**Where are megacities?**
Megacities have over 10 million people and have many social and economic opportunities and challenges
- Mostly in NEEs and LICs: they are found mostly in these developing countries as the population moves rapidly from rural to urban areas
- Mostly Coastal = large cities grow near the coasts as this is where jobs are available for exporting manufactured goods other countries

**Where is Lagos?**
Lagos is located on the south-west coastline of Nigeria in Africa. It has national, regional and international importance

**National:** It has 80% of the industry in Nigeria

**Regional:** Neighbouring countries send goods to Nigeria to be exported worldwide

**International:** Lagos is the largest financial centre in the whole of West Africa

**Social Opportunities from the growth of Lagos**

**RESOURCES:**
Lagos offers electricity and clean water – these are not available in all rural areas.

**SERVICES:**
Lagos offers better healthcare and education than rural areas

**Economic Opportunities from the growth of Lagos**
Lagos offers many opportunities in secondary industry such as the construction of buildings for the growing urban population.
The most common type of employment is in tertiary industry such as the financial centre in Lagos (the biggest in West Africa)

**Urban growth is a stimulus for further economic growth.**
The growth in population has created a need for the EKO ATLANTIC project to house 250,000 people. This has created thousands of jobs in construction (secondary industry)

**What are the challenges in Lagos?**

**Economic:**
Millions of people work in the informal economy (jobs which do not pay tax such as shoe-shining/selling drugs). This is because the rural migrants to the city do not have qualifications for jobs in the city

**Social:**
Thousands of people live in slums / squatter settlements where crime, poor quality housing and a lack of resources and services lead to a poor quality of life. Many rural – urban migrants live here because they do not earn enough money to live in the wealthier parts of Lagos

**Environmental:**
There is a lot of urban air pollution in Lagos from the millions of drivers who use the roads each day. This increases the chances of respiratory diseases.