



# Building Climate Resilience for the Urban Poor in Africa

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# Background and Context



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## Rapid Urbanization

Africa urbanizing at 4.0% annually. By 2050, 70% will live in cities.

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## Climate Vulnerability

Increasing temperatures and variations at unprecedented levels.

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## Urban Poor at Risk

60% live in informal settlements. They're highly vulnerable to climate impacts.

# Vicious Circles Driving Vulnerability

## Infrastructure Deficit

Lack of basic urban infrastructure exacerbates vulnerabilities.

## Precarious Livelihoods

Limited economic opportunities trap communities in poverty.

## Climatic Extremes

Exposure to climate extremes reinforces poverty cycles.

These interconnected challenges contribute to self-reinforcing poverty cycles. Addressing them requires integrated solutions.

# Measuring Vulnerability Across Hotspots

## 1 Climatic Exposure

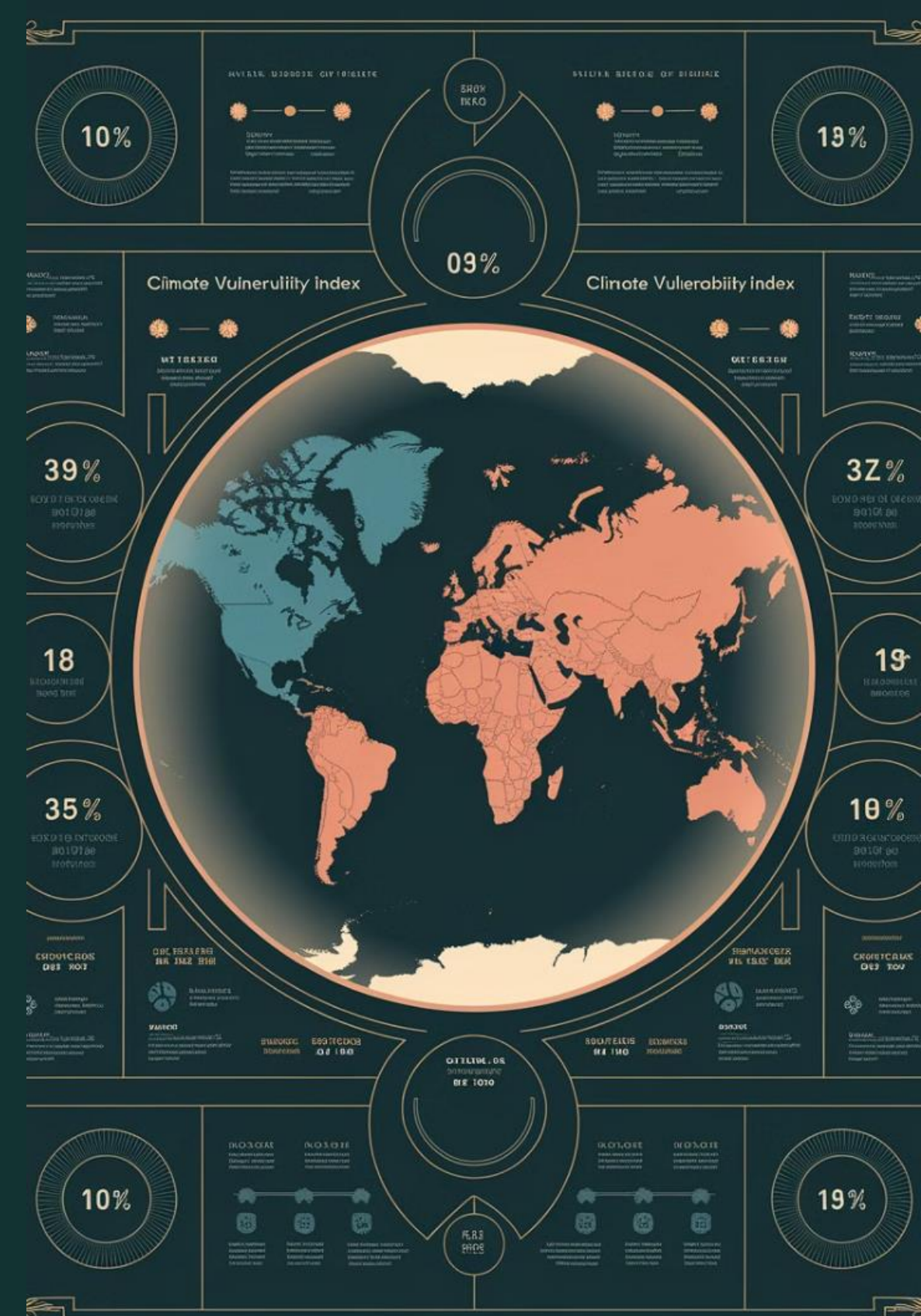
Use IPCC regional data sheets to predict impact. Consider the ND-GAIN adaptation index.

## 2 Community Resilience

Assess access to resources and decent jobs. Evaluate community participation.

## 3 Alignment with Priorities

Ensure alignment with national strategies. Coordinate with climate donors and DFIs.



# Themes for Engagement in Dialogues

## Resilient Urban Design

Leapfrog to global best practices.  
Mobilize nature-based solutions.



## Sustainable Habitat Design

Develop climate-adapted building designs. Achieve resilient housing stock.

## Formal Integration

Integrate informal settlements into formal urban planning.

# The BCRUP Initiative



## Goal

Build resilience and adaptive capacity.  
Target urban poor populations.



## Approach

Community-centered transformation of urban planning practices.



## Scale

10-year plan targeting 20 African countries. Estimated cost: \$5.688 billion.

# Key Issues in Urban Resilience for Africa

## Informal Settlements

High proportion of urban population in substandard conditions.

## Rapid Urbanization

Unprecedented growth. This presents both opportunities and challenges.

## Infrastructure

Fragmented infrastructure. It creates security and livelihood issues.

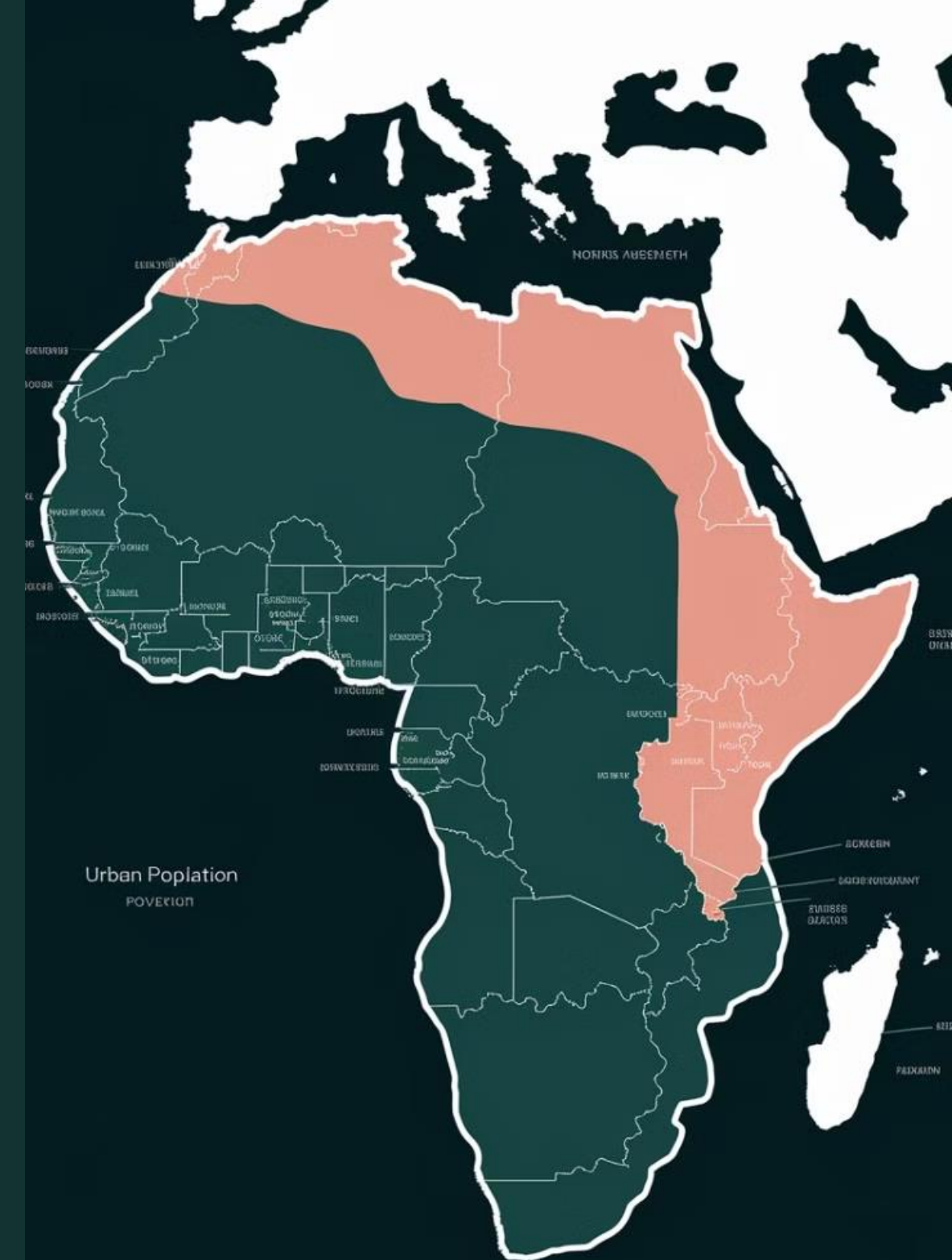
## Governance

Balancing autonomy and coherence. Addressing needs of the urban poor.

# Pilot Countries Overview

Country	Urban Population (%)	Urban Poor (%)
Gabon	90.7%	56%
Kenya	29%	60%
Nigeria	55%	60%

The BCRUP readiness program involves 20 African countries. They represent a diverse range of challenges.





# Climate Vulnerability Profiles

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## Coastal Regions

Sea level rise threatens coastal communities.

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## Arid Regions

Drought and water scarcity pose challenges.

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## Tropical Regions

Rainfall variability leads to floods and droughts.

# Policy and Institutional Framework



Global  
Commitment

Alignment  
with SDGs  
and Paris  
Agreement.



National  
Strategies

Integration in  
National  
Adaptation  
Plans.



Local  
Implementati

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Establishmen  
t of Climate  
Change Units.

## Gender Equality Analysis

- 1 Disproportionate Impacts  
Women face higher burdens from climate change.
- 2 Resource Dependence  
Reliance on natural resources at risk.
- 3 Participation Barriers  
Unequal participation compounds inequalities.

# Gaps and Barriers



# Beneficiaries and Impacts



## Urban Poor

Enhanced ability to adapt to changing environments.



## Local Governments

Improved capacity for resilience planning.



## Private Sector

Opportunities for investment in climate-proof infrastructure.

# Stakeholder Engagement

## International Organizations

Provide technical support and financing.

## National Governments

Coordinate activities and oversee programs.

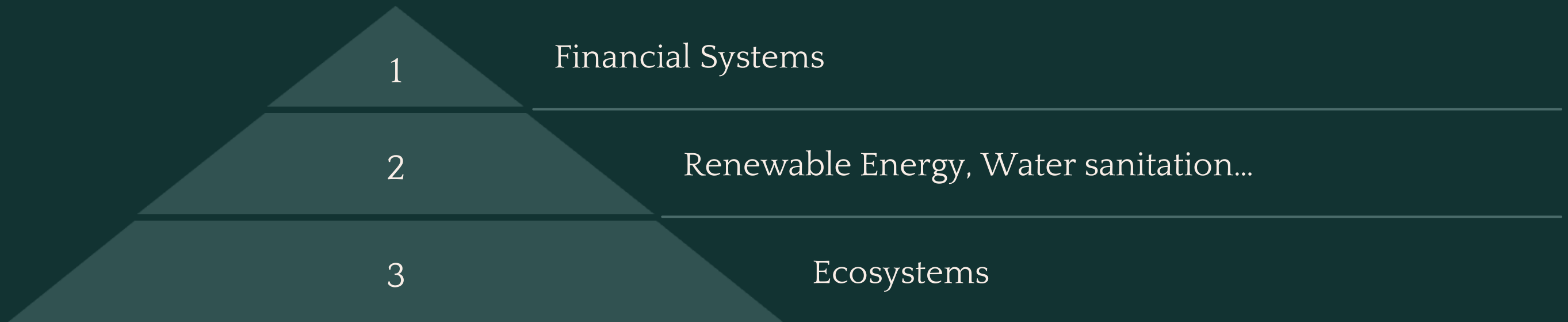
## Civil Society

Provide insights and advocacy.

## Local Governments

Manage subnational implementation.

# Synergies with Existing Programs



The program synergizes with ecosystem-based adaptation. It aligns with financial systems transformation. The program promotes renewable energy access.





# Implementation Structure

GCF

Approval and monitoring.

UCLG Africa

Delivery partner and coordinator.

BCRUP Taskforce

Multi-stakeholder platform.

Program Management Unit

Day-to-day implementation.

# Expected Outcomes

## Empowered Communities

Urban communities with enhanced adaptive capacity.

## Integrated Policies

Climate-smart policies in urban planning.



## Stronger Institutions

Improved frameworks for urban climate resilience.

## Better Finance Access

Increased climate finance for local governments.