Megacities and Megacity-Regions

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The rationale of the series is that since 6 out of 10 people are expected to live in cities in 2030 and urban sprawl has presented a number of challenges (pollution, inequality, diseases, susceptibility to hazards, among others), it becomes necessary to look at cities, megacities specifically, as drivers of change.