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- **Investments in data, science and cutting-edge technology will be critical** in supporting governance prioritization, reforms and shaping management decisions to achieve sustainable 'blue' transformations in and around cities
- **More scientific research is needed** to draw the linkages between cities and the Blue Economy, in terms of cities as hotspots of vulnerability, as well as drivers of sustainable development.

Through this dialogue, UN-Habitat wishes to attract donors, as well as national and local governments that are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, which are required to rethink their approaches to land-based and sea-based planning, such as coastal countries, coastal cities and small island states. UN-Habitat's expertise in this area is rich, with active and planned programs in Kenya (Blue Economy in coastal cities and counties), Mozambique (safer schools, living with water), São Tomé and Príncipe (resettlement), Fiji and Solomon Islands (increasing resilience to climate change impacts), and Southeast Asia (planning for resilient coastal cities in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand), to mention a few.

UN-Habitat remains open to additional suggestions to contribute to the Conference and will be pleased to take a leading role in shedding light on the important topic of **ocean and marine health and coastal urbanization** during the Conference.