, real estate development, sustainable development, sustainable business, international development, public policy, and other related fields
- Sustainable development practitioners interested in the elements of sustainability that impact urban areas
- Private-sector actors, such as those who work in real estate development, technology, telecommunications, transportation or energy-whose work can contribute to and redefine urban areas

# This course will cover:

- An overview of governance, land management, utilities, and other entities that make up urban systems
- An understanding of the impact of poverty, health, economic opportunity, and other people-focused issues on urban systems and development
- The way technology is shaping transportation, energy, urban resilience, and more
- Case studies of major cities in the Global North and South

# This course is taught by:

A team of 26 prominent, global urban thought leaders and practitioners, led by Aromar Revi, Director IIHS. The team includes Eugenie Birch, Susan Parnell, Edgar Pieterse, Jeffrey Sachs, David Satterthwaite, Clare Short and Rafael Tuts.

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