

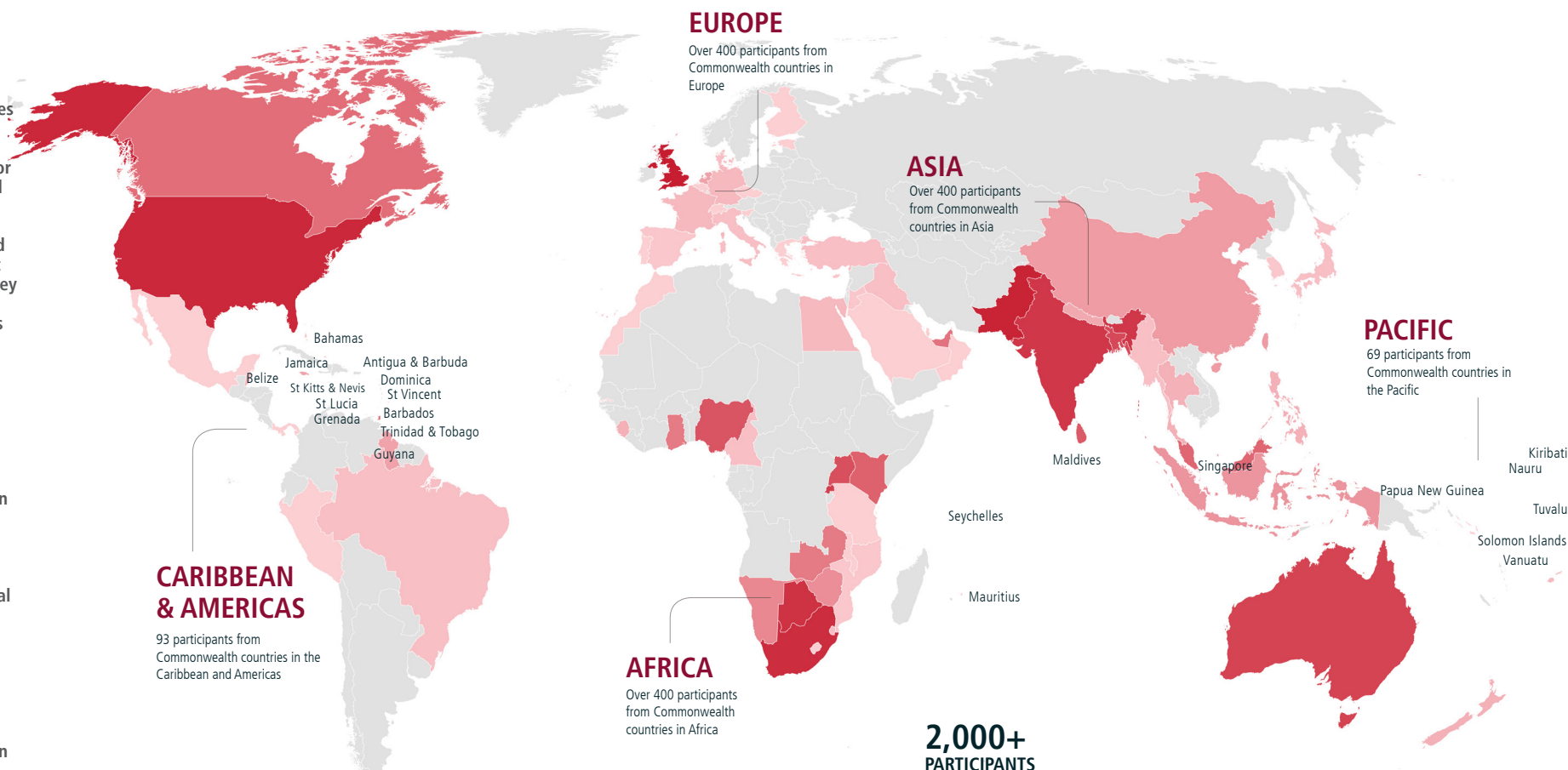
COMMONWEALTH SUSTAINABLE CITIES PROGRAMME

24 JUNE-02 SEPTEMBER 2020

The range of topics considered included: Planning for Rapid Urbanisation, Decentralisation and Local Empowerment, Building Professional Capacity, Local Economic Development, Infrastructure-led Community Resilience, Affordable Housing for All, Climate Responsive Design, and the challenges facing Small Island States.

KEY MESSAGES

1. Dealing with rapid urbanisation is a central issue for many Commonwealth countries
2. Effective planning is essential in preparing for and responding to rapid urbanisation
3. City led and empowered leadership with support for decentralisation is key
4. The Covid pandemic has brought localisation to the fore
5. Aligning with the SDGs, and climate responses, is key for sustainable urbanisation
6. Sustainable urbanisation responses must be fully inclusive
7. Local economic development drives local sustainability
8. Infrastructure development must support community resilience
9. Sustainable urbanisation affects us all, large or small
10. The Commonwealth has a pivotal role to play



A total of 19 online events over 10 weeks attracted over 2,000 participants from 44 Commonwealth and 44 non-Commonwealth countries who engaged with 106 panellists from 31 countries: amounting to over 4,000 unique views.