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Improved Municipal Planning in African Cities – for a climate resilient urban future
Contextualising the problem

• Sub-Saharan Africa’s most pressing challenges include service provision, skills development and sustainable governance systems.

• Climate change overlays existing challenges, leading to local government officials being required to deal with ever increasing complexity and uncertainty in decision making.

• Government cannot deal with the challenges or harness the solutions alone and therefore need to find innovative ways to engage with research, community and private sector institutions.
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Proposed cities of engagement:

Malawi:
- Blantyre
- Lilongwe

Zimbabwe:
- Harare
- Bulawayo

Bulawayo & Harare, Zimbabwe

Blantyre & Lilongwe, Malawi
Research question

How can African cities implement IMPACT mechanisms that enable climate resilient development?

- What are the barriers and enablers to implementation and maintenance of these mechanisms?

- In what ways and under what conditions will these mechanisms enable climate resilient development?
We’ll explore:

• What **climate resilient development means** to urban African stakeholders and how the concept can be co-explored and applied within specific city contexts.

• How **social barriers and enablers** (e.g. normative, discursive, cognitive, institutional) manifest in relation to IMPACT mechanisms.

• What opportunities exist for balancing **inclusive participation** with the **resource investment** needed.

• What **value** is attributed by stakeholders to **IMPACT mechanisms** that enable climate resilient development.
Desired impact:

• **Building capacity** to enable collaboration that harnesses diverse ideas for climate resilient development. (Likely applicable to other outcomes too).

• Contributing to **improved governance** in sub-Saharan African local governments to build climate resilience in project cities and beyond.
How..?

• Gaining an in-depth understanding of the context of each of the project cities and how climate resilient development is understood and tackled.

• Developing locally relevant criteria (e.g. inclusive, flexible, innovative, gender/power aware/sensitive) for the assessment of the effectiveness of IMPACT mechanisms in contributing to climate resilient development.

• Identifying and assessing the barriers and enablers of IMPACT mechanisms currently in place in the four cities.

• Assessing in what ways tailor-made IMPACT mechanisms can be successful in enabling climate resilient development.

• Developing guidelines for the implementation of IMPACT mechanisms.
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