

A brief biographical note with your title and institutional affiliation.

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An indication of which of the given topics your presentation is submitted.
2. Risks and Threats.

ABSTRACT

The role of local authorities in risk prevention and the development of urban and cultural tourism.

This paper addresses the risks and threats facing the urban fabric in traditional cities in the Mediterranean basin due to multi-facet factors resulting from noticeable climatic changes that have helped exacerbate desertification, air pollution, and rising temperatures, due to specific urbanization practices to implement new urban policies and practices, and the add-on trends that directly affect human's relationship with the environment and his attempt to adapt it to meet his daily needs at the expense of the environment and its natural and cultural landscape elements.

The paper will present the experience of Palestinian cities in dealing with the features of these changes and how they were reflected in the urban reality, the vocabulary affected them, the impact obtained of this practice, and what are the most important experiences applied to move in new directions. The paper will present some practices of the circular economy, smart cities and green architecture that have been implemented to restore the desired environmental balance in its settings.

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