PERI-CENE (Peri-urbanization & Climate-Environment Change)

POLICY LAB: OUTLINE

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At the centre of the PERICENE project is an international 'Policy Laboratory'. This is a space for (a) diagnosis of problems, and (b) co-creation of pathways and solutions. It includes both off-line exchange and an online platform:

- International workshop in late 2020 (likely to be Stockholm)
- Interviews with partners and a series of dialogues by webinar
- Online Peri-urban Analysis Tool for spatial development / climate risk & resilience:
- Online Pathways Tool for innovations and solutions.
- Partners / associates are invited to publish a chapter in the 'International Handbook of Periurbanization' with Springer.

WHO IS IN THE POLICY LAB?

- 16 city-regions are signed up Partners in the Lab: Melbourne, Changsha, Surabaya, Bangkok, Cairo, Johannesburg, Kumasi, Naples, Helsinki, Belo Horizonte, Toronto, San Diego, Mexicali. Chennai and Manchester City-Region are the sites of in-depth case study research.
- Partners (associated) city / regions / states also include: Victoria (AU), Tokyo, Guangzhou, Dhaka, Doha, Moscow, Ghana, Santiago.
- These are supported by 3 inter-governmental partner organizations: UN Habitat, UN Global Compact on Cities, and ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives). Many of the partners are also members of the Rockefeller 100 Resilient Cities community.

Together these Partners represent the major urban types and climate risk types, from both developing (urban South) and developed countries (urban North).

HOW DOES THE POLICY LAB WORK?

All project Partners and Associates will have access to the Policy Lab. This is a 2 part combination:

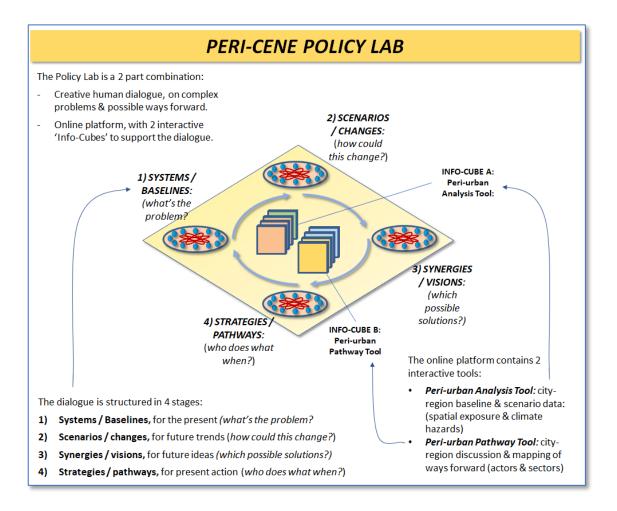
- Creative human dialogue, on complex problems & possible ways forward.
- Online platform, with 2 interactive 'Info-Cubes' to support the dialogue.

The dialogue is structured in 4 stages, over 18 months from late 2019:

- 1) **Systems / Baselines,** for the present (what's the problem?)
- 2) **Scenarios / changes,** for future trends (how could this change?)
- 3) Synergies / visions, for future ideas (which possible solutions?)
- 4) **Strategies / pathways,** for present action (who does what when?)

The online platform is a knowledge management system, which contains 2 main tools:

- Peri-urban Analysis Tool: city-region baseline & scenario data: (spatial exposure & climate risk data)
- Peri-urban Pathway Tool: city-region mapping of solutions & ways forward (actors & sectors).



Each partner / associate will have an online page, with content on problems and ways forward. Materials will be generated from:

- interviews & webinar discussions
- policy & other documents
- spatial analysis results
- dialogues at the international workshop in 2020.

WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES?

Overall the Policy Lab will help to build strategic policy intelligence, in four main sectors:

- Urban-rural / climate-environment planning, (mainly public sector);
- Finance, real estate, (mainly corporate sector);
- Social economy & community enterprise, (mainly civic sector);
- Resource management & urban infrastructure, (various sectors).

The Policy Lab is itself an innovation: it connects a research hub with a global community of practitioners / academics, in two-way mutual learning and dialogue, supported by modular knowledge and interactive tools.

WHEN DOES THIS HAPPEN?

The Policy Lab stages include:

- Summer 2019: online introductions & interviews with partners
- December 2019: launch of Policy Lab and platform: this includes partner profiles & baseline analysis: spatial data from the Peri-urban Analysis Toolkit (demo version):
- June 2020: global & case study level and scenario results and analysis: Peri-urban Analysis Toolkit (interactive version):
- December 2020: dialogues on synergies and ways forward, at the international Pathways Workshop in Stockholm: (signed up Partners are fully funded: associate partners are strongly invited).
- June 2021 (end of project): synthesis of forward pathways: inter-governmental dissemination materials & events: prepare for follow-up research.

LINKED PUBLICATION

Also - all Policy Lab partners are invited to contribute chapters / sections for the 'International Handbook of Peri-Urban Studies' (Rajan, Ravetz, Connelly, Monte-Mor (Eds): Springer, publication in 2021). The publication timetable matches the PERICENE program. This will be a very practical and durable outcome of the partnership.

ANNEX: PERI-CENE PARTNERS & ASSOCIATES

PARTNERS	net	Climatic type	Economic type	Peri-urban	Organization
(SIGNED UP)	works			type (estimated)	
Melbourne, AU	100RC	Coastal,	OECD	Urban expansion,	Urban Vitality
		temperate		formal	
Changsha, China		Inland, sub-	Upper middle:	Urban expansion,	Hunan University
		tropical,		mainly formal	
Surabaya/Malang,	100RC	Coastal, sub-	Lower middle:	Urban expansion,	Universitas Brawijaya
Indonesia		tropical		mainly formal	
Bangkok, Thailand	100RC	Coastal, sub-	Upper middle	Poly-centric, part	Chulalongkorn University
		tropical		formal	
Chennai, India	100RC	Coastal tropical	Lower middle	Urban expansion,	Resilient Chennai
		grassland		mainly informal	
Cairo, Egypt		Coastal, arid	Lower middle:	Urban expansion,	Ain Shams University
				part formal	
Johannesburg, SA	SACities	Inland, semi-	Upper middle:	Poly-centric,	South African Cities Network
		arid		legacy	
Kumasi, Ghana	100RC	Coastal,	Lower middle:	Urban expansion,	Old Tafo Municipal Assembly
		tropical		mainly informal	
Naples, Italy		Coastal,	OECD	Poly-centric, part	Università degli Studi di Napoli
		Mediterr		formal	Federic
Helsinki, Finland		Coastal,	OECD	Urban expansion,	Finnish Environment Institute /
		northern		formal	Ministry of Planning
Greater Man-	100RC	Maritime,	OECD	Poly-centric,	Greater Manchester Combined
chester region		temperate		formal	Authority

Belo Horizonte,	100RC	Inland, tropical	Upper middle	Urban expansion,	Federal University of Minas
Brasil				part formal	Gerais
Toronto, Canada	100RC	Inland,	OECD	Urban expansion,	Friends of the Greenbelt
		continental		part formal	Foundation
San Diego, USA	Bio-	Coastal, semi-	OECD	Poly-centric,	University of California, San
	regional	arid		formal	Diego
Mexicali, Mexico		Inland, arid,	Upper middle:	Urban expansion,	Autonomous University of Baja
				part formal	California

PARTNERS	net	Geographic	Economic type	Urban	Organization
(ASSOCIATED)	works	type		Туре	
Victoria, AU		Coastal, semi- arid	OECD	Poly-centric, formal	State Govt of Victoria, Dept of Environment, Land, & Planning
Tokyo, Japan		Coastal temperate	OECD	Poly-centric, formal	University of Tokyo
Guangzhou, China	Citi- states	Coastal sub- tropical	Upper middle	Poly-centric, formal	Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation
Dhaka, Bangladesh		Coastal, sub- tropical	LDC	Urban expansion, mainly informal	
Doha, Qatar,	GBC	Coastal, arid	High income	Urban expansion, formal	Qatar Green Building Council
Ghana		Coastal, tropical	Lower middle:	Poly-centric, mainly informal	Spatial planning authority, Ghana
Santiago, Chile		Maritime, temperate	Upper middle	Poly-centric, part formal	Universidade de Chile FAU
Moscow, RU		Inland. continental	Upper middle	Urban expansion, part formal	Higher School of Economics / DOM.RU

NGO & IGO PARTNERS			Organization
UN Habitat			Urban Design and Planning Services Unit
UN Global Compact Cities			c/o RMIT, Melbourne
ICLEI			Local Govts for Sustainability