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0. Introductory roundtable

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Introduction

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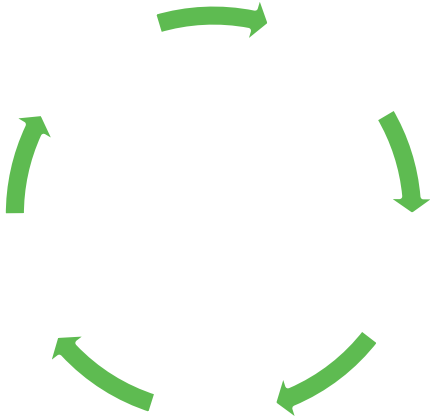
Introduction

- **Introduce yourself (1-minute) :**
  - Name
  - Organisation
  - What do you hope to get out of this week?



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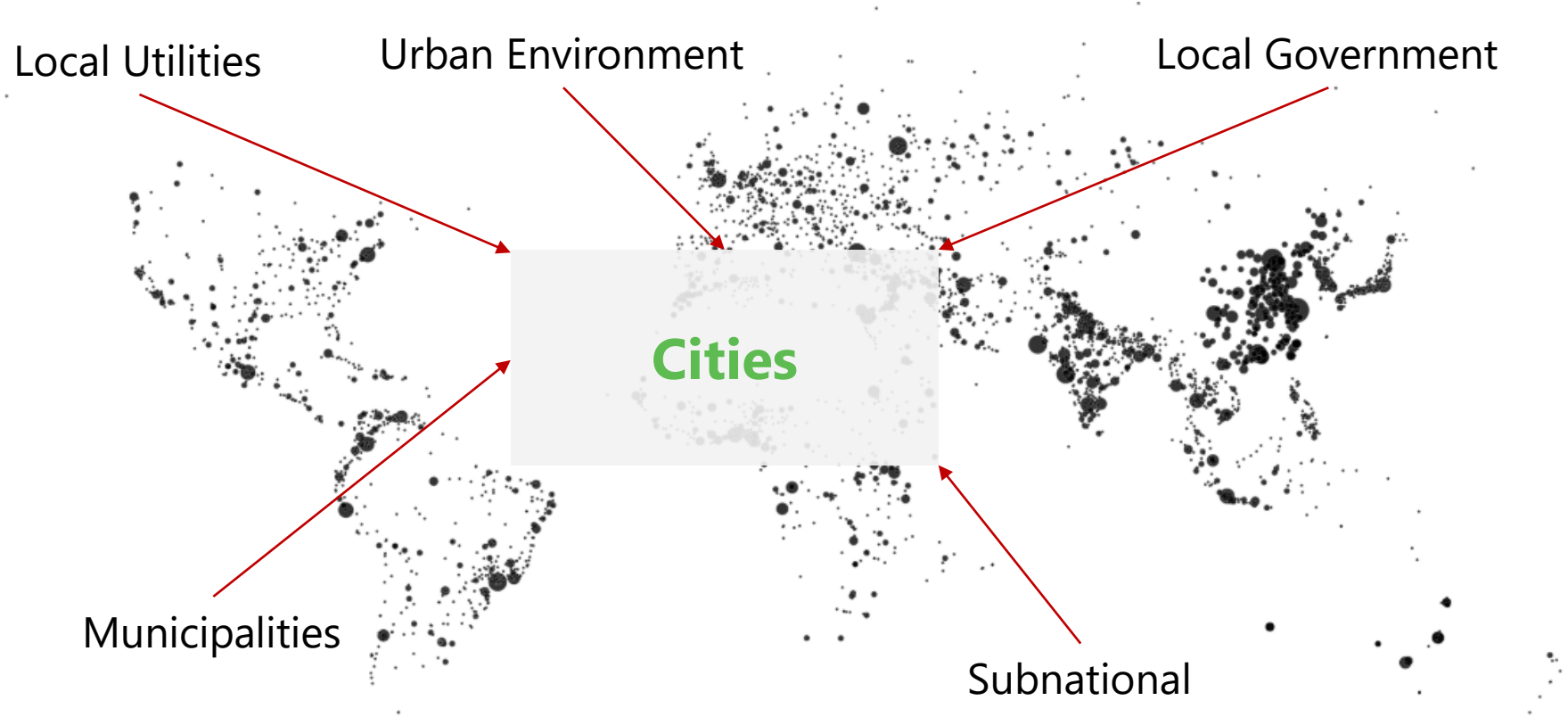
What do we mean by cities?



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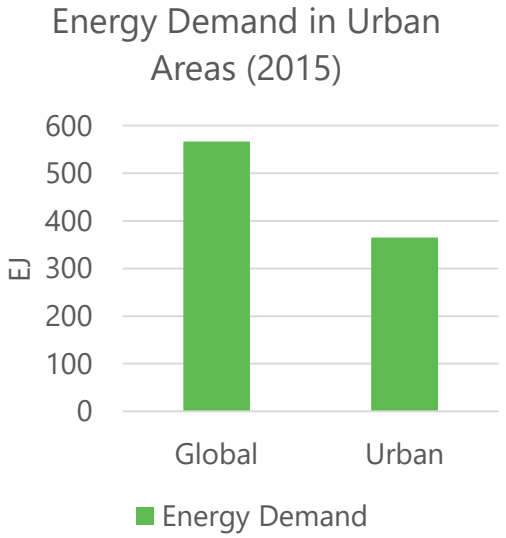
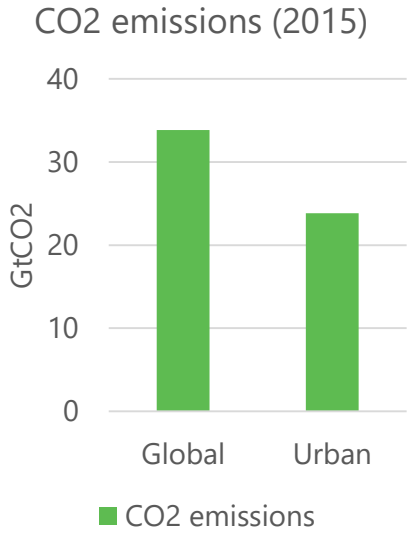
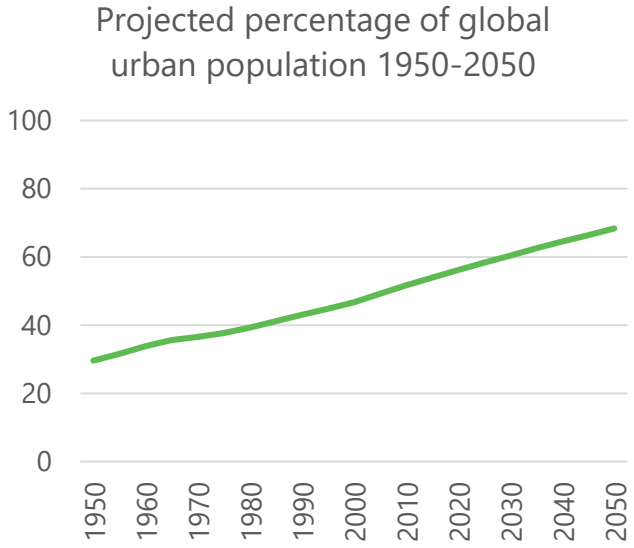
Why are we talking about cities?

Energy efficiency in cities/municipalities

Cities and urban systems today are home to about half the global population but represent almost two-thirds of global energy demand and 70% of carbon emissions from the energy sector. Increasing urbanisation highlights the need to focus on this system.







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Why are we talking about cities?

Emerging trends highlighting the need for "Municipal Energy Managers"

1. Top-down decentralisation efforts

- Energy management being devolved **from national to subnational** levels in order to improve decision-making efficiency
- Increasing VRE penetration and system integration efforts, requiring more **decentralisation to help with stable system operation**

2. Bottom-up initiatives

- Climate-oriented city-level initiatives for emissions reductions (e.g. C40 Cities)
- Expanded energy savings targets from separate sectors (i.e. buildings and transport) proving **more difficult to achieve** and would involve city wide planning (EU finding)

3. Technological change

- Digitalisation innovations tend to revolve around the idea of smart cities
- Policymaking and regulating would eventually involve capacity building for city officials

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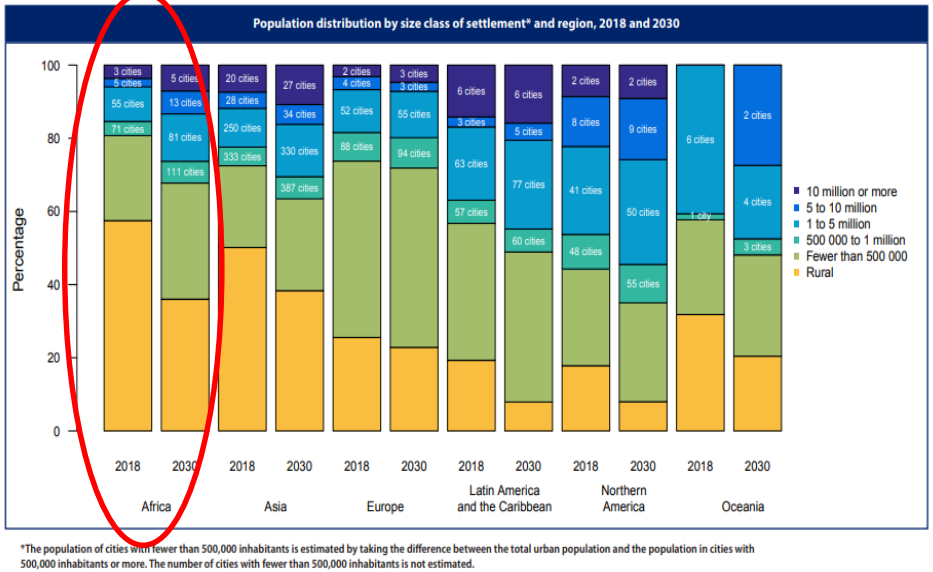
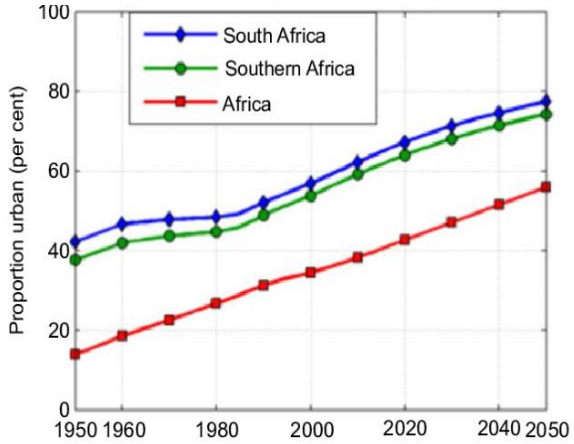
Why are we focusing on cities: African cities



Source: The World Cities in 2018, United Nations
https://www.un.org/en/events/citiesday/assets/pdf/the_worlds_cities_in_2018_data_booklet.pdf

- Rapid urbanisation: by 2050, sub-Saharan Africa's cities will increase by 800M people
- In 2018, there were 63 cities with population above 1M in Africa. By 2030, 99 cities!
- South & Southern Africa most urbanized



Source: World Urbanisation Prospects, 2014

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Why are we focusing on cities: African cities

- **Triple challenge**
  - Improving living conditions in peri-urban and previously marginalized communities, i.e. “energy poor”
  - Managing rapid urbanisation
  - Setting the foundations of sustainable future growth

- **South African cities**
  - More than 70% of South Africans expected to be living in cities by 2030 (UN)
  - South African cities already seeing impacts of extreme climate change
  - Higher demand for housing, commercial buildings, schools and hospitals
  - Higher urban transport flows and electricity demand for appliances

- **Seizing the opportunity and ‘leapfrogging’**
  - Leadership of South African cities and actors in driving energy efficiency policies and measures and broader climate agenda

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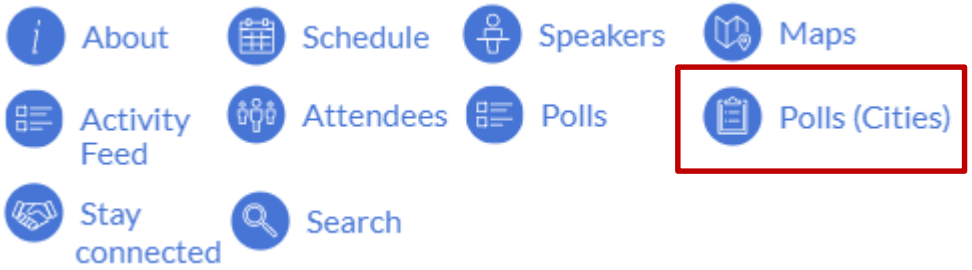
Poll Time! Cities 1: Awareness

Access the polls here:



Q: How prominent is municipal energy efficiency or conservation for your local policymakers

- 4 - Major priority. EE programmes are in place and new ones are being conceptualised
- 3 - Minor priority. Municipal EE programmes are limited in scale and impact
- 2 - Not a priority at all. Mostly facilitating national campaigns
- 1 - No actions nor awareness

Results

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