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# Accelerating Urban Resilience

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## Key Messages from paper:

- 1. In the urban environment the economic and social consequences of water stress and extreme events are increasingly felt and are developing at accelerating speed.**
- 2. Through continuous urbanization, cities play a central role in the ability of nations to achieve sustainable development.**
- 3. As water is a key component of sustainable urban development in the SDG framework the work on SDG 6 (Water) should be connected to SDG 11 (Cities)**
- 4. Delta-cities combine the challenges posed by both rivers and seas, and their messages are as relevant for cities that are situated at either a river or a sea.**
- 5. Making a city more resilient to water-related disasters also makes a city more liveable.**
- 6. Increasing cities' resilience to water-related disasters necessitates an inclusive, adaptive and preventive approach that is integrated in the overall development strategy of cities and nations.**
- 7. Cities should better capitalize on existing ecosystem characteristics and services within the city boundaries.**
- 8. City learning will be essential to accelerate progress towards sustainable development and resilience to water-related disasters.**