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URBANIZATION AND ITS CROSS-SECTORAL IMPACTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND AGRICULTURE: A NEXUS APPROACH

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Abstract

Urbanization, climate change, and agricultural systems are deeply interconnected, presenting complex challenges to global sustainability. By 2050, urban populations are expected to reach 64% in developing countries and 86% in developed nations. This rapid expansion is reshaping land use, increasing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and altering global food production dynamics. Urban growth—most pronounced in Asia and Africa—intensifies pressure on natural resources while encroaching on fertile agricultural land. Projections indicate that by 2030, global urban expansion could lead to a 1.8–2.4% loss of croplands, with 80% of this loss concentrated in Asia and Africa. Notably, these lost croplands are 1.77 times more productive than the global average, accounting for 3–4% of total crop production in 2000, thereby heightening risks to livelihoods and food security.

Urbanization is also a major contributor to climate change through elevated GHG emissions from transportation, industry, and energy consumption in buildings. In China, for example, urbanization has significantly increased national emissions, although regional variations show that lower energy intensity can mitigate this effect, while rising residential consumption remains a key driver. Moreover, urbanization increases soil nitrous oxide (N_2O) emissions by 153% and reduces methane (CH_4) uptake by 50%, with the expansion of global urban green spaces further elevating N_2O emissions by 0.46 Tg N_2O-N per year and decreasing CH_4 uptake by 0.58 Tg CH_4-C annually.

Despite these challenges, urbanization also fosters innovative mitigation strategies, such as urban agriculture and conservation-based practices that enhance soil health, improve yields, reduce transport-related emissions, and mitigate urban heat island effects. However, research from 73 urban agriculture sites across Europe and the United States revealed that urban farming can sometimes exhibit a higher carbon footprint than conventional agriculture (420 vs. 70 gCO_2e per serving).

Achieving sustainable urbanization requires harmonizing food security, climate adaptation, and ecological resilience through climate-smart planning, integrated policy frameworks, and region-specific strategies. Collaborative global efforts are essential to reduce environmental impacts, strengthen food systems, and promote resilient, low-carbon urban futures.

Introduction

Global urbanization has been accelerating at a remarkable pace, with profound implications for societies worldwide. By 2025, more than half of the world's population will be living in urban areas, and this proportion is projected to reach about **64%** in developing countries and **86% in** developed countries by 2050. This rapid urbanization is particularly evident in Africa and Asia, where urban populations are expected to grow significantly. Cities are becoming centers of economic activity, generating over **80%** of global GDP despite housing only around half of the world's population. While urbanization offers potential benefits such as increased productivity, better access to services, and opportunities for innovation, it also presents challenges, including infrastructure demands, housing shortages, and environmental pressures. The pace and scale of this urban transformation make it a critical factor in shaping the future of global development and sustainability. A bibliometric study (1991-2009) revealed exponential growth in urbanization research, led by the US, with strong international collaboration. Key areas included environmental science and land use, correlating with urbanization rates. Keyword analysis highlighted "hot-spots" like the USA and China, and ecological concerns (Wang et al., 2012). Taylor's work defines global cities as interconnected service hubs, distinct from past urban centers. London and New York lead in network connectivity, highlighting the inter-city trade's role in globalization. This perspective emphasizes external relations, framing globalization as expanded, worldwide human activity (Davis, 2015). A paper analyzed the urbanization in developing countries, identifying five key processes (economic, demographic, social,forces (industrialization, modernization, globalization, materialization and administration). It aims to guide healthy urban development (Gu, 2019). Global urbanization, especially in developing nations, offers economic opportunities but faces challenges like sprawl, poverty, and environmental degradation. Sustainable urbanization requires tailored policies, combining regulation, market mechanisms, and spatial planning, to maximize benefits and minimize negative impacts (Zhang, 2016). Chinese cities (1990-2016) show worsening thermal comfort, with 68% experiencing increased physiological equivalent temperature and **59%** more uncomfortable days in summer. National air temperature and solar radiation rose, while humidity and wind speed declined. Climate change is the main driver, with urbanization contributing **10.9%** (Z. Ren et al., 2022).

Urbanization, climate change, and agricultural systems are interconnected in a dynamic yet challenging relationship. Rapid urban growth, projected to house 68% of the global population by 2050, intensifies demand for food while encroaching on agricultural land, pushing traditional farming toward intensive practices that contribute significantly to greenhouse gas emissions and soil degradation. However, urbanization also drives innovative solutions like urban agriculture, which integrates ecological practices such as Conservation based farming to enhance soil health, boost crop yields, and reduce transportation emissions by localizing food production. These practices simultaneously mitigate urban heat islands, improve flood resilience through better water management, and sequester carbon in urban green spaces. Meanwhile, urbanization indirectly influences rural agricultural systems by shifting labor dynamics—reducing dependency on manual labor and spatial, and shrinkage) and five driving promoting large-scale, efficient farming practices, as seen in China's improved agricultural eco-efficiency through labor migration and income growth. Yet, this transition risks exacerbating resource depletion if not balanced with sustainable strategies, highlighting the need for urban planning that harmonizes food security, climate adaptation, and ecological resilience.

The complex relationship between urbanization, climate change, and agricultural systems:

Urbanization, climate change, and agricultural systems are deeply interconnected. Urbanexpansion transforms land use, impacts greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and alters food production patterns. Climate change, in turn, affects agricultural productivity and land availability, while agriculture itself is both a driver and a victim of climate change. The following tables and figures synthesize current research to illustrate these complex relationships.

Hawaii's indigenous agro-ecosystems could have matched today's food consumption, supporting a precolonial population of over 800,000.

Urbanization has reduced these systems by 13%, yet **71**% of their potential area remains agriculturally zoned. Future climate scenarios project a production change from **0-19**% by the century's end, highlighting their resilience and restoration value (Kurashima et al., 2019). A systematic review (1980-2017) of 72 articles on livestock production and food security in urbanizing developing countries revealed fragmented, largely qualitative research with narrow food security definitions focusing on supply. The literature overlooks the "missing middle" of value chains and under-emphasizes accessibility, utilization, and stability. Future holistic, interdisciplinary research should address the entire value chain and all food security dimensions in the context of rapid urbanization (Abu Hatab et al., 2019).

Table 1: Key Interactions Between Urbanization, Climate Change, and Agriculture.

Factor	Urbanization Impact	Climate Change Impact	Agricult ure Impact
Land Use	Converts cropland/gra ssland to urban land, reducing the area for agriculture.	Alters rainfall, increases droughts, floods, and heat waves, affecting arable land.	Drives deforesta tion, land conversi on, and GHG emission s.
Greenh ouse Gases	Urban soils emit more N_2O, less CH_4 and increase GHGs.	Increases overall GHGs, further warming.	Agricult ure is responsi ble for ~1/3 of global GHGs, esp. from livestock.
Food Product ion	Loss of roductive cropland (up to 2.4% by 2030, mostly in Asia & Africa).	Reduces yields, increases crop/live stock losses.	Food system emission s feedback into climate change.
Food Security	Jrban expansion threatens local food supplies.	Extreme weather disrupts supply chains, increases hunger risk.	Changes in crop patterns, reduced resilience.
Urban Agricult ure	It can offset food loss but often has higher carbon footprint than rural agriculture.	It may provide local adaptatio n, but is often less efficient.	Urban ag emission s can be 6x higher than conventi onal.

Africa's sustainable development is challenged by its agro-dependent economy facing climate change and "push"-driven urbanization. Achieving SD requires resilient institutions, poverty reduction, technological advancements, diversified employment, renewable energy, climate- smart agriculture, and sound policies addressing these interconnected challenges (Ogwu, 2019).

Global urban expansion by 2030 will cause a nearly **1.8-2.4%** loss of croplands, concentrated in Asia and Africa. These lost croplands are 1.77 times more productive than average, accounting for **3-4%** of 2000 global crop production. Africa faces the highest percentage loss, while Asia sees the largest absolute decrease, threatening livelihoods, especially in the Global South (Bren d'Amour et al., 2017). From 1970 to 2000, global urban land expanded by 58,000 km², with India, China, and Africa showing the highest rates.[1] This expansion, outpacing population growth, is driven by GDP in China and high-income nations, but by population in India and Africa. Projections indicate a further increase of 430,000 km² to 12,568,000 km² by 2030, with 1,527,000 km² being more likely (Seto et al., 2011). From 2000 to 2050, urban land cover in developing nations is projected to surge from 300,000 km² to 1,200,000 km². This expansion, occurring at twice the population growth rate, necessitates proactive planning, including boundary extensions, infrastructure corridors, and open space preservation (Angel et al., 2011). Between 2015 and 2050, global urban land is projected to expand by 0.6–1.3 million square kilometers (**78%-171%**), causing average summer warming of 0.5°C– 0.7°C, reaching up to 3°C in some areas. This urban-induced warming can be comparable to or even exceed warming from greenhouse gas emissions RCP 4.5, significantly increasing extreme heat risks for half the future urban population, particularly in the tropical Global South (Huang et al., 2019). Between 2015 and 2050, urban expansion will be a contributing factor (**≥5% of total loss**) in habitat loss for **26-39%** of 30,393 terrestrial vertebrate species. For up to 855 species (**2-3%**), it will drive **≥25%** of habitat loss (**≥10% net**). The most threatened species and urban clusters are in tropical developing regions, emphasizing the need for targeted global conservation (Simkin et al., 2022). Between 1992 and 2015, global urban land expanded from 33.2 to 71.3 Mha. This caused a direct forest loss of 3.3 Mha, but indirect losses due to cropland displacement were far greater, ranging from 17.8 to 32.4 Mha. Sustainable urban development is crucial to mitigate these substantial indirect losses of forests and other natural areas (van Vliet, 2019).

Table 2: Urban Expansion and Agricultural Land Loss (Global Projections).

	Projected Urban Expansion Impact on Cropland	Regional Focus	Notes
SSP1	Minimal cropland expansion, pasture declines	Global	Sustainable pathway, less overlap with agri land.
SSP3	High correlation with productive ag land	Asia, Africa	Urban growth overlaps with high-density food areas.
SSP5	Largest overlap and loss of productive land	Global	Rapid urbanization, highest crop production losses.

***SSP** = Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (future scenarios used in climate and land- use modeling).
Source: (World Bank Document).

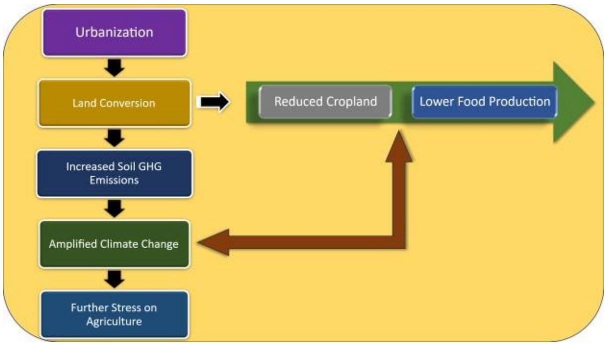

Figure 1: Schematic of the Urbanization– Climate–Agriculture Feedback Loop.

A study across 73 urban agriculture (UA) sites in Europe and the US found that UA has a six times larger carbon footprint than conventional agriculture (420 vs. 70 gCO2e per serving). However, some UA crop like tomatoes and certain gardens showed lower footprints. Optimizing crop selection (e.g., greenhouse/air-freighted) and utilizing circular practices can reduce UA's climate impact (Hawes et al., 2024). A life cycle assessment in Beijing compared conventional smallholder farming to innovative large-scale urban agriculture (HDA and PYO). While large-scale farming had a lower on-farm carbon footprint per area due to reduced inputs, it showed higher emissions per product weight, especially with supply chains. Plastic use, energy, and transport are key emission hot- spots for both systems in China's agricultural transformation (Hu et al., 2021). A UK study compared lettuce production in a hydrogen-powered vertical farm (VPF) to Spanish field-grown imports. VPF emissions were 3.79-4.45 kg CO2e kg^{-1}, while imported lettuce ranged from 1.14-5.05 kg CO2e kg^{-1}, considering deforestation. Using renewable energy like tidal power in VPF could reduce emissions to 1.57 kg CO2e kg^{-1}, potentially lower than conventional imports (Baumont de Oliveira et al., 2022). A review of 96 studies on urban and peri-urban agriculture (UPA) revealed a research bias towards the Global North and open-field/green roof systems. Most studies focused on carbon emissions using LCA, while carbon sequestration (CS), often analyzed with other ecosystem services, received less attention and relied on coefficients. More field measurements and joint CS/emission analyses are needed for a comprehensive understanding of UPA's climate impact (Al-Qubati et al., 2024).

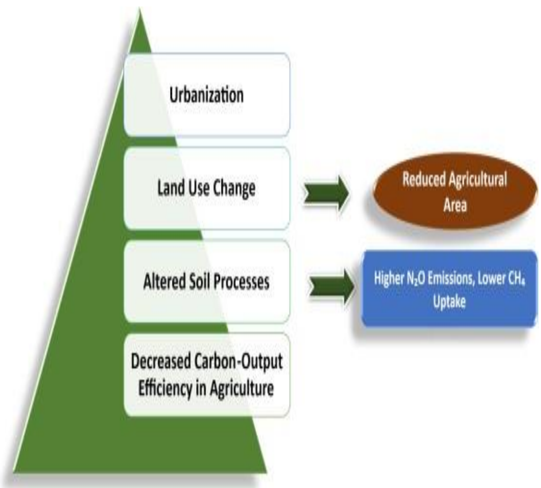

Figure 2: Pathways of Urbanization's Impact on Agricultural Carbon-Output Efficiency.

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Table 3: Urban vs. Conventional Agriculture—Carbon Footprint Comparison.

riculture Type	Average Carbon Footprint (kg CO_2e/serving)	Notes
Urban Agriculture	0.42	6x higher than conventional; exceptions exist.
Conventional	0.07	Lower, except for air- freighted or greenhouse crops.

Source: (Science Daily)

Tg CH_4-C per year, driven by altered soil properties, temperature, and fertilization (Zhan et al., 2023).

1. **Increased Greenhouse Gas Emissions:**
Global GHG emissions from 1990 to 2018 show limited progress in reduction across energy, industry, buildings, transport, and AFOLU sectors. While Europe and North America show moderate success in decarbonization, rapidly industrializing regions experienced a surge in fossil fuel expansion. Strong demand for materials, space, energy, and travel sufficiently drove emissions in Asia. Agricultural expansion into tropical forests increased (AFOLU) emissions in Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Africa, highlighting the need to address persistent, high-emitting trends (Lamb et al., 2021). A study of ten Asian states from 1995 to 2018 using a (CS-ARDL) model found that clean energy and the square of GDP reduced GHG emissions. Conversely, urbanization and economic growth increased emissions in both, short and long run. Robust checks with AMG and CCEMG confirmed these relationships. The findings suggest policy implementation, controlling urbanization and economic growth's negative impacts are crucial for environmental sustainability in Asia (Chien et al., 2022). A study analyzing CO_2 emission drivers across 30 Chinese provinces from 1990-2016, this study found that while urbanization increased national emissions, regional effects were variable. Energy intensity was the main reducer, while rising resident consumption, linked to urbanization, was the primary driver of increased emissions nationwide. Consumption inhibition and population urbanization reduced emissions in highly urbanized and industrialized provinces. The findings emphasize regionally tailored policies, optimized energy structures, and promoting sustainable consumption for China and other developing nations (Huang & Matsumoto, 2021).

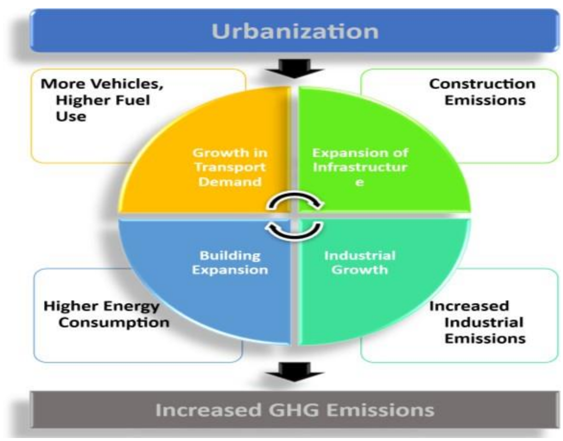

Table 4: Urbanization and GHG Emissions—Key Sources.

Source of Emissio ns	Urbanization- Related Drivers	Contribu tion to GHG Emission s	Key Data/N otes
Transpor tation	Increased private vehicle use, urban sprawl.	Up to 40% of total transport energy consumpt ion.	Private cars: 3x more GHG per capita than buses.
Infrastru cture	Construction ofroads, bridges and utilities.	High embodied carbon in materials (steel, cement).	Infrastr ucture for motoriz ed transpor t is energy- intensiv e.
Industria l Activitie s	Growth of manufacturin g, energy- intensive industries.	Major share of urban emissions .	Industri al structur e positivel y linked to emissio ns.
Building Energy Use	Higher density, more commercial/r esidential buildings.	Increased electricity and heating/c ooling demand.	Residen tial energy demand rises with urbaniz

			ation.

Source: (Ma & Ogata, 2024).

Analysis examined the GHG sources (fossil fuels, agriculture, industry) and their impact on climate change, including extreme weather and rising sea levels. While early efforts like the Kyoto Protocol gained limited success, the Paris Agreement provides a global framework for emissions reduction, supported by mechanisms such as Green Climate Fund. Ambitious global cooperation, exemplified by Sweden, Costa Rica, and Denmark, is paramount crucial for a sustainable future (Filonchyk et al., 2024).

Figure 3: Pathways from Urbanization to Increased GHG Emissions.

Urbanization however converts rural to urban, disrupts ecosystems, alters cycles, and reduces biodiversity. Higher urban energy use, mainly from fossil fuels, increases greenhouse gas emissions. As per solutions Sustainable design, renewables, and community engagement are vital for mitigation. Individuals and communities must act for sustainable urbanization and reduced climate impact. Mobile sources contributed **23%** of global energy-related GHG emissions in 2004, with a **29%** increase in the US from 1990-2004. Traffic congestion worsens air quality and GHG emissions, exacerbated by the urban heat island effect increasing energy demand for cooling. Sustainable multimodal transport, intelligent systems, and geospatial technologies can mitigate these impacts. CO_2 emissions per capita can help evaluate policy effectiveness, alongside regulations and international agreements (Uddin, 2022). Urbanization, a major modern social shift, sparked city populations rise from **15%** in the 19th century to a projected **64%** in developing and **86%** in industrialized nations by 2050, driven by factors like industrialization and job opportunities. While uncontrolled urbanization has proven to worse environmental degradation and social issues, managed urbanization can bring infrastructure improvements, better services, and higher living standards. The chapter focuses on urbanization's patterns and its impact on climate and the environment (Humbal et al., 2023).

Table 5: Transportation and Urban GHG Emissions.

Mode/Fac tor	Shar e of Urba n Trip s	Share of Urban Air Polluta nts	GHG Emissio ns per Capita	Notes
Private Cars	<33 %	73%	3x public transpo rt	A major source of urban GHG and air polluti on.
Public Transport (Buses)	~67 %	Lower	Lower	More efficien t, less

Source: (World Resource Institute and Sustainable Mobility).

				polluting.
Road Transport (Global)	—	—	17% of energy CO_2	10% of global GHG, up to 90% of urban air pollution.

The connection between CO2 emissions, energy use, and urbanization in Asian nations. The results show that while non- renewable energy consumption is not statistically significant, there is a substantial correlation between higher emissions and GDP per capita growth, urban population, density, and commerce. This influence on the environment is made worse by rapid urbanization. In order to strike a balance between environmental sustainability and economic growth, the report suggests energy-savingmeasures include encouraging public transportation, investing in renewable energy sources, and providing incentives for green technology (Audi, 2024).

The states like Brazil, China, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines and Thailand are being significantly impacted by urbanization. Conversely, carbon emissions only Granger-cause urbanization in South Korea. This aligns with a model, where emissions result from urban population growth and economic activity. The study suggests energy efficiency policies, renewable energy adoption, forest conservation, and balanced rural-urban development with proper urban planning to mitigate emissions (Khan et al., 2020). A study of Chinese provincial data (2002-2017) reveals that carbon emissions negatively impact residents' health, increasing outpatient and inpatient visits, primarily by raising temperatures. Higher industrialization and urbanization amplify the health risks. The study recommends tailored regional policies focusing on industrial structure upgrades and improved urbanization quality over a uniform approach to mitigate the health effects of carbon emissions in China (Dong et al., 2021).

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Huaihe River Eco-Zone	Positive (increases CO_2)	Impact decreasing after 2016	Shift toward low-carbon development
OECD Countries	Less significant	Urbanization effect on CO_2 not strong	Energy efficiency moderates' impact
Non- OECD Countries	Significant reduction	Urbanization can reduce CO_2 emissions	Linked to energy structure and efficiency

Table 6: Industrial Activities and Carbon Emissions (Regional Example).
Sources: (Ma & Ogata, 2024); (Pang et al., 2021).

2. The Urban Heat Island (UHI) Effect:

Urban heat island (UHI) is the term used to indicate temperature increase in cities due to absorbed solar energy by artificial materials, leading to higher temperatures, increased energy use and poor environmental quality. Mitigation strategies for combating UHI include the installation of cool roofs and proven increased vegetation. Cool roofs appear most cost- effective, but further research on surface properties and UHI's broader impacts is necessary (Phelan et al., 2015). Urban heat island (UHI), a major 21st-century challenge from urbanization and industrialization, is caused by urban structures absorbing and re-radiating solar energy and anthropogenic heat. This makes cities warmer than surrounding areas, with larger cities facing greater adverse issues. UHI intensity varies by city due to land-use changes, generally increasing with built-up areas and decreasing green cover, and is often lower in summer afternoons and higher in winter nights (Jabbar et al., 2023).

The Community Land Model to assess Urban Heat Island (UHI) intensity and its drivers in Tokyo, Phoenix, Bandung, and Quito. UHI is increased with the height-to- width ratio of urban canyons, particularly during the day. El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) events influenced UHI variability, with western Pacific cities experiencing higher UHI during El Niño and eastern cities during La Niña. The study highlights the importance of considering climate variation alongside local factors in urban development and heat stress mitigation (Fitria et al., 2019).

Table 7: Key Mechanisms and Contributing Factors of UHI.

Sr. No.	Mechanism/Factor	Description
1	Impervious Surfaces	Asphalt, concrete, and rooftops absorb and retain heat, releasing it slowly into the atmosphere.

2	Reduced Vegetation	Fewer trees and green spaces reduce shade and evapotranspiration, limiting natural cooling.
3	Building Density & Urban Canyons	Tall, closely packed buildings trap heat and block cooling winds, intensifying local warming.
4	Dark-Colored Materials (Albedo)	Dark surfaces have low reflectivity, absorbing more solar radiation and increasing temperatures.
5	Anthropogenic Heat	Waste heat from vehicles, air conditioning, industry, and human

Sources: (Land Monitoring Service, Buildings Magazine, Geeks for Seeks and Novatr.com).

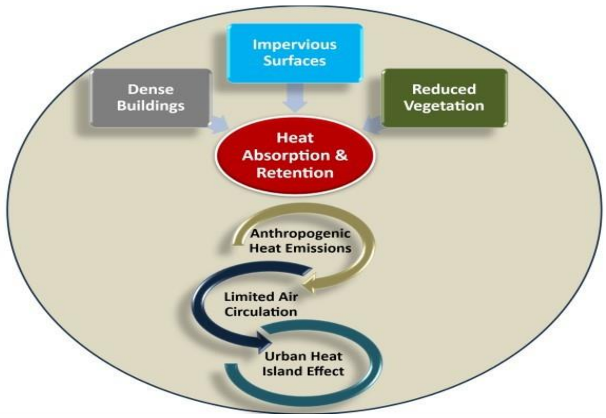
Analysis of Beijing data (2016-2018) shows PM2.5 pollution's seasonal impact on urban heat island intensity (UHII). PM2.5 weakens UHII in summer and winter nights but strengthens it in winter days. This is due to aerosol interaction with radiation, evaporation, and the planetary boundary layer, affecting surface energy balance and atmospheric stability. These findings enhance the understanding of climate- aerosol interactions in megacities (Yang et al., 2021). A three-year study in Nanjing, China, across 10 neighborhoods (LCZs) revealed nighttime urban heat island (UHI) intensities of 0.4–2.2 °C and daytime intensities of 0.3–0.9 °C. These UHIs increased residential cooling demand by **12-24%** and office cooling demand by **9-14%**, while reducing heating by **3-20%** and **5-20%**, respectively. Annually, total energy demand rose by **2-5%** for residential and **2- 6%** for office buildings. However the peak cooling loads increased by **6-14%** (residential) and **5-9%** (office) on hot days, highlighting the significant impact of local UHI variability on building energy performance (Yang et al., 2020).

Table 8: UHI Impacts on Temperatures and Energy Demand.

Sr. No .	mpact Type	Urban vs. Rural Difference	Additiona l Details

1	Air Temperatur e	1–3°C (average), up to 10–15°C	Difference s most pronounce d at night and during heatwaves ; can reach

Figure 4: Schematic of UHI Mechanisms.



			12°C on clear, calm nights.
2	Surface Temperatur e	27–50°C higher on pavements/roo fs	Urban surfaces can be 50–90°F (27–50°C) hotter than air on summer days.
3	Energy Consumptio n	1.5–2% rise per 1°F (0.6°C)	5–10% of citywide electricity demand is due to UHI; increased peak loads during heatwaves .
4	Building Cooling Load	Higher in urban cores	Downtow n buildings may have 1.5–5% lower heating loads (in winter), but much higher cooling needs.

A literature review on urban heat island (UHI) impacts on building energy consumption reveals a median 19.0% increase in cooling and an 18.7% decrease in heating. However, intercity variations show cooling increases from 10% to 120% and heating decreases from 3% to 45%. Intra-city variations also exist, with stronger UHI impacts in urban centers. The review highlights methodological differences and suggests future research to refine our understanding (Li et al., 2019). The study investigated the impact of global climate change and the urban heat island (UHI) effect on Shenzhen's urban microclimate using CMIP5 models. By coupling a validated UHI model with the best-fit climate projection (MRI-CGCM3 under RCP8.5), the research projects a significant decrease in heating degree days (HDD) by an average of 57.5% and an increase in cooling degree days (CDD) by 25.1% between 2020 and 2099 compared to the typical meteorological year. This indicates substantial future impacts on building energy consumption in urban areas

(Shen et al., 2023).

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Urban Core	+1–3°C (avg), up to +10°C	Up to +12°C
Suburban	+0.5–2°C	+2–5°C
Rural	Baseline	Baseline

Table 9: Urban vs. Rural Temperature Profile.

Source: (Climate Portal, Environmental Management & Policy Research Institute, Iberdrola, and United States Environmental Protection Agency).
Source: (Copernicus Services: Land Monitoring Service & Iberdrola.com).
Another study in Modena examined the impact of the urban heat island (UHI) effect on a university building's energy consumption using weather data from the city center and its surroundings. Modeling with TRNSYS v.17, the study analyzed the differences in heating and cooling needs based on these datasets, representing the UHI effect. Furthermore, it evaluated and discussed the potential of UHI mitigation strategies to reduce the building's energy demands (Magli et al., 2015).

Summary Table 10: UHI—Mechanisms and Impacts

Category	Key Points
Mechanisms	Impervious surfaces, reduced vegetation, dense buildings, dark materials, anthropogenic heat, and limited wind flow.
Temperature	Urban areas are 1–3°C hotter on average; up to 10–15°C during heatwaves or at night.
Energy Demand	1.5–2% increase in cooling energy per 1°F (0.6°C) rise; 5– 10% of urban energy demand due to UHI.

B. Climate Change Impacts on Urban Areas; Increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events

Extreme event attribution connects global climate change to the harms of extreme weather, aiding adaptation and loss/damage assessment. While heat extremes show a strong and well-documented link with significant attributable deaths, the connection is less definitive and for severe droughts in many regions. Tropical cyclone rainfall and storm surge have increased. Better impact data, broader attribution studies, and analysis of climate/non-climate drivers are needed for systematic assessments (Clarke et al., 2022). Analyzing 20 Chinese urban agglomerations (UAs), this study reveals significant urbanization effects on extreme climate events, varying by region. Urbanization generally increases hot extremes and reduces cold extremes, accounting for about 30% of temperature changes in urban cores. For precipitation, effects are more regionally diverse, tending to weaken extremes in coastal UAs and intensify them inland, causing more frequent/intense rain inland and less along the coast (Lin et al., 2020). The link between increased high-intensity precipitation and flood vulnerability in urbanizing Mediterranean Spain. While more intense rainfall in expanding urban areas increases exposure, it has never significantly proven necessarily increased human deaths. The study highlights the need for effective adaptive capacity, suggesting that flood parks are more successful than traditional hydraulic solutions. It advocates for a circular and more manageable approach to urban drainage to manage growing flood vulnerability (Ribas et al., 2020).

A survey in Bhutan's agro-ecosystems revealed that irrigation availability is the most critical factor affecting farming, followed by labor and seasonality. Climate change impacts, particularly drying irrigation sources and weather-related crop losses, are major concerns. Extreme weather events like unpredicted rains and droughts commonly cause a **1-19%** crop loss. The study emphasizes the urgent need for increasing farmer support and implementing climate-smart agricultural practices in Bhutan (Chhogyel et al., 2020). The impact of climate change-induced extreme events, particularly droughts and floods, on agriculture and food security, focusing on Nigeria. The review of existing literature revealed that these events negatively impact agricultural productivity. The study emphasizes the urgent need for expended research and efficient of climate- smart agriculture, improved drainage system, and integration of drought-resistant crops to mitigate these effects in Nigeria (Durodola, 2019).

Table 11: Global Trends in Extreme Heat Exposure (1983–2016).

Sr. No.	Metric	Data
1	Urban population exposed	1.7 billion people (200% increase)
2	Days exceeding WBGT >30°C/year	7% of cities added ≥1 day/year; 21 cities added >1.5 days/year
3	Contribution of urban warming	52% of exposure increase due to temperature rise (vs. population)

Sources: (Tuholske et al., 2021).

Sea-level rise and coastalurban vulnerability

A study in New York City examined future sea-level rise (SLR) impacts on hurricane-induced flooding and human vulnerability. Building-scale modeling explained that SLR significantly increases both floodwater depth and velocity, with some areas experiencing over a 1200% increase in speed under a 1.04m SLR. The study also found nonlinear interactions, making simple SLR addition inaccurate. Consequently, SLR is projected to increase the extent, intensity, and duration of human physical vulnerability to natural catastrophes such as flooding, potentially leading to more injuries and deaths (Wang & Marsooli, 2021). A study on the Mexican Caribbean's major tourist cities estimates the economic impact of a 1m sea-level rise (SLR) on infrastructure at USD 330 million. Worst- case scenarios (2-3m SLR) show non-linear increases, reaching $1.4 billion and USD 2.3 billion, respectively. This substantial potential loss highlights the urgent need for detailed assessments of climate change impacts on this coastline (Ruiz-Ramírez et al., 2019). A thesis study assessing Washington state coastal communities' adaptation to sea-level rise using a resilience scorecard found varying vulnerabilities. Ocean Shores faces a high risk due to low elevation and demographics. Olympia shows mixed vulnerability despite planning alignment. La Conner, with limited resources, needs tailored strategies for high social vulnerability and policy integration. The study emphasizes context-specific resilience measures (Kakavand, 2025). Sea-level rise, driven by climate change, poses mounting risks to coastal urban areas worldwide. These risks include increased flooding, coastal erosion, infrastructure damage, and threats to millions of urban residents. The following tables and figures summarize the scope, mechanisms, and impacts of these vulnerabilities.

Table 12: Global Exposure of Urban Areas to Sea-Level Rise.

Metric	Value/Estimate
Urban population <10m above sea level	>10% of world's population (~800 million by 2050)
People living <2m above sea level (2020)	197–347 million (59% in tropical Asia, 10% in Africa)
Cities vulnerable to 0.5m SLR by 2050	>570 cities, 800 million people
Land below projected annual flood level 2100	190–630 million people (varies by emissions scenario)
Small/mid-sized Indian cities at risk (2050)	113 cities (109 are small/mid-sized)

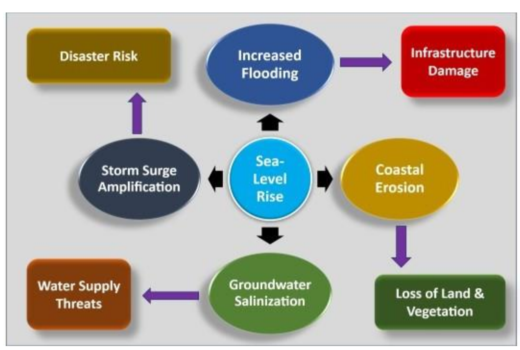

Figure 5: Mechanisms of Coastal Urban Vulnerability.

Source: (News from the Columbia **Climate School).**

Global sea-level rise, driven by human- induced climate change, is an alarming trend with centuries of continuation predicted. This causes increased coastal and tidal flooding, overwhelming outdated drainage infrastructure, particularly during heavy rains. Growing coastal populations, especially in developing countries, face significant physical, health, social, economic, and environmental consequences due to these rising sea levels (Kekeh et al., 2020).

Global mean sea-level rise is an average of 2.6 mm/yr over the past two decades. However, coastal populations in subsiding areas experience a relatively high rise of 7.8 to 9.9 mm/yr. This indicates that local impacts and adaptation needs are much greater than global averages suggest. Clearly, human-induced subsidence can be mitigated through better groundwater and drainage policies, offering quick benefits in reducing flood exposure (Nicholls et al., 2021).

Table 13: Socioeconomic and Physical Factors Increasing Vulnerability.

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[redacted]	Many cities built on low-lying ries, or reclaimed land
[redacted]	Groundwater extraction and soft soils cause land to sink
[redacted]	High population and infrastructure concentration in hazard zones
[redacted]	Poorer communities often occupy the most flood-prone areas

Source: (Dronkers, 2024
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Urbanization and Agricultural Systems: Competing Demands

A. Direct Impacts of Urban Expansion on Agriculture:

Urbanization exerts significant direct impacts on agricultural systems, primarily through the conversion of fertile agricultural land to urban uses, reduction in farm size, and loss of rural livelihoods. Displacing urban crop production due to soil issues demands significantly more land elsewhere than is lost to urbanization. This displacement risks unfair teleconnections and amplifies Earth System stressors, potentially causing food riots in the Global South. The review suggested declaring fertile urban land as a global common with aligned global-regional policies circular economies to build urban resilience and maintain healthy soils (Barthel et al., 2019).

Urbanization in the Global South can improve rural livelihoods but doesn't automatically do so. Expansion intensifies land use, shifting to high-value crops, yet can increase socio-economic vulnerability and ecological damage. Limited research comprehensively analyzes the impact on food security, equity, and ecology. A three- track agenda is proposed focusing on farmer decisions, urban-rural connectivity, and socioeconomic-environmental effects (van Berkum, 2023). Rapid urbanization causes spatial mismatches in cultivated production, ecological, cultural, and social functions. A Hangzhou study reveals widening supply-demand gaps with spatial variations across scales. Economic urbanization impacts production, culture, and security functions most, while population urbanization affects ecological functions. The interaction of both has a greater influence on the overall balance (Li et al., 2023).

Urbanization in Belgium directly consumes farmland and indirectly repurposes it, increasing pressure on farmers through reduced land and competition. Simulations to 2035, considering aging farmers and low succession, predict a continuous decline in farmer numbers across scenarios, particularly in the rural-urban fringe, indicating that farmer replacement rates are insufficient to counter this trend (Beckers et al., 2020). A study in China (2001-2012) reveals positive spatial autocorrelation for both urbanization (Moran's I: 1.77-2.08) and urban agriculture (Moran's I: 0.03-0.2).

Locally, a **1%** urbanization increase boosts per capita urban agriculture by **0.58%**. However, a **1%** rise in neighboring urban agriculture reduces local value by **0.31**%,

empowering local urban agriculture and while a **1%** transport improvement in surrounding areas increases it by **0.24%** (Zhong et al., 2020). Rapid urbanization in Ethiopia is encroaching upon peri-urban agricultural land, crucial for rural livelihoods. Informal land demand fuels unauthorized construction, reducing farmland and increasing farmers' vulnerability. Weak governance mechanisms exacerbate uncontrolled urban expansion, correlating with decreased grain production. The review emphasized the need for governing bodies to effectively manage urban growth to protect agricultural land and food production (Ayele & Tarekegn, 2020).

Urbanization exerts various significant and measurable direct impacts on agricultural systems, primarily through the conversion of farmland to urban uses, which leads to reduced agricultural land, decreased food production, and increased competition for resources. Table 14 illustrates a clear trend: as urban land area increases, agricultural land area decreases, with a portion of agricultural land being directly converted to urban uses.

Table 14: Land Use Change Over Time.

Year	*Agricultural Land (ha)*	*Urban Land (ha)*	*Agricultural Land Converted to Urban (ha)*
1997	1000	200	0
2007	950	300	50
2017	900	400	50

Source: (Shabu et al., 2021).

Between 1992 and 2015, global urban land expanded from 33.2 to 71.3 Mha. This caused a direct forest loss of 3.3 Mha, but indirect losses due to cropland displacement were far greater, ranging from 17.8 to 32.4 Mha. Urban expansion also led to 4.6 Mha direct and 7.0-17.4 Mha indirect shrubland loss (van Vliet, 2019). Global urban expansion (1992-2016) caused an average 0.8% direct loss of dryland habitat quality, but indirect impacts within 10km were 10-15 times greater. These indirect effects affected nearly 60% of threatened species in drylands, which cover 40% of global land and host 28% of endangered species. Strategic management is crucial to mitigate this substantial biodiversity impact (Q. Ren et al., 2022). Urban expansion in China (2000-2021) dynamically impacts vegetation growth, showing double-S thresholds for urban expansion intensity and vegetation index that vary by climate. Human activities serve as a stronger driver of these threshold variations than climate change. The study proposes a sustainable land management framework with zoning strategies to restore land by managing both direct and indirect urban expansion impacts (Liu et al., 2025).

Summary Table 15: Direct Impacts of Urban Expansion.

Impact Type	Descript ion	Evidence/Exa mple	Referen ces
Land Loss	Conversi on of cropland to urban land, reducing area for agricultu re.	1.6–3.3 million ha/year lost globally (2000–2030).	(Kapil, 2021)

Food Productio n	Decline in crop yields and overall food output.	1–4% global loss; up to 9% in Africa.	(Cao & Wang, 2025)
Resource Competiti on	Increase d demand for water and prime soils.	Water demand is expected to outgrow extraction by 40% by 2030.	(Kapil, 2021)
Socioecon omic Loss	Reduced farm size, loss of livelihoo ds for peri- urban farmers.	Case study: Makurdi, Nigeria	(Shabu et al., 2021)

Urban expansion directly reduces agricultural land, particularly in peri-urban and fertile regions, leading to a significant decline in food production, increased competition for critical resources, and heightened vulnerability for farming communities. These trends are evident globally and are projected to intensify, especially in rapidly urbanizing regions of Asia and Africa.

B. Indirect Impacts via Climate Change:
By 2050, **67**% of the global population will reside in urban areas, with developing nations urbanizing the most. This, along with climate change, depresses environmental quality, particularly water. In South Africa's Berg River Catchment, rapid urbanization exacerbates climate change impacts, threatening the agriculture sector due to water quality risks. Investing in basic services, wastewater treatment, and ecological infrastructure is crucial for risk mitigation (Cullis et al., 2019). Global food and Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies:
bioenergy demand drive land use change (LULCC), raising environmental and climate concerns and potentially causing a sixth mass extinction. Spatial data is crucial for understanding LULCC dynamics and informing land use policy for climate change adaptation and conservation. The review emphasizes evolving land use policy based on scientific LULCC analysis to meet sustainability goals and international climate agreements (Roy et al., 2022). High-resolution climate models and multi-model projections enhance future climate understanding. Climate change impacts water availability, soil balance, and shortens agricultural cycles. While some areas may see yield increases with irrigation and rising CO2 projected in a result **1.8**% global gain per decade, latitude-dependent effects and ozone raise food security concerns to significant level (Hanif et al., 2024).

A. Climate-Smart Urban Planning:

Climate-smart urban planning integrates mitigation (reducing greenhouse gas emissions) and adaptation (building resilience to climate impacts) into the design and management of cities. Climate-smart agriculture (CSA) offers technologies and practices for climate change adaptation and mitigation, sparking debate on sustainable agricultural development. A key challenge is integrating climate change effects into agricultural planning. Effective adaptation requires policies supporting smallholders. The CSA framework uses global adaptation and mitigation theories, showcasing good practices from development agencies, civil society, research, and academia (Azadi et al., 2022). Cities are key in global climate governance, exemplified by the "climate- smart city" concept. A study in Rio de Janeiro analyzes its transformation, revealing a "techno-utopian smart city" approach. Findings suggest Rio's smart city agenda insufficiently addresses climate change, prioritizing economic gains over citizen well-being and mitigation, framing climate as technical, neglecting tech's footprint, and lacking data transparency (Mendes, 2022). A study in Kuje, Nigeria, examined factors influencing urban farmers' awareness of climate-smart agriculture (CSA). Education, age, family size, income sources, economic assets, climate change experience, local knowledge, and better farmland conditions positively correlated with CSA awareness among 491 households. Marital status, gender, extension services, and other factors showed no significant influence. The paper suggests improving the significant factors to enhance CSA awareness in the area (Mashi et al., 2022).

Kielce	Local climate adaptability planning, technology for risk prediction, blue/green infrastructure.	Flood mitigation, multi-benefit solutions.
Singapore	Centralized cooling, solar energy, electrification in new districts (e.g., Tengah).	Lower carbon footprint, enhanced urban comfort.
Copenhagen	Wind energy, carbon-neutrality target, public transport expansion.	Leading in carbon-neutral urban development.
Boston	Shoreline [illegible]	Reduced flood [illegible]

Table 16: Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies in Urban Planning.

Strategy Type	Urban Planning Actions	Expected Outcomes
Mitigation	Compact, mixed-use development. Energy-efficient buildings. Renewable energy integration. Sustainable transport (public transit, EVs, cycling). Circular economy (waste, water).	Lower GHG emissions, reduced energy use, improved air quality.
Adaptation	Flood defense systems. Sustainable urban drainage. Heat-resistant materials. Urban green spaces. Risk mapping and hazard analysis.	Enhanced resilience, reduced disaster risk, improved urban health.

Source: (Kaur, et al., 2024).

Addressing climate change in cities requires an interdisciplinary approach integrating architecture, social innovation, more-than-human design, and multisensory analysis. Current solutions and controversies are examined, highlighting the potential of Nature-based Solutions, co- creation, and multimodal design. An integrated framework is proposed and intangible layers like social awareness, ecological diversity, and cultural sensitivity, moving beyond traditional architectural approaches for climate adaptation (Lenzi et al., 2025).

Table 17: Best Practices for Climate- Integrated Urban Planning.

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	Seoul		Climate analysis maps in spatial plans, urban ventilation, thermal stress reduction.	Improved air quality, reduced urban heat.

B Sustainable Agricultural Practices:

To meet a projected **44%** food demand, which increases by 2050, boosting crop productivity is crucial, yet abiotic (drought, heat) and biotic (pests, diseases) stressors limit agricultural yields significantly (e.g., drought reducing wheat by **21%** and maize by **40%**). Healthy soil, contributing up to **60%** to yield, is vital. Sustainable soil management and precision agriculture, optimizing resource use, a holistic approach to build resilient agricultural systems for global food security (Hayat, Khan, Klutse, et al., 2025). Irrigated agriculture, using **90%** of freshwater on **22%** of land, yields **40%** of the food. Sustainable irrigation expansion on rainfed land is vital for meeting future food demand and climate adaptation, potentially avoiding ecosystem encroachment. The review explored its biophysical opportunities and feedbacks, highlighting impacts on food security, hydroclimate, water quality, soil, infrastructure, and energy, revealing research gaps and sustainabilitychallenges(Rosa,2022).

Combining concepts of biotechnology and precision agriculture offers a synergistic path to enhance global food security amidst climate change and resource limits. Precision agriculture optimizes resource use, while biotechnology develops climate-resilient and nutritious crops. Integrating these reduces environmental impact. Challenges include data management, GMO acceptance, and equitable access. Future advancements in gene editing and smart systems ensure a sustainable, food-secure future if challenges are addressed responsibly (Hayat et al., 2025). Sustainable agricultural practices are designed to meet current food needs while preserving environmental quality, supporting biodiversity, and ensuring economic and social viability for future generations. These methods are essential for maintaining soil health, conserving water, reducing pollution, and building resilient food systems in the face of climate change and population growth.

Table 18: Key Sustainable Agricultural Practices.

Practice	Descriptio n	Benefits	Region
Crop Rotation	Alternatin g crops in the same field to break pest cycles and improve soil fertility	Reduces pests and diseases, enhances soil nutrients	Denmar k, Kenya, USA
Cover Cropping	Growing crops like clover or rye to cover the soil between main crops or off-season	Prevents erosion, increases soil organic matter and retains water	Californ ia, Denmar k
Conservatio n/ No-Till	Minimizin g soil isturbanc e during planting	Reduces erosion, improves water retention, lowers labor costs	USA, Brazil
forestr y	Integratin g trees and shrubs with crops and/or livestock	Enhances biodiversi ty, sequesters carbon and stabilizes soil	Spain, Kenya, Brazil

Integrated Pest Manageme nt (IPM)	Using biological controls, crop rotation, and targeted interventio ns for pests	Reduces chemical pesticide use, protects beneficial species	Global
Organic Farming	Avoiding synthetic chemicals, using compost and natural pest control	Reduces pollution, improves soil and water health	Europe, North America
Water Conservatio n	Technique s like drip irrigation and rainwater harvesting	Saves water, prevents runoff and pollution	Californ ia, Burkina Faso
Renewable Energy Integration	Using solar, wind, or bioenergy on farms	Lowers carbon footprint, reduces fossil fuel use	Global

Source: (Enterprise Wired Magazine, FJ-Dynamics, Thrive Market and Regen Ag).

B. Technological Innovations:

Agriculture, from traditional methods to conventional practices with synthetic inputs (enabled by the Haber-Bosch process), has boosted food production but raised environmental concerns like soil degradation and pollution. However, organic farming offers an alternative. In China, agricultural emissions rose significantly (2001-2018). Animal husbandry and aquaculture are vital, but face productivity and environmental challenges. Sustainable forestry and NTFP management are crucial for livelihoods and conservation, demanding balanced development strategies (Hayat, Khan, Azam, et al., 2025).

Table 19: Comparison of Conventional vs. Sustainable Agriculture.

Aspect	Conventional Agriculture	Sustainable Agriculture
Soil Health	ten degrades over time	Maintained or improved through rotation, cover
Pest Management	Reliant on synthetic pesticides	IPM, crop diversity and biological controls
Water Use	Iigh, often wasteful	ficient (drip irrigation, rainwater harvesting)
Biodiversity	Low (monocultures)	High (agroforestry, mixed cropping)
Climate Impact	Iigh emissions, fossil fuel use	Lower emissions, renewable energy integration

C. BIM, Green Construction, and Sustainable Materials: Solutions for Urbanization Impacts.

Global urbanization is speeding up, putting a great deal of strain on infrastructure development, resource fulfillment, and environmental sustainability.The construction industry is using cutting-edge technologies like Building Information Modeling (BIM), green construction techniques, and sustainable building materials to combat the negative effects, which include rising carbon emissions,resource depletion, and waste creation. Architects, engineers, contractors, and other stakeholders may collaborate in real time thanks to BIM, a digital process that produces integrated 3D models of buildings and infrastructure. Among its functions in sustainable urbanism are:

Enhanced Collaboration and Coordination: By combining architectural, structural, and MEP systems into a single platform, BIM dismantles information silos and facilitates effective collaboration amongst all parties involved. This saves expensive rework, enhances processes, and lowers mistakes (Olawumi & Chan, 2019).

Real-Time Sustainable Design: Teams can see and model how constructions will interact with their environment thanks to BIM. This 3D modeling, which is frequently paired with augmented reality, maximizes the usage of renewable energy sources like solar and wind while reducing adverse effects on existing structures and landscapes. In Taiyuan City, green buildings that use BIM demonstrate notable reductions in environmental expenses (11- 25%) and gains in environmental benefits (10-23%), related to materials, interior quality, energy, water, land, and operation. This demonstrates how BIM improves resource efficiency (Jiang, 2023).

Material Selection and Waste Reduction: BIM facilitates the investigation and virtual testing of sustainable materials, guaranteeing that decisions are long-lasting and ecologically conscious. BIM lowers material waste and enhances quality control by modeling several design scenarios prior to construction, which results in lower resource consumption and a less negative environmental effect (Olawumi & Chan, 2019).

Green Building Methods

Green construction is the process of planning and constructing buildings with as little negative impact on the environment as possible while emphasizing resource conservation, energy efficiency, and occupant wellness. Important procedures consist of:

a. Designing for Energy Efficiency: To lower operating energy requirements, employ passive design techniques, high- performance insulation, and renewable energy systems (such as solar panels and green roofs).

b. Encouraging Green Infrastructure: Using elements like rain gardens, permeable pavements, and urban green spaces to improve urban microclimates, manage stormwater, and boost biodiversity.

c. Cutting Waste and Pollution: Using building techniques that limit waste from demolition, promote recycling, and lower emissions from materials and procedures.

Eco-Friendly Building Materials

In order to lessen the environmental impact of urban growth, material selection is essential. Sustainable materials have a number of benefits.

1. **Bamboo:** This robust, quick-growing, and renewable plant slows down deforestation and absorbs carbon as it grows.
2. **Recycled Steel:** Compared to the manufacturing of new steel, using recycled steel lowers the carbon footprint by conserving energy, cutting waste, and maintaining structural integrity.
3. Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT): A carbon-storing, regenerative engineered wood product, CLT provides a sustainable substitute for steel and concrete.
4. **Recycled and locally sourced materials:** Recycled materials keep trash out of landfills and lessen the need to extract new resources, while locally sourced materials lower transportation emissions.

Together, BIM, green building techniques, and sustainable materials provide a thorough plan to lessen the negative social and environmental effects of urbanization. When used in tandem, they improve project efficiency, cut waste, and aid in the development of resilient, sustainable, and healthy cities.

Climate change, driven by human emissions, has caused 1.0°C warming and may reach 1.5°C by 2052. In 2018, climate- related disasters cost $131.7 billion and affected 68.5 million people. Climate change, primarily caused by human- induced emissions, has caused 1.0°C warming with projections indicating a rise to 1.5°C by 2052. In 2018, climate-related disasters cost $131.7 billion and affected 68.5 million people. Essential sectors such as food and water resources are particularly vulnerable. The Paris Agreement aims to limit warming to 1.5-2°C. It examined the concepts of mitigation (reducing emissions), negative emissions (carbon capture), and geoengineering. Conventional mitigation alone is insufficient, making alternative approaches, like mature biogenic sequestration is necessary(Fawzy et al., 2020). Climate change, a long-lasting global weather shift, threatens worldwide effects. Agriculture's vulnerability is a major concern, jeopardizing future food security. Biodiversity loss accelerates due to temperature shifts and climate variations increase disease outbreaks, causing pandemics, and antimicrobial resistance. The tourism industry also suffers from unfavorable environmental conditions. This study conceptually engineers these impacts using secondary data. It emphasizes the need for legislations, strict regulations, and worldwide commitment to mitigate climate change for global sustenance (Abbass et al., 2022).

A study reviewed the (ICT) Information and Communication Technology 's role in climate change adaptation and mitigation, highlighting its potential for revealing changes, analysis, and implementing resilience measures. While ICT offers solutions, it also has limitations as a contributing factor. Major companies are increasing emission reduction efforts. The study recommends wider ICT adoption globally, particularly in Kenya, with supportive regulations (Ajwang & Nambiro, 2022). Human-caused greenhouse gas emissions, mainly from burning fossil fuels, are driving perilous climate change, with worsening heatwaves, wildfires, droughts, storms, and floods expected in the next decades, threatening health and stability. Pollution exacerbates these impacts. This review examined the evidences, emission drivers, environmental and health effects, and mitigation/adaptation strategies, highlighting the challenges in reversing and adapting to global climate change (Wang et al., 2023). Balancing complex water-climate models with user-friendly approach requires intuitive interfaces, varied complexity levels, AI adaptation, and clear visualizations. Text summaries, storytelling, interactive elements, immersive tech, training, and user feedback are crucial. Transparency and audience consideration will encourage wider, effective use of water resource and climate challenges (Hayat et al., 2024).

Conclusion

In conclusion, the intricate relationship between urbanization, climate change, and agriculture present significant challenges and opportunities for achieving global sustainability. The rapid pace of urbanization, projected to house 68% of the world's population by 2050, intensifies the demand for resources while encroaching on agricultural land, which, in turn, is 1.77 times more productive than average, accounting for 3-4% of 2000 global crop production. This expansion contributes significantly to greenhouse gas emissions increased transportation, industrial activities, and building energy consumption. However, urbanization also fosters innovative solutions like urban agriculture and promotes sustainable practices aimed at enhancing soil health, reducing emissions, and improving urban resilience. The integration of clean energy sources, optimized urban planning, and efficient resource management is crucial for mitigating the adverse impacts of urbanization on climate and agriculture. Moving forward, several key concepts emerge: the adoption of advanced technologies such as AI and big data for thorough, carbon footprint assessments, the implementation of tailored regional policies that address specific urbanization challenges, and the collaborative global efforts to foster sustainable urban environments. Further research should focus on holistic, interdisciplinary approaches that consider the entire value chain of food production and consumption, and promote sustainable urban development, conservation efforts in threatened regions, and the widespread adoption of sustainable agricultural practices are essential for a balanced and resilient future. Future policies should address the critical linkage between urbanization, climate change, and agriculture in an interconnected manner.

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