

WEEKLY INSIGHT #8 - URBANIZATION TRENDS

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From 1 billion in 1950, the urban population could reach 9 billion in 2100. 90% of this increase in the coming decades will take place in Asia and Africa, with megacities such as Lagos or Kinshasa projected to host more than 80 million people!

The massive influx to those sprawling cities will raise new challenges or aggravate existing ones, from the lack of access to infrastructure and sanitation, to rising socio-spatial inequalities or pollution and traffic jam.

Urbanization trends might be profoundly shaped in the long-term by the consequences of the Covid-19 crisis. According to A&A, **smart cities, within the context of the Economy of Life, will become the norm much faster than expected by traditional thinking.**