A green, resilient recovery

The Coalition for Urban Transitions launched via a webinar on 14 September a new report titled ‘The Economic Case for Greening the Global Recovery through Cities’. The work was funded and sponsored by The Resilience Shift.

The paper sets out the economic case for national governments making major investments in sustainable cities and in urban infrastructure to stimulate a green, resilient and inclusive recovery while creating local jobs, particularly for vulnerable groups.

It identifies seven priorities for investment, with actionable policy proposals to transform cities. These investments are in the areas of: construction and real estate, clean mobility, renewable energy, active transport, nature-based solutions, waste and resources, and research and development for clean technologies.

Chosen on the basis of criteria such as the potential to generate jobs and social, environmental and health co-benefits, investments in these areas are financially sustainable beyond this initial stimulus. The research shows that if the stimulus is directed at these sectors, it can create much needed economic security in the short term while at the same time making rapid strides towards the longer-term goal of low-carbon economic prosperity.