

# Data integration for resilient urban-regions

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## Introduction to Resilience Brokers and the Trust

- UK group to speed up and scale up transformative urban/rural development;
- Operates in space between private, public, knowledge and civil society sectors;
- Leading experts foster **integrated-systems thinking** and **collaborative approaches**;
- Develop tools and demonstrators to support implementation of 2030 agenda in city regions;
- Open source, free-to-use tools - "**resilience.io**" integrated-systems modelling platform
- Data-driven, social and natural science based.



## Systems solutions to systemic problems

A new way of looking at development, human wellbeing and risk management with more possibilities in data science and technological capability than ever before.

### Our approach

1. Systems thinking that embraces open data and the open source movement, powered by pioneering systems modelling technology and advanced data science.
2. Networked organisation. Drawing strength from our open and collaborative approach and the far-reaching networks of our delivery and knowledge partners.
3. Unlocking value from insights derived through systems thinking. Unique infusion of systems thinking, resource efficiency with knowledge support of relevant best practices through research network partners.



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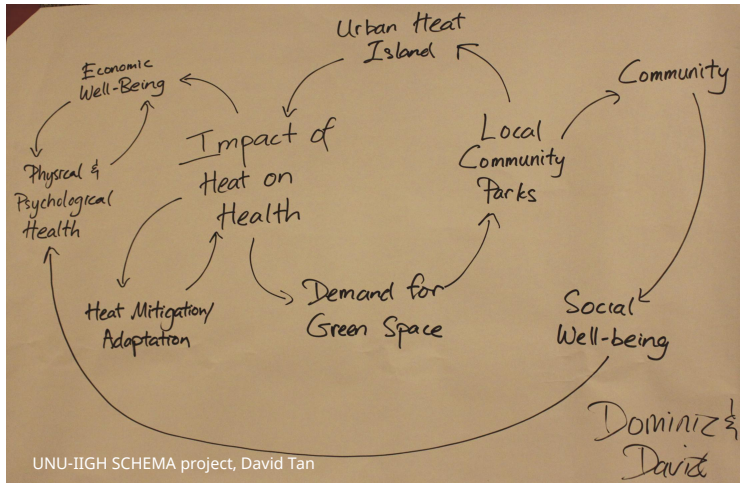
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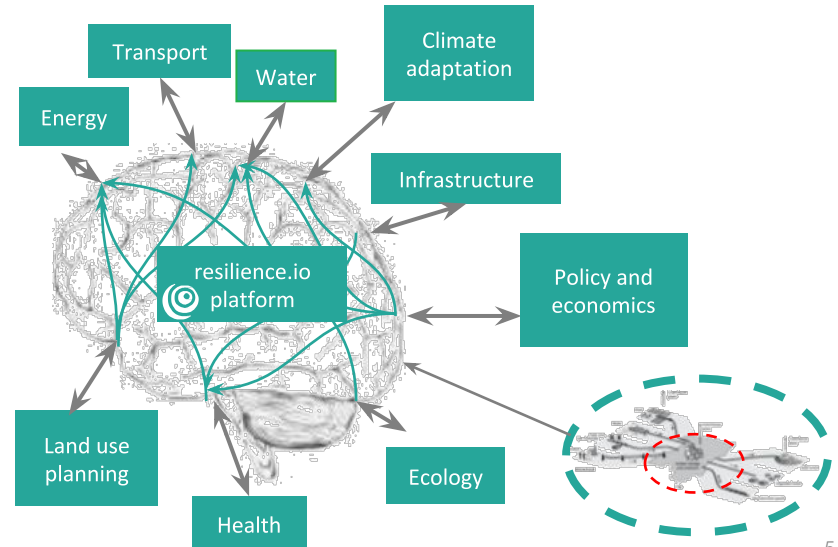
# Systems thinking and collaborative intelligence

By using **systems thinking** and **collaborative intelligence** together with integrated planning, **transformational change** is within reach of communities and governments.

**Example:** human health and wellbeing, urban heat island effect:



UNU-IIGH SCHEMA project, David Tan



# Data brokering approach - a change in paradigm

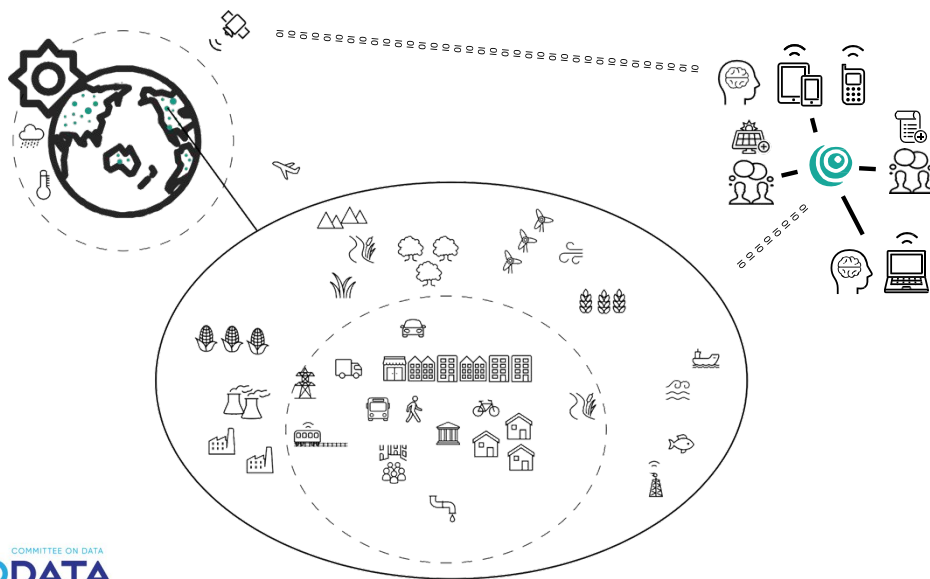
## Interoperability through mediation -

System of systems integration, linking complex and heterogeneous systems by building bridges between existing network platforms and systems infrastructures.

## Geo-locate flows, infrastructure - ML

Data-brokering infrastructure enables access to and interoperability with a wide variety of data sources:

- geo-locational data and from Earth observations;
- open datasets across scales (e.g., local, regional);
- proprietary data sets;
- ground-based sensors;
- crowdsourced data.



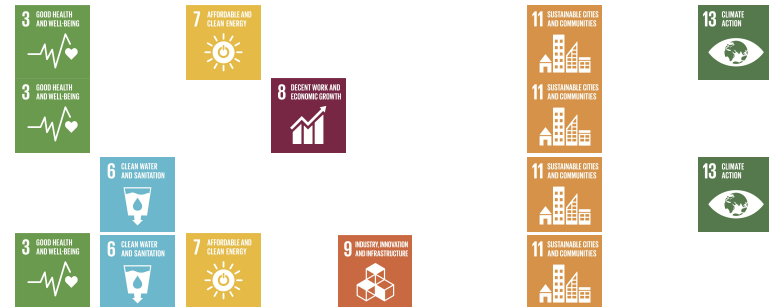
## resilience.io platform use cases

<b>Greater Accra, Ghana</b>	<i>Water supply, sanitation and accessibility</i>
<b>Hunter Valley, Australia</b>	<i>Water infrastructure, energy transition, institutional resilience</i>
<b>Union Canal, Scotland, UK</b>	<i>Water supply, sanitation and accessibility</i>
<b>Anninghe, Sichuan, China</b>	<i>Integrated multi-hazard modelling</i>
<b>Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London, UK</b>	<i>Digital and social inclusion, green space accessibility</i>



## Additional Resilience Brokers Projects

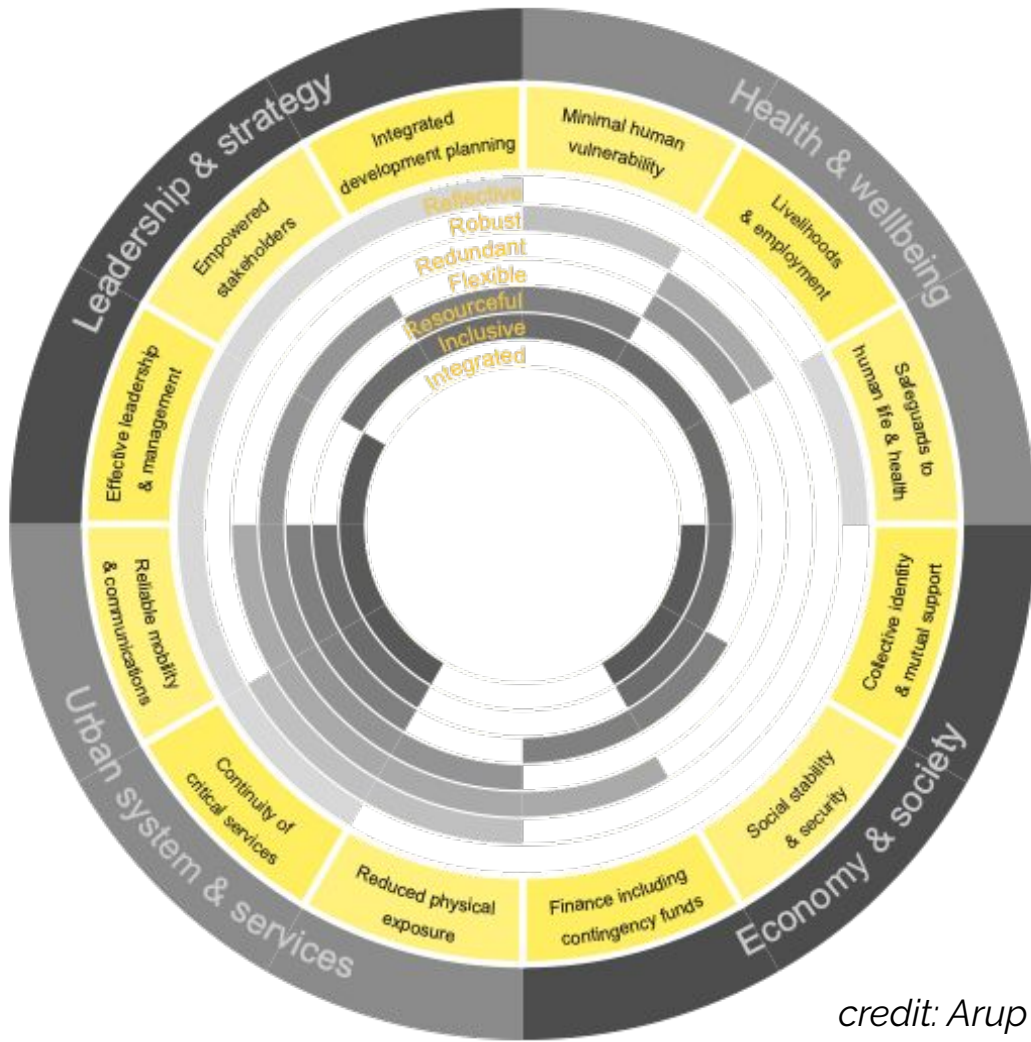
<b>Medellin, Colombia</b>	<i>Air quality, public health, transport, green space</i>
<b>Beirut, Lebanon</b>	<i>Green space, urban health, pedestrian and cycling routes</i>
<b>Western Cape, South Africa</b>	<i>Water supply, energy transition</i>
<b>Meridian Water, London, UK</b>	<i>Data integration, urban mobility, integrated flood modelling and 'nature-based solutions' (NBS)</i>





# Urban Resilience Framework

Developed by Arup for Rockefeller Foundation 100 Resilient Cities



credit: Arup





## EARTH OBSERVATION, REMOTE SENSING GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE



### PLANETARY-SYSTEMS HEALTH

### HUMAN-SYSTEMS HEALTH, VULNERABILITIES and ADAPTATION

#### RURAL LIVELIHOODS

Forestry, food and agriculture, soils, biodiversity

Natural drainage systems/  
Access to green space  
Nature-based solutions

Landslides      Drought

#### URBAN LIVELIHOODS

Urban form, buildings/shelter, commerce

Telecomm  
Land use  
Community systems for  
information exchange

River  
flooding

Water networks/systems and access  
Mobility, transport systems and access  
Energy systems and access

Vector  
borne  
diseases

GHG  
emissions

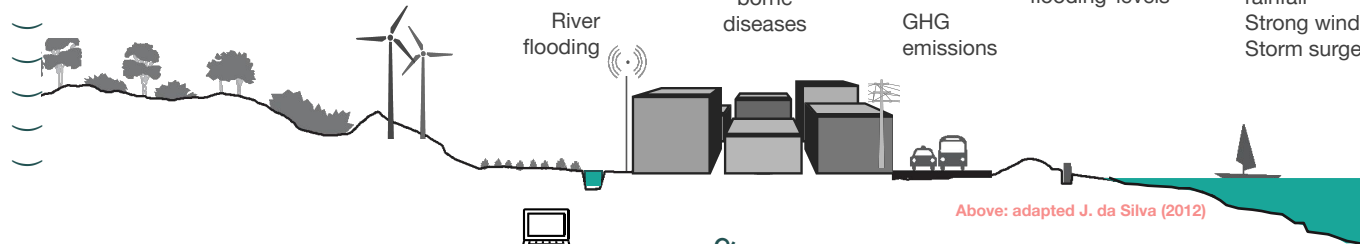
#### COASTAL LIVELIHOODS

Fisheries, tourism

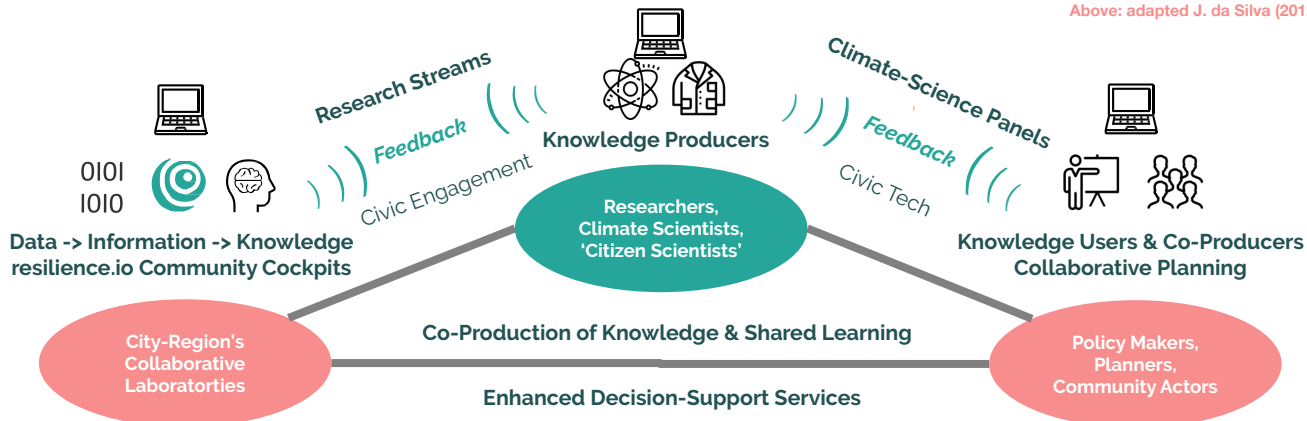
Coastal defenses  
Air quality  
Coastal flooding levels

Rising sea  
levels

Increased  
rainfall  
Strong winds  
Storm surge



Above: adapted J. da Silva (2012)



# 'Smart' cities and 'resilient' cities

## *Defining the role of open data in different city strategies*

***'Is the smart city focus on efficiency at odds with the need for resilient cities to be open, democratic and inclusive, processes which are time and labor intensive?'***

Pamela Robinson, Ryerson University and GeoThink Researcher

***'The ability to ingest crowd sourced data, and turn data into actionable information is a trait of engaged administrations and data programmes that leverage platforms to harness new data and feedback on local issues.'***

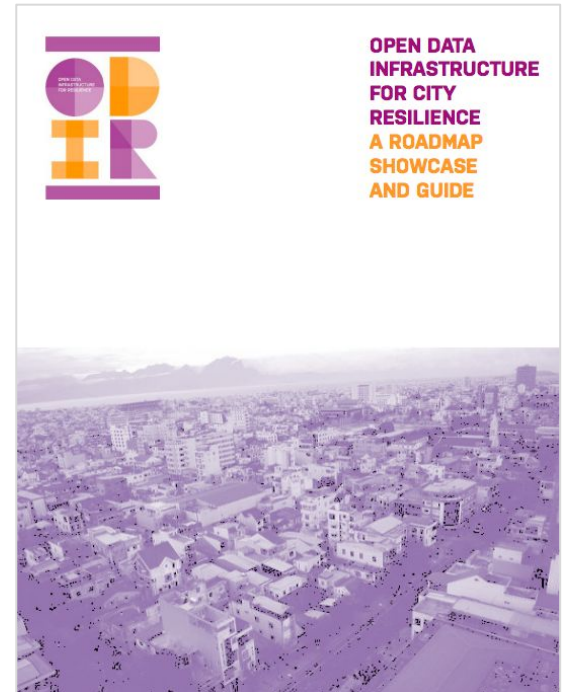
***'This includes the ability to allow partners to stream sensor based data to a city's open portal.'***

Sifa Mawiyoo, Open Data Geospatial Technologist, ICT Authority, Kenya

**'OPEN DATA INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CITY RESILIENCE:  
A roadmap showcase and guide'**

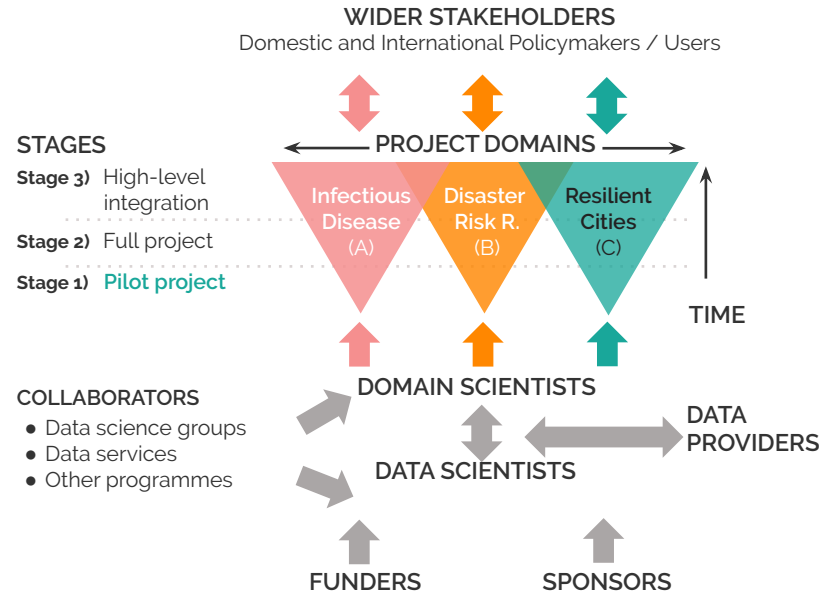
May 2018, available through UNDRR [UNISDR]

[www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/toolkit/article/open-data-infrastructure-for-city-resilience](http://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/toolkit/article/open-data-infrastructure-for-city-resilience)





## Pilot projects for three global challenges: *stages*



# ISC-CODATA pilot project for resilient cities

## *Wider project objectives (selected)*

- To demonstrate the power of data integration to provide practical benefit to the resilient cities domain.
- To develop and demonstrate mechanisms to support SDG/Paris agreement reporting.
- To identify the need for further data that will enhance the potential of data integration to achieve major new insights in the resilient cities domain.
- To enhance standards and definitions for metadata, research approaches and methodologies > measurement of indicators (city-region level).
- To develop tools that enable data infrastructure/ecosystem assessment and enhancement.
- To demonstrate how research approaches, data collection, processing and dissemination used for municipal decision-making = "enhanced urban resilience".
- To identify interdependence in data analysis frameworks used for monitoring and evaluation of urban services.
- To build capacity and assist city regions in utilising integrated data and interdisciplinary research to underpin 'bankable' project development > attracts investment > helps build business case for data infrastructure.

# ISC-CODATA pilot project for resilient cities

## *Objectives for domain pilot on urban resilience*

- To demonstrate the power of data integration to provide practical benefit to the resilient cities domain as well as to demonstrate mechanisms to support reporting of the SDGs and Sendai Framework;
- To demonstrate effective research approaches that are participatory and practice-driven, data collection, processing and dissemination used for municipal decision-making;
- To identify interdependence in data analysis frameworks used for the monitoring and evaluation of urban services;
- To provide knowledge of accessible resources and relevant actors to build capacity and assist city regions in utilising integrated data and interdisciplinary research to underpin integrated approaches to project delivery and administration to maximize societal benefit;
- To encourage appreciation and adoption of the importance of 'FAIR' data principles (findable, accessible, interoperable, reusable) and open-data approaches and infrastructures as key enablers of collaborative problem definition, risk analysis and societal response that resilience action planning requires.
- To identify together the need for further data and practical approaches that can enhance the potential of data integration to achieve major new insights in the resilient cities domain.

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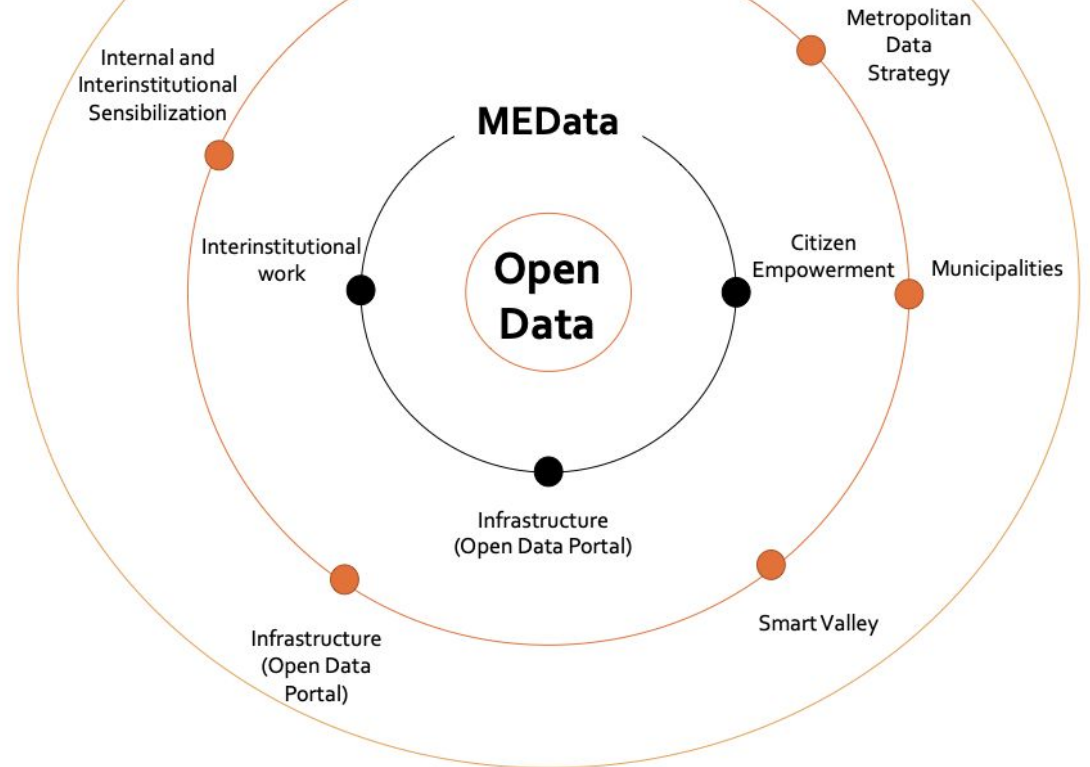


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# Gobernación

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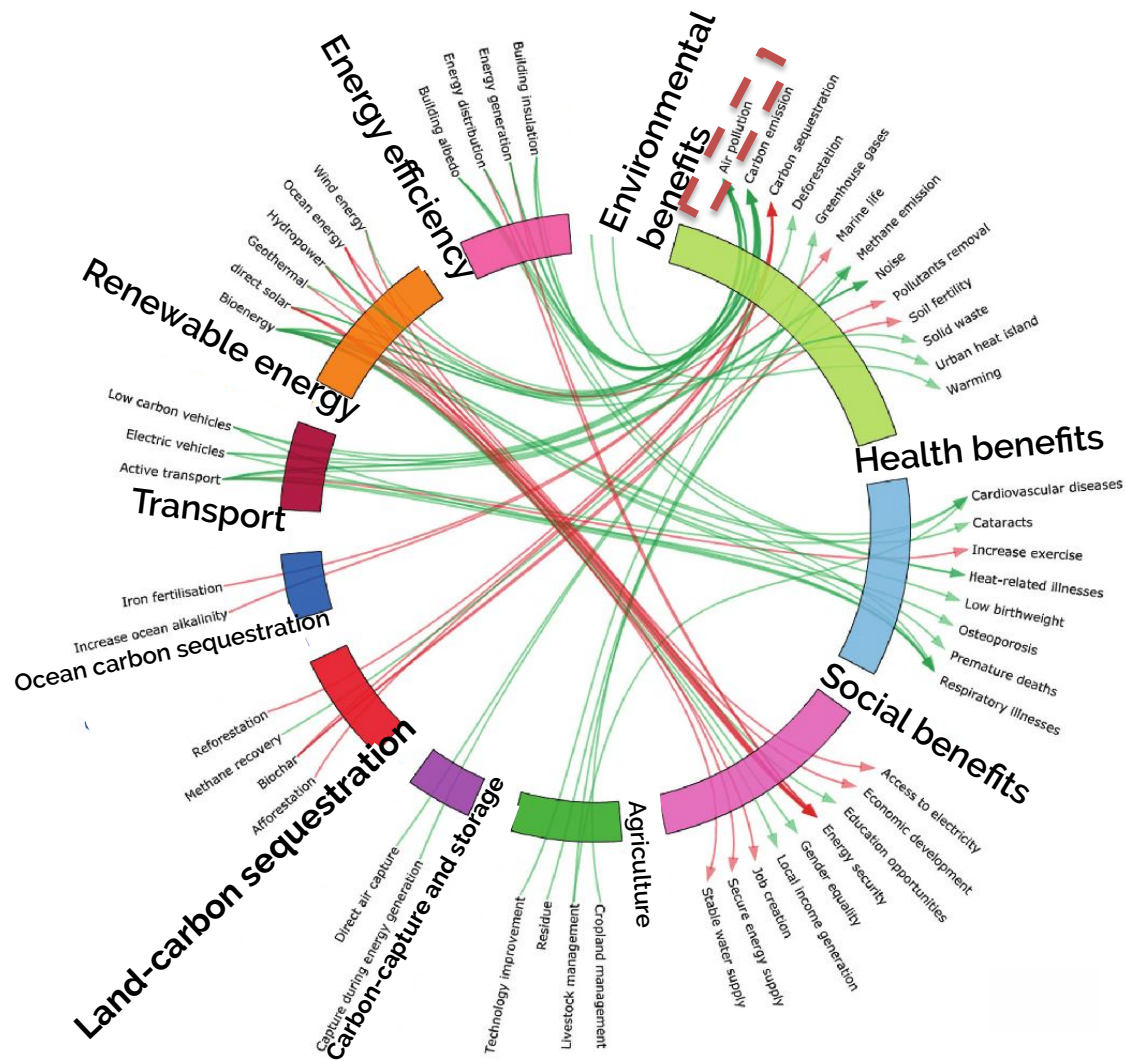


# CODATA pilot project for resilient cities

## *Medellin case study*

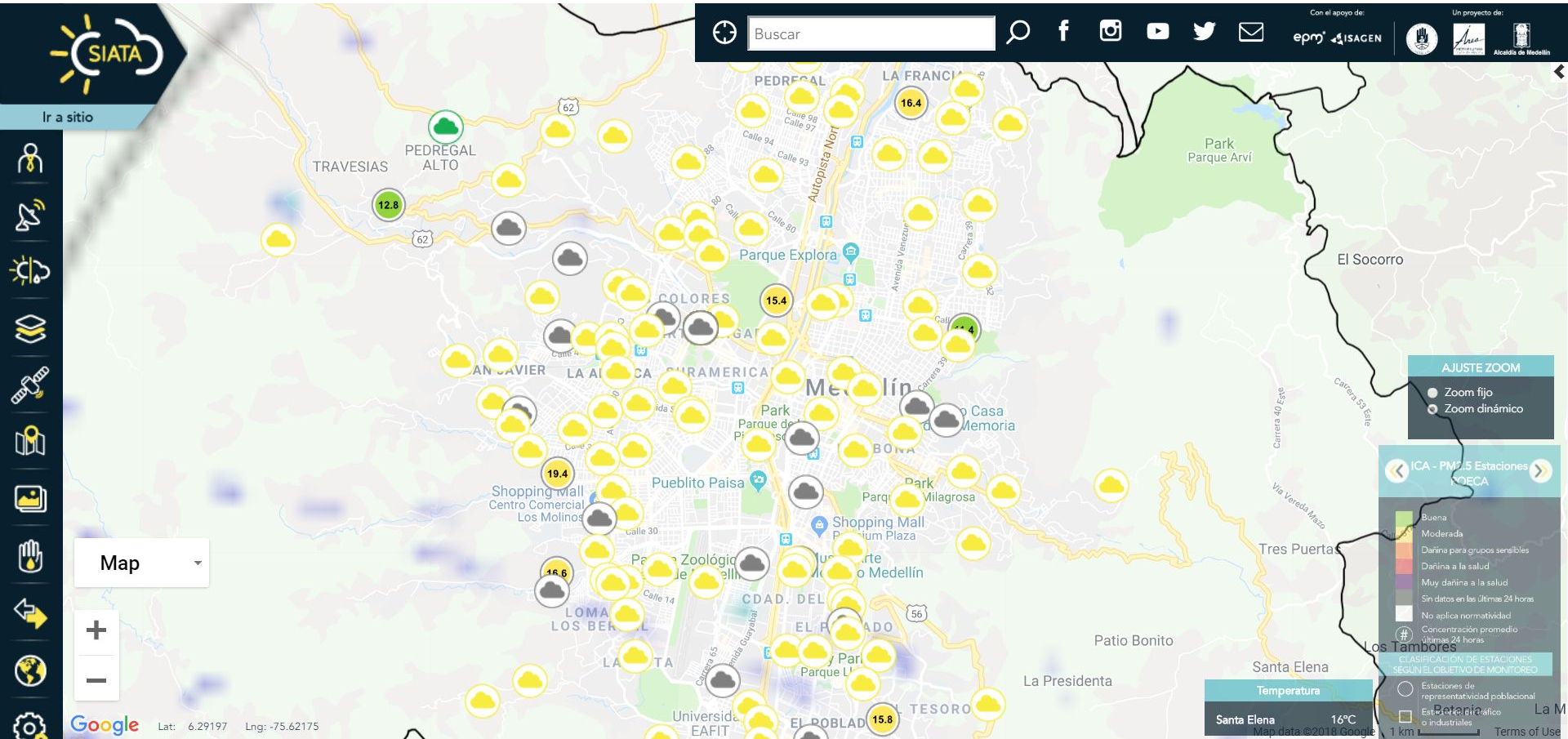
### Action plan

1. **Define topic.** - a systems approach to **air quality** (and **public health** and **economic outcomes**) was agreed, advancing existing initiatives in Medellin.
2. **Define scope.** *(what questions are asked of the data and who needs to access the data, for what purpose)*
3. **Identify what data sets are required, and what datasets are available** (pm2.5).
4. **Identify key areas of interoperability of data between disciplines** *(air quality, demographics, economics, land use, health, green space, GHG emitters/traffic and transport).*
5. **What are the data functions required.** *(e.g., machine learning, extraction of data from pdf documents)*
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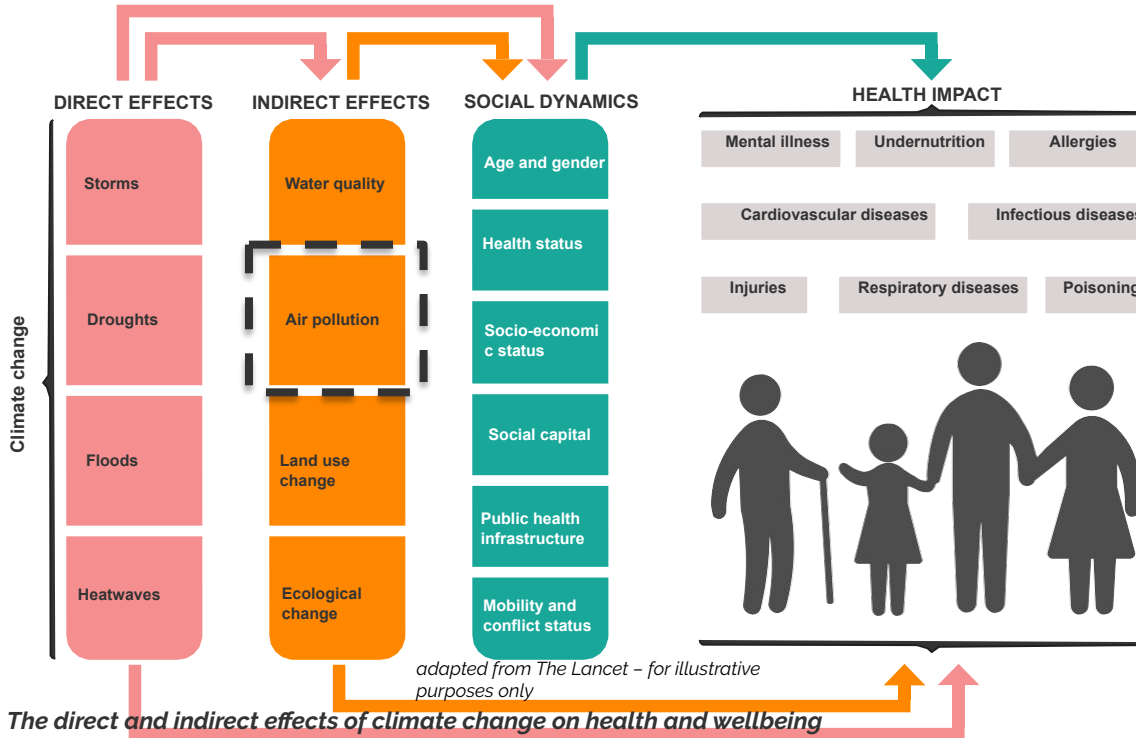


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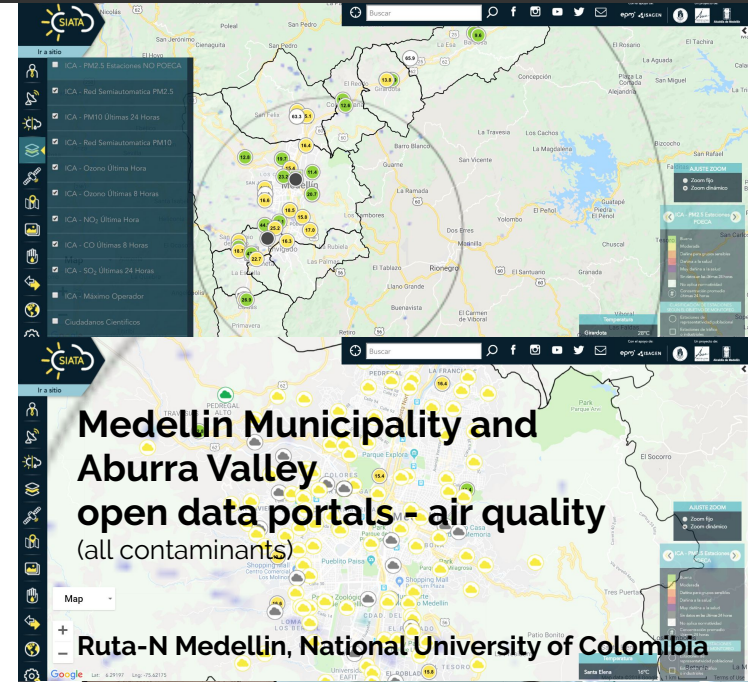
# SIATA air quality (citizen scientists through Ruta-N initiative)



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There are complex interactions between both causes and effects. Ecological processes, such as impacts on biodiversity and changes in disease vectors, and social dynamics, can amplify these risks. Social responses also ameliorate some risks through adaptive actions.





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## *Medellin case study*

### Integrated data approach on a topic in Medellin

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### Medellin project working group:

- **Ruta N - Business & Innovation Center for Medellin Municipality** - *Jaime Rugeles (Medellin lead)*
- Universidad Nacional de Colombia - Sede Medellín (UNALMED) - *Santiago Medina Hurtad*
- Medellin Municipality - Planning Office and Chief Resilience Officer (CRO)
- Foundation Makaia
- Instituto Tecnológico Metropolitano de Medellín (ITM)
- Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística (DANE) - *Carlos Felipe Lombo, Angelica Robayo*
- Medellin Data Council members - Paola Pollmeier
- Medellín Lab (ACI Medellin)

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# Data integration workshops in Medellin for CODATA







Rate of absorption of pollutants from urban trees?					
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<b>Rate of absorption of pollutants from urban trees?</b>	<b>What datasets are available?</b>	<b>Who generates the data?</b>	<b>Who needs access to the data? For what purpose?</b>	<b>What datasets are necessary?</b>	<b>Who needs access to the data? For what purpose?</b>
Rate of absorption of pollutants from urban trees?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Urban Trees</li> <li>* Contaminants</li> </ul>	AMVA			
Projection of pollutants from the city?	Contaminants monoxide and nitrogen dioxide, ozone (O3), PM 1, PM 2.5, PM10, sulfur dioxide (SO2)	AMVA	Transport, construction, health and education companies	Health	
<b>Correlation between respiratory diseases (according to time of exposure to contaminants, location, travel...)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Contaminants monoxide and nitrogen dioxide, ozone (O3), PM 1, PM 2.5, PM10, sulfur dioxide (SO2)</li> <li>* Destination origin survey</li> <li>* Travel information of waze (Medellín, Bello and Envigado)</li> <li>* Duration of waze trips</li> <li>* Zones with a higher concentration of pollutants</li> </ul>	AMVA Medellin's town hall Municipalities Valle de Aburrá	Health service companies	Respiratory diseases (Registry of Ministry)	Sura (Insurance Company) EPS
What is the generation rate of pollutants due to congestion?	Mobile Senores in Garbage Collection Vehicles (Gas)	AMVA SIATA Pilot Renting Colombia	Transport companies, vehicle rental and fuel		
<b>How does the quality of the air impact the economic development of the City?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* No Jobs, Economic Development - GDP, taxes, budget execution</li> <li>* Data of cloudiness, air quality, temperature, winds, noise, river levels</li> </ul>	Multiple public and private sources	RutaN, Sec de Desarrollo Economica	Impact Sale of Private Vehicles how motorcycles No of Disabilities, Tourist Data, Cancellation of events, Sales of Motorcycles	
<b>How do mobility measures influence commerce or business activity in</b>	Effects of mobility measures (such as peak and plate) on air quality and commercial and	AMVA Mobility secretary Waze Mapbox	Chambers of Commerce	Microdata Mobility in real time	

