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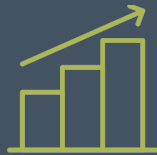
Making Cities Healthier Worldwide

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Cities today occupy about 3% of the earth's total land mass

GLOBAL RESOURCE USE

70%
ECONOMY (GDP)

70%
GREENHOUSE
GAS EMISSIONS

60+%
GLOBAL ENERGY
CONSUMPTION

70%
GLOBAL WASTE

Cities highlighted represent the largest population numbers and density

CALL TO ACTION

Cities must be at the forefront of tackling critical global health and development issues

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Making cities healthier worldwide

The International Society for Urban Health (ISUH) is the only global, non-governmental organization committed to making cities healthier by addressing the broad determinants of health and health inequities.

Mobilize global leadership and resources to advance science and education for urban health

Share solutions and catalyze action to address urban health challenges

Drive meaningful and sustainable change to improve urban health

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Improving the built, social, economic, and physical environments to promote health

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Who comes together

ISUH is a global multi-sectoral, multi-disciplinary professional organization. Our membership consists of community leaders, researchers, educators, policy makers, urban health advocates, and practitioners from around the world. *It is the only global nongovernmental organization that focuses exclusively on the broad determinants of urban health.*

Broad determinants of health

Experts now know that in order to achieve healthier urban communities worldwide, we must improve the built, social, and physical environments in which people live.

How we improve urban health

Our Network

ISUH promotes and facilitates participation from an unparalleled network of multisector, multidisciplinary partners worldwide to advance urban health education, practice research, and advocacy.

Taking Action

We build cross-sector partnerships at global, national and city levels to drive and scale evidence-based action, inform policy change and solve urban health challenges.

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Cities as Drivers for Achieving Global Health and Development Goals

Bringing Attention To Urban Health

Improving urban health and addressing the broad determinants of health is essential to making progress toward the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda.

We promote collaboration on advancing the urban health agenda, and advocate for:

- The importance of health to social and economic development

- Leadership from all sectors to recognize that their decisions affect the health of people living in cities

- Public private partnerships to maximize impact in mobilizing resources for capacity building and sustainable development

- Sustainable, inclusive, and equitable development

Cities are taking leadership in health and development

Cities are the focal point for improving health across national borders more than ever before; sharing ideas, forming coalitions, and challenging their national governments to improve urban health worldwide.

UN COMPACT FOR MAYORS

Over 200 world leaders, representing more than 270 million people committed to taking a transparent and supportive approach to reduce urban green house gas emissions and enhance resilience to climate change.

C40

The C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group is a network of more than 95 of the world's cities committed to addressing climate change. C40 offers cities an effective forum where they can collaborate, share knowledge and drive meaningful, measurable and sustainable action.

AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES

This project was conceived in June 2005 and further developed by the WHO. The WHO worked with 33 cities in WHO regions to create the Age-Friendly Cities guide. The WHO defines an age-friendly city as one that adapts its structures and services to be accessible to and inclusive of older people with varying needs and capacities.

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International Conference on Urban Health (ICUH)

2017's conference attendees included 640 delegates from 63 different countries, including 33 low- and middle-income countries.

Vancouver
San Francisco
Toronto
New York
Boston
Baltimore
Manchester
Amsterdam
Paris
Coimbra
Xiamen
Dhaka
Kampala
Nairobi
Belo Horizonte

ICUH by the numbers:

15 CONFERENCES

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15 CITIES

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2004
Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts
The Global Urban Health Agenda: Setting Priorities and Building Infrastructure

2005
Centre for Research on Inner City Health, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Ontario
Achieving Social Justice in Urban Communities

2006
Municipal Health Service of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Population mobility and its effect on urban health

2007
The Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland
Harnessing the Power of Technology to Achieve Behavior Change and Improve Health

2008
University of British Columbia: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
Knowledge Integration: Successful Interventions in Urban Health

2009
The African Population and Health Research Center, and the Government of Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya
Meeting Urban Health Needs through Innovative Research, Policies and Interventions

2010
The New York Academy of Medicine, New York, New York
Good Governance for Healthy Cities

2011
The School of Medicine of the Federal University of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Urban Health Action Towards Equity

2012
University of Paris West, Paris, France
Health and Space

2014
The University of Manchester, Manchester, England
Crossing Boundaries: Partnerships for Global Urban Health

2015
Eminence Associates for Social Development and the Bangladesh Urban Health Network, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Urban Health for a Sustainable Future: The Post 2015 Agenda

2016
The International Society on Urban Health and the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, California
Place and Health

2017
University of Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal
Health Equity: The New Urban Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals

2018
Uganda National Academy of Sciences, Kampala, Uganda
Managing Urbanization for Health: A Priority for all Nations

2019
Institute of Urban Environment, Chinese Academy of Science Xiamen, China
People Oriented Urbanisation: Transforming Cities for Health and Well-Being

The Future…
…in your City?

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Key ISUH / ICUH Global Collaborators

Thank you for supporting ISUH and for making urban communities healthier worldwide.

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