



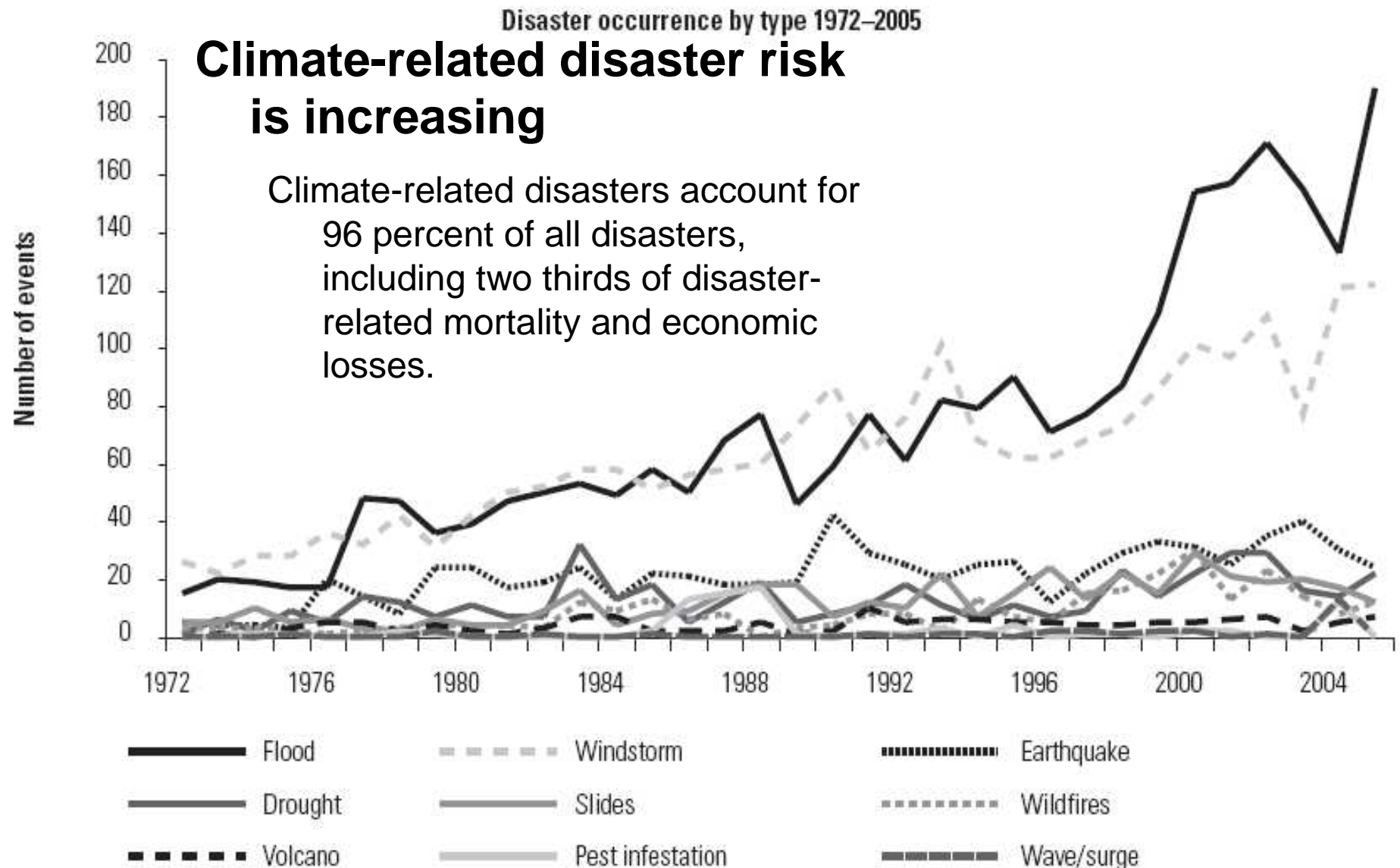
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## Cities and Climate Change: Enhancing Mitigation and Adaptation Actions



## Scope of the problem—a look back and a look ahead



An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Saint-Louis, showing a large body of water on the left and a long, narrow peninsula extending into the water. The city is densely built up along the peninsula, with a beach and waves visible on the right side. The water is a light blue-grey color, and the land is a mix of green vegetation and urban development.

« Climate change is impacting now »

Disaster risk is driven by  
Poverty  
Rapid urbanization  
Weak urban  
governance  
Ecosystem degradation

Photo source: Mayor of Saint-Louis

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### Urban disaster risk is increasing more quickly than disaster risk in general.

During the last decade, many of the costliest disasters have had an urban component, including:

- 2010** floods in Pakistan (Karachi et al)
- 2010** earthquake in Haiti (Port-au-Prince)
- 2009** typhoon Ketsana/Ondoy (Manila)
- 2008** cyclone Nargis in Myanmar (Yangon)
- 2005** floods in India (Mumbai) and Hurricane Katrina (New Orleans)
- 2003** European heat wave (numerous cities)
- 2002** floods in Germany (Dresden)



## How the UN is helping the Parties respond to climate change by reducing urban risk:

- Establishing **organization and coordination** to improve understanding of and to reduce disaster risk.
- Maintaining **up-to - date data on hazards and vulnerabilities and preparing risk assessments** for urban development plans and decisions.
- Investing in and maintaining **critical infrastructure that reduces risk**, such as flood drainage.
- Identifying **safe land for low - income citizens** and upgrading informal settlements.
- **Protecting ecosystems and natural buffers** to mitigate floods, storm surges and other hazards.
- Installing **early warning systems** and strengthening emergency management capacities.
- Facilitating **city-to-city learning**, as well as dialogues between decision-makers at multiple levels of governance to improve vertical integration of policies.

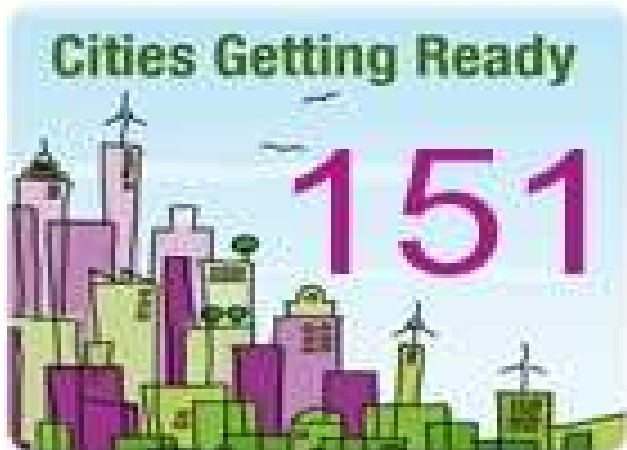


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