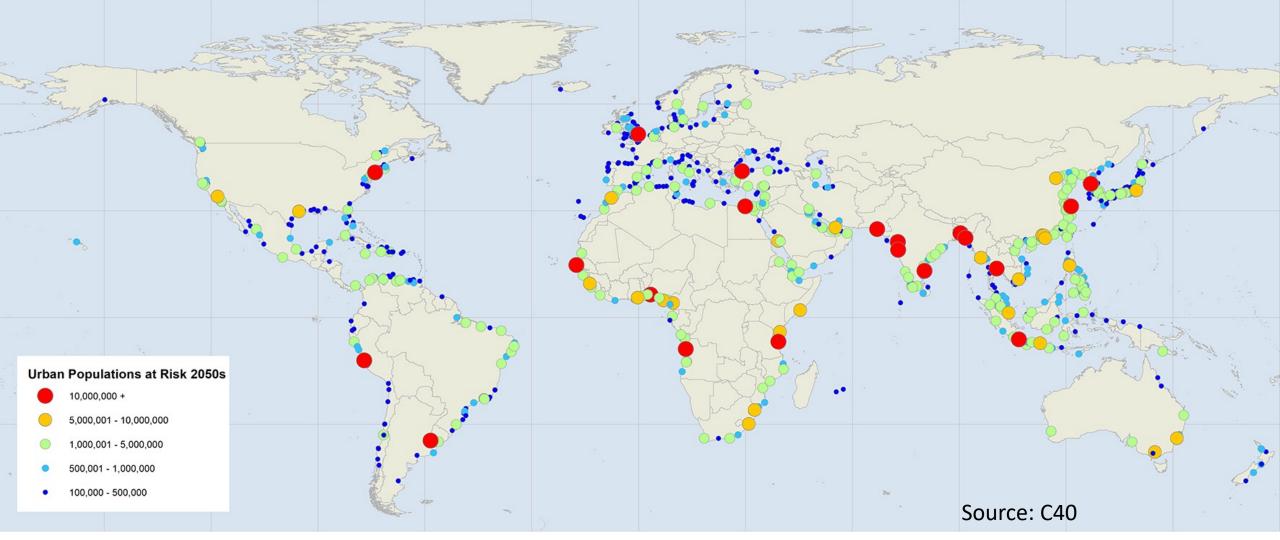
Everyday climate action: mapping the ordinary spaces of low-carbon transitions in cities.

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Larger cities consume ¾ of the world's energy and generate over 70% of global CO₂ emissions.

70% of cities are already dealing with the effects of climate change, 90% of urban areas worldwide are coastal

Cities require large investments to cope with and adapt to climate change





European Green Deal to make Europe Carbon neutral by 2050 At least €1tn (£852bn) needs to be found over the next decade



London is a world leader for climate action this will be central to delivering a recovery that creates jobs and skills.

A Green New Deal

London needs £61 billion of capital investments for buildings and infrastructures, to make the city zero-carbon by 2030.

Emphasis on large scale interventions for mitigation and adaptation

Jakarta's Great Garuda flood wall



Guardian graphic Source: NCICD

Ordinary climate action: looking beyond large-scale interventions

Communities reinvent cities through interventions that address local needs through:

- oinfrastructure provision,
- oadaptation efforts,
- orewilding,
- ourban agriculture,
- orecycling and waste management,
- oeducation.

Rethinking energy provision for climate adapted and low-carbon cities



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Community Energy Systems and Sustainable Energy Transitions in Ethiopia, Malawi and Mozambique (CESET)

Rethinking and reclaiming finance for just energy transitions in cities.

Project Brief

CESET explores the potential of community energy to accelerate inclusive and clean energy transitions in Ethiopia, Malawi and Mozambique. https://cesetproject.com/

Smaller scale action enabled by decentralized, off-grid technologies (solar, micro-hydro, biogas) available at cheaper cost

Conclusion: towards a green recovery in cities

- Large scale interventions and investments are and will be increasingly necessary to help cities adapt to the effects of climate change and reduce their emissions;
- However, we also need to look at how urban dwellers are already implementing climate action in many cities from the bottom-up;
- Learn from these initiatives to ensure that urban justice is at the core of climate action in cities, and to design policies and innovative financial models that help support community-led efforts to lead future urban transformations.