

## Sustainable Cities in Latin America and the Caribbean

The objective of this call for proposals is to select a group of studies to analyze the urban sustainability of Latin American cities. Urban sustainability is an issue of the highest relevance for the future of not only the inhabitants of a specific city, but for society as a whole. The Inter-American Development Bank and the Asian Development Bank are sponsoring a series of city studies to assess the environmental sustainability of urban growth in both regions. Selected studies should collect and use urban sustainability data in several areas of the region's cities, and link those data to sound policy recommendations.

Selected studies should aim to fulfill three specific objectives: (1) Characterize different urbanization patterns of the cities analyzed and their performance in key sustainability metrics during the last three decades, and make a prediction for future decades; (2) identify clear correlations between urban morphological elements—and associated socioeconomic consequences—and resources demand, including an estimate of the main metabolic flows (water, food, raw materials, and products) and outflows (sewage, waste, or CO<sub>2</sub> emissions); and (3) provide guidance to help determine the most appropriate and effective strategies for investing in urban infrastructure, in order to optimize resource use efficiency while satisfying key indicators of socioeconomic well-being.

Each proposal should include a detailed discussion of the issues to be addressed, identification of the data sources to be collected and used, and the empirical strategy to address them. The selection committee will give strong preference to studies that strive to adhere to the methodology described in the call for proposals.

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