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FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DATA

# Earth Observation and Open Data for the Production of Statistics and Monitoring of Sustainable Development Indicator

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# The Global Sustainable Development Goals

**MDGs**  
**(2000-2015)**



**SDGs**  
**(2015-2030)**

Developing country  
focused



Universal

Social



Social, Economic, and  
Environmental

Foreign Aid



Domestic Investment,  
Private Flows, and Aid

Official Statistics and  
Administrative Data



Big Data, Citizen Generated  
Data, Geospatial and Earth  
Observation Data, Open  
Data, and more





- 17 Goals, 169 Targets, 230 Indicators = Huge Data Needs



# ***THE CHALLENGES:***

**Data are not available, dynamic, disaggregated, high quality, useable, accessible, open, or used effectively.**

- Data on entire groups and key issues are unavailable.
- Data are not dynamic or disaggregated.
- Data quality is poor and major gaps remain.
- Data that exist are often not useable.
- Data that are useable are not accessible or open.
- Data that are accessible are often not used effectively.

***DATA CHALLENGES LEAVE TOO MANY BEHIND***



# ***DATA FOR WHAT?***

**Improved Decision-Making and Policy**

**Increased Citizen Empowerment**

**Increased Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

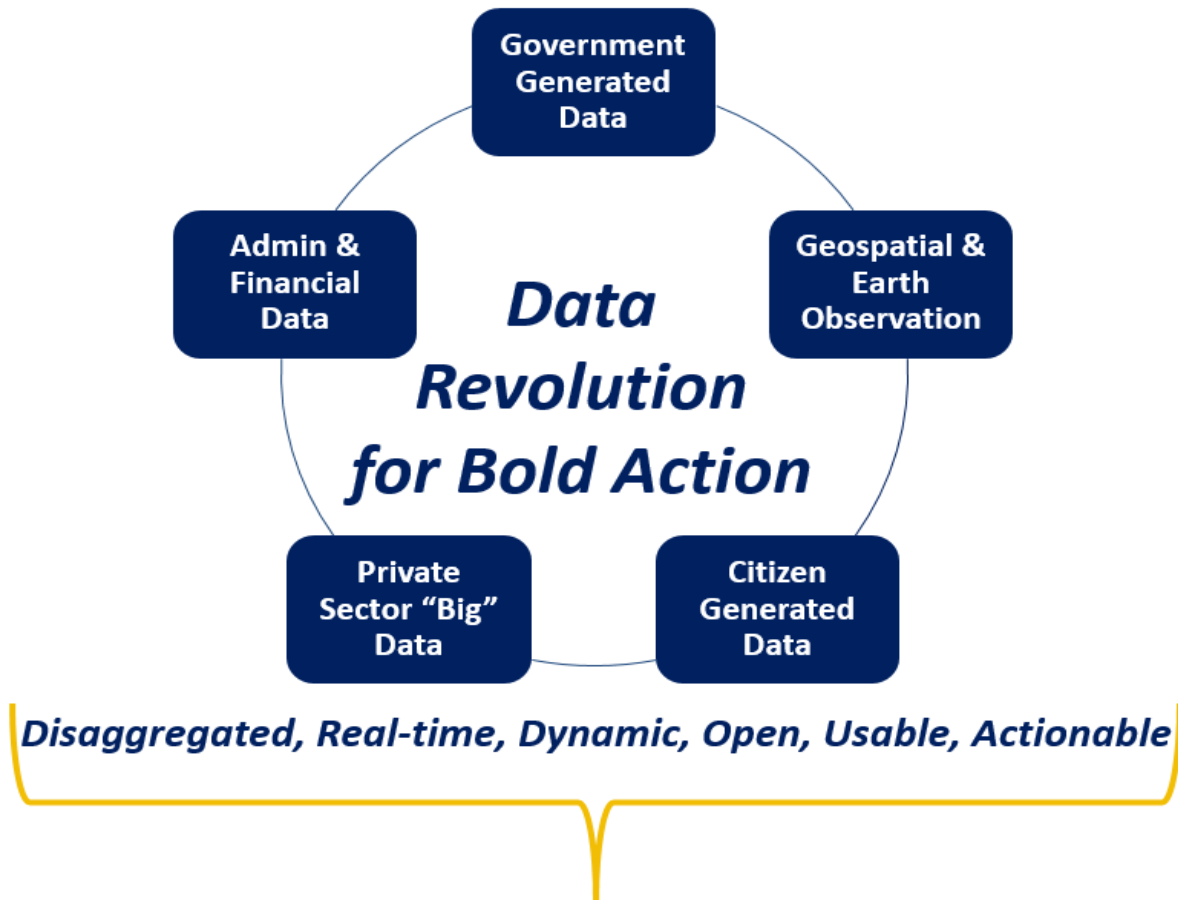


**To Achieve and Monitor  
Sustainable Development**



# Harnessing the Data Revolution

*“Data is the Oil of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”*



- Supporting and complementing government and civil society efforts to generate data for statistics for the formal SDG monitoring framework
- Unleashing innovation in production, accessibility and use of real-time, dynamic, disaggregated data from multiple sources

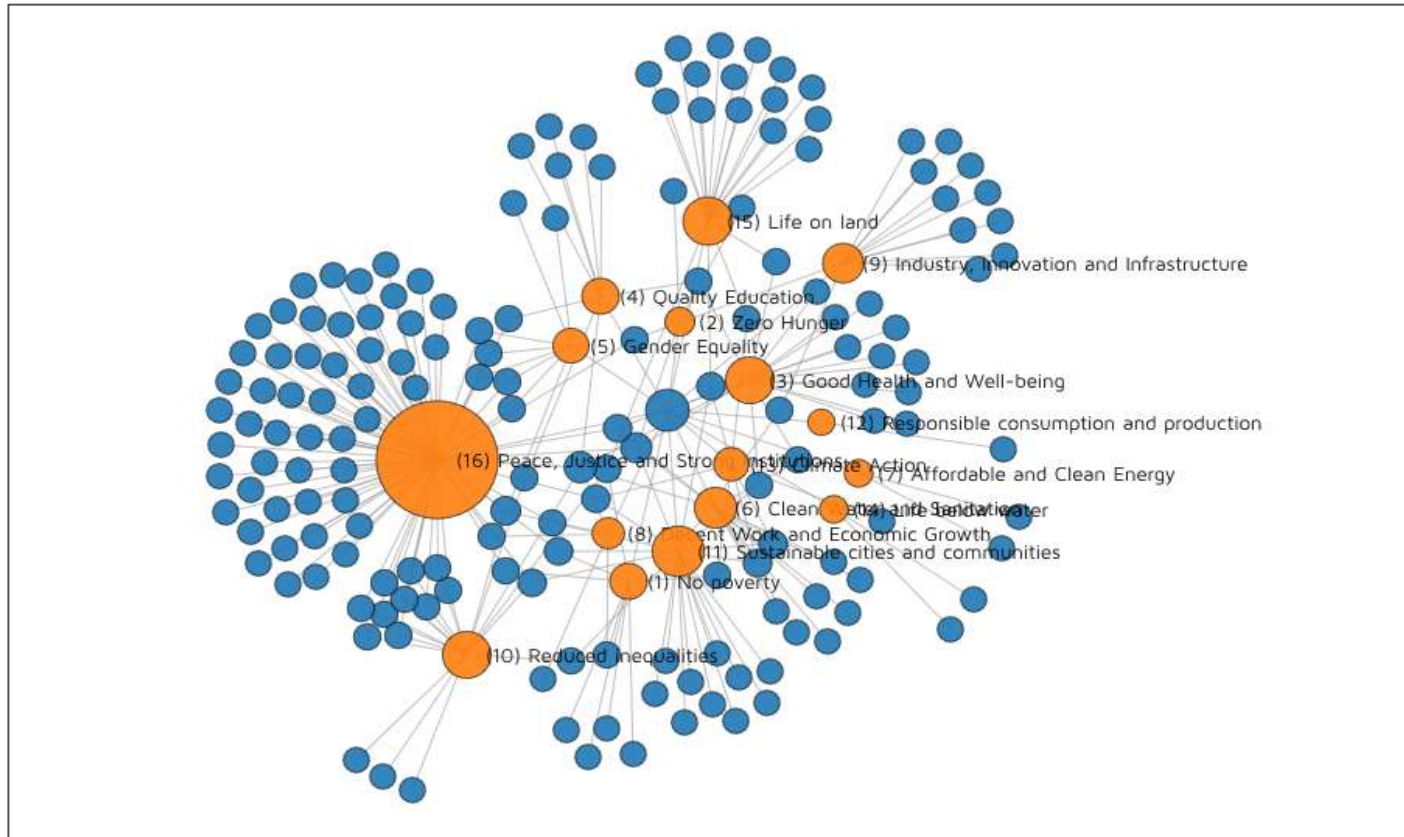


# Earth Observation Data





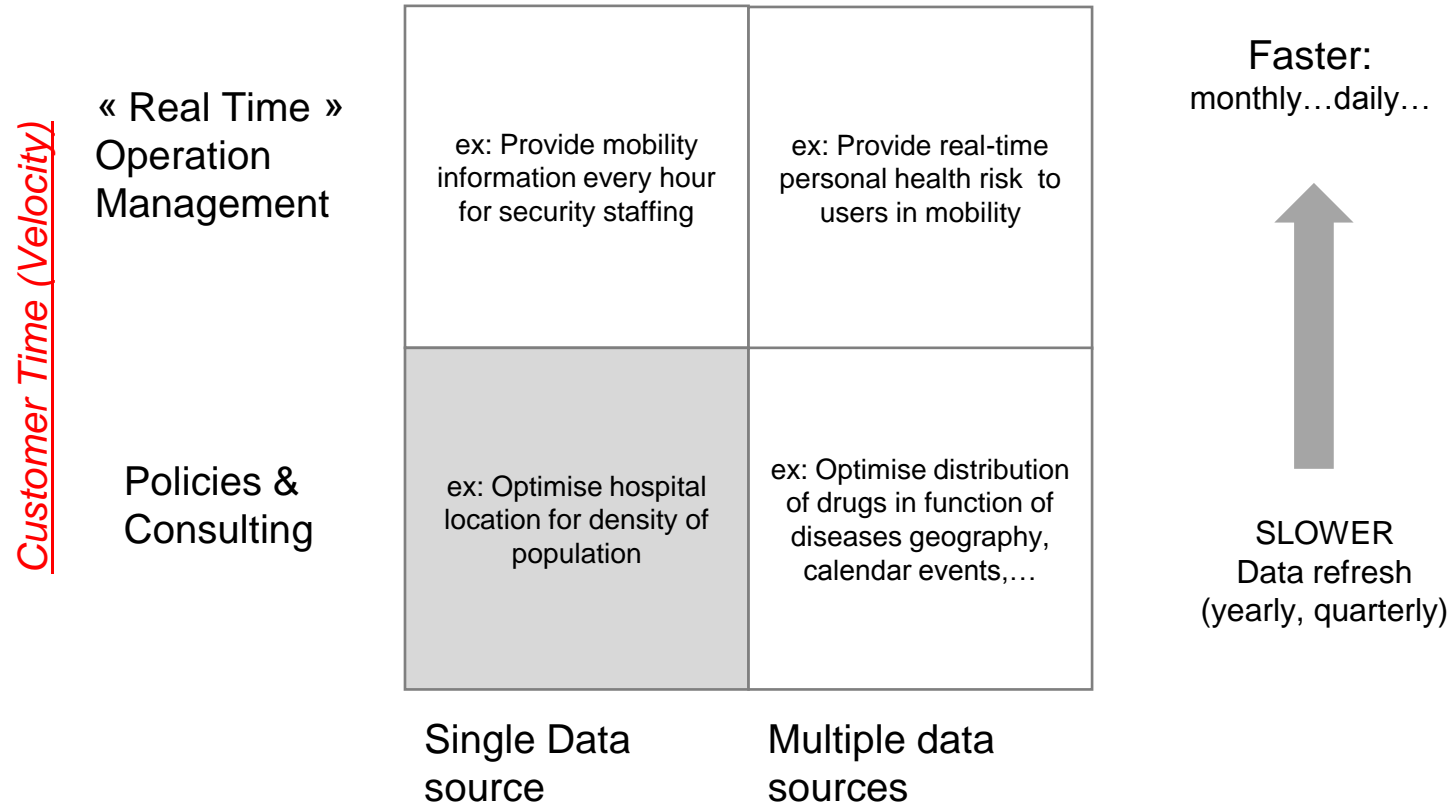
# Citizen-Generated Data



<http://staging.winguweb.org/2015/datashift/>



# Privately Held (Big) Data



Variety of Sources for Data Analysis





# Open Data



1. Open by Default



2. Timely and Comprehensive



3. Accessible and Usable



4. Comparable and Interoperable



5. For Improved Governance  
and Citizen Engagement



6. For Inclusive Development  
and Innovation

[opendatacharter.net](http://opendatacharter.net)



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***WE CONVENE***

***WE CONNECT***

***WE CATALYZE...***

**better, more accessible, and usable data** to help end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and combat climate change.



# The Global Partnership has 200+ Data Champions





# Harnessing the data revolution for sustainable development\*

## Enablers: Political Environment



Showcase how data can remove political and social barriers, and address data gaps



Stimulate collaboration between public-private actors in support and tracking of the SDGs

## Demand Side



Drive awareness and political buy-in on how and why data makes a difference



Ensure visibility and understanding of data for filling gaps and decision making

## Opportunities

## Supply Side



Harness real time data flows for sustainable development



Ensure access to data in public domains; including open data



Catalyse data innovations for the delivery of the SDGs

## Enablers: Structural Environment that fosters trust



Forster private sector engagement to address market failures by providing expertise and knowledge



Support the establishment of fair use of data



Foster mechanisms to improve access and interoperability that enables widespread usage of SDG data



# Data Roadmaps for Sustainable Development

Support countries at national and sub-national levels to develop and implement **whole of government** and **multi-stakeholder** data roadmaps for harnessing the data revolution for sustainable development, with particular emphasis on the SDGs and local priorities articulated in national plans.

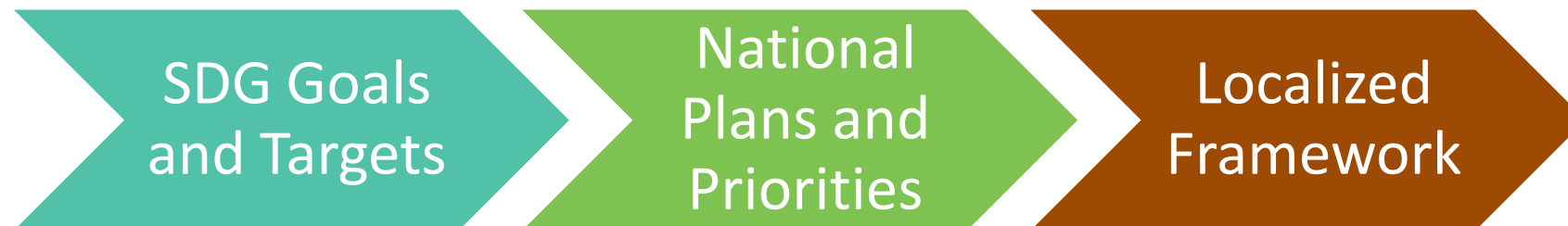




# Country Led Approaches

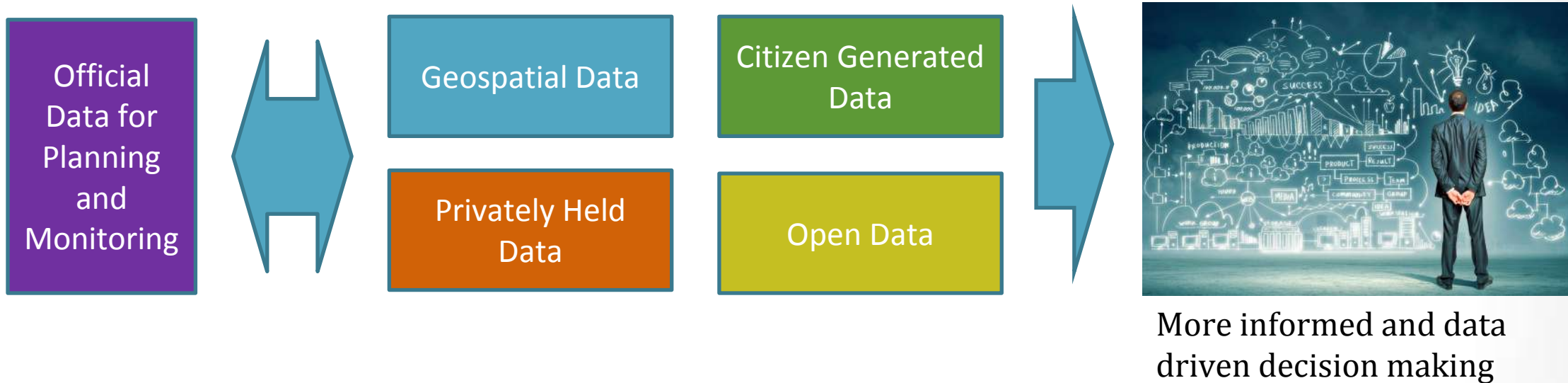
- The Data Roadmaps for Sustainable Development approach is iterative, based on experiences and implementation models from partner countries

- Colombia
- Philippines
- Sierra Leone
- Kenya
- Tanzania
- Senegal
- USA
- Ghana





# Data for Action



- Fill data gaps more efficiently, frequently and cost effectively
- Real-time, dynamic, disaggregated data
- Official and non-official data
- Use innovative approaches and range of stakeholder to solve problems



# Country Level Lessons Learned

## INSTITUTIONAL

- Strengthening institutional cooperation
- Engagement with the private sector
- Mobilization of funding and resources
- Data literacy

## TECHNICAL

- Interoperability
- Alignment between open data and the SDGs
- Data sharing frameworks
- New innovation, data and platforms
- Environmental data
- Geospatial methods



# Data Collaboratives - 2017

- Leave No One Behind
  - Data disaggregation
  - Citizen generated data
  - Marginalized populations
  - Inclusive Data Charter
- Data Interoperability
  - Addressing core issues at the country level and piloting methods for increased interoperability
- Environmental Data
  - Climate open data – Tanzania and Sierra Leone
  - Earth observation data applied to environmental issues
  - Illegal mining in Ghana

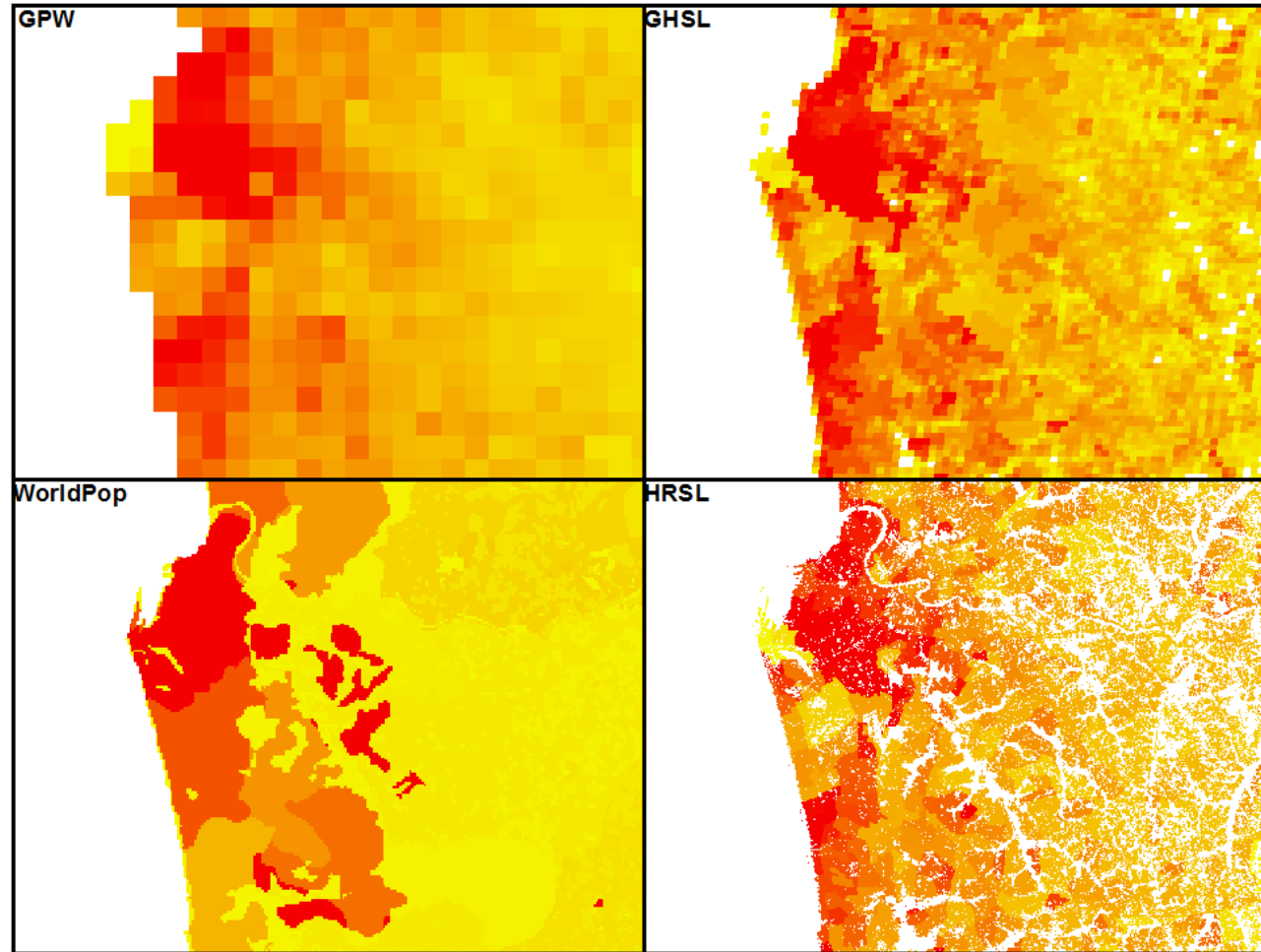


# Other Initiatives

- Better engagement with the Private Sector
- What makes a successful private-public-partnership
- Working with DIAL and GSMA on mobile data for the SDGs
- Innovation Fund with the World Bank and DFID
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> call focused on environment and leave no one behind. Total 4.5 million USD
- Financing on data for development
- A new, integrated GPSDD website to be launched any day



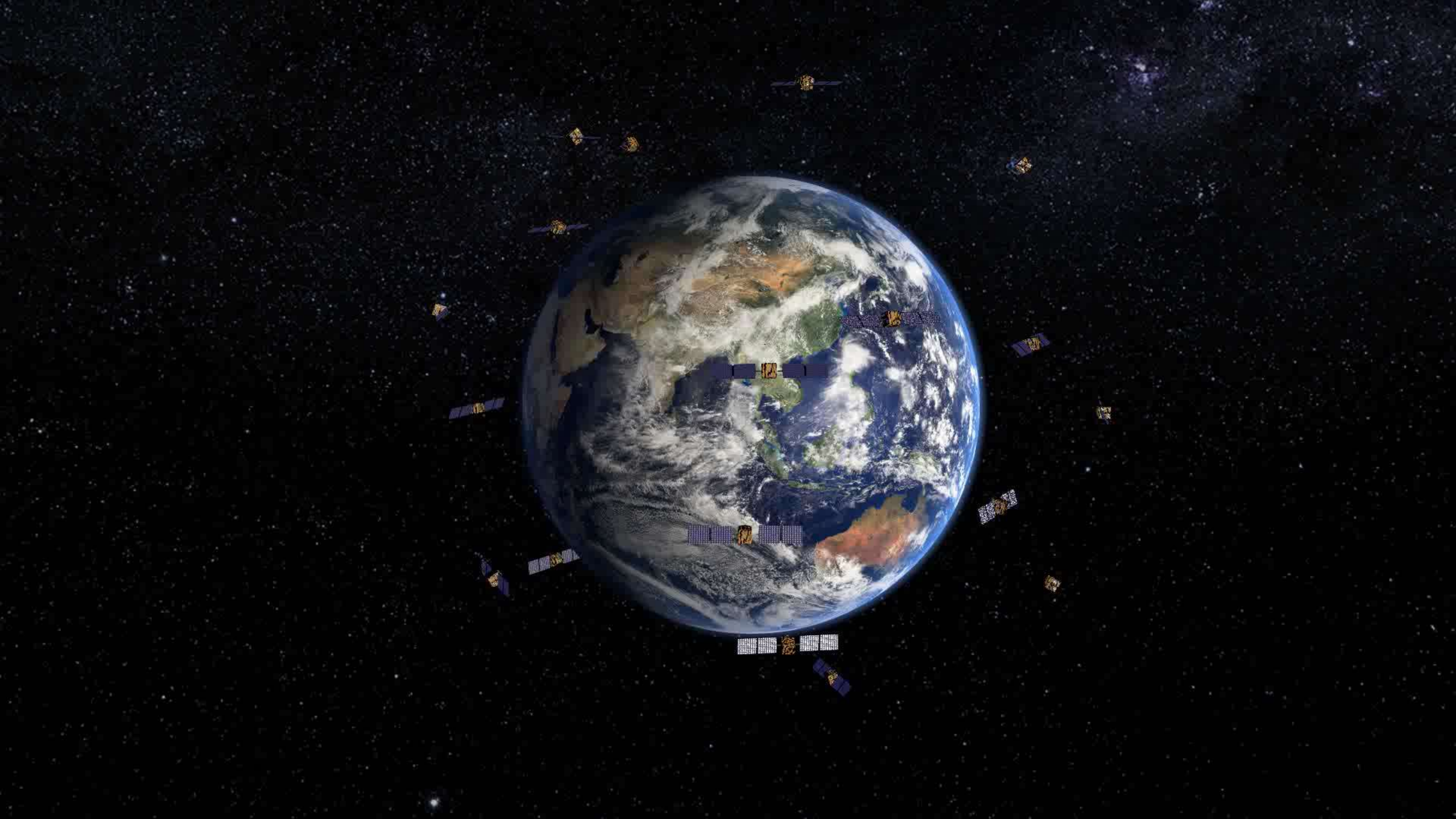
# Population Distributions



Alex de Sherbinin, CIESIN

Population estimate results at various resolutions from multiple methods





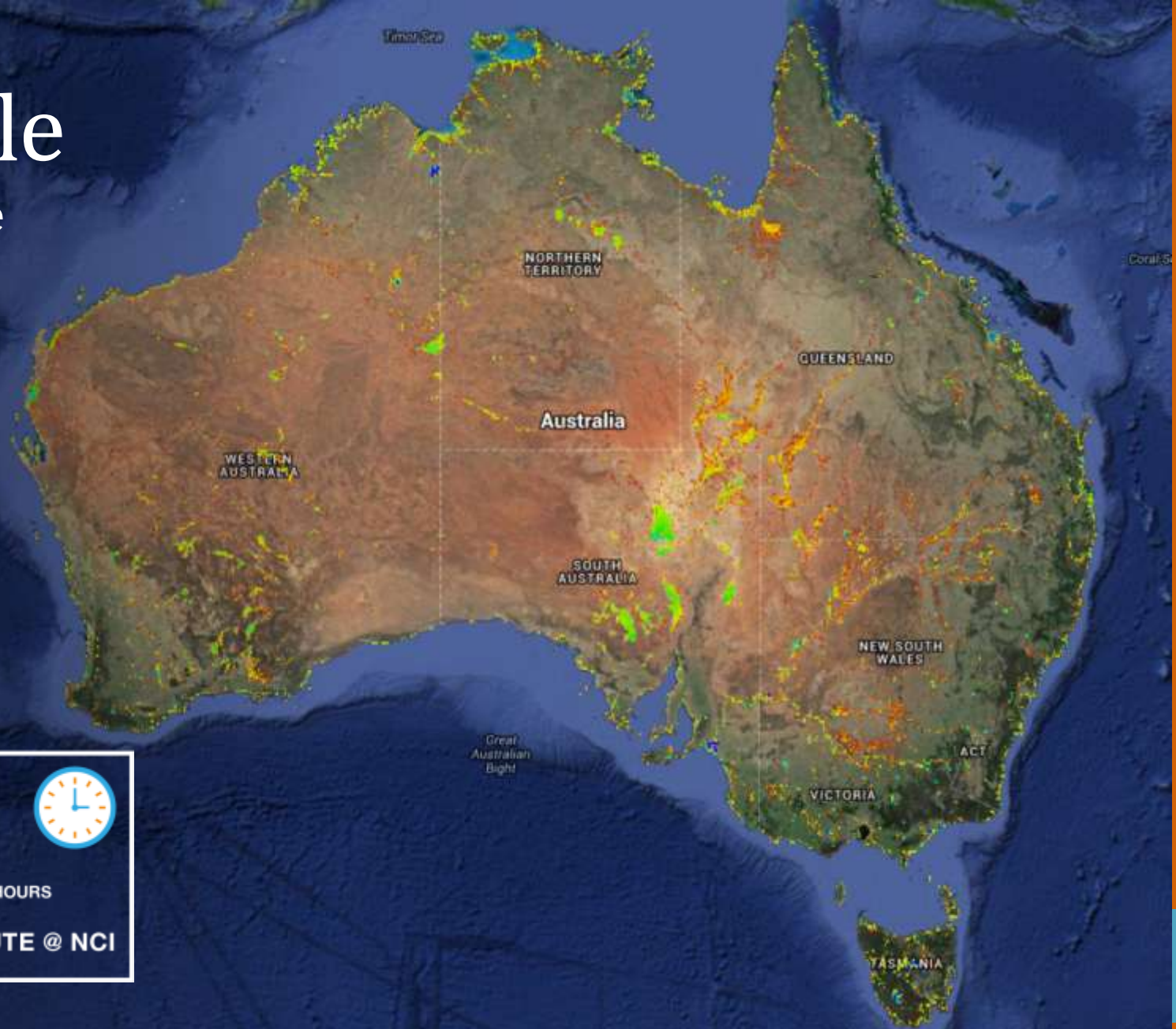
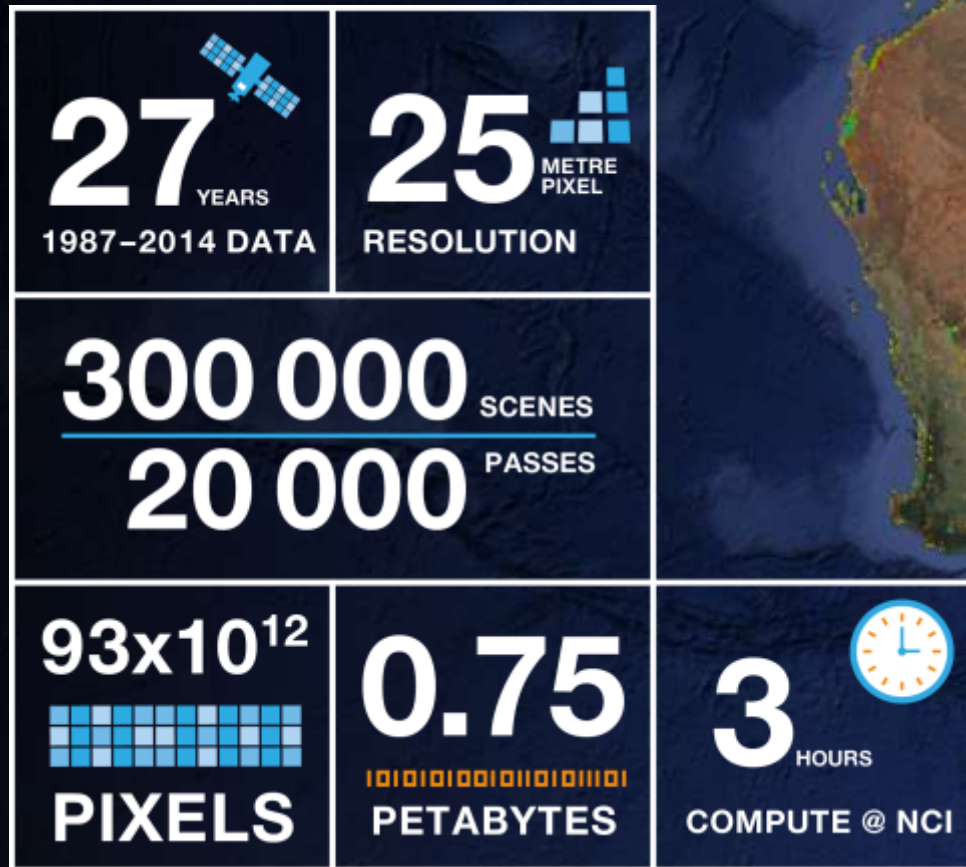






# Continental Scale

## Water Observations from Space







■ green

■ dry

■ soil

1988

2000

2006

2014



# Water quality monitoring: Lake Burley Griffin

1987

2001

2013



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# Some prototyped applications for the data cube:

- Vegetation change, agricultural production
- Flood inundation mapping, farm dam development
- Wetland management and characterisation
- Carbon accounting
- Seagrass and substrate mapping
- Coastal change and water quality
- Shallow water bathymetry
- Mining footprint and urban development
- Bushfire scar mapping and forestry inventory



[www.ga.gov.au/dea](http://www.ga.gov.au/dea)  
[opendatacube.org](http://opendatacube.org)

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# Country Engagement on EO Data



- Intergovernmental Network on Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition
- Dynamic and real-time data for smallholder farmers
- Establishing data cubes initially focused on a particular thematic issue
- Making upcoming population censuses more dynamic and cost-effective
- Waste management



Target									Goal	Indicator					
Contribute to progress on the Target yet not the Indicator per se										Direct measure or indirect support					
							1.4	1.5	1 NO POVERTY	1.4.2					
							2.3	2.4	2 NO HUNGER	2.4.1					
							3.3	3.4	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	3.9.1					
									4 QUALITY EDUCATION						
								5.a	5 GENDER EQUALITY	5.a.1					
	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.a	6.b		6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION	6.3.1	6.3.2	6.4.2	6.5.1	6.6.1	
							7.2	7.3	7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	7.1.1					
								8.4	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH						
							9.1	9.4	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	9.1.1	9.4.1				
							10.6	10.7	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES						
11.1	11.3	11.4	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.b	11.c		11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	11.1.1	11.2.1	11.3.1	11.6.2	11.7.1	
				12.2	12.4	12.8	12.a	12.b	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	12.a.1					
				13.1	13.2	13.3	13.b		13 CLIMATE ACTION	13.1.1					
	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.6	14.7	14.a		14 LIFE BELOW WATER	14.3.1	14.4.1	14.5.1			
15.1	15.2	15.3	15.4	15.5	15.7	15.8	15.9		15 LIFE ON LAND	15.1.1	15.2.1	15.3.1	15.4.1	15.4.2	
								16.8	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS						
17.2	17.3	17.6	17.7	17.8	17.9	17.16	17.17	17.18	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	17.6.1	17.18.1				

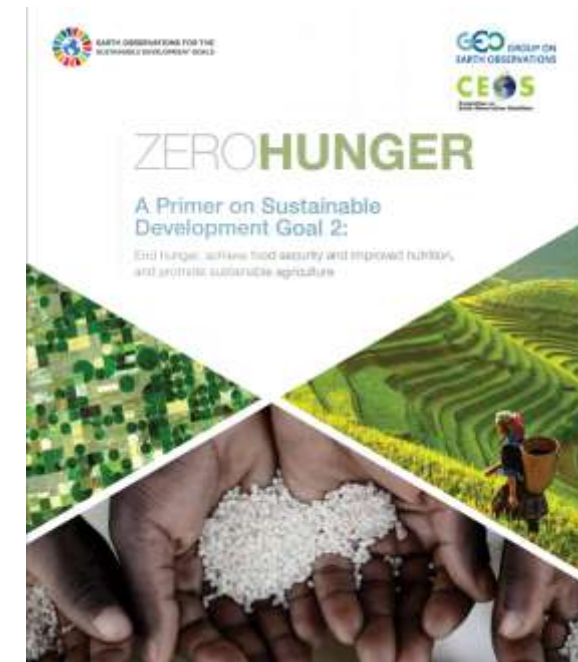
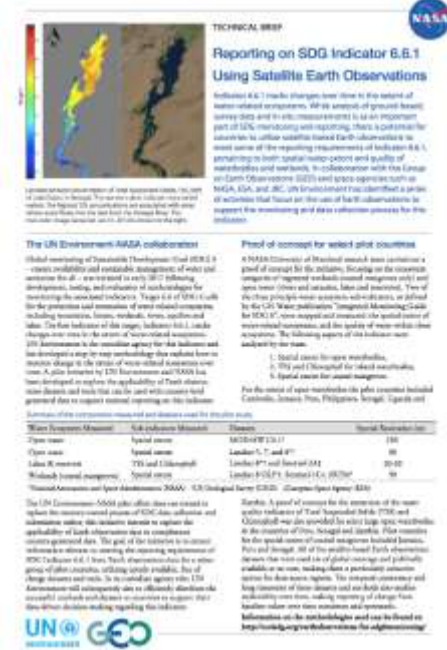
**Alignment of Earth Obs. and GEO to the Goals, Targets, and Indicators**

**SDGs with most opportunities:**





**EO Case Studies for the 2030 Agenda**



A Primer on SDG 2, Zero Hunger

**Data for Action**

- Earth Observation Data for the SDGs
- Making Use of Citizen Generated Data
- Youth and SDGs Data Revolution
- Telco Data for Sustainable Development
- Subnational Data for Sustainable Development
- Open Data for Sustainable Development
- Open Mapping for the SDGs
- Geospatial Data and Planning for the SDGs
- Data Visualization and Analytics
- Decision Support Systems

**Toolbox: Data for Action**




EO4SDG-GPSDD-DANE Workshop at DANE HQ, Colombia

In person trainings & webinars



**Pilot Activities**

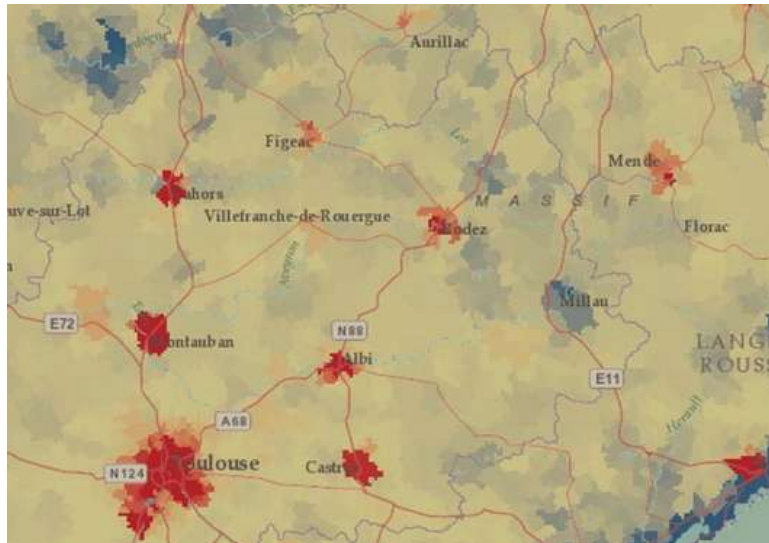
**Outreach & Engagement**

**Capacity Building**

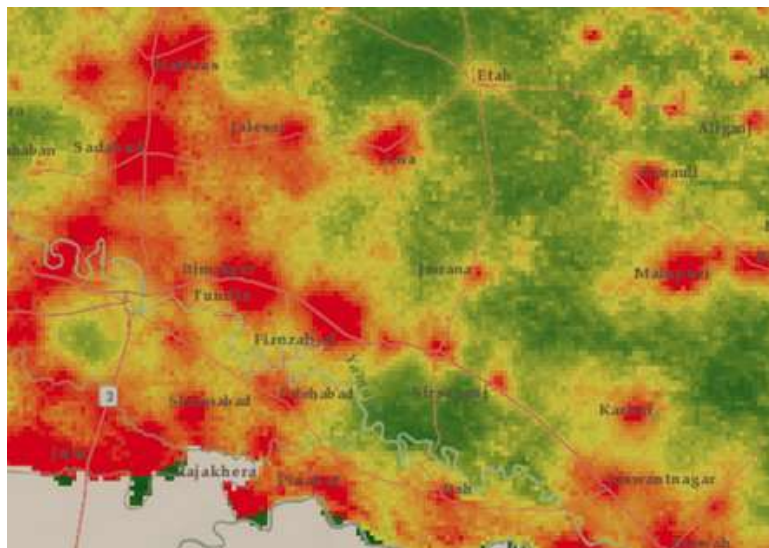
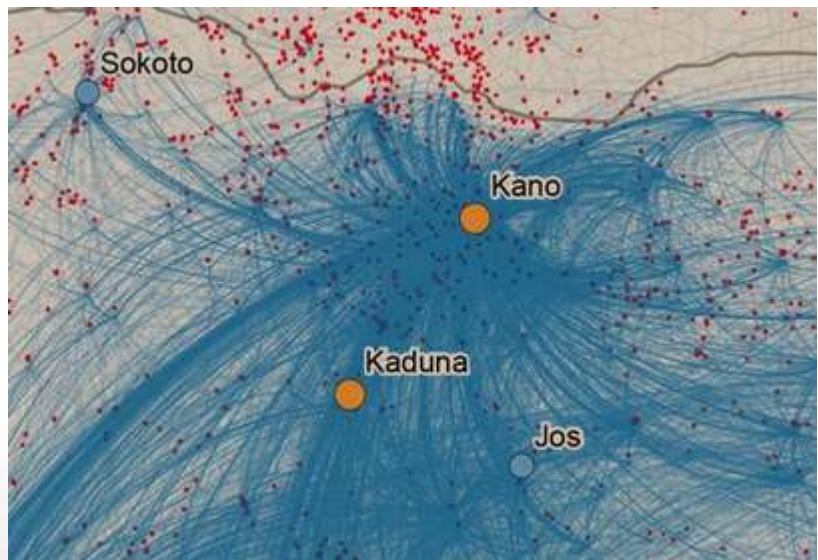
**Information Products**



# Bringing Data Sources Together

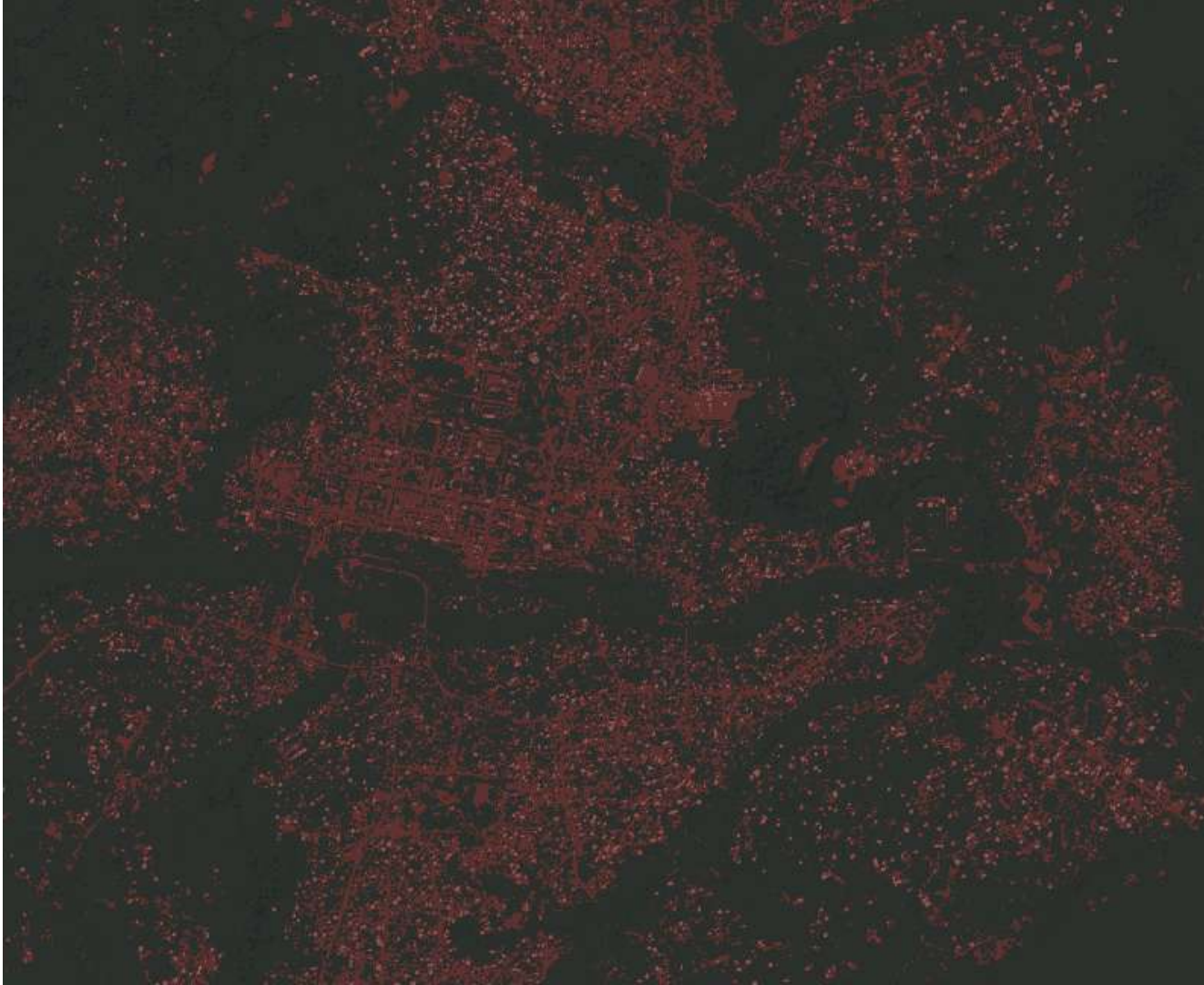


Geospatial  
+  
Mobile Data  
+  
Surveys



WorldPop Project  
Flowminder.org  
<http://www.worldpop.org.uk/>





Mamou, Guinea

29 hours  
68 contributors  
20,105 buildings



[apihighways.data4sdgs.org](https://apihighways.data4sdgs.org)



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## bio.007 Marine and Terrestrial Protected Areas

IUCN & UNEP-WCMC

Javascript

Node

Ruby

Go

Java

Php

Python

Shell

```
var data = null;

var xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();
xhr.withCredentials = true;

xhr.addEventListener("readystatechange", function () {
  if (this.readyState === this.DONE) {
    console.log(this.responseText);
  }
});

xhr.open("GET", "https://api.resourcewatch.org/v1/query/de452a4c-a55c-464d-9037-8c3e9fe48365?sql=SELECT%20*%20");

xhr.send(data);
```







# Data4SDGs Toolbox:

## Data for Action

<http://www.data4sdgs.org/toolbox>

■ Currently Available ■ In Development ■ Planned

### Getting Started with Data Roadmaps for Sustainable Development

- Data Roadmaps for Sustainable Development: Guidelines
- Getting Started with the Sustainable Development Goals
- Mapping Data Ecosystems

### Data for Action

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### Official Statistics for SDGs

- Minimum Essential Data Package
- Advanced Data Planning Tool (ADAPT)
- Aligning and Monitoring the HDGs in the Context of the Data Revolution
- SDG Data Collection Handbook
- Administrative Data to Achieve the SDGs in Production of Official Statistics

### Institutional, Financial and Capacity Foundations

- Demands Driven, Cost Effective Integrated Information Systems
- Policy and Legal Frameworks
- Business Models for Public-Private Partnerships
- Data Literacy Workshops and Knowledge Platform for Professionals
- Data Training and Skills Sustainability Plan
- Global Partnership Data Charter

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# What's Needed Moving Forward

- We must change our normal ways of working, break down silos, and become **more collaborative across sectors**
- We need to **embrace innovation** and be okay with failure – as long as we learn from it
- We need to **work at multiple scales** bringing national and sub-national planning efforts together in the interest of the SDGs
- We need to **unlock innovative funding** models that are sustainable and develop **public-private partnerships** that work
- Increase **data literacy and capacity** for data science focused on how data is used for decision making and action
- Better **link initiatives** with a common purpose to reach further impact



# Thank You!

- We are working with ECLAC and Cepei to define a regional approach for further work in LAC.

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