**NO ONE WORSE OFF?**
The Role of Environmental and Social Safeguards for Resilient Infrastructure Projects in Cities

**Issue**
- Most safeguard practices in infrastructure projects fail to account for:
  - Climate-induced trends
  - Protection of vulnerable citizens living in informal housing
  - Continued infrastructure demand through rapid urbanisation

**Safeguards Challenges**
- For Governments:
  - Limited institutional capacity
  - Application of legal instruments
  - Inadequate financial resources

- For Development Financial Institutions (DFIs):
  - A late involvement in assessment processes
  - Inadequate planning, monitoring and auditing processes instruments

**Recommendations**
- Institutional and legal strengthening of safeguard frameworks for governments at national and local level
- Quality assurance and control in the post-environmental social impact assessment phases of project
- Improved use of Strategic Environmental Assessments for large infrastructure development.

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"City leaders do not need to choose between climate action and other benefits. Instead, they can and should integrate these objectives in a complementary way, by planning for and implementing project portfolios for climate infrastructure that achieve larger social, environmental, economic, health, and governance objectives."

**German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, BMZ**

"Project beneficiaries should not only be informed on what is going on but rather sensitized on the importance of the project such that local solutions are collectively discussed and implemented. There is a need to intensify community involvement in projects for purposes of project sustainability and ownership."

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