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# Welcome & --- Introduction

09:30 - 09:35



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# Keynote Speech

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09:35 - 09:45



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09:45 – 10:00

# Session 1:

## Urban Transitions Mission (UTM) and UTMC community portal



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# Urban Transitions Mission (UTM) and UTMC community portal



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# The UTM CENTRE

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# The UTM Centre

A global platform providing **funding sources, funding assistance, peer learning, and capacity building** to accelerate climate neutrality in cities

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# Cities & Community

## 90 UTM Cities

To inspire other cities\*!

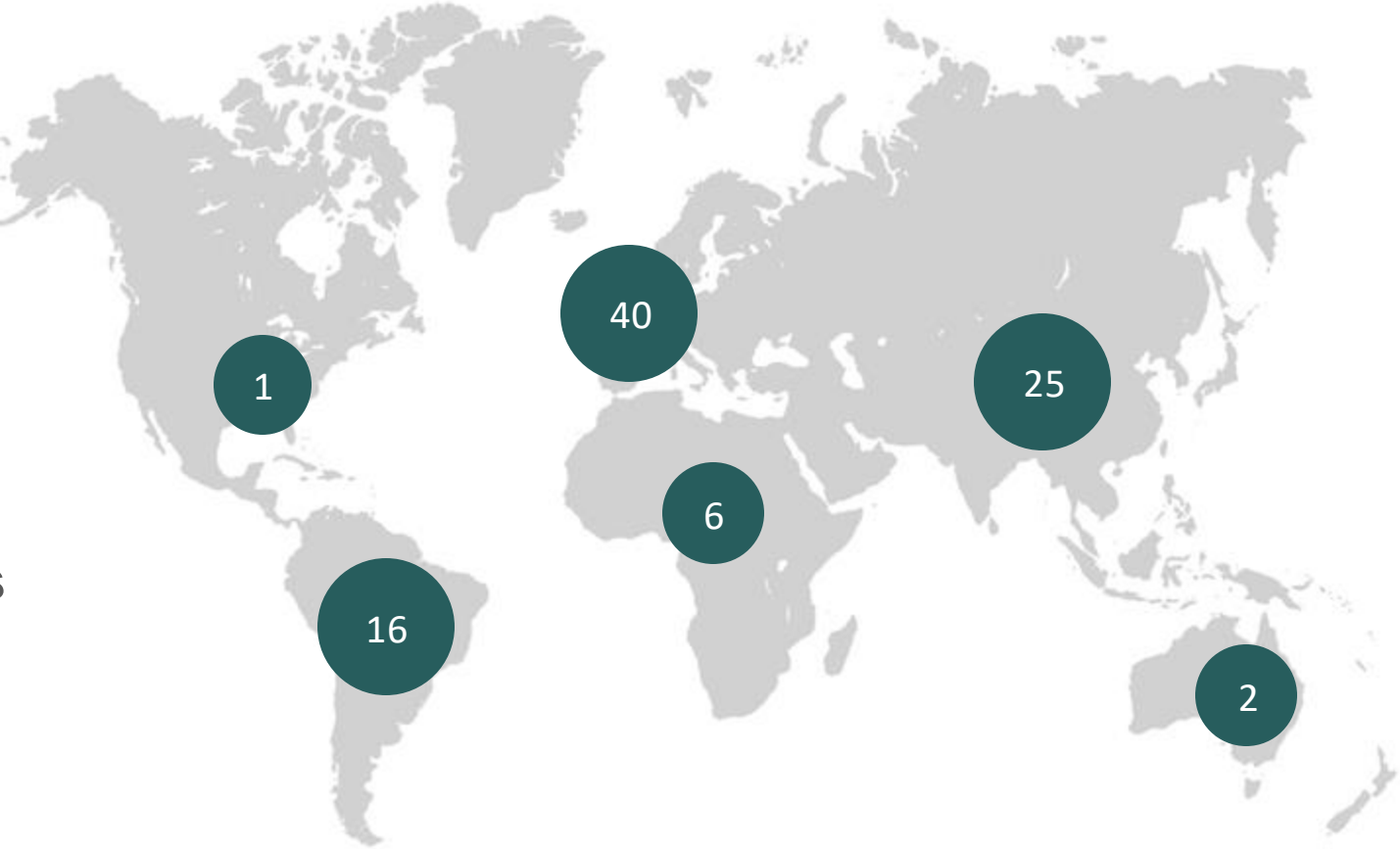
\*112 cities of the EU Mission for climate-neutral and smart cities

## 850+ Platform Users

Accelerating local action!

### Multilevel Government Ecosystems

- Mayors
- City Staff
- Experts
- Academia & Researchers
- Consultants
- Companies, SMEs





# The Community Platform offers



## FUNDING ASSISTANCE

- Global Funding Watch
- Finance Toolkit



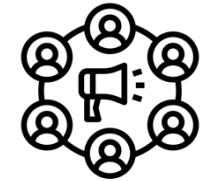
## KNOWLEDGE REPOSITORY

- New Resources
- Existing databases



## CAPACITY BUILDING & EXCHANGE

- Groups for exchange
- Moderated Learning



## DISSEMINATION & AWARENESS

- News on CN & NZ
- Events on CN & NZ



# Explore the UTM Framework!



**A step-by-step Guide for cities with resources to improve their climate strategies and prioritize action**

# Funding Assistance

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## Finance & Funding Helpdesk

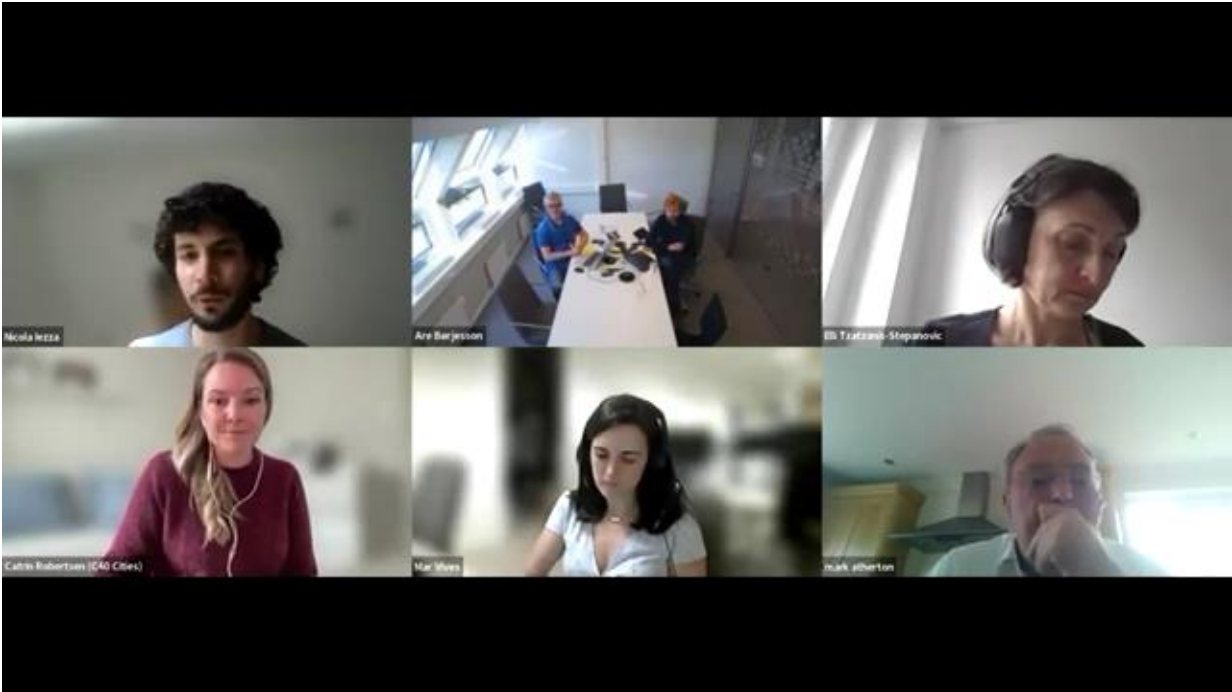
Guiding and answering financing routes

## Global Funding Watch

Mapping Funding Opportunities

## Finance Knowledge & Sessions

Assisting your journey through tailored resources



# Knowledge Repository

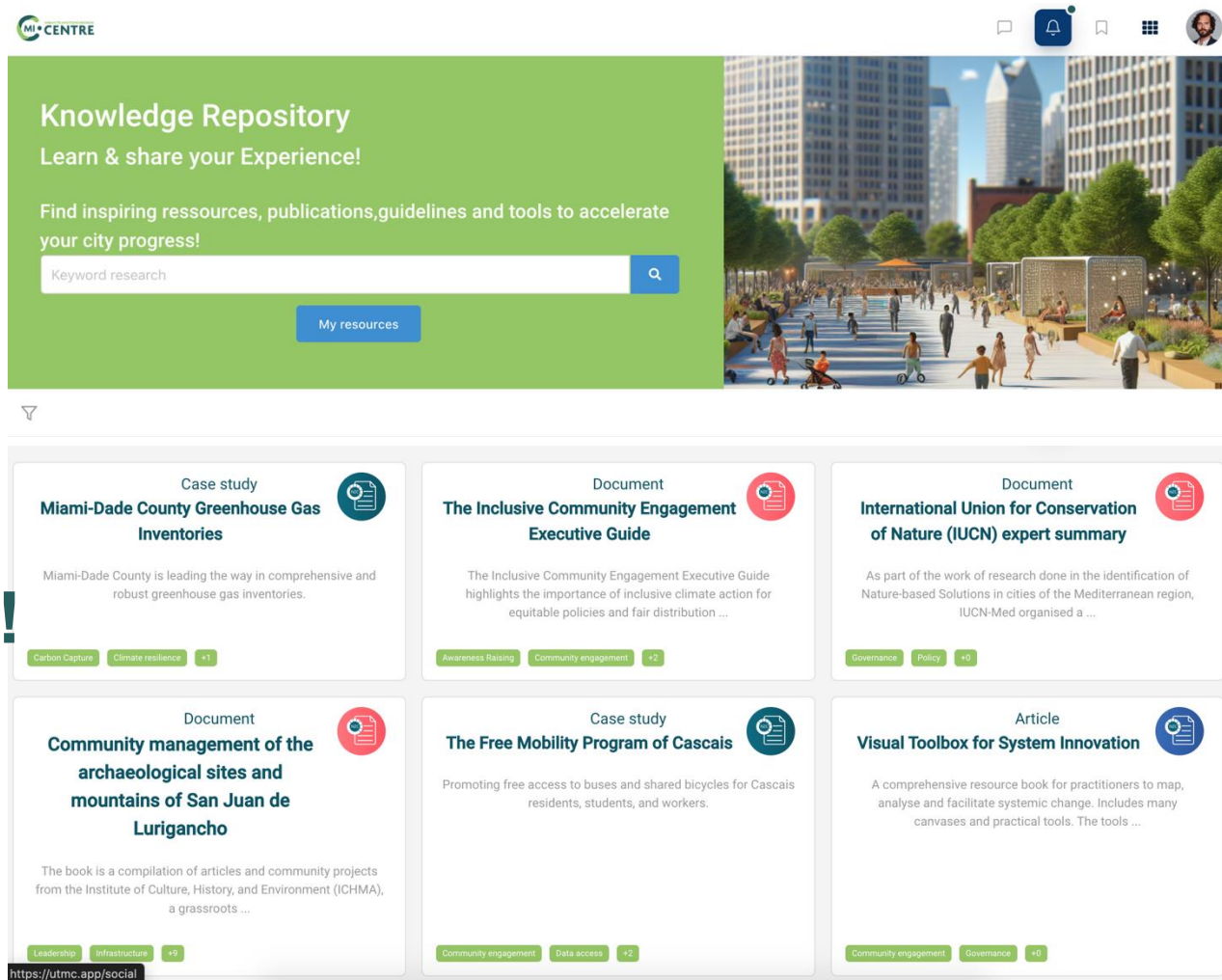
## Variety of Resources

- Case Studies from cities
- Tools
- Guides
- Reports
- Articles
- Event Recordings

## Showcase your City Progress!

Engage citizens, share with experts and bid for calls!

- *Written Case Studies*
- *Promotional Videos*
- *Interviews*



# Capacity Building & Exchange



## Learn from a diverse offer

- Peer Exchanges
- Trainings
- Webinars
- Courses
- Virtual Coffees
- Conferences
- Platform Discovery Tours



# Capacity Building & Exchange



## Join the 7 UTM Clusters!

Exchange in groups and channels about the most relevant topics for your city



01  
Finance



02  
Governance



03  
City Scale Data  
& Scenarios



04  
Transport &  
Mobility



05  
Sustainable  
Energy



06  
Nature Based  
Solutions



07  
Water  
Management

# Dissemination & Awareness

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- **Newsletter**  
News, opportunities, calls, etc.
- **Events Calendar**  
Engagement in global events & forums
- **Partnerships**  
Synergies with similar projects & allies



# Coming soon



- **Community Platform Discovery Tour**

Thursday, 14 November 14:00 CET  
(Online)

- **UTM Virtual Coffee – Governance**

Wednesday, 20 November 14:00 CET  
(Online)

- **UTM Virtual Coffee – Data**

Tuesday, 11 December 14:CET  
(Online)

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## Sustainable Energy Strategies UTM Virtual Coffee

Join us to discuss the progress of UTM cities on sustainable energy strategies!

**Wednesday  
30th October  
14:00 -15:00 CET**

**Aksinia Sinko**  
Project Manager, City Development Agency, Zhytomyr (Ukraine)

**Jason Grant**  
Senior Energy Resilience Program Manager, Miami-Dade County (USA)

**Stefania Mascolo**  
Energy Projects Expert, NEUTRALPATH Project, Eurocities

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- Register: <https://www.utmc.app/>
- Registration tutorials:
  - + Video “Register as City Officer” for city representatives, employees of a municipality, <https://vimeo.com/834333395/09659e98a5?share=copy>
  - + Video “Register as Community of Practice or Local Partner” for anyone employed by a public or private organization, or city user that is not a municipality. <https://vimeo.com/834333420/c93910600d?share=copy>



# Thank you & stay tuned!

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10:00 - 11:15

## Session 2:

# Voices from cities – City case studies of urban transitions in Africa



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# Voices from cities: City case studies of urban transitions in Africa



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*Speaker*

10:05 – 10:15

## Overview of Walvis Bay's focus on sustainable urban development and unique challenges faced.

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**Trevino Forbes**  
Mayor of Walvis Bay, Namibia



***Cassava processing,  
improvement of the village  
living environment and the  
urbanization of Cocody***



## Context

The galloping urbanization of the commune of Cocody has led its ATCHAN coastal villages to change and coexist with the modernization it brings; namely its real estate operations marked by the presence of large buildings, asphalt roads with all the major works that accompany it. This is how during one of our forums that took place in the village of Blockhaus that the Association of Atchan Women of the 6 Villages of Cocody, spoke to us about the problems of this cohabitation and the socio-economic and environmental difficulties that they encounter with the production of Attiéké.

## State of play

The production of Attiéké for more than 40 years by the indigenous population of the coastal villages of the commune of Cocody has considerably destroyed the living and environmental environment.

## Findings

Problems of sanitation, waste management, air pollution and lagoon bays, malodorous nuisances... As part of the PAAEDC, a steering committee comprising all the socio-economic actors of the village and a council of elders headed by the village chief were set up to jointly address the aforementioned problems in order to review and improve the Attiéké manufacturing model. This will help facilitate the integrated urban and village planning programs driven by the municipal council.



This project aims to make the transformation of cassava into local food, namely Attiéké, more ecological, to create sustainable jobs for young people and women by preserving the environment while developing income-generating activities that boost the local economy.

This project contributes to achieving the objectives of resilience and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions of the municipality by 203,445.7 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq/year as part of the development and implementation of the Action Plan for Access to Sustainable Energy and Climate (PAAEDC) of the municipality; which is itself a strategic axis of our Local Development Plan

### **Innovation**

Construction of a production unit with a manufacturing line made up of machines and equipment that are manufactured in Ivory Coast to replace all manual tasks carried out by women and responsible for polluting waste that is transformed into biogas by two (2) biodigesters.





## Expected results

- Women and girls from village communities are organized into socio-economic structures and trained in the use of ecological production equipment and made aware of environmental concepts and the fight against global warming ;
- Manufacture and installation of effective, efficient and environmentally friendly production tools such as the improved oven or hearth;
- Significant reduction in the use of firewood that emits a lot of CO2 thanks to the improvement of the cooking process ;
- Reduction in the number of butane gas cylinders thanks to the improvement of the cooking process ;
- Production of Biogas with the waste produced by the activity and reusable for cooking, thanks to the two Biodigesters;
- Cleanliness of the living environment, improvement of air quality, disappearance of smelly nuisances and use of living spaces and green spaces,



- An improvement of existing activities and the emergence of new sustainable jobs;
- A healthier and more beautiful living environment for the populations;
- On average, 200 women and girls from the beneficiary village are monitored and supervised by an NGO ;
- Empowerment of women, poverty reduction, circular economy, respect and protection of the working environment, protection of the environment, biodiversity and ecosystems, improvement of health and good management of water and sanitation;
- Implementation of a local development model that is sustainable, respectful of the environment and emits less greenhouse gases;
- Replicate the project in the ten (10) coastal villages of the commune of Cocody.



### **On the technical level**

The project allows the use of machines manufactured in Côte d'Ivoire which along the production chain promote effective, efficient, environmentally friendly production and facilitate a circular economy with the use of peelings and effluents for the production of biogas for its reuse in cooking.

### **On the social level**

The living environment has become healthier and more pleasant with the production of more profitable Attiéké, offering more substantial income.

### **On the organizational level**

The women and young girls producing Attiéké are organized into Economic Interest Groups (GIE), promoting the pooling of forces, goods and resources, thus giving them the legal personality to be able to benefit from or apply for bank loans,

### **Regarding the territorial scope**

It is carried out in the village of BLOCKAUSS, it could extend to the 10 villages of Cocody, at the national, sub-regional and regional levels.

### **In terms of method and operating mode**

Model replicable on a large scale

### **In terms of economy**

This economically viable project with the creation of future production units.

### **In terms of governance**

Project led by the Chiefdom and supported by the Cocody Town Hall with the participation of all stakeholders in the socio-economic fabric of the village.

### **The possible obstacles, limits, constraints (internal or external) to the development of the project**

The difficulty for some women to attend meetings due to their many household tasks in addition to selling attiéké, The administrative burden, which delays the provision of funding from the Town Hall, the biodigesters which may not be efficient or powerful enough to produce biogas with real cooking potential.

**SOME MACHINES FROM THE ATTIEKE ORGANIC PRODUCTION UNIT**



**CRUSHER**



**WRINGER**



**EMOTOR**



**SEEDING MACHINE**



**GAS COOKER**

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10:25 – 10:35

## Presentation on Accra's planning strategies and the role of local governance in urban transition.

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# GHANA'S URBAN TRANSITION PROCESS



**Presented by Mumuni Tijani  
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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

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URBANIZED AREA

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TRANSITION

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PROCESS

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WITH URBAN TRANSITION

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IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS

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CONCLUSION



**“Urbanization is no longer a debatable issue, the time to act is now.”**





# INTRODUCTION

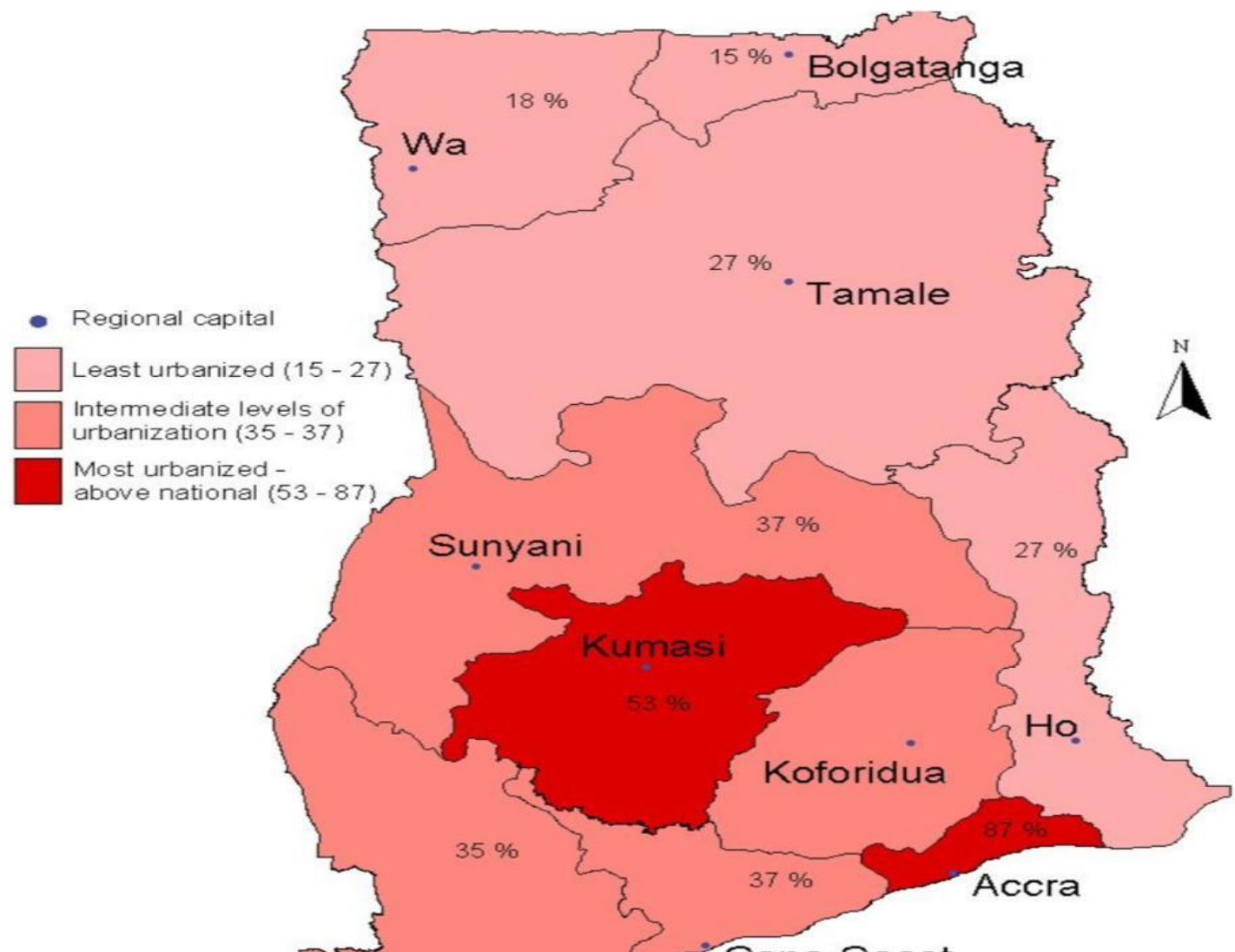
The global population is expected to reach 5 billion by 2030, with 3.3 billion people living in urban areas for the first time in history (UN-HABITAT, 2008a).

Ghana is becoming increasingly urbanized, with close to 65% of the population expected to live in cities by 2050. Urbanization rate has surged from 23% in 1960 to over 56% by 2020, making it one of the most urbanized West African countries. Major cities like Accra, Kumasi, and Takoradi attract people for employment opportunities.

Admittedly, urbanization has contributed to Ghana's economic growth and modernization, it has also introduced challenges. However, urbanization also presents challenges like infrastructure strains, informal settlements, urban sprawl, and environmental degradation. The government has implemented policies such as National Urban Policy Framework and Action Plan to manage sustainable growth.



**Fig 1. Urban Population as a Percentage of total Population**





# TRIGGERS OF URBAN TRANSITIONS

- Ruaral-Urban Migration.
- Natural population growth
- Insufficient electricity power supply.
- Traffic Congestion in the urban areas.
- Environmental pollution ie solid waste, increased greenhouse emissions
- Urban sprawl.
- Environmental degradation



# GHANA'S URBAN TRANSITION PROCESS

## Environment

- Urban planning - Preparation of spatial plans and Revision of outdated plans
- Green policy initiative
- Protection of our urban forest coverage as a way of responding to climate change issues.

## Transportation

- Implementation of Bus Rapid Transport system
- Implementation of Electric Vehicle program which is aimed at reducing emissions
- Expansion of road infrastructure ie construction of interchange,
- Expansion of railway lines

## Education

- Implementation of Free Senior High School policy
- School feeding program
- Opening access to education ie School infrastructure development

## Sanitation

- Construction of new engineered sanitary landfill with gas capture
- Increase the coverage sanitation infrastructure



# CONTINUATION

## Trade and industry

- Industrial revolution ie One district, one factory initiatives
- Implementation of permit process system ie turn around time for issuance of permits are put in check to avoid delayance

## Works and housing

- Affordable housing project and densification for redevelopment
- Greater Accra Resilient and Integrated Development Project (GARID) – to improve flood risk and solid waste management within the Odaw River basin.
- The project seeks to integrate nature-based solutions to serve buffers

## Health

- Construction and Upgrading of hospital across the 16 regional capitals
- Implementation of agenda 111 hospitals
- Opening access to education ie putting up school infrastructure



# CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROCESS

- Land tenure system in Ghana
- Expensive to implement projects i.e Railway development, construction of interchange
- Inadequate funds



# PREPARATION OF SPATIAL PLANS







# ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT







# RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT







# INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION





## CONCLUSION

Ghana's urban transition highlights the challenges of rapid urbanization, requiring effective planning, sustainable infrastructure investment, and inclusive policies. By prioritizing resilient systems and equitable development, Ghana can serve as a sustainable development model for other African nations.



**THANK YOU**



# Voices from cities: Panel discussion and Q&A



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11:15 - 11:45

# Coffee Break

**Next → Session 3: *System  
innovation: A Funders’  
Dialogue for Africa***



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11:45 - 13:15

## Session 3:

# **System innovation: A Funders’ Dialogue for Africa – Best practice examples and case studies**



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# Welcome & Opening Funders' Dialogue for Africa



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# The Status of Urban Climate Finance & Funders perspective: a dialogue



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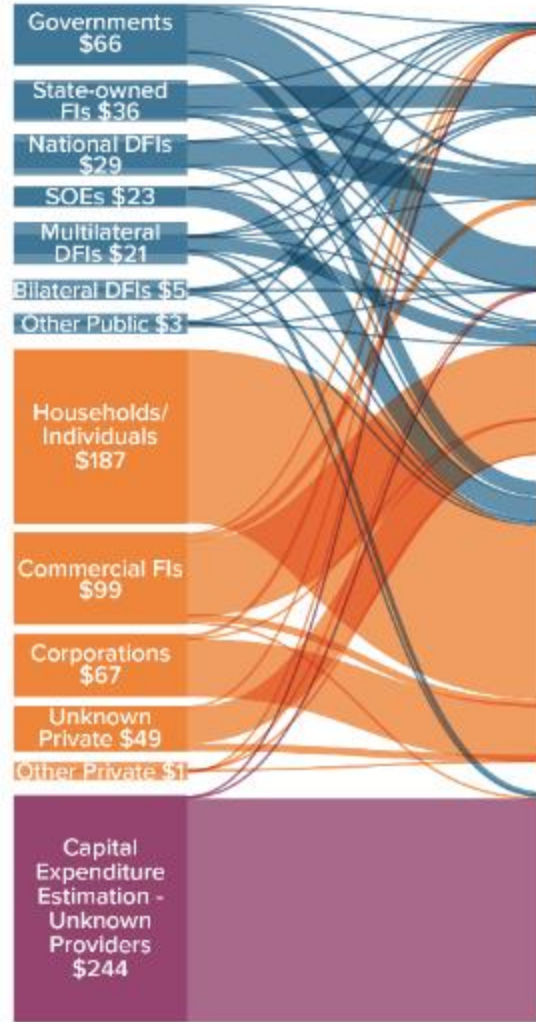
# The 2024 State of Cities Climate Finance

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John Michael LaSalle, Senior Program Associate, Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance (CCFLA)

**SOURCES AND INTERMEDIARIES**

Which type of organizations are sources or intermediaries of capital for urban climate finance?



**INSTRUMENTS**

What mix of financial instruments is used?



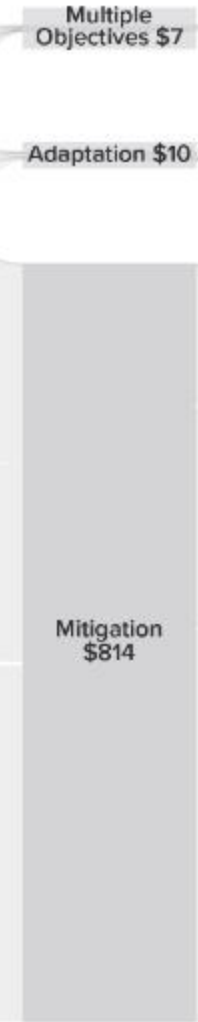
**REGION**

Where is finance flowing?



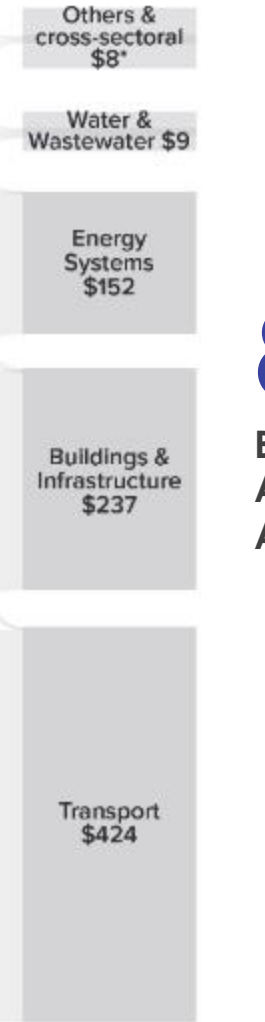
**USES**

What is the finance used for?



**SECTOR**

What types of activities are financed?



**831**  
BILLION USD  
ANNUAL  
AVERAGE

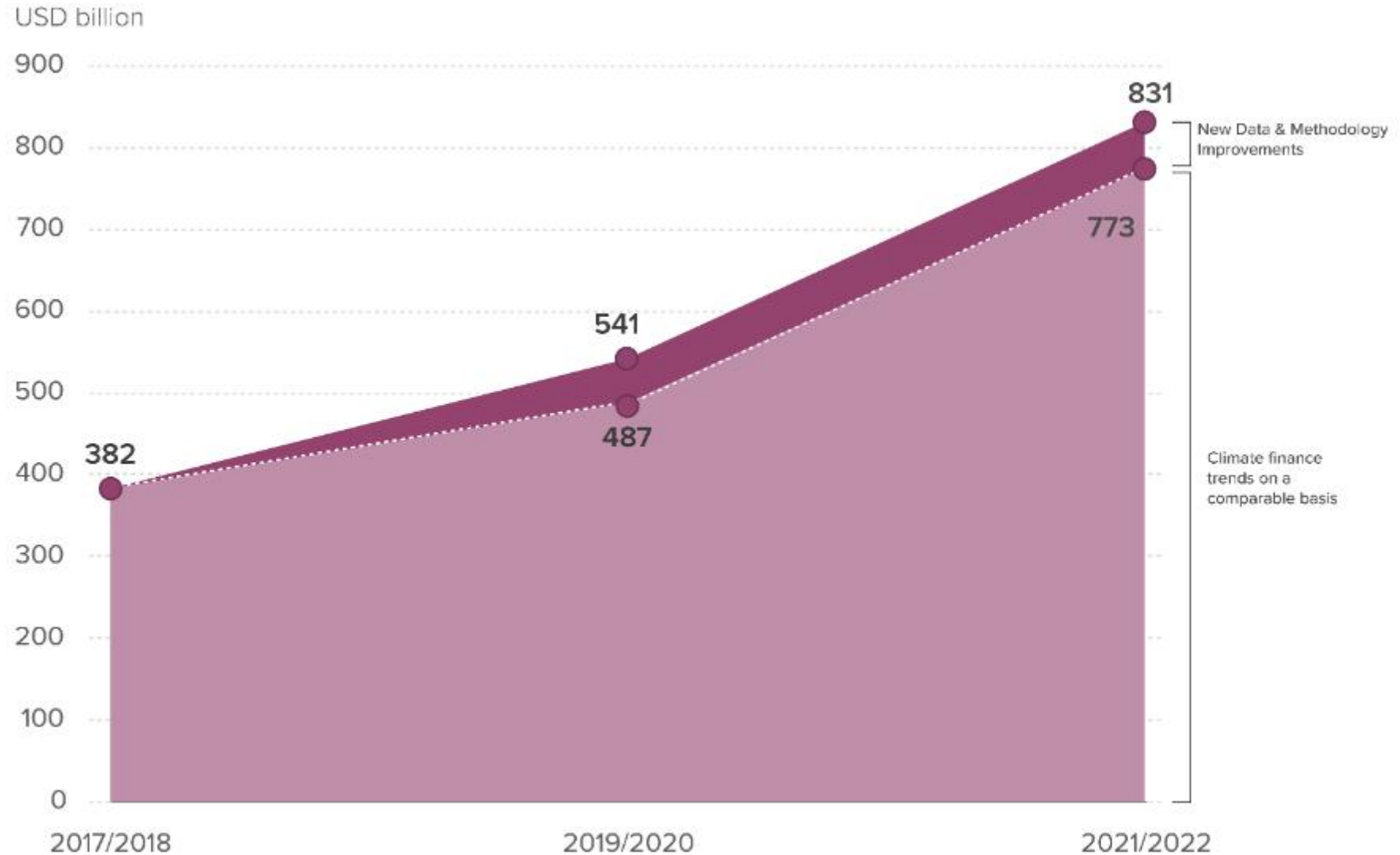
Public Private Unknown

"Other Public" sources include export credit agencies (ECAs), multilateral climate funds, public funds and unknown public.  
"Other Private" sources include institutional investors and funds.

SOEs stands for State-Owned Enterprises.  
FIs stands for Financial Institutions.  
DFIs stands for Development Finance Institutions.  
Transregional refers to financing that was tracked for multiple regions.

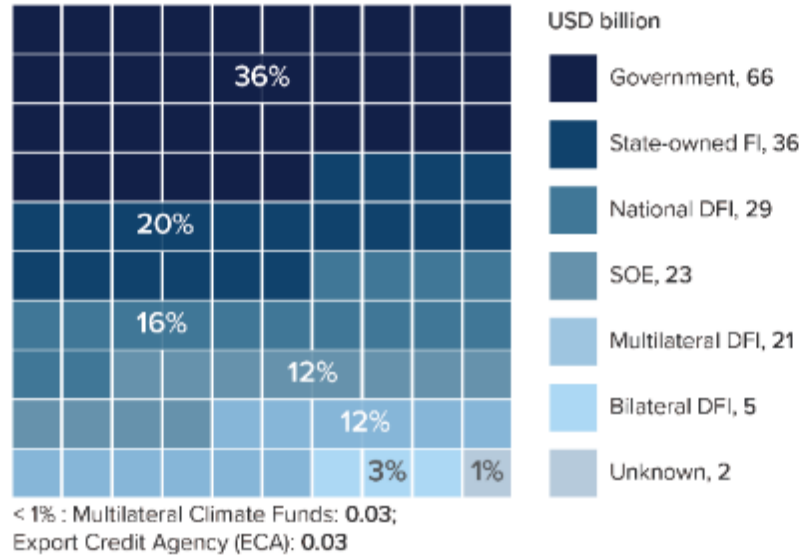
\* Includes waste, agriculture, forestry and other land use, information and communications technology, and industry

# Tracked urban climate finance has more than doubled since 2017/2018, yet a large gap remains

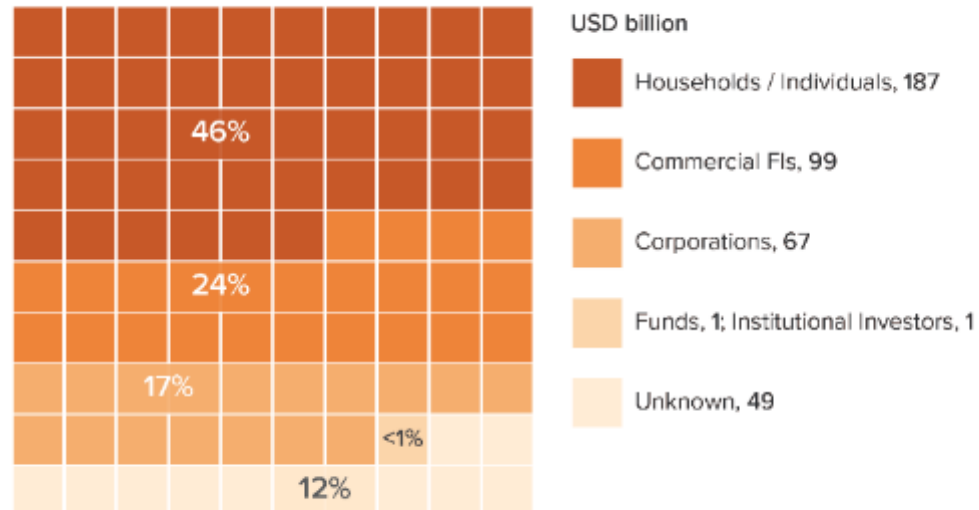


Private and public actors accounted for 49% and 22% of total urban climate finance, respectively, in 2021/2022.

## Urban climate finance by public actors in 2021/2022

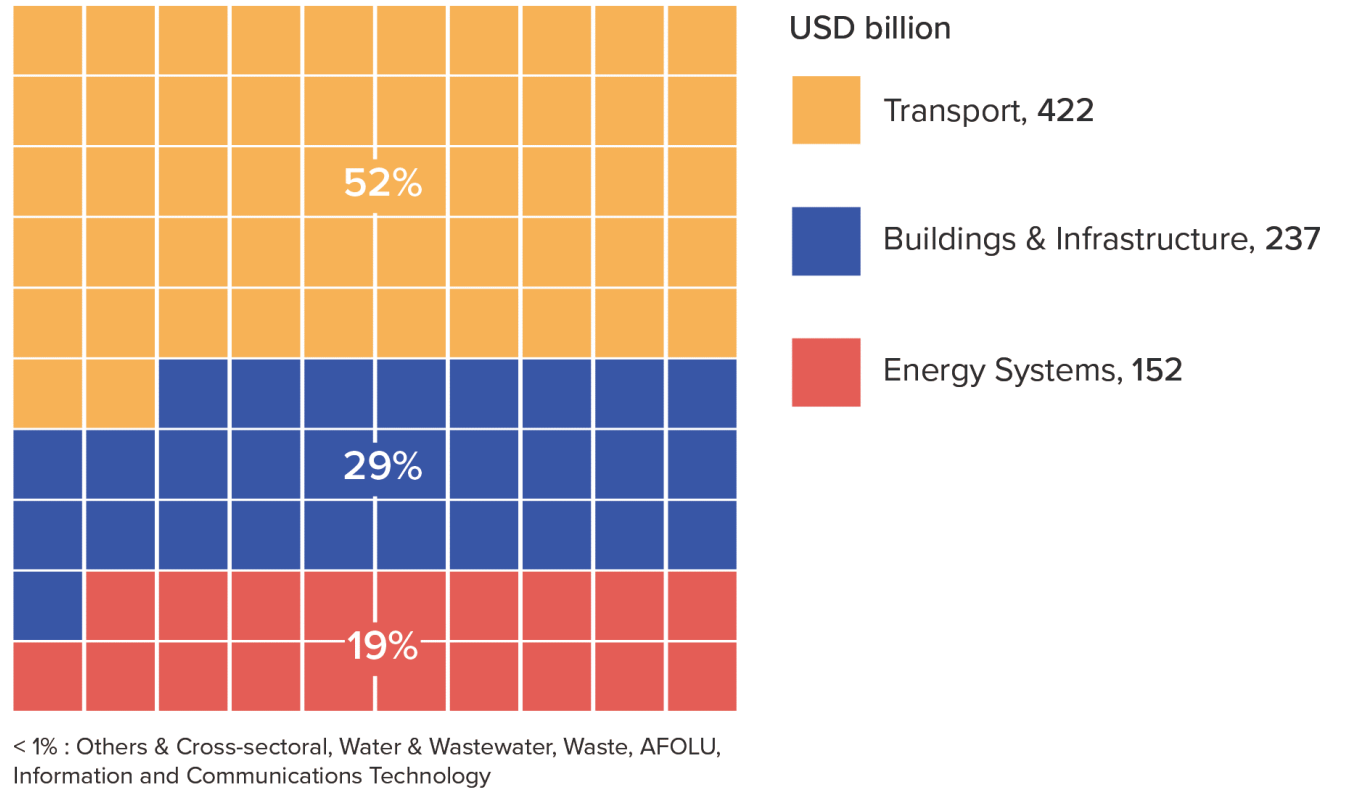


## Urban climate finance by private actor in 2021/2022





Mitigation finance more than doubled in 2021/2022. Transport represented 52% of total investments.



# Tracked urban adaptation finance remains low.

## INCOME GROUP DESTINATION

Which level of economic development groups of countries are flows of urban climate finance going to?

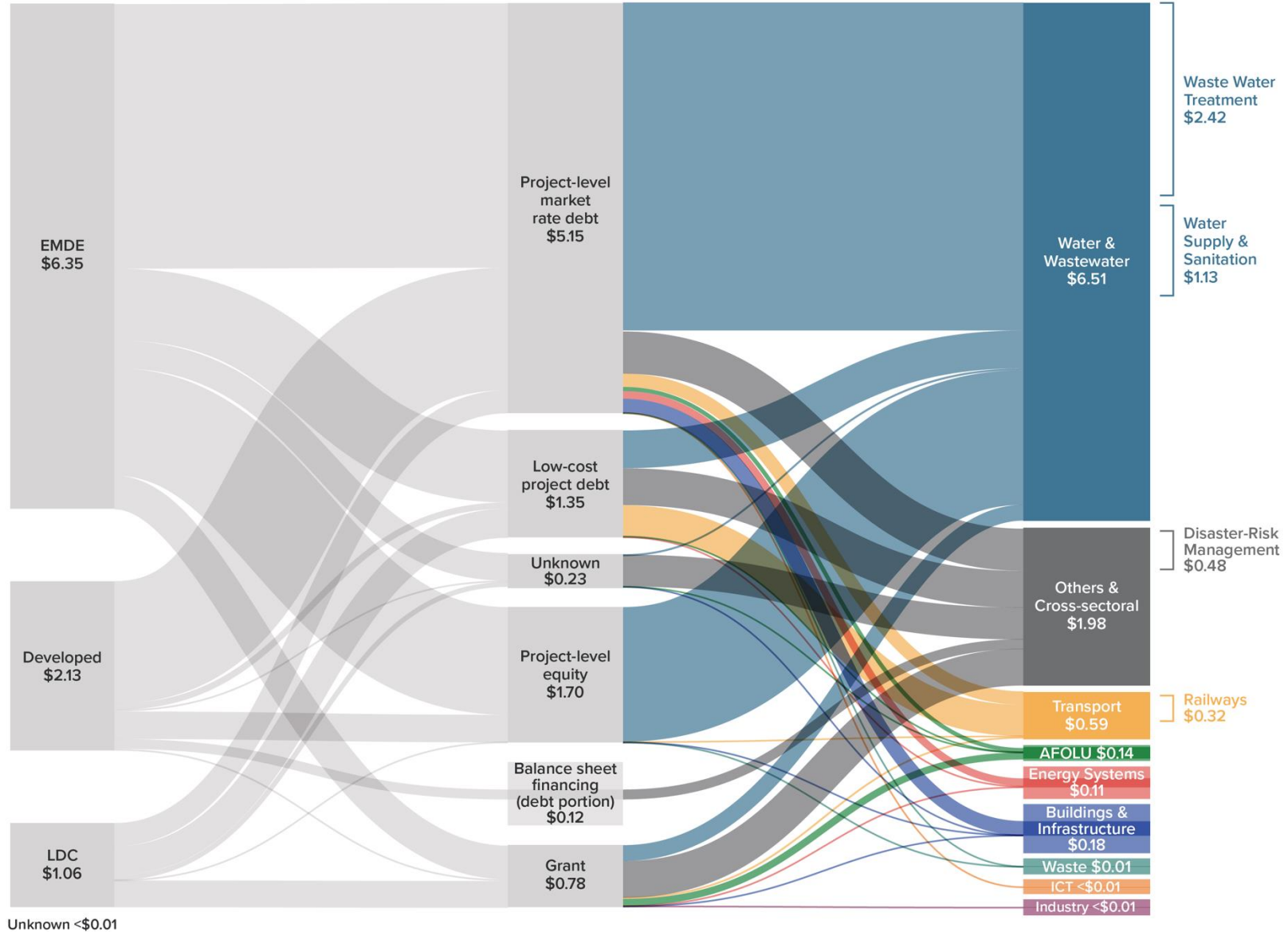
## INSTRUMENT

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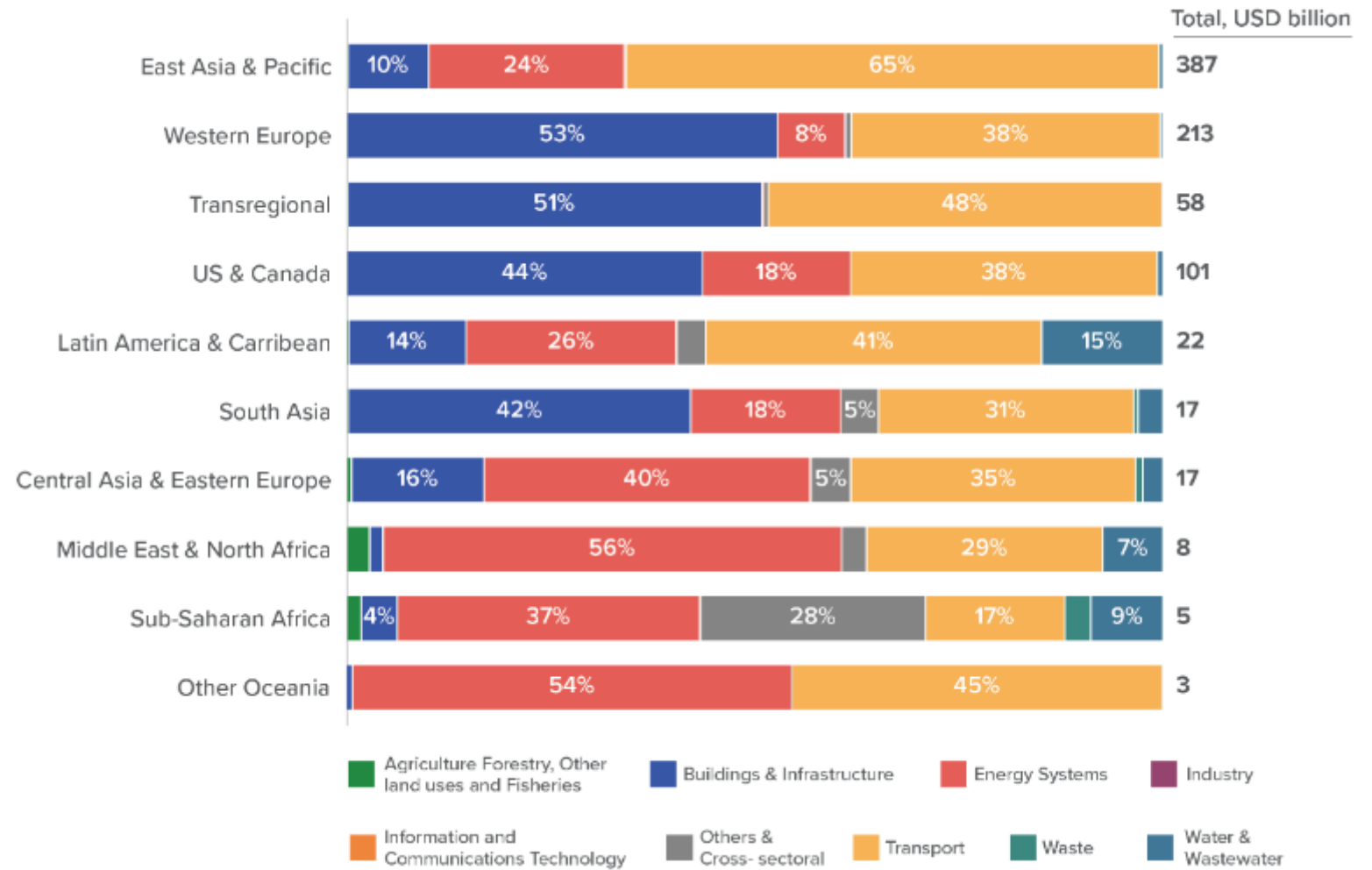
**9.54** BILLION USD ANNUAL AVERAGE

## SECTOR

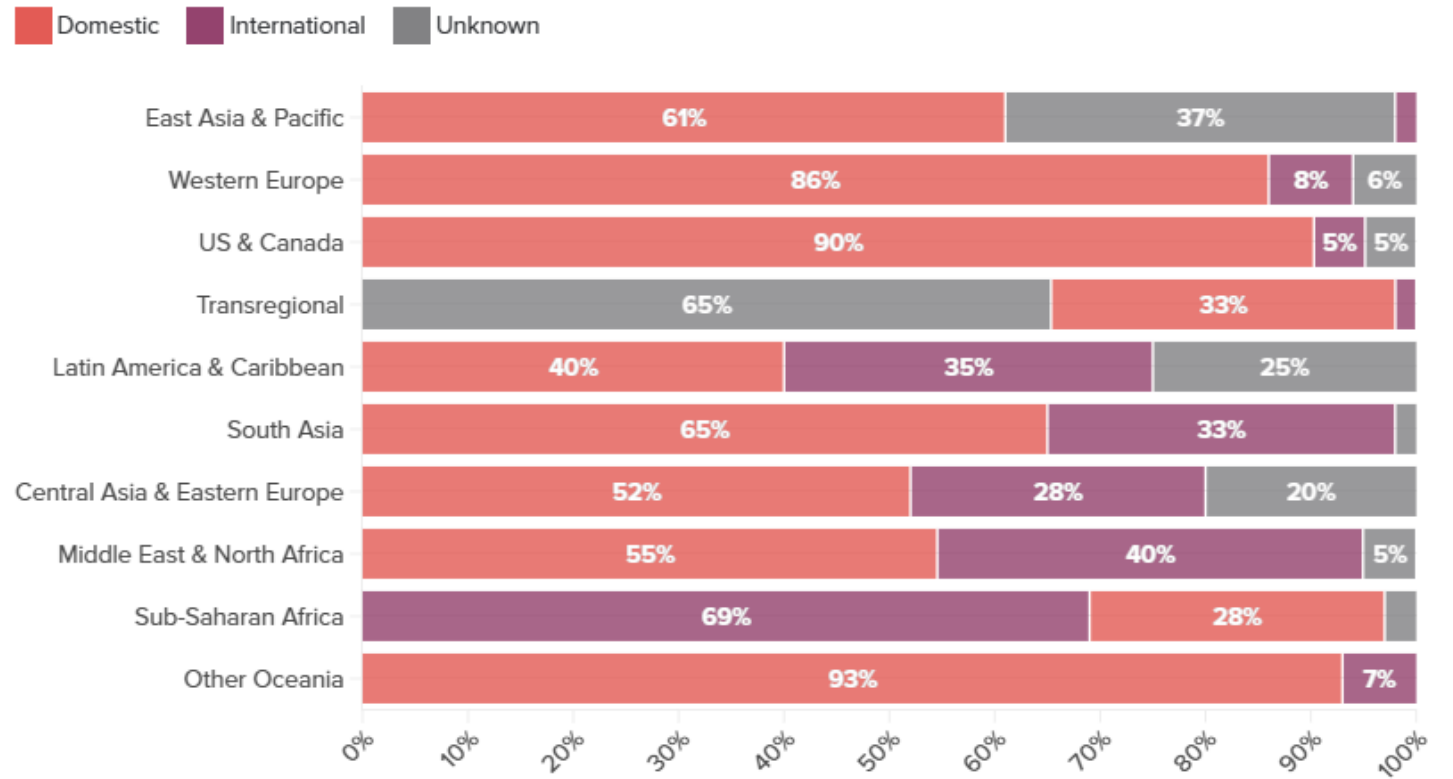
What types of activities are financed?



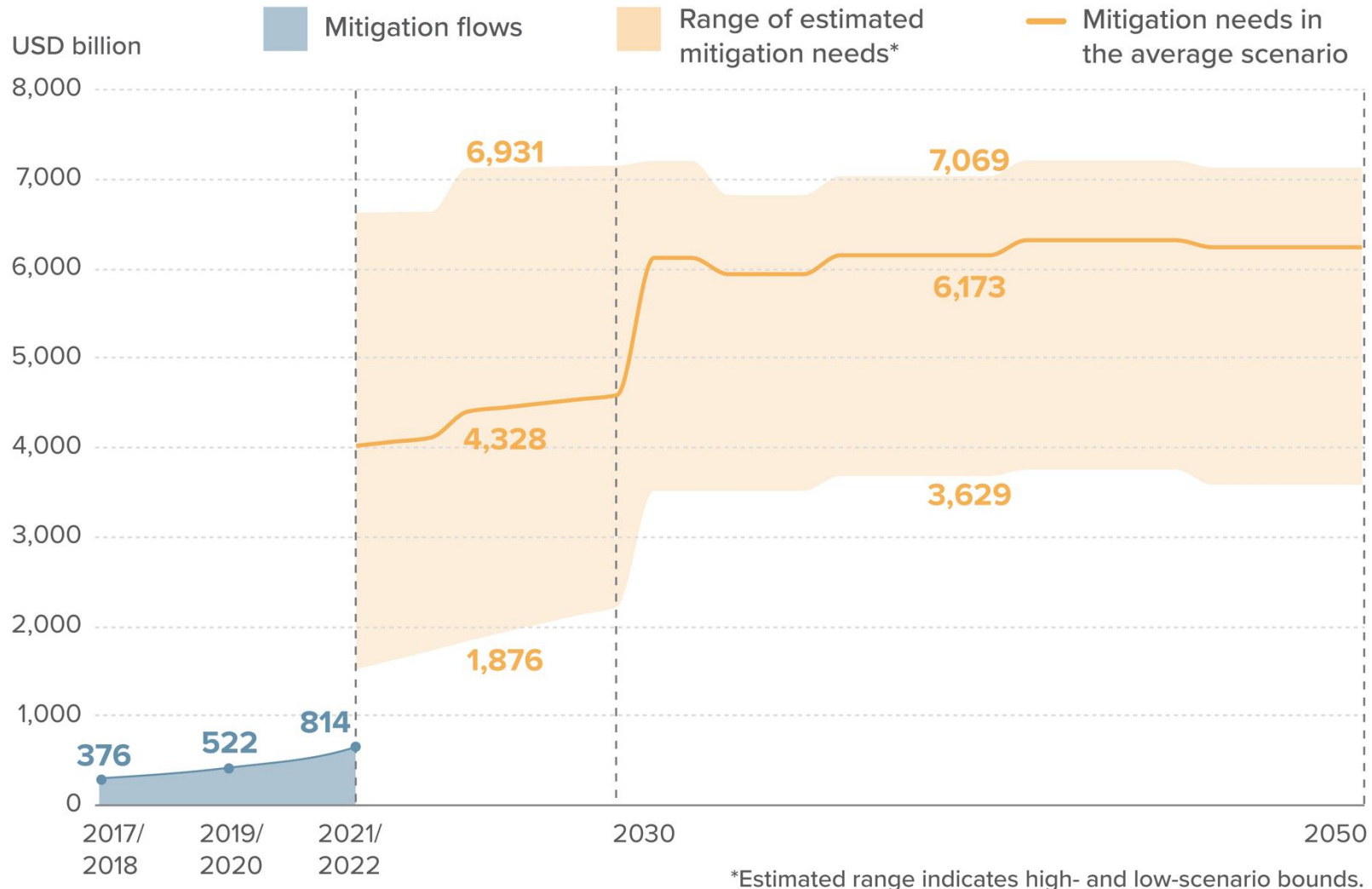
EMDEs and LDCs received only 11% and 1% of the total urban climate finance, respectively, in 2021/2022.



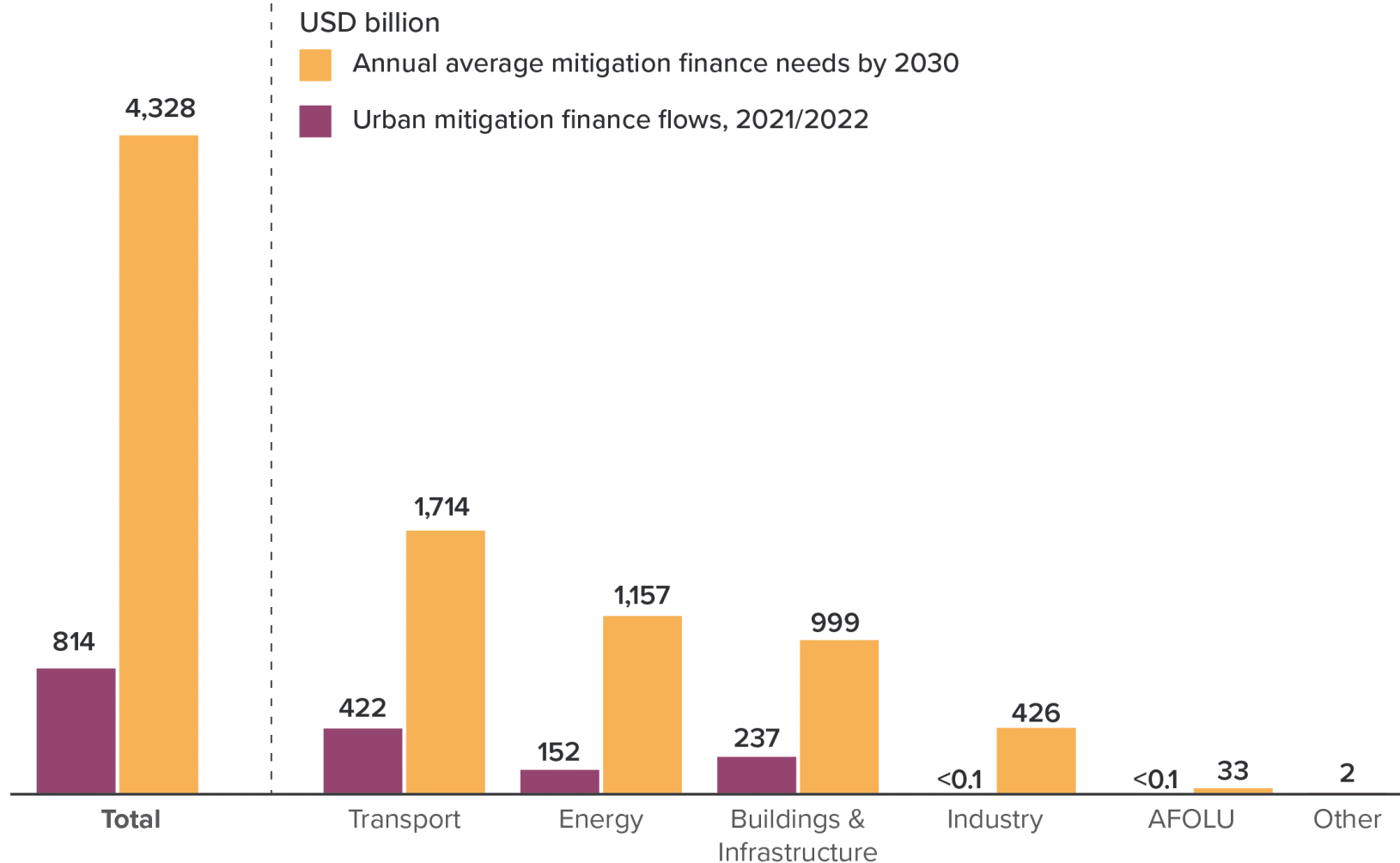
The majority of urban climate finance was sourced domestically except in Sub-Saharan Africa.



# Cities need USD 4.3 trillion per year by 2030 for mitigation alone and over USD 6 trillion by 2050



# Transport, energy, and buildings dominate cities' mitigation needs



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## Urban Climate Finance in Africa

- Only **USD 14 billion** in urban climate finance in Africa in '21/'22, **USD 9 billion to North Africa** and **USD 5 Billion to SSA**.
- Tracked finance in SSA primarily went to **energy systems** (USD 2 billion), **cross-sectoral projects** (USD 2 billion), and **transport** (USD 1 billion).
- **69% international finance** in SSA, in contrast to all other regions where the majority was domestic.
- **Less than USD 1 billion per year of Adaptation finance** is in Africa, despite cities having over 500 million in water projects alone

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The top half shows a wide highway with multiple lanes and cars, curving along a sandy beach and the ocean. Below the highway, there's a rocky cliffside. The bottom half shows a residential or commercial area with several large buildings, some with red roofs, and a park area with green grass, trees, and a circular structure. The text "Closing the Gap: Project Preparation for Urban Climate Investments" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

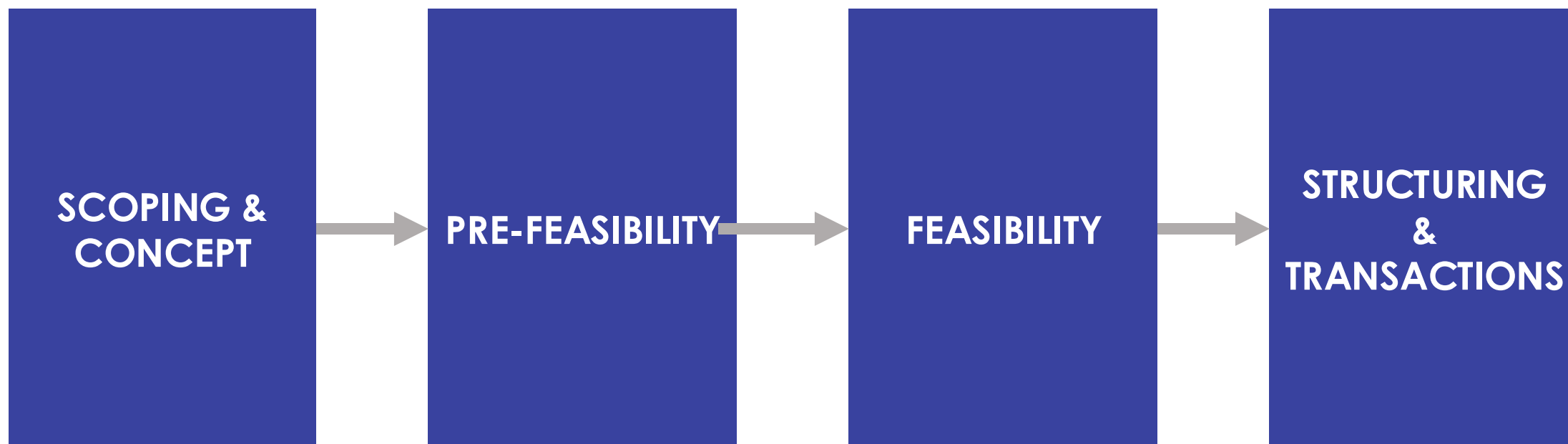
# Closing the Gap: Project Preparation for Urban Climate Investments

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## Project Preparation Facilities

Facilities that supporting cities in developing bankable, investment-ready projects, from the project scoping stage up to the financial close.



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## How do PPFs support cities?

**85%** of PPFs provide **technical assistance**

**35%** of PPFs provide **grants**

**25%** of PPFs also provide **financing**

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## When do PPFs support cities?

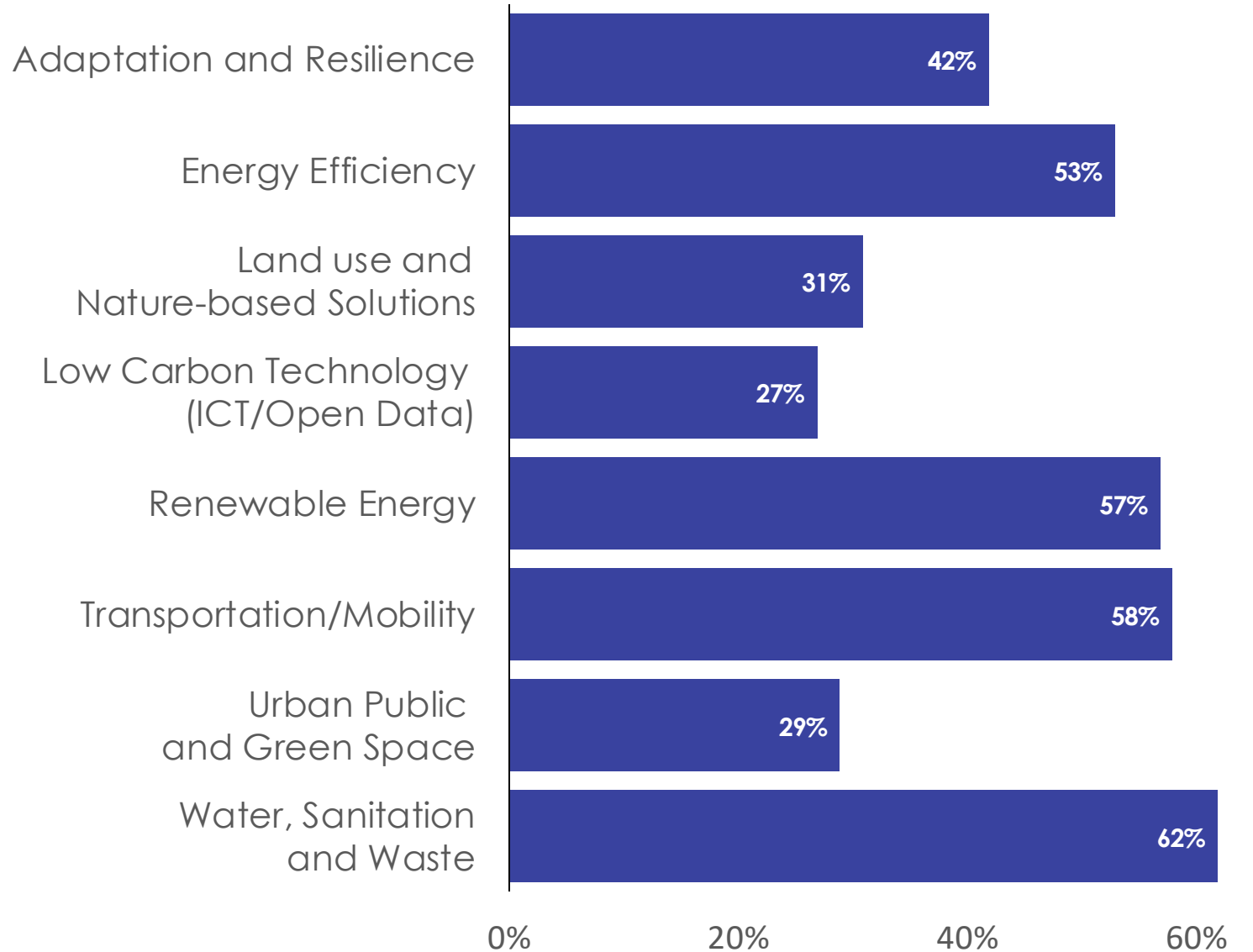
**42%** of PPFs support the **concept & scoping** stage

**41%** of PPFs support the **pre-feasibility** stage

**51%** of PPFs support the **feasibility** stage

**39%** support the **structuring & transactions** stage

## What Sectors do PPFs support?



# Project Preparation Resource Directory

An open, online, **global directory of PPFs** that help city networks and project sponsors find project preparation support

View the  
**Project Preparation Resource Directory**

## Project Preparation Resource Directory

The Project Preparation Resource Directory helps subnational governments and stakeholders identify project preparation facilities that can support them in developing green and resilient infrastructure, including implementing more efficient heating and cooling systems, building renewable energy, setting up sustainable transit, or climate-proofing resilient infrastructure.

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 Investment initiatives

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APFM supports countries in the implementation of Integrated Flood...

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### C40 Cities Finance Facility (CFF)

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### CDP Matchmaker

CDP Matchmaker works with cities to highlight projects in flood control, waste...

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# Thank you!

# Panel discussion: a funders' dialogue for African cities



**Trevino Forbes**  
Mayor of Walvis Bay,  
Namibia

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**Shaden Al Galalay**  
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LEAP-RE coordinator,  
LGI

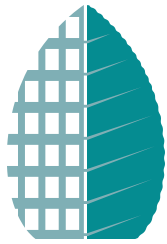
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Head of large-scale  
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Team Sweden Smart  
Cities, Viable Cities

*Speaker*





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# Bridging the Gap - Unlocking Finance for Local Climate Projects

November 5, 2024 | 13:00 - 14:30





# Empowering Cities: Unlocking Climate Finance Potential



## Vast Investment Opportunities

- \$90 trillion in climate investments needed by 2030
- Creates \$4.5 trillion market for project preparation
- Translates to \$300 billion annually in preparation costs

*(Source: Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance, 2021)*

## Early-Stage Support: Key to Success

- Project preparation typically 3-5% of total costs
- Rises to 10% in emerging markets, indicating growth potential
- Early-stage support crucial for project viability

*(Source: World Bank, Urban Development Series, 2018)*

# The City Climate Finance Gap Fund



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# The GCoM-Gap Fund Partnership

- Raising awareness about the Gap Fund opportunity for cities
- Direct assistance to help cities develop quality project proposals
- Workshops, tools and knowledge sharing on emissions, resilience analysis

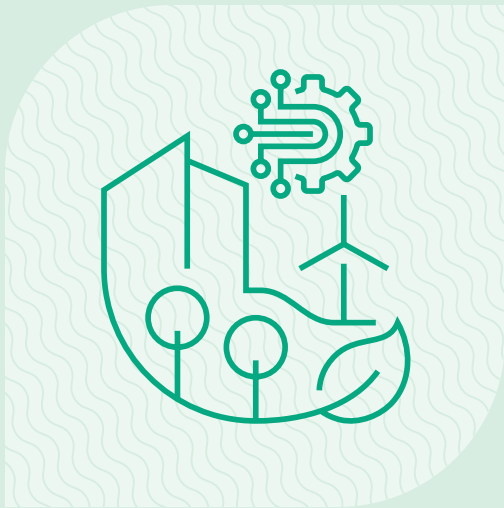


**GCoM and the Gap Fund serve as a bridge between local governments and climate finance opportunities**

[www.globalcovenantofmayors.org/gap-fund](http://www.globalcovenantofmayors.org/gap-fund)



# Gap Fund Support Services



**The initiative provides pivotal support for cities to advance to later stages of project preparation.**



Supports a range of activities from climate strategy development to pre-feasibility studies



Assessment of the climate potential of actions, plans, strategies, and investment programs



Supporting the prioritization of investments



Project concept design and definition



Supporting the appropriate financial structuring for your project-idea

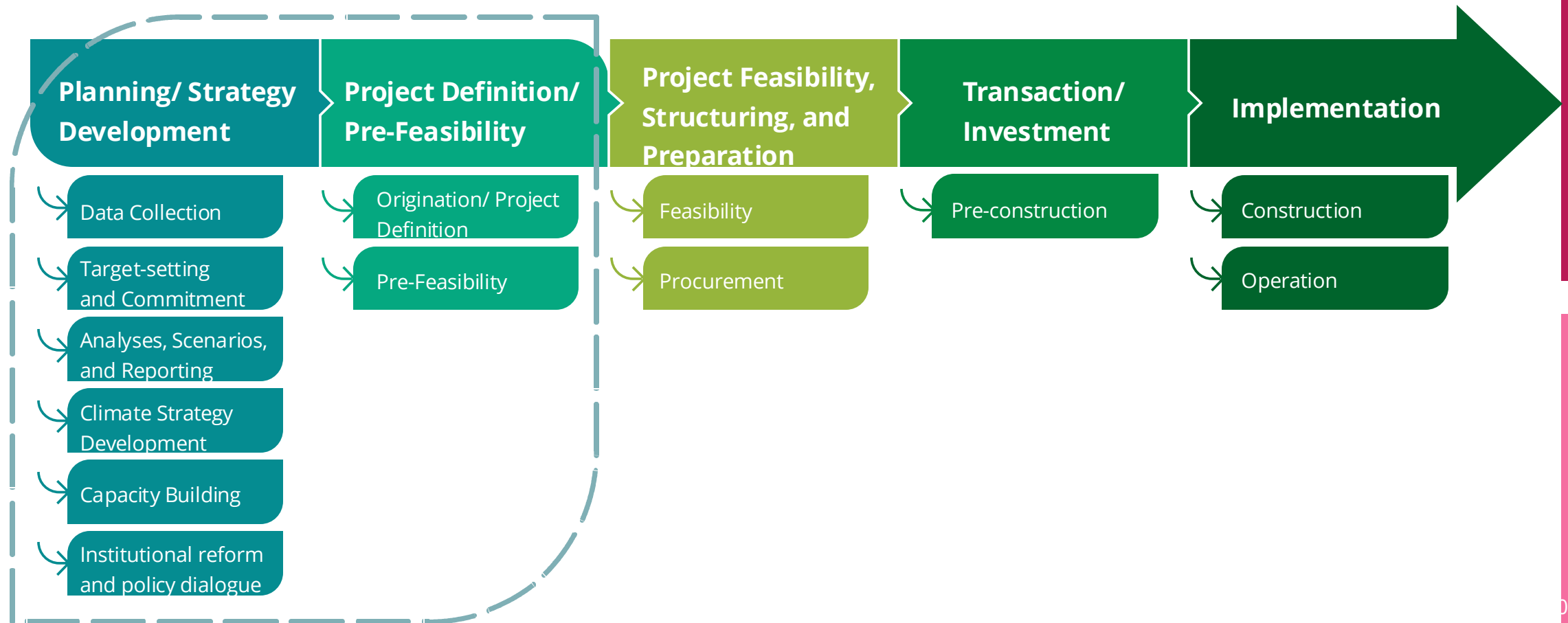


Guidance on financing mechanisms and investment facilitation



Connecting cities to additional technical/financial support sources

# A Focus on Early-stage Project Preparation Support



# Eligibility Criteria

## OECD Eligibility

Projects must be from countries eligible for OECD development assistance.



## Ownership

Proposals must demonstrate local government ownership and commitment. Local governments, municipal agencies, development banks for municipal investment can apply. Proposals can be submitted by entities representing groups of municipalities.

## Climate Focus

Impact on lowering emissions or adaptation to climate change.

## Urban Focus

Projects should be situated in urban areas. No constraints on city size, but should have sizable climate impact potential.



# Eligible Sectors



Sustainable urban mobility



Energy efficiency and renewables, retrofits, street lighting, district heating and cooling



Solid waste management and circular economy



Water and wastewater management



Greening of urban areas, NBS, blue/green infrastructure, ecosystem restoration



Infrastructure for adaptation and reducing climate risks and vulnerabilities



Multisector, area-based investment programs: transforming urban areas with a multisector approach

**Overall, we are looking for transformational, cross-sectorial, high-impact projects.**



# Between May and October 2024, GCoM-Gap Fund delivered

**71**

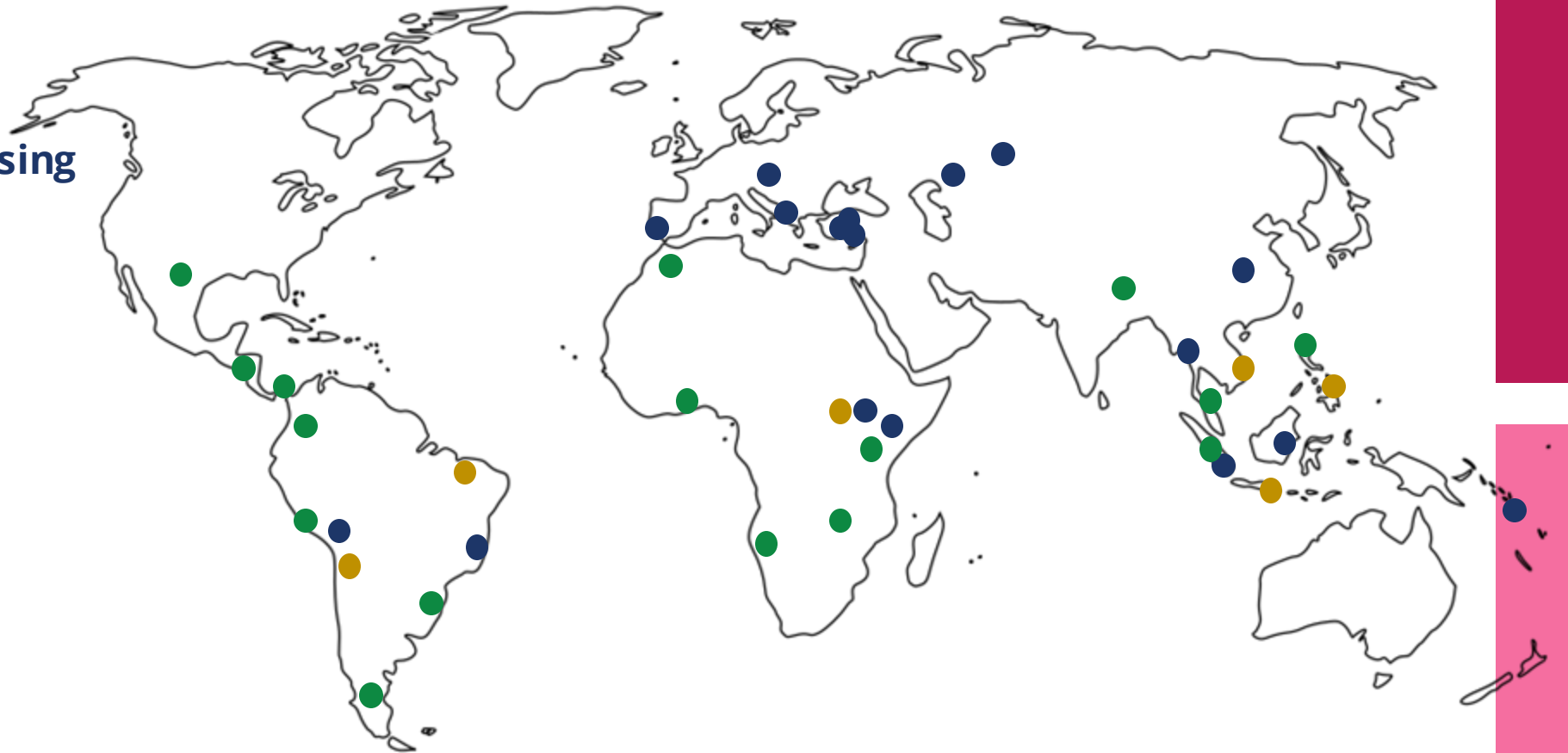
**Awareness Raising  
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reaching **1109** cities\* in **91**  
countries with **3705**  
participants

**65**

**Hands on  
Workshops**

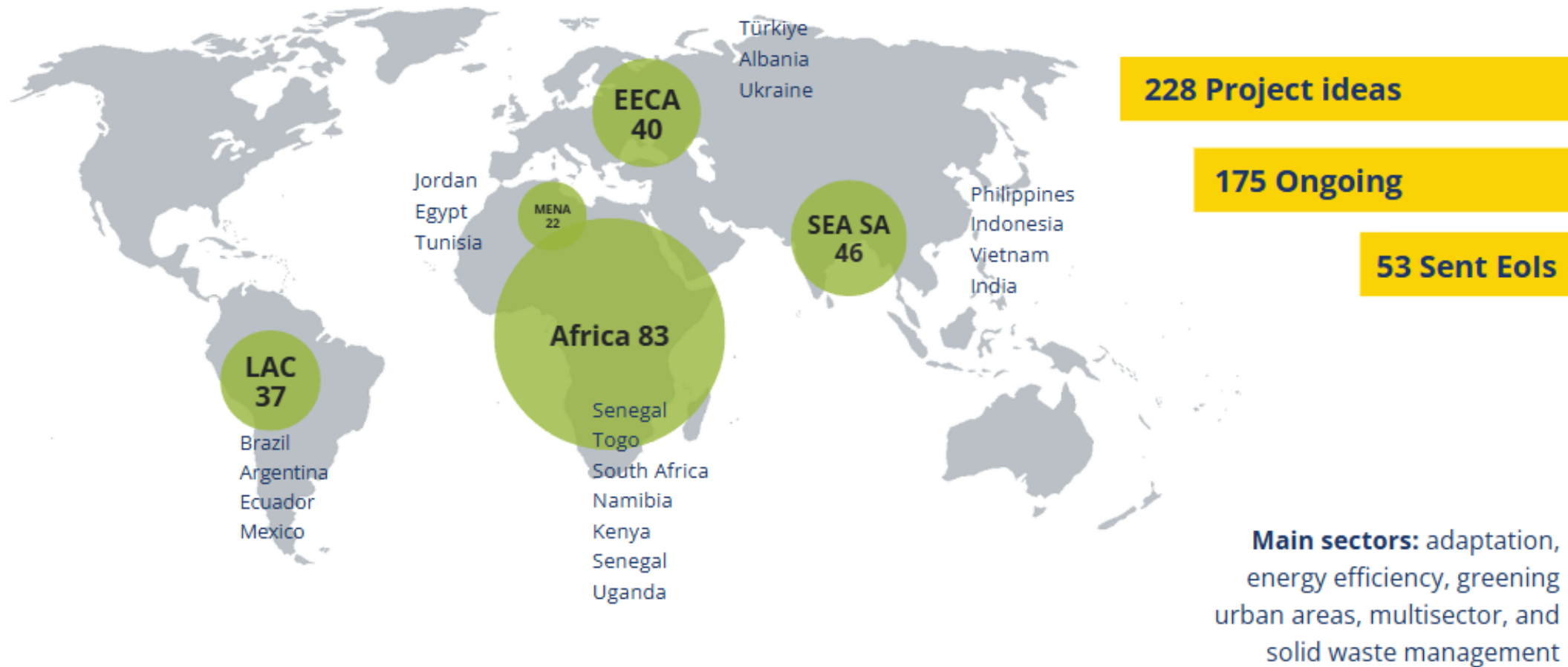
engaging **729** cities\*, in **46**  
countries with **1765**  
participants



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# From project ideas to Eol Gap Fund

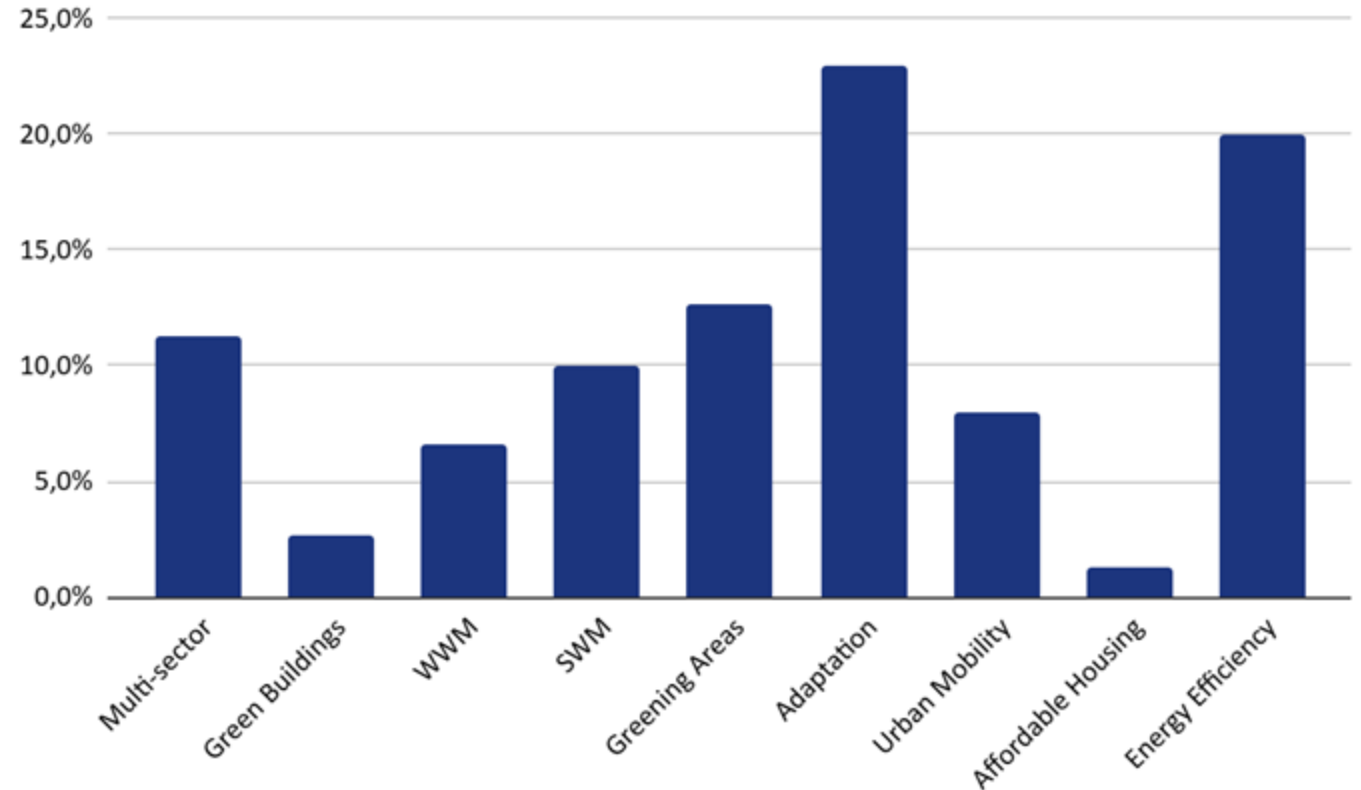


# Project ideas - sector approach: global overview

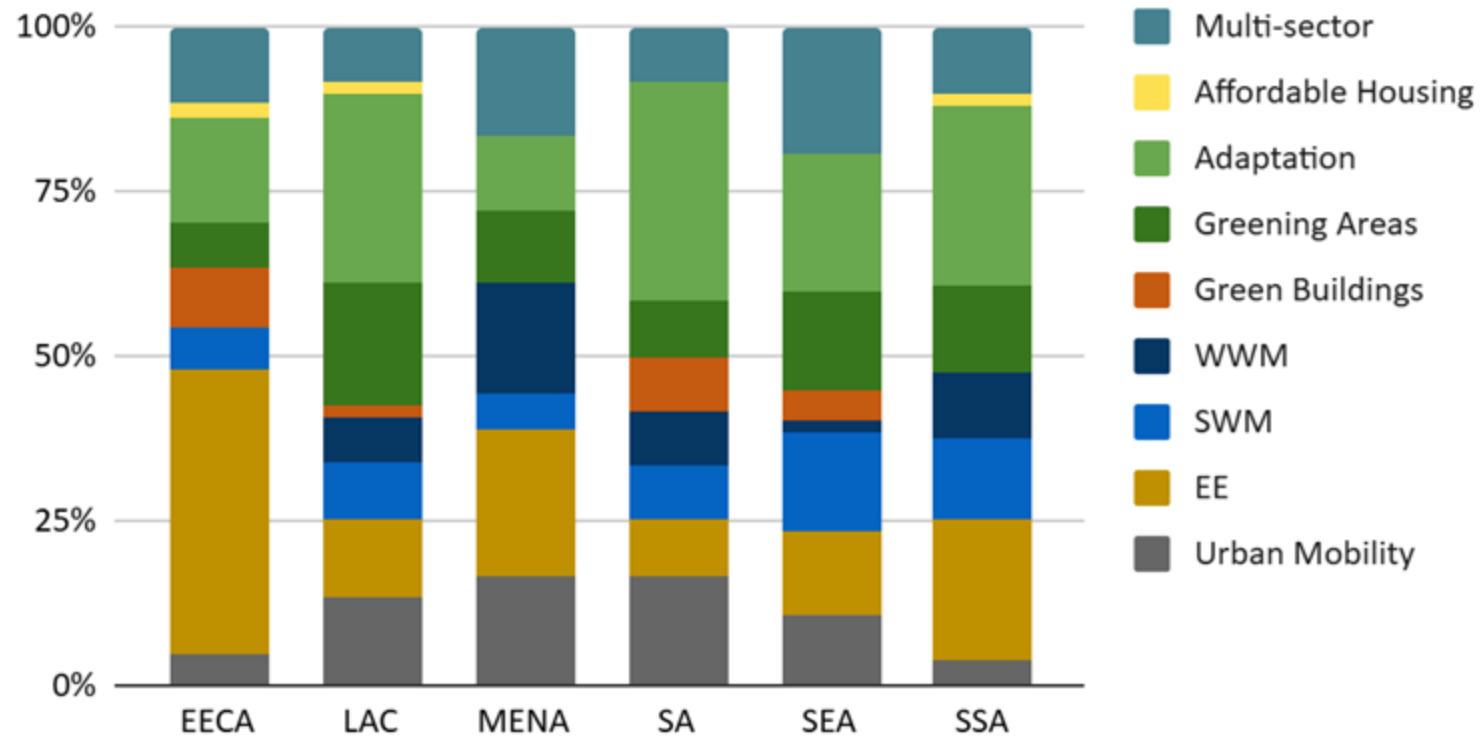


**36%** Adaptation - NbS -  
Greening of urban areas

**24%** Energy efficiency -  
Green buildings - Affordable  
housing



# Project ideas - sector approach: regional overview



# Supporting the completion of the urban stormwater management plan in Mbombela, South Africa



## Mbombela, South Africa

The city wants to enhance climate resilience by implementing a comprehensive stormwater management system, flood protection measures, and Nature-based Solutions (NbS), ultimately safeguarding water quality and availability while promoting sustainable urban development.

### Gap Fund support

- Pre-feasibility study for stormwater management
- Scaling up and integrating citywide riverine management and stormwater initiatives

# Integrating nature-based solutions in Abidjan's drainage Masterplan, Cote d'Ivoire



## Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

### Gap Fund support

- Integration of NBS into Abidjan drainage master plan and specific investments in urban drainage.
  - (i) the identification of NBS opportunities;
  - (ii) the provision of technical recommendations on the types of NBS to be prioritized, cobenefits of the different types of NBS, and
  - (iii) locations for implementation.

Furthermore, it supports the identification of potential NBS to deliver the activities mapped in the drainage masterplan and the development of prefeasibility studies for priority NBS interventions. Additionally, this grant enhances the capacity of city officials by providing training on integrating NBS into urban infrastructure and their maintenance.

# Identification and prioritization of investments in nature-based solutions (NBS) in Kinshasa, DRC



## Kinshasa, DRC

### Project Overview

- Mapping of natural assets and identification of potential NbS locations in Kinshasa
- Selection, costing and prioritization of NbS interventions per potential location
- Development of a NbS strategy
- Piloting of NbS strategy recommendations at project scale for erosion control investment in Kin Elenda basin

# Sustainable Waste Management and Greening project in Uganda

EiB

## Project Overview

- Conduct a comprehensive analysis of various municipal organic waste treatment methods, considering their technical, economic, financial, social, environmental, and climate impacts.
- Establish a collaborative framework for working together on organic waste recovery between Makindye-Ssabagabo, Nansana, Kira, and Entebbe municipalities
- Ensure informed and evidence-based decision-making



## Project Impact

- Increased knowledge for informed decision-making.
- Improved waste recovery practices.
- Enhanced collaboration and coordination.

## Next Steps

- Conduct feasibility studies for selected treatment options.
- Engage with key stakeholder for input and involvement.

# Application Process



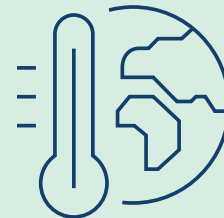
Simple application process.  
Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis.



The Expression of Interest (EOI) is submitted online at [www.citygapfund.org/apply-for-support](http://www.citygapfund.org/apply-for-support)



Share your idea with the GCoM-Gap Fund team, we'll help you make it stronger. Describe the project idea focusing on the climate impact it would bring.



EOIs are evaluated based on climate benefits, replicability, alignment with goals, aggregation potential, handover potential, Alignment with National policies.

Clearly state the technical assistance that the project needs.  
Explain what social, economic, and environmental impacts it will bring.  
Also, consider if your project is replicable and aligned with local and national policies.  
Would other cities be interested in joining your request? Who could bring investment or financing to implement this project?



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13:00 - 13:15

Q&A

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Closing



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13:15 - 14:15

# Lunch Break

**Next → Session 4: International collaboration: Exploring Strategic Urban Development Initiatives - Initiatives and contributions to sustainable African cities**



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14:15 - 16:00

## Session 4:

# **International collaboration: Exploring Strategic Urban Development Initiatives - Initiatives and contributions to sustainable African cities**



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# International collaboration: Exploring Strategic Urban Development Initiatives - Initiatives and contributions to sustainable African cities



**Amany El-Sharif**  
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*Speaker*



**Kanak Gokarn**  
Sustainable Energy Policy Officer, ICLEI World Secretariat

*Speaker*



**Artur Serra**  
Deputy Director i2CAT, ENOLL

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**Dahlia Sabri**  
International Water Resources Association, IWRA International Water Resources Association, IWRA

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**Temitope Sogbanmu**  
Consultant and Trainer, SDG Advocate, University of Lagos

*Speaker*

# Deploying living labs for a joint urban-rural transition in Senegal

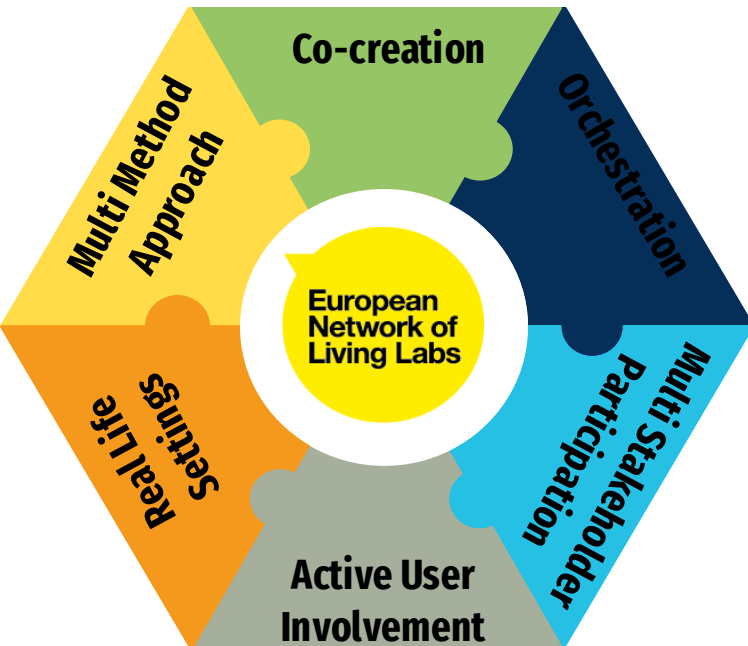
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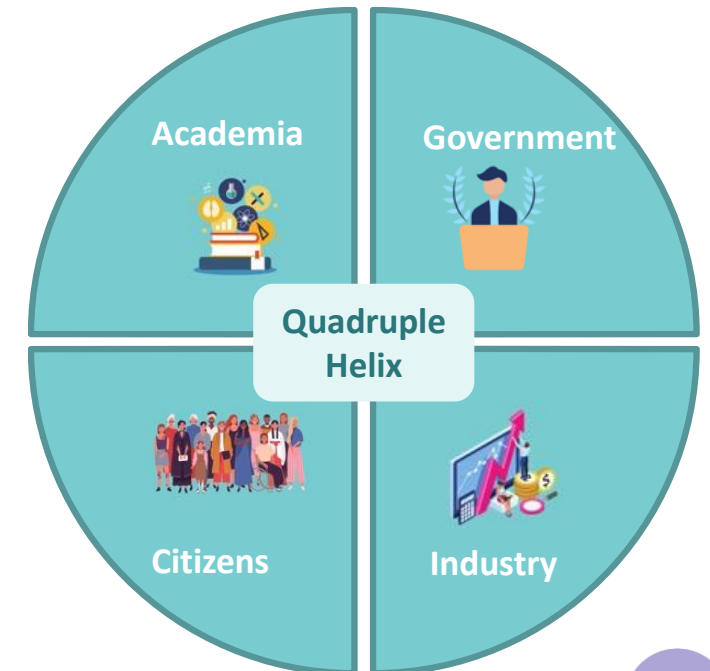
# What are Living Labs?

Living Labs are **open innovation ecosystems** in **real-life environments** based on a **systematic user co-creation approach** that integrates research and innovation activities in communities, placing **citizens at the centre of innovation**



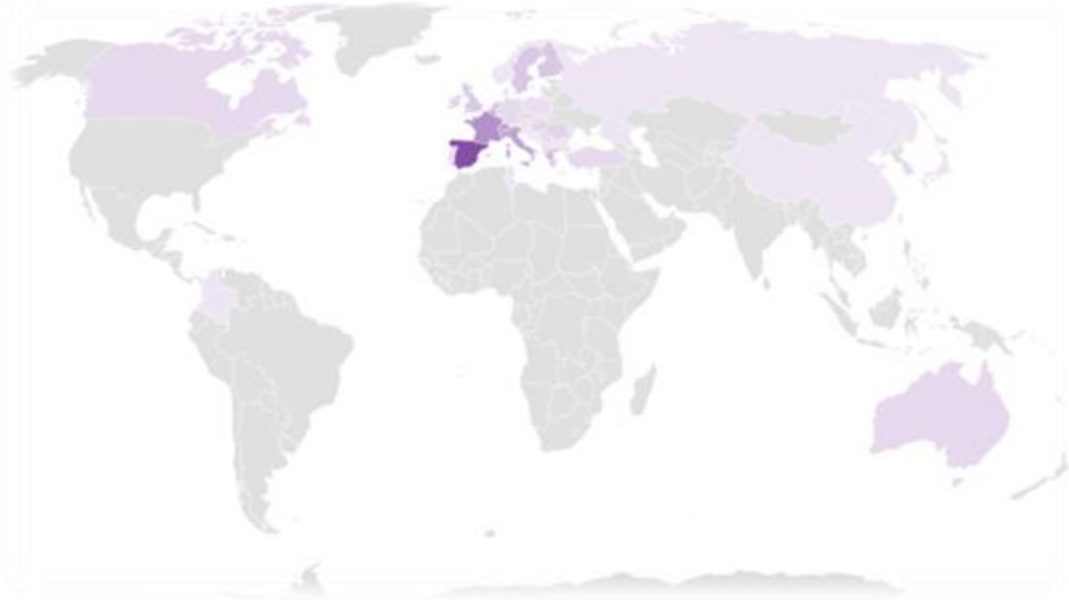
Living Labs operate as **intermediaries** among **citizens, research organisations, companies and government** agencies or levels for joint-value co-creation, rapid prototyping or to scale up innovation and businesses.

They are open innovation ecosystems in **real-life** environments using **iterative feedback processes** throughout the lifecycle approach of an innovation



European  
Network of  
Living Labs

# ENoLL



+500  
historically  
certified  
living labs

5  
continents  
38  
countries

~ 165 active  
members (89%  
in Europe)  
and in  
mainly in  
urban areas

Active in 20+ EU-  
funded projects to  
support LL creation  
and strengthen the  
impact of LL

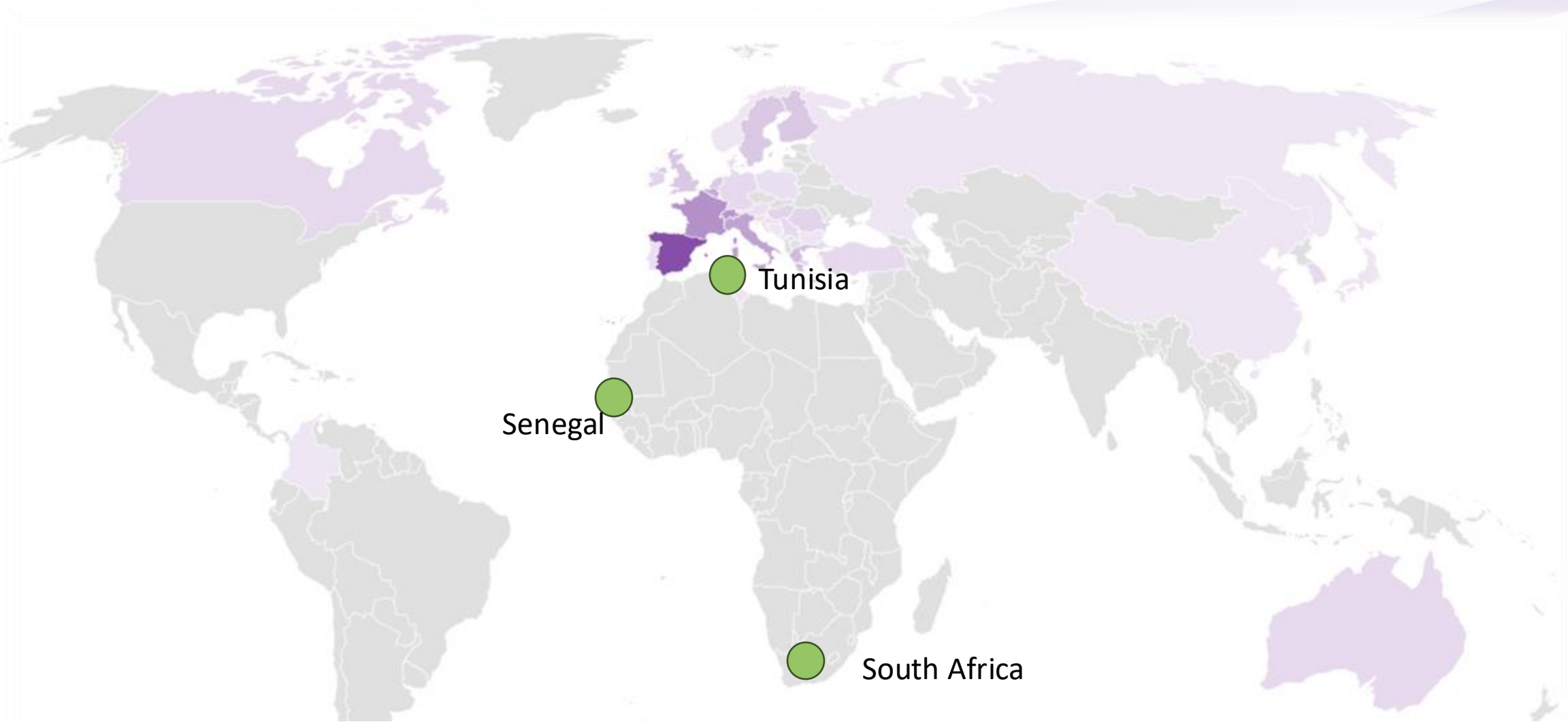
ENoLL is the international non-profit association  
of certified Living Labs

- Founded in 2006 under the auspices of the Finnish European Presidency
- ENoLL focuses on facilitating knowledge exchange, joint actions and project partnerships among its members
- Its aim is to **promote** the Living Labs concept, **support EU policies, enhance Living Labs and their sustainability and enable their implementation at a global level.**
- ENoLL growing community includes members that operate by the main living lab principles such as **multi-stakeholder co-creation, iterative active user involvement and real-life intervention.**





## Living Labs in Africa: changing the approach





Attached to Senegalese Government  
Via the Ministry of **Digital Economy & Telecommunications**

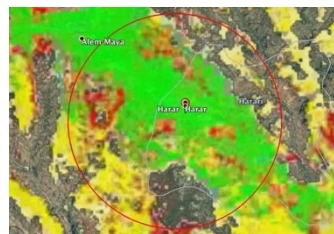


**Ndeye Fatou Ndiaye Diop-Blondin**  
Coordonatrice FDSUT.



Fonds de **D**éveloppement du **S**ervice **U**niversel des  
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**02** main axes



**Network cover**  
*Universal Access*



**Usages development**  
*Universal Service*

**2014**

**Operational** and  
administrated by the  
regulator

**2019**

The Fund became  
**autonomous** and has an  
**operational unit** further than  
its steering committee

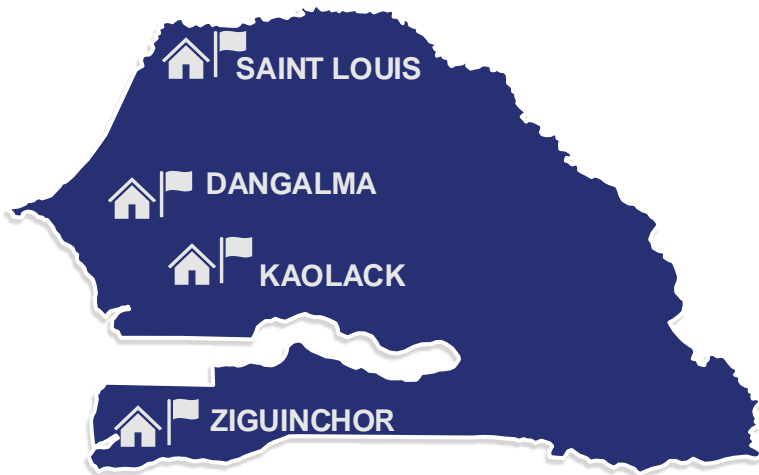
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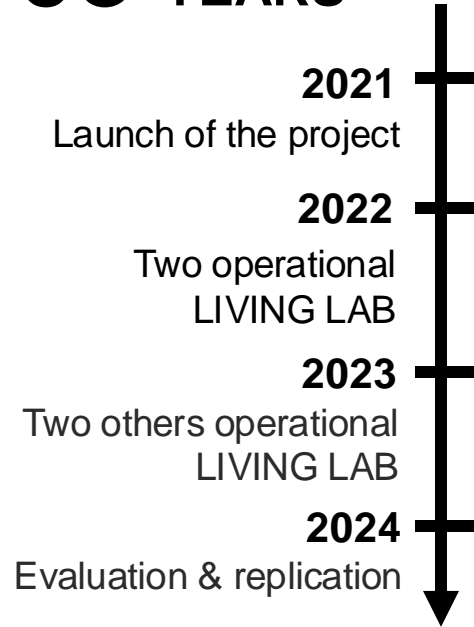


# 04 LIVING LABS LAUNCHED FOR A PILOT PHASE OF 03 YEARS



**LIVING LAB  
SENEGAL**

- In Rural areas
- In Primary sector



## 03 GOALS



To achieve population digital inclusion  
LL SN will be an **open place with digital tools & basics training or sensibilisation sessions**



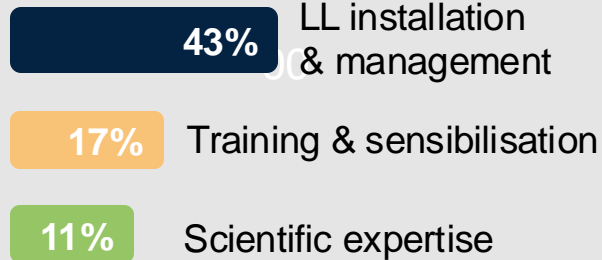
To democratize the Innovation  
LL SN methodology will be deployed and will create a **fertile ecosystem with heterogeneous profiles**



To catalyse local development  
LL SN will create a place where all local actors can meet and identify synergies

### 1,6 M€

Planned for 3 years



# WHY LIVING LABS IN RURAL AREAS AND THE PRIMARY SECTOR?

A NATIONAL GOAL: **FOOD SOVEREIGNTY.**

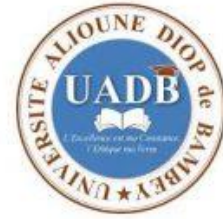
CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BY CITIES AND URBAN AREAS ALONE

THE NATION NEEDS AN ADVANCED AGROPASTORAL SYSTEM  
IN RURAL AREAS SUPPORTED BY ICT

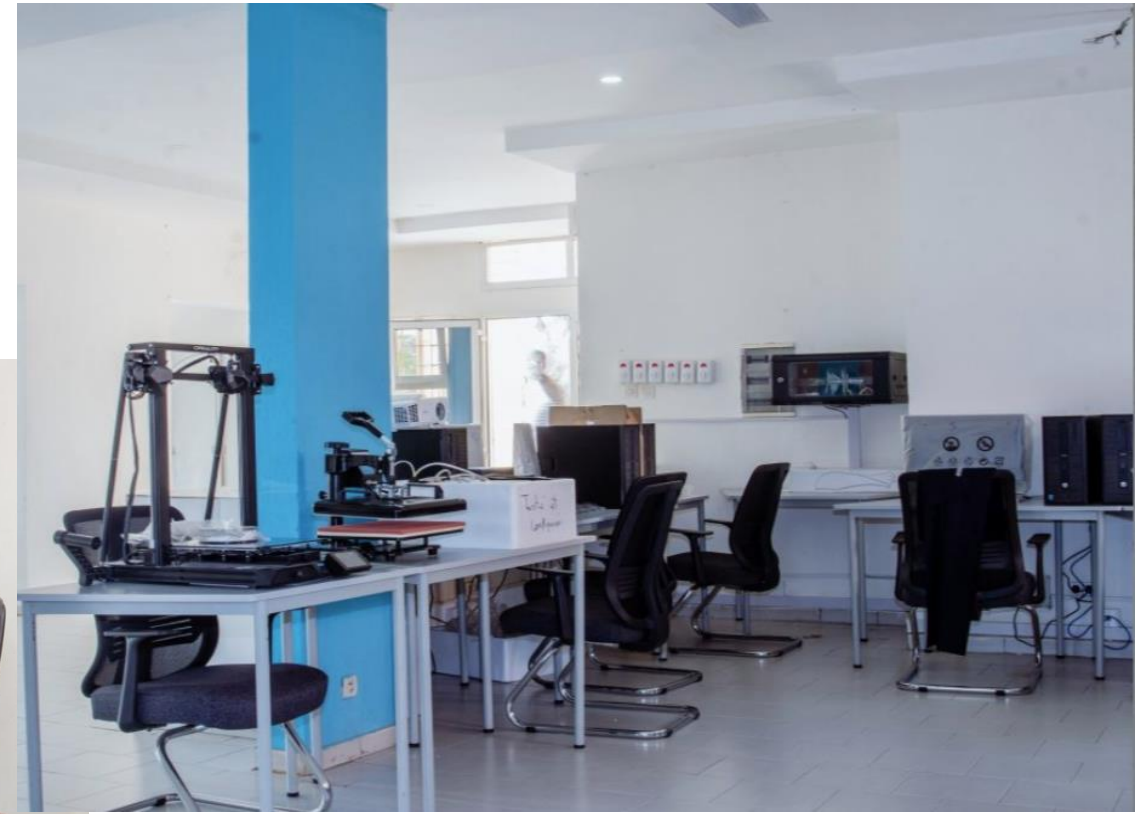
FDSUT PROMOTES A COMMUNITY-BASED  
INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM BASED ON LLs.



# DANGALMA LIVING LAB (REGION DIOURBEL)



Inaugurée 21 juillet, 2023



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TRANSFORMATION  
FRUITS ,LÉGUMES,  
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Soutenons les  
femmes  
transformatrices de  
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Senegal](#)  
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## Liste des projets sélectionnés au niveau des living lab de Dangalma et Kaolack



Structure	Projet	Descriptif
<b>Living lab Dangalma</b>		
Université de Bambey (UADB)	<b>Plateforme web et mobile pour la commercialisation des produits agricoles</b>	Elle permet de faciliter l'accès aux marchés pour les agriculteurs, réduire les intermédiaires et augmenter les revenus des agriculteurs et améliorer la transparence des prix et la qualité des produits. La plateforme est accessible aux agriculteurs et aux acheteurs pour la vente directe de produits agricoles, en s'appuyant sur les formations en Développement Web et Statistiques et Informatique décisionnelle.
	<b>Application mobile pour la gestion du cheptel</b>	L'application permet aux éleveurs de suivre la santé, la reproduction et la production de leurs animaux, en s'appuyant sur les formations en Développement Web et Développement durable, mais aussi en production animale (ISFAR). La plateforme permet d'améliorer la santé et la productivité du cheptel, réduire les pertes animales et améliorer la qualité des produits d'élevage et enfin promouvoir des pratiques d'élevage durables.
	<b>Laboratoire mobile d'analyses des sols</b>	Le laboratoire permet de vérifier la fertilité des sols et la productivité agricole afin de réduire l'utilisation des engrais chimiques et préserver l'environnement. L'objectif étant de fournir aux agriculteurs des conseils, d'améliorer la fertilité des sols et la productivité agricole, de réduire l'utilisation des engrais chimiques et préserver l'environnement.
	<b>Plateforme de formation en ligne pour les agriculteurs</b>	Elle propose des modules de formation aux agriculteurs sur des thématiques variées (techniques agricoles, gestion d'exploitation, marketing, etc.), en s'appuyant sur les formations en santé communautaire et développement durable. L'objectif étant de renforcer les capacités des agriculteurs et améliorer leurs connaissances techniques, favoriser l'adoption de pratiques agricoles durables et respectueuses de l'environnement et améliorer la santé et la sécurité des agriculteurs et des consommateurs.
	<b>Système d'irrigation intelligent</b>	Le système d'irrigation utilise des capteurs et des panneaux solaires pour optimiser l'utilisation de l'eau et de l'énergie, en s'appuyant sur les formations en maintenance réseaux et physique chimie. Il vise l'augmentation de la production agricole et la résilience au changement climatique en réduisant la consommation d'eau et d'énergie. Améliorer la gestion des ressources naturelles.

# KAOLACK LIVING LAB.



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### Living lab Kaolack

Université de Kaolack (USSEIN)	<b>Agricole 2.0</b>	Agricole 2.0 est une conception d'une serre low-cost avec des matériaux de récupération pour créer un environnement propice à la culture et la protection des plantes. La gestion des serres obéit aux étapes suivantes : Le projet consiste à faire l'installation de systèmes d'irrigation agricole automatisé avec plateforme de monitoring et d'administration, la création d'un système hydroponique ou hors-sol pour la récupération des terres, l'installation de matériel électronique pour le contrôle des paramètres agro climatiques de l'exploitation, le suivi des sols avec l'utilisation de l'Intelligence Artificielle.
	<b>Fabrication de Compostage Liquide : Intrans Biologique et Écologique (IBÉ)</b>	Il vise la fabrication d'un système embarqué composé d'un bac servant à la dégradation de la matière organique et d'un bras mécanique qui détecte les produits compostables grâce à une intelligence artificielle. Ce bras mécanique sera multifonctionnel avec la possibilité de détecter les attaques et les fruits mûrs tout en notifiant le cultivateur sur son smartphone.
	<b>Smart Agricole pour Smart Diététique (SASD)</b>	Le projet consiste à mettre à la disposition des consommateurs une application interactive d'aide à la diététique avec la conception d'un kit personnalisé en fonction de l'âge, des activités quotidiennes, des antécédents médicaux et de l'IMC. Le kit est constitué d'un ensemble de capteurs capables de détecter les nutriments (% Calcium, Potassium, Magnésium, Protéines...), il est également muni d'un écran pour visualiser l'apport calorifique et le niveau d'équilibre alimentaire.
	<b>Sen `manioc</b>	Le projet consiste à instaurer la culture du manioc dans la région et la création d'une plateforme e-commerce pour faciliter la commercialisation de ces produits. Sen `manioc dispose aussi d'une application mobile permettant à l'utilisateur de suivre l'évolution de la plante, de détecter des maladies et d'identifier des attaques.
Chambre de Commerce de Kaolack (CCAK)	<b>Pole Agropastorale du Saloum</b>	Le projet consiste à mettre en place une ferme intégrée dans les chaînes de valeur agricoles (production, transformation et commercialisation) : agriculture, aviculture, aquaculture/aquaponie, embouches, élevage, transformation de produits locaux.

Le projet FDSUT Living Lab comme nouvelle programme de recherche et innovation

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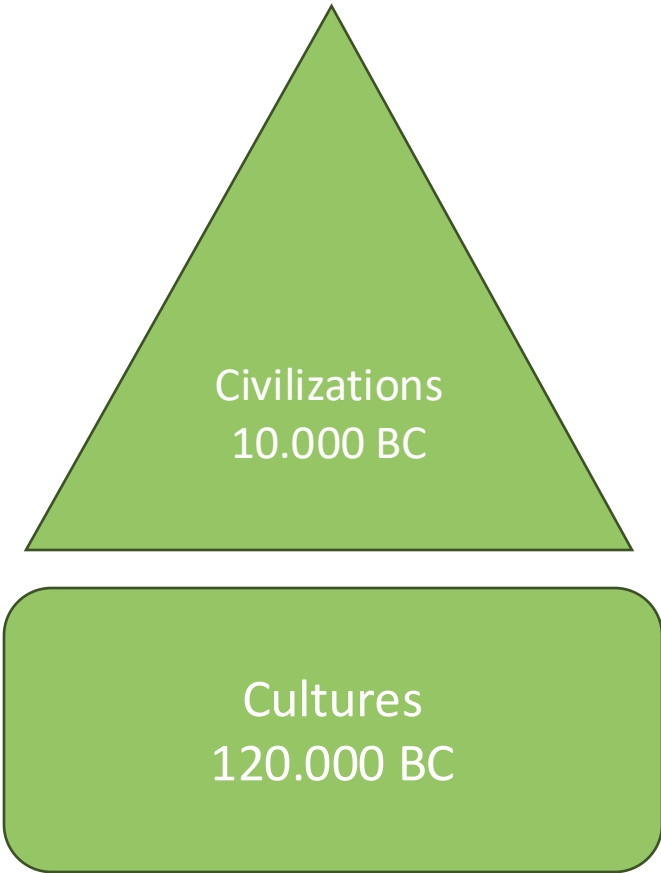
In 2024 the 57% of its population live in rural zones.

In 2050, the 60% will live in urban areas.

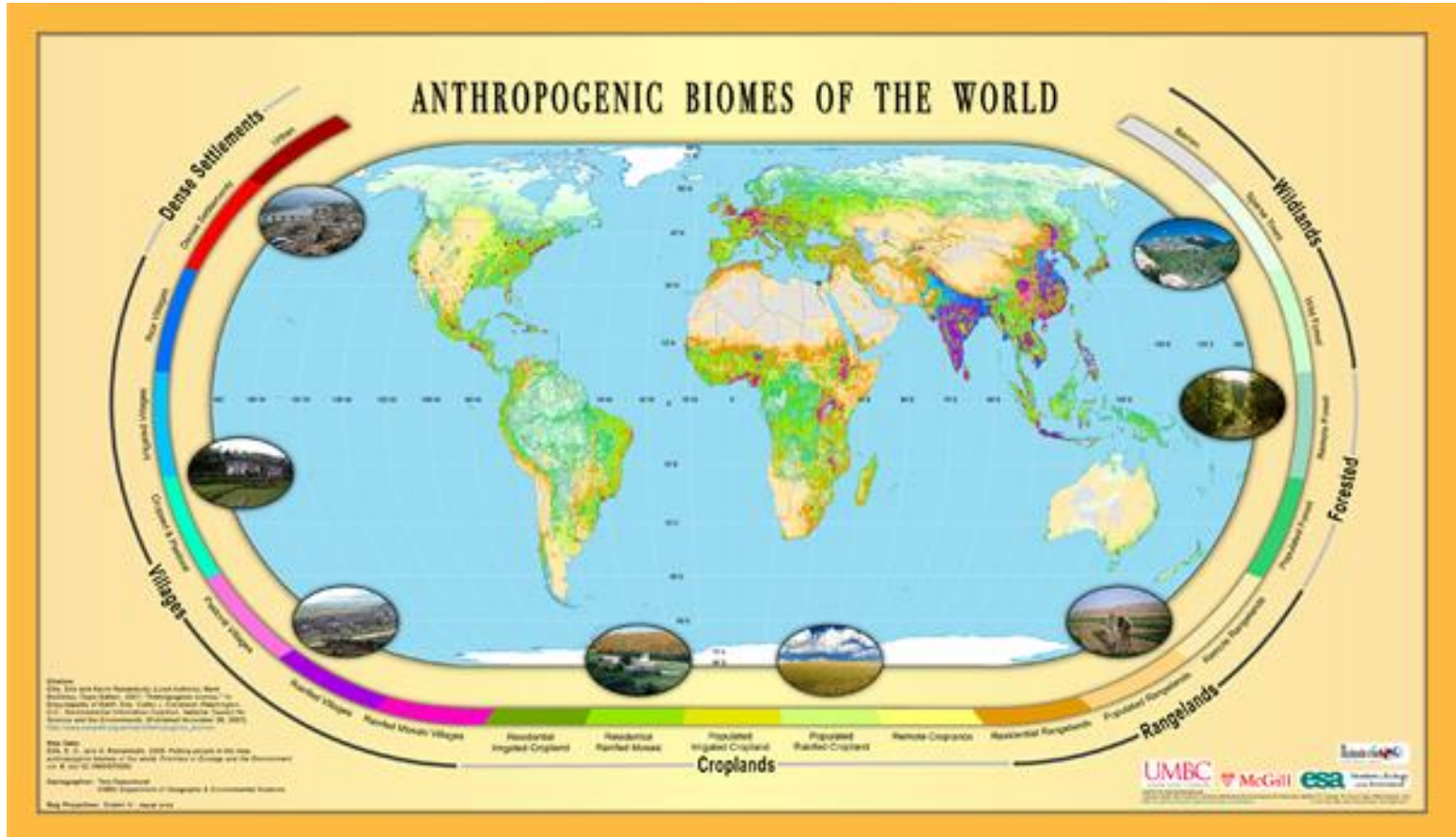
What's next? Can ICT and living labs closing the gap?



# Beyond the urban/rural dichotomy?



One Habitat hypothesis:  
Can urban-rural living labs and  
universal digital access closing the gap?



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**Thanks a lot!!**  
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16:00 - 17:00

# Wrap-up Networking



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