

2014 Revision of World Urbanization Prospects (embargoed) - Urban

- Currently, 54% of the world's population in urban areas
- By 2050, 2.5 bln urban dwellers added: 66% urban
- Africa and Asia to absorb 90%
- Africa fastest rate of urbanisation '20-'50

Rural areas

- Global rural population to peak in a few years
- India and China host 44% of rural population
- Rural population expected to increase in one-third of countries during 2014-2050
 - Biggest increases in Nigeria (44 mln), Ethiopia (37 mln) and Uganda (37 mln)
 - Biggest decline in China (318 mln) and India (69 mln)

Cities

- 50% resides in settlements < 500k
- 20% resides in 1-5 mln agglomerations
- 12% resides in 28 megacities (>10 mln)
- Largest cities in global South
- Fastest growing are small and medium size agglomerations in Asia and Africa