

#### Developing Urban Futures

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**MAKOKO, LAGOS, NIGERIA** 



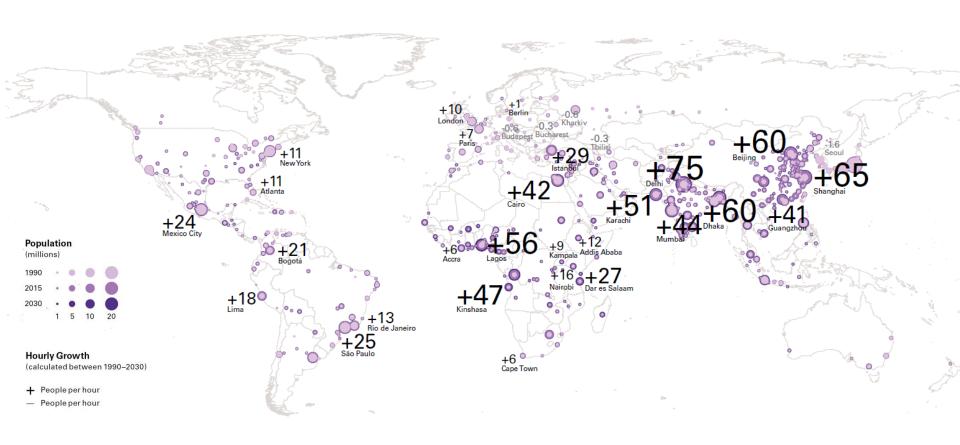
KINSHASA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO



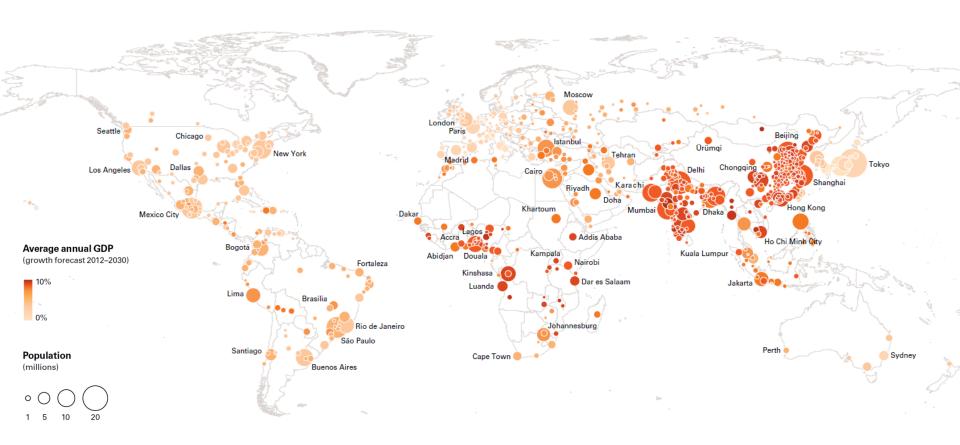
**ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA** 

- 2.5 billion more people will be living in cities by 2050.
- Nearly 90 per cent of urban growth will take place in Asia and Africa.
- 80 per cent of urban infrastructure that will exist in India in 2050 has yet to be built.

# SPEED



#### **WHERE CITIES ARE GROWING 1990-2030**



#### **ECONOMIC GROWTH 2012-2030**

### HOW LARGE CITIES ARE GROWING

City, country	Projected average annual population growth % (2015–2030)	Average annual population growth % (1990–2015)	Population of urban agglomeration (2015)	Population of urban agglomeration (2030)	Projected average annual real GDP growth % (2012–2030)
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	5.0	5.0	5,116,000	10,760,000	7.8
Luanda, Angola	4.3	5.5	5,506,000	10,429,000	7.7
Lagos, Nigeria	4.1	4.1	13,123,000	24,239,000	6.6
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	3.9	2.4	3,238,000	5,851,000	7.7
Kinshasa, DRC	3.6	4.6	11,587,000	19,996,000	7.2
Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	3.1	3.4	4,860,000	7,773,000	5.9
Khartoum, Sudan	3.1	3.1	5,129,000	8,158,000	5.9
Alamen, China	3.0	7.7	4,430,000	6,911,000	7.3
Dhaka, Bangladesh	2.9	3.9	17,598,000	27,374,000	6.9
Surat, India	2.8	5.4	5,650,000	8,616,000	9.8
Karachi, Pakistan	2.7	3.4	16,618,000	24,838,000	6.5
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Delhi, India	2.3	3.9	25,703,000	36,060,000	7.0
Mumbai, India	2.1	1.9	21,043,000	27,797,000	6.7
Shanghai, China	1.7	4.4	23,741,000	30,751,000	6.8
Lima, Peru	1.4	2.1	9,897,000	12,221,000	4.7
Johannesburg, RSA	1.4	3.7	9,399,000	11,573,000	4.2
Bogotá, Colombia	1.4	2.9	9,765,000	11,966,000	3.9
Atlanta, United States	1.2	3.4	5,142,000	6,140,000	2.8
Istanbul, Turkey	1.1	3.1	14,164,000	16,694,000	4.8
Mexico City, Mexico	0.9	1.2	20,999,000	23,865,000	2.8
São Paulo, Brazil	0.7	1.4	21,066,000	23,444,000	3.5
London, United Kingdom	0.7	1.1	10,313,000	11,467,000	2.8
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	0.6	1.1	12,902,000	14,174,000	2.4
Paris, France	0.6	0.6	10,843,000	11,803,000	1.5
Hong Kong, SAR China	0.5	1.0	7,314,000	7,885,000	3.0
New York, United States	0.4	0.6	18,593,000	19,885,000	2.9
Berlin, Germany	0.2	0.2	3,563,000	3,658,000	1.3

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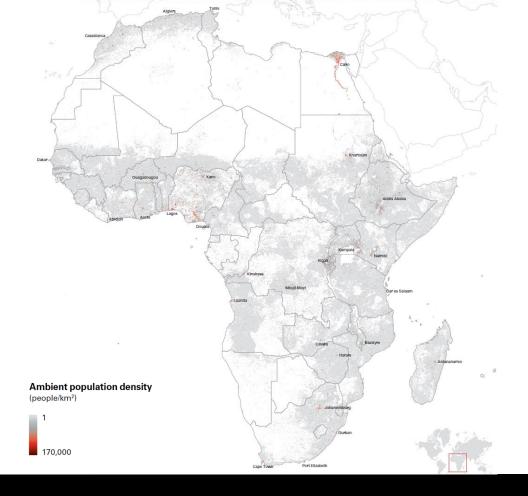
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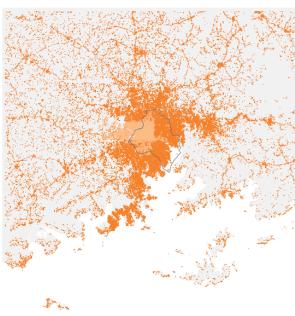






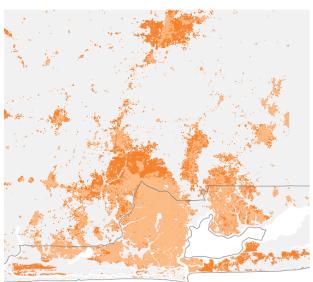
KAMPALA

38% of metropolitan population within admin. boundary



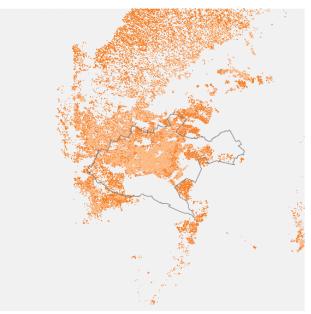
**LAGOS** 

66% of metropolitan population within admin. boundary



**NAIROBI** 

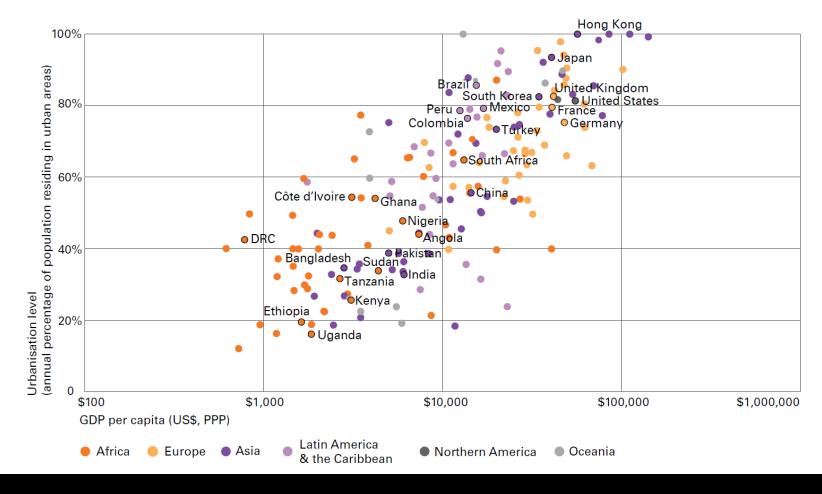
54% of metropolitan population within admin. boundary



1990 1990-2015

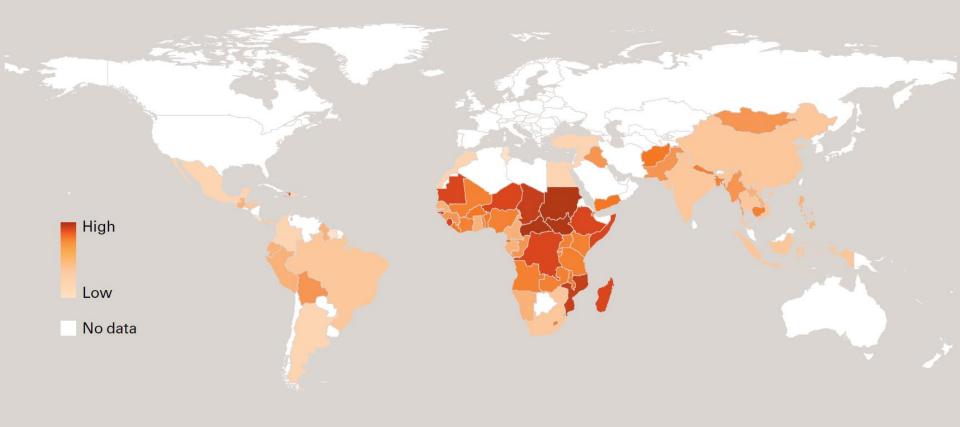
#### **URBAN EXPANSION 1990-2015**

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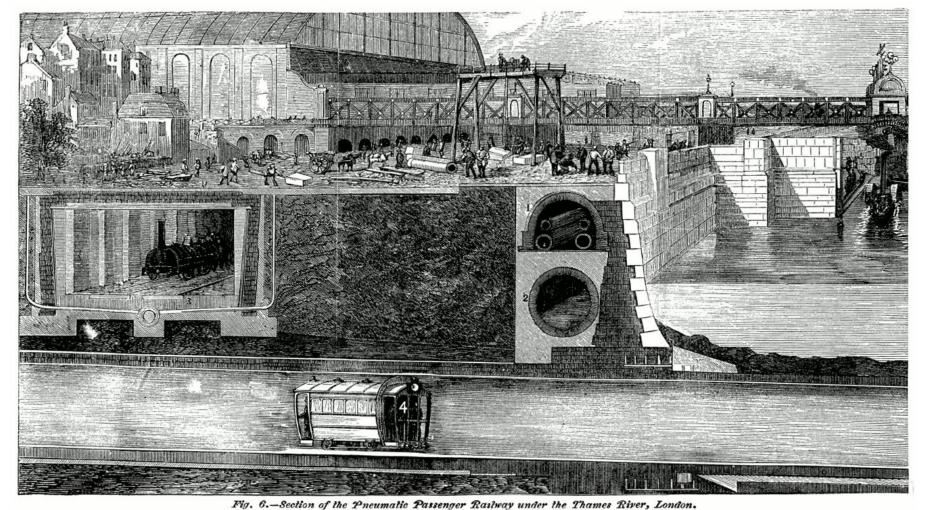


#### **URBANISATION VS GDP**

(per cent of urban population living in informal settlements, 2010)



#### **URBAN INFORMALITY**



(1.) Subway for Gas and Water Pipes. (2.) Sewer. (3.) Metropolitan Underground Steam Railway. (4.) Pneumatic Passenger Railway, now in course of construction. The Pneumatic Railway extends from Charing Cross, and passes under the Thames River to the Waterloo Road Station of the Southwestern Railway. The engraving represents that portion under the Thames embankment which has been finished.



INFORMAL HOUSING, KIBERA, NAIROBI



TENURE AND LAND RIGHTS, KIBERA, NAIROBI



**INFORMAL JOBS, KAMPALA** 



**INFORMAL JOBS, LAGOS** 



**INFORMAL JOBS, LAGOS** 



**INFORMAL TRANSPORT, KAMPALA** 



The future of the world's urban population will mostly be built in our lifetime





LAGOS, NIGERIA



**ACCRA, GHANA** 

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#### Context

420 million
Africans are
between 15-35.
Youngest
population in
the world

The average age of African city dweller is 20

263 million young Africans will lack an economic stake by 2025



### Waithood

#### Wait + hood = waiting for adulthood

A prolonged and difficult transition into adulthood.

Young people are unable to get jobs, establish families, setup their own households and become independent.

#### *Liggey* = Work in *Wolof*

Work constitutes an important marker of adulthood

The ability to work and provide for others defines a person's self-worth and position in the family and community.

Most young people in African cities are unable to attain the sense of dignity embedded in the notion of *liggey* 

"Before, our fathers went to work in the mines in South Africa and came home with enough money to pay lobolo for a girl, build a house, and start a family ..."

Youthman

West African term that depicts unemployed

35-year-olds or older still struggling to attain social adulthood.



Waithood is dynamic and creative.

Forces youth improvise livelihoods in the margins of mainstream societal processes.

Mozambicans: 'desenrascar a vida' (to eke out a living)

Senegalese & Tunisians: 'débrouillage' (making do)

South Africans: 'we are just getting by'

'getting by' situates the waithood experience in the realm of improvisation and entails a conscious effort to assess challenges and possibilities on a daily basis.

The idea of 'desenrascar a vida', 'débrouillage' or



Street vending, smuggling, petty crime, swindling













### In Conclusion...

- Young Africans are already redefining their urban spaces and cultures as entrepreneurs, workers, gangsters, artists, swindlers and activists
- How to ensure stable jobs and livelihoods for youth?
- How to engage youth, at various levels, in meaningful participatory urban governance?
- How to promote youth contributions towards a new urban agenda for Africa?

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Housing and Urban Services
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### The Housing Challenge

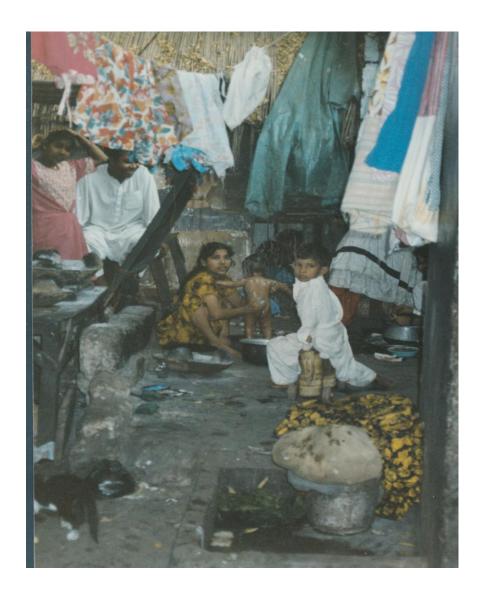
**1.6 billion people** globally live without adequate shelter.

1 in 7 people on the planet currently lives in a slum.

1 in every 4 people will live in a slum by 2030, according to current estimates.

1 in 3 urban residents live in slums in developing countries.

In some countries, as much as 90% of the urban population live in slums.



Karachi, Pakistan

# What is a slum?

UN-HABITAT defines an urban slum household as a group living under one roof who lack one or more of:

- 1. Durable housing of a permanent nature
- 2. Sufficient living space not more than three people sharing the same room
- 3. Access to safe and affordable water
- 4. Access to sanitation
- 5. Security of tenure that prevents forced evictions



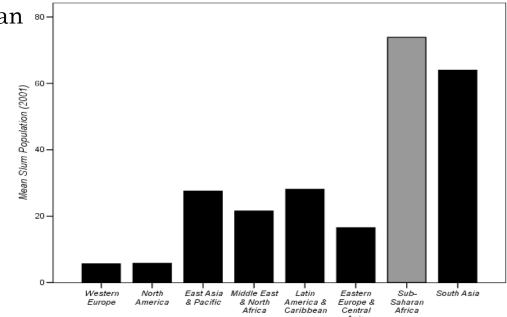


#### Challenge of Slums in Sub-Saharan Africa

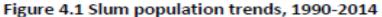
- In 2001 71.9% of Africa's urban population lived in slums
- By 2030 over half of the sub-continent's population will live in cities
- Despite high economic growth over the past ten years, around 50% of Africans have incomes below US\$ 1.25 per day

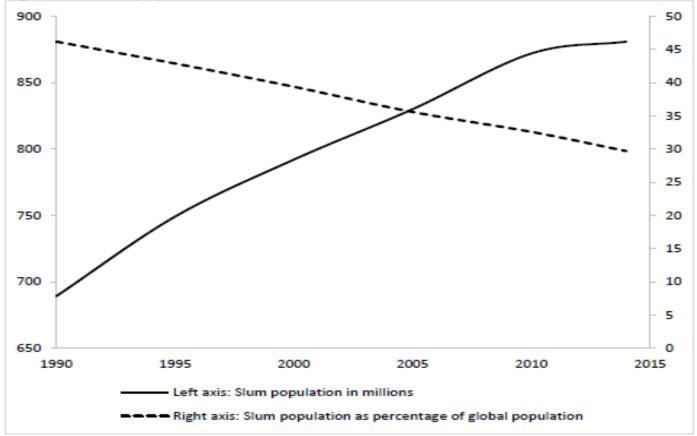
The dual pressures of a growing urban population and pervasive poverty mean that African governments face a growing challenge of providing shelter for the poor.

In 2014, UN-Habitat described Africa's urban housing shortage as 'acute'.



#### Growth of Slums





United Nations (2015)

#### Housing Policy – From Supply to Support

Sub-Saharan Africa's national housing policies have evolved over time, largely in accordance with international housing policies.

- 1950s and 1960s the belief was that the state should be responsible for the provision of housing and services
- Governments attempted to deliver *low-cost* conventional housing and services to growing urban populations
- By the 1970s it became clear this strategy was failing to provide a sufficient number of units that in turn were not affordable
- Instead poor people built their own homes in informal settlements or resorted to multiple occupancy in ever more crowded slums

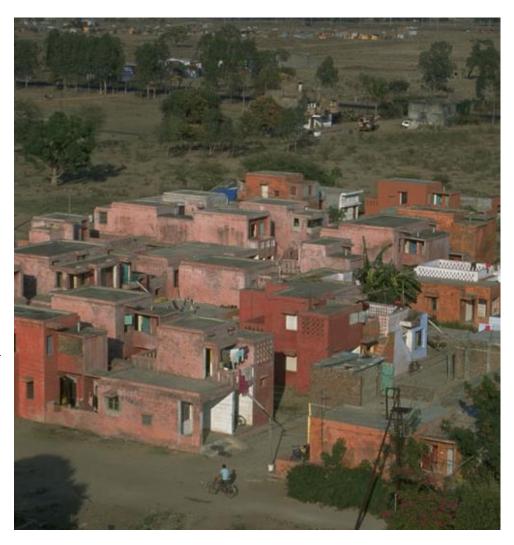


# Housing Policy – From Supply to Support

The shift to 'support' driven policies included *self-help housing* but there were cost and construction problems

Reducing standards was another method, providing people with starter or core houses they could later add to when they could afford it.

Well intentioned but often still too expensive for the poorest.



### Housing Policy

The next phase was one of enabling shelter strategies, such as:

Sites and services schemes

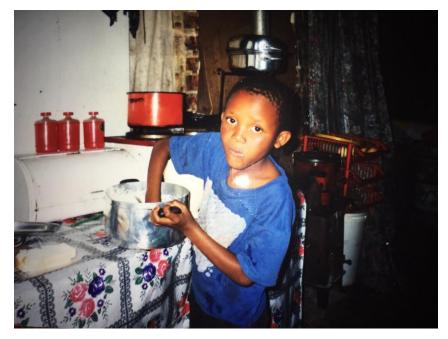
Accessible housing finance

Security of tenure

A major problem was land, often marginal or on the periphery of cities, far from jobs, amenities and all but the most basic services

Units bought by better off and rented out to lower income households





# Housing Policy in 2000s

International policies have become more varied with greater private sector involvement, while remaining essentially support driven in nature.

International agencies tend to favour *upgrading* of informal settlements

African shelter policies follow, at least in name, but in practice mass-scaled, supply-driven approaches to housing development are making a return.



#### 'Beautification' and Slum Clearance



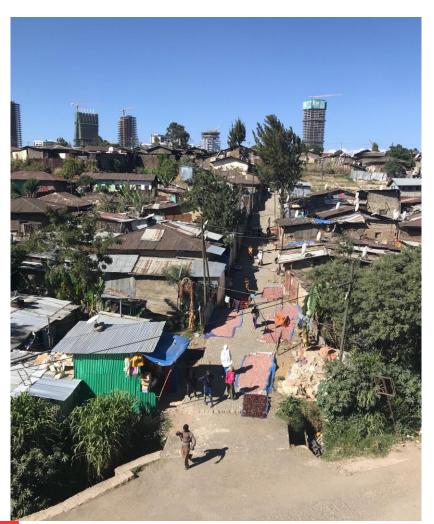
### Contemporary Mass Scale Housing Development in Africa

Alongside economic drivers there are political drivers:

- National image and international competition
- Effective delivery of housing policy
- Better financial instruments and PPPs
- An incentive or reward for votes
- Path dependency



#### Central informal settlements in Addis Ababa are under threat



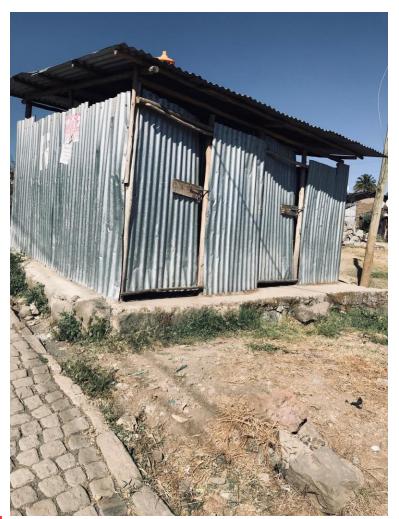


Central Addis Ababa

# Giving way to condominium housing on periphery of Addis Ababa

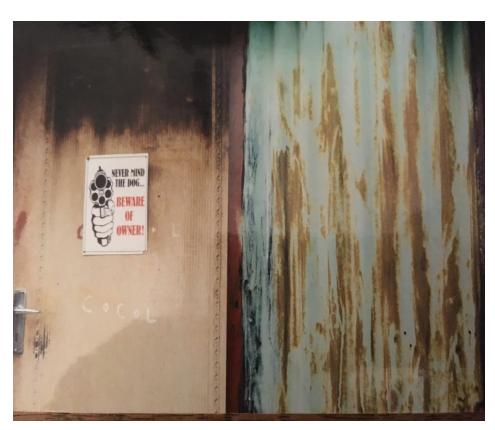


### Service delivery challenges





# Conclusions: Interventions from the molecular to the macro scales





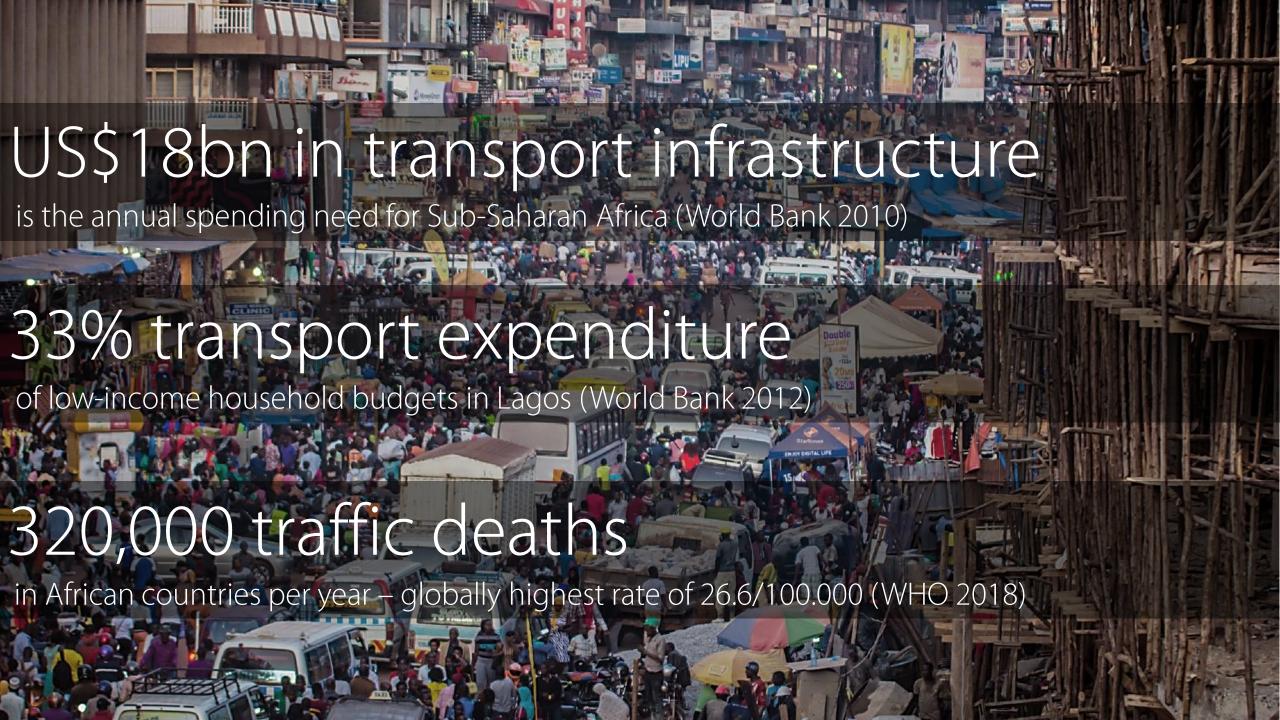


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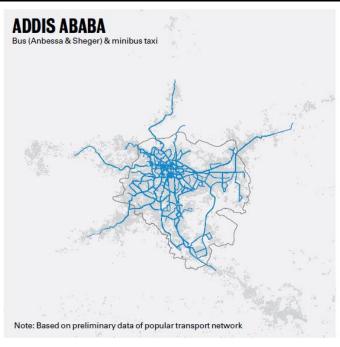
O1digitalising popular transit



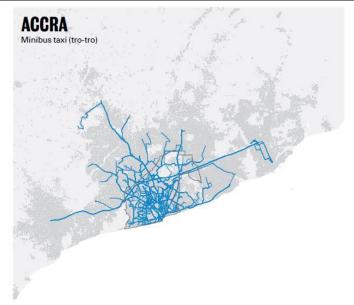


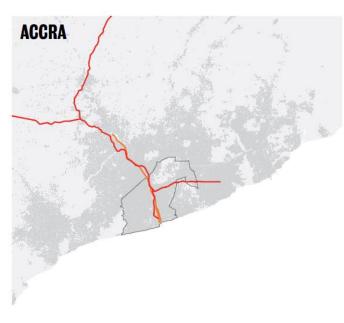
#### POPULAR TRANSIT

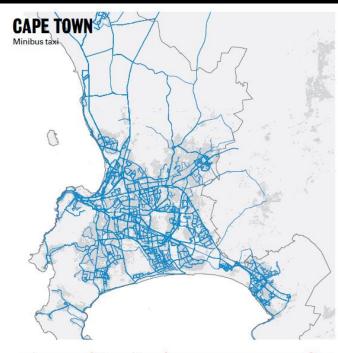
### MASS TRANSIT

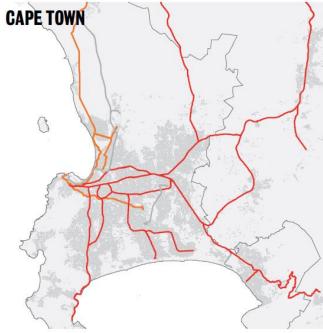


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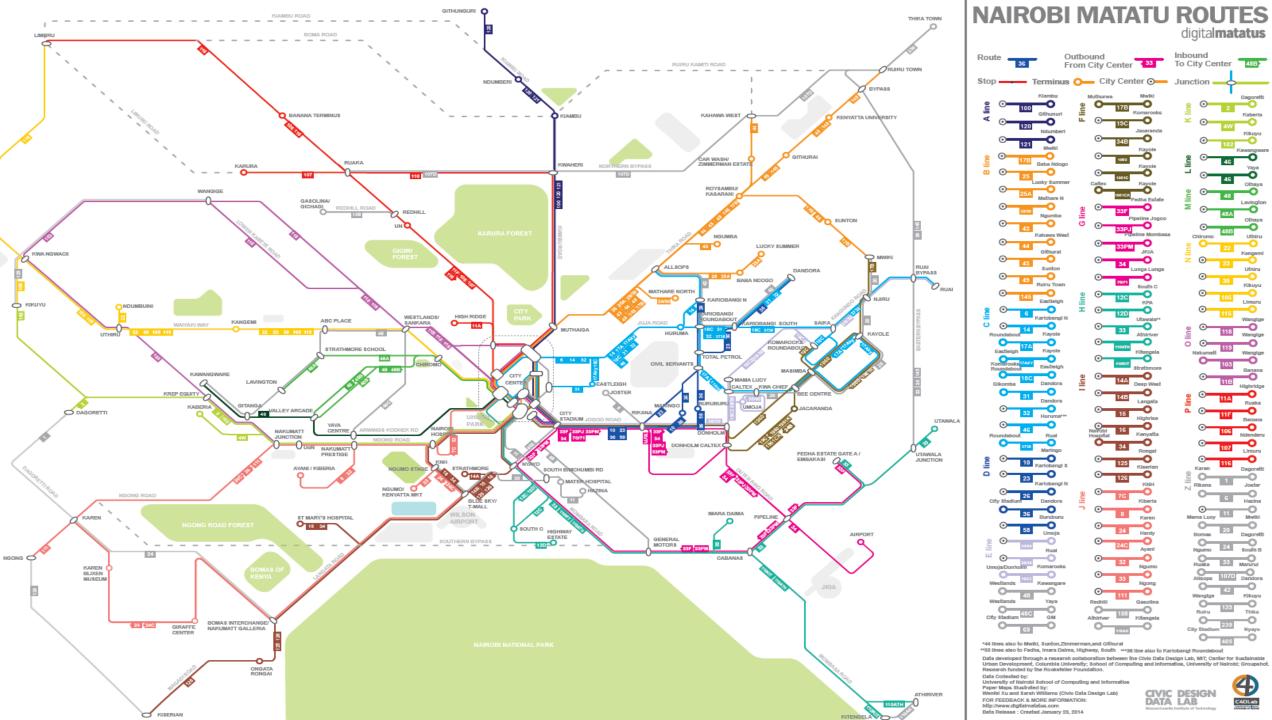












# RIDESHARING BRANDS BY REGION

## North Africa

















## West Africa























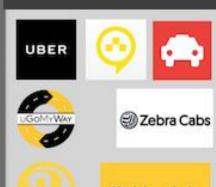




## East Africa



## Southern Africa

















## Central Africa





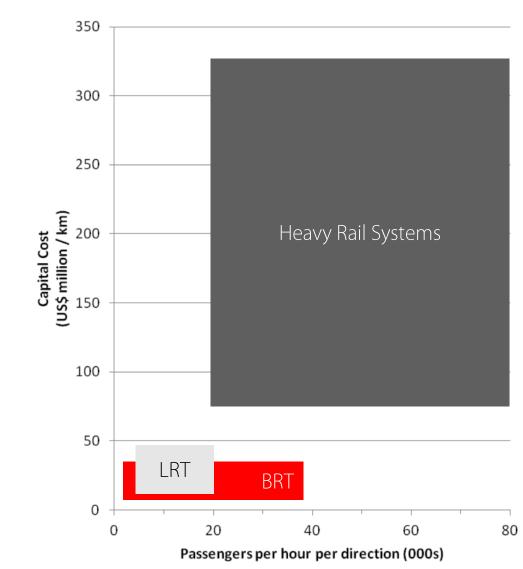


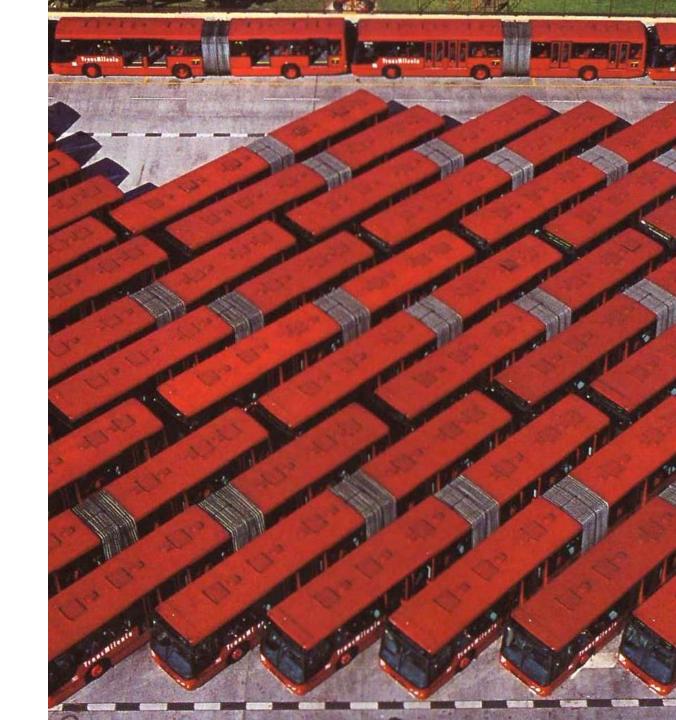
O2
Scaling bus rapid transit



# **CAPACITY VS COSTS COMPARISON**

Source: ITPD 2010









# 03

Building urban and (inter)national railways





### **ADDIS LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT**

**34** km system length

475m US\$ total infrastructure costs

15 US\$/km comparative infrastructure costs

#### ADDIS DJIBOUTI RAILWAYS

650 km system length

**4.5bn** US\$ total infrastructure costs

US\$/km comparative infrastructure costs

# THE CASE FOR RAIL AND ITS CHALLENGES

#### **ADVANTAGES**

- high capacity
- low land consumption
- safe transport
- energy efficient
- low polluting
- low carbon emissions
- transformative role in land development and urbanisation
- high symbolism

#### **CHALLENGES**

- complex but closed system
- requires joined-up institutions
- ambitious 'right of way' that needs to be negotiated with other land uses and utilities
- rigid infrastructure
- need for an operator
- system performance based on the weakest section
- dependent on complementary transport services for last-mile connectivity
- relies on associated electricity supply, communication and signalling systems













7-8 % of Ethiopia's GDP Ethiopia Railway Corporation's debt



# Conclusion

Which transport system enables the city we want?

Can new transport governance facilitate institution building?

What is most effective for overcoming the business-as-usual spiral of motorisation?



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