



# IMPACT

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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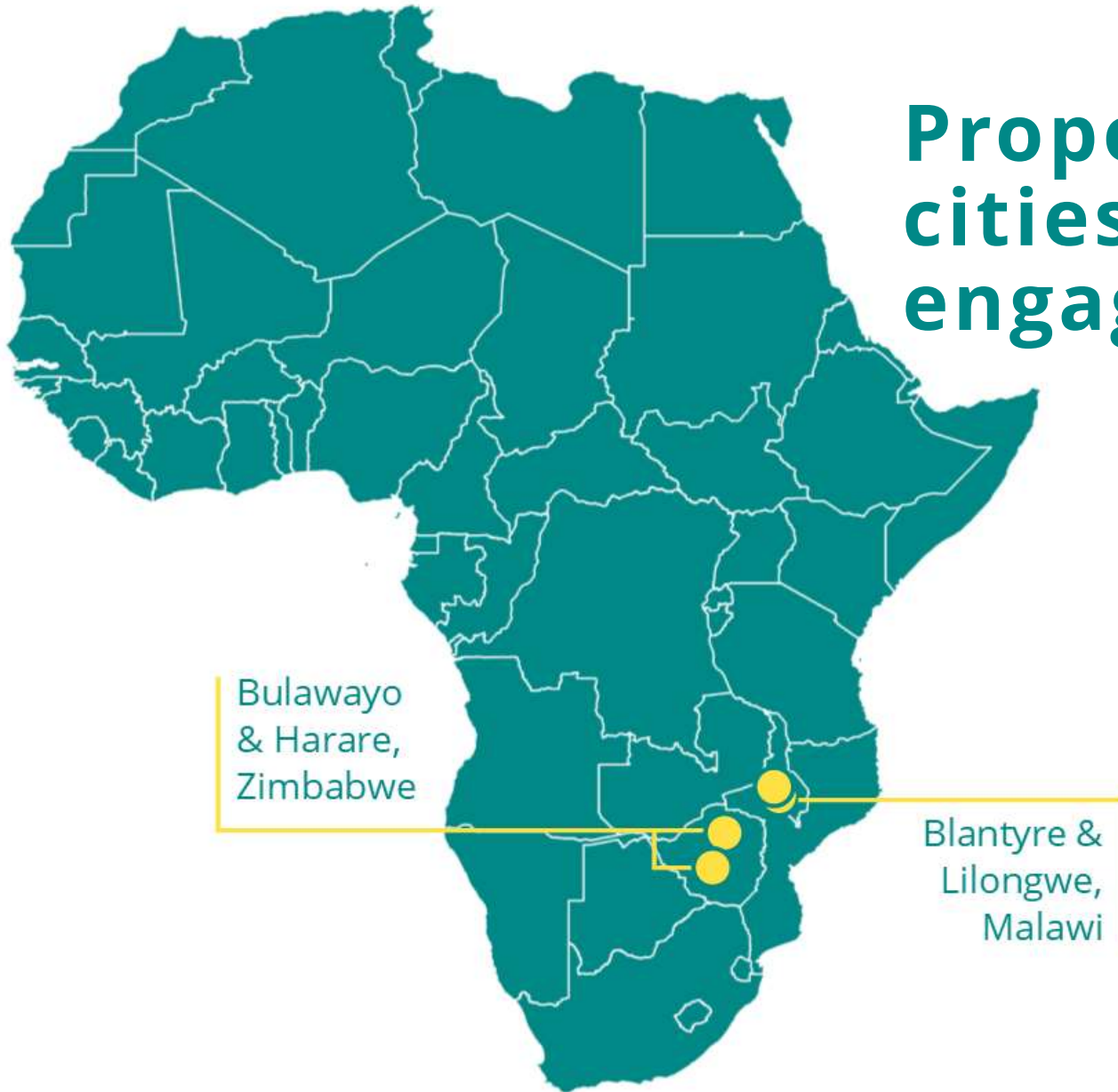
# IMPACT mechanisms



# 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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