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Building Capacity in Geodesign: Alternative futures for Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

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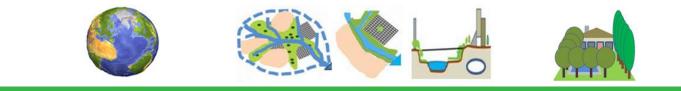
THE GENERIC PROBLEM:

How do we organize and conduct the very beginning and strategic stages of planning for longer-term change in a large, multi-system, multi-client, relatively unpredictable and contentious contextand one which should not become a zero-sum game? This is very frequently the situation for important and complex projects and studies.

WHY GEODESIGN? AND WHY NEGOTIATION?

Because when fundamental conditions are changing and big data-based models predict future problems, the endgame of our work still requires a purposely designed spatial-temporal strategy for future action, and this is necessarily a political process

Carl Steinitz, 2012, A Framework for Geodesign



"Geodesign changes geography by design"

Carl Steinitz

"Geodesign applies systems thinking to the creation of proposals for change and their impact simulations, informed their geographic contexts, and usually supported by digital technology."

Tess Canfield after Michael Flaxman

Carl Steinitz, Notes on Geodesign Dynamics, October 2015

GEODESIGN IS SERIOUS:

Geodesign is most useful at the beginning of thinking about and deciding on **the strategy** of what to do. It does not normally produce a precise final product. Rather, "It could....or should....be something like this...."

GEODESIGN IS COMPLEX:

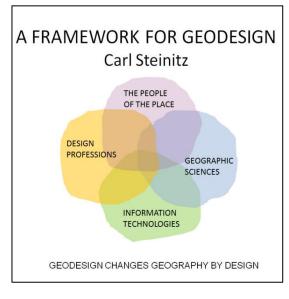
There are multiple systems and geographic scopes, and uncertainties. Geodesign methods should fit the context. Its technical support must be **flexible**, **iterative**, **transparent and rapid**.

GEODESIGN IS DYNAMIC:

Geodesign changes are sets of system-based policies and projects. Geodesign must rapidly move from infinite possible designs toward a socially, environmentally and economically feasible set of decisions.

GEODESIGN IS COLLABORATIVE:

The "natural language" of geodesign must be easily understood by all. The geodesign endgame must support informed negotiation THE DESIGN WILL EMERGE



1. HOW SHOULD THE CONTEXT BE DESCRIBED?.....

2. HOW DOES THE CONTEXT OPERATE?.....

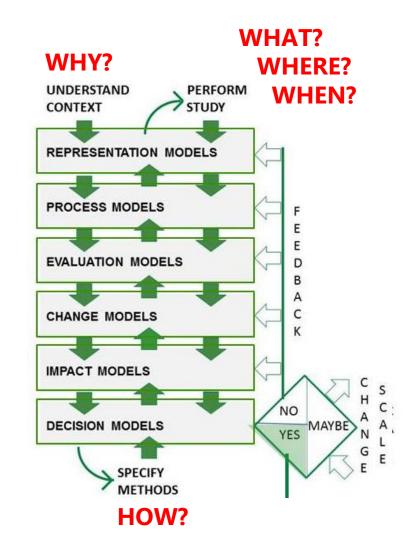
3. IS THE CONTEXT WORKING WELL?.....

4. HOW MIGHT THE CONTEXT BE ALTERED?.....

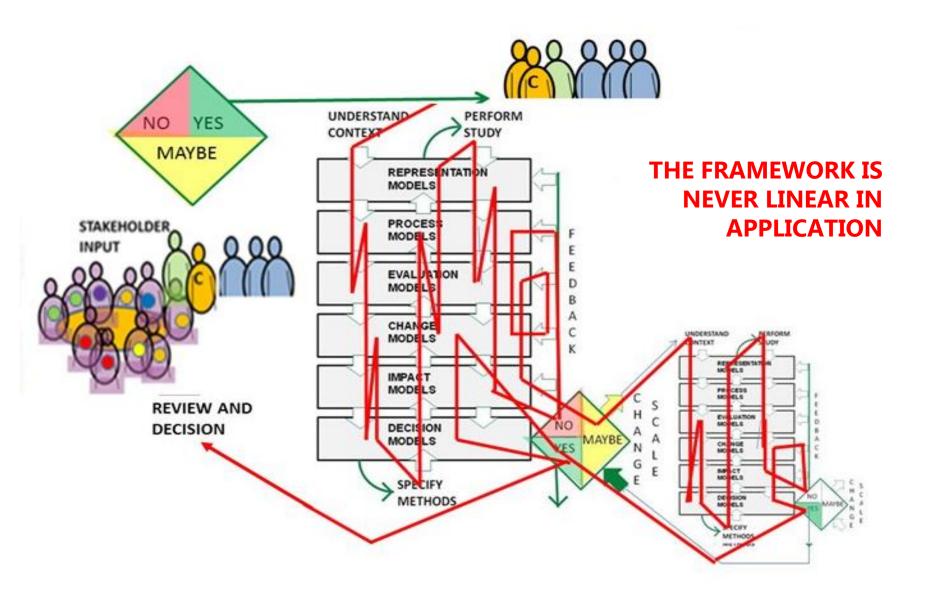
5. WHAT DIFFERENCES MIGHT THE CHANGES CAUSE?.....

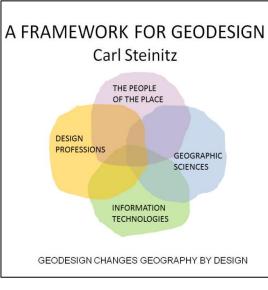
6. HOW SHOULD THE CONTEXT BE CHANGED?.....

A FRAMEWORK FOR GEODESIGN

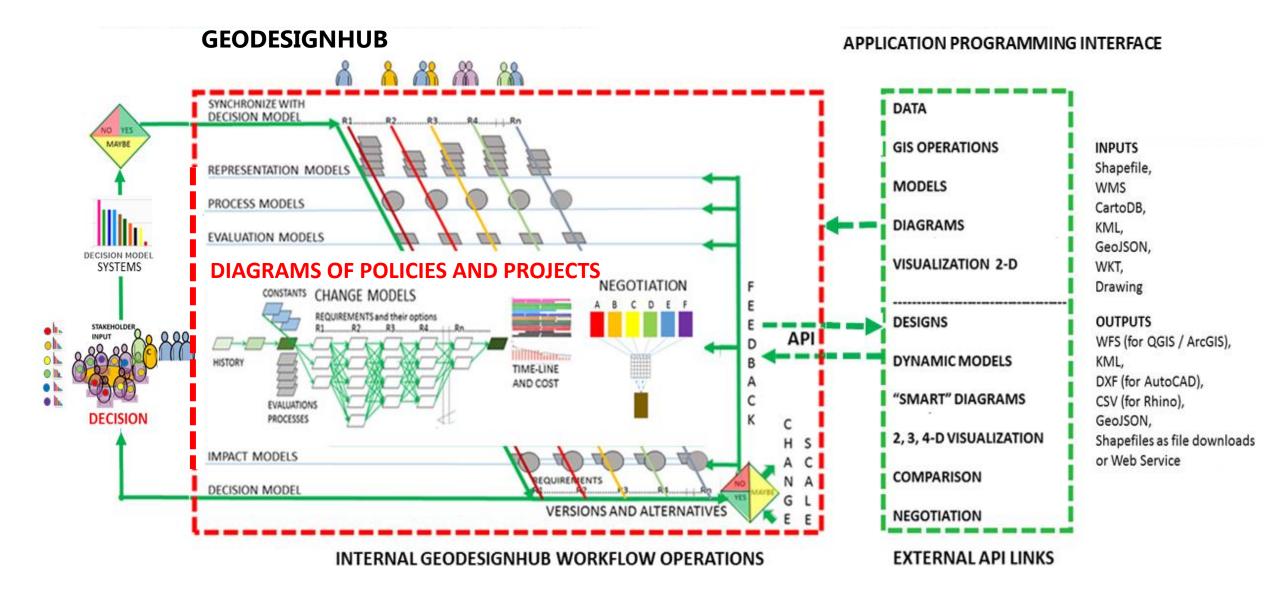


GEODESIGN IS NEVER LINEAR





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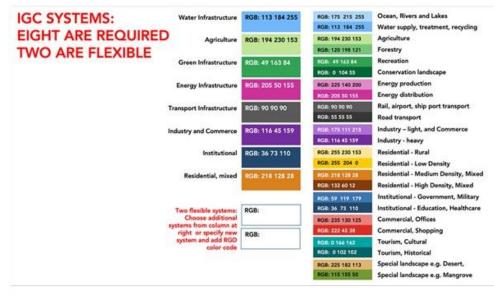


2018-2020: IGC IS 150+ UNIVERSITY-BASED TEAMS IN 50+ COUNTRIES WITH 96 COMPLETED STUDIES

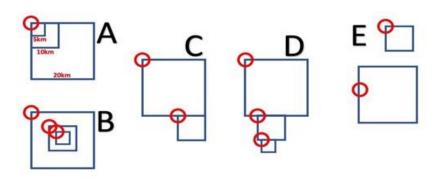


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HISTORY 2020 2035 2050 SCENARIO A: "EARLY ADOPTER" Adopts innovations early, resulting in changes in 2035 and 2050 SCENARIO B: "LATE ADOPTER" Waits until 2035, then adopts innovations leading to change in 2050 SCENARIO C: "NON-ADOPTER" Fails to adopt any innovations, allowing unplanned change to 2050



Squares of 0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 80, 160km etc.



SYSTEMS BASED INNOVATIONS



MIX 2035 16 SUSTAINABLE URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE

Stormwater Management: Reduce the runoff volume and improve water quality. This can be achieved by replicating the natural hydrology and water balance of the site, based on historical conditions and undeveloped ecosystems in the region.

Heat Island Reduction: Minimize effects on microclimates and human and wildlife habitats by reducing heat islands. Use existing plant materials, vegetation orenergy generation system to provide shade for 50% of non-roof site paving; High-Reflectance and Vegetated Roofs: Use roofing materials that have at least 0.75 SRI.

On-Site Renewable Energy Sources: Reduce environmental and economic harms associated with fossil fuel energy by increasing self-supply ofrenewable energy; Incorporate on-site nonpolluting renewable energy

generation, such as solar, wind, geothermal, small-scale or micro-hydroelectric, or biomass, with production capacity of at least 5% of the project's annual electrical and thermal energy cost.

District Heating & Cooling: Encourage development of energy efficient neighborhoods by employing district heating and cooling strategies that reduce energy use and energyrelated environmental harms.

Solid Waste Management Infrastructure: Include a recycling center available to all occupants, dedicated to separating, collecting and storing materials for recycling.



Wastewater Management: New design and construction projects should retain at least 25 percent of the average annual wastewater on site generated by the project.

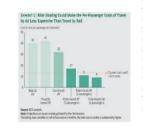
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Self-Driving Cars Will Disrupt Trains will remain the least

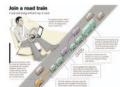
the Train Industry, Too -CityLab "...a new report released Monday from the Boston Consulting Group concentrates on the potential impact AVs will Have on an older, globally popular form of transportation: passenger rail. "Will Autonomous Vehicles Derail Trains?*



expensive mode of transport during peak times in urban areas. But during off-peak hours and in rural environments, they will lose riders to AVs. Rail companies may even end up in a downward spiral: with reduced overall ridership, rail companies' overall unit costs for all remaining passengers will escalate because of the inherently high proportion of fixed costs in operating a train network. This could trigger price increases or reduced schedules, which would result in a further reduction in ridership. It is difficult to operate fewer off-peak trains without affecting the costs of peak trains.

TRA 2035 8 SELF-DRIVING CARS WILL DISRUPT THE TRAIN INDUSTRY





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Source-https://www.citylab.com/transportation/2016/10/selfdriving-cars...trains.../502430/



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https://www.igc-geodesign.org/global-systems-research

ENE 2035/2050 1 RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES

"Industrial production is projected to increase by a factor of four between now and 2050. In the absence of a strong contribution from energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy and CO2 capture and storage (CCS) will need to make a significant impact if industry is substantially to reduce its consequent greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions."

Source:

Renewable Energy in Industrial Applications An assessment of the 2050 potential https://www.solarthermalworld. org/sites/gstec/files/unido rene wables_industrial_applications. pdf

renewable energy in industrial applications suggests that up to 21% of all final energy use and feedstock in manufacturing industry in 2050 can be of renewable origin." Across all industrial sectors, biomass has the potential to

The present analysis of the

long-term potential for

contribute 37 EJ/yr." Solar thermal energy has the potential to contribute 5.6

EJ/yr to industry by 2050.* Heat pumps also have a part

to play in low temperature process applications and are estimated to contribute 4.9 EJ/year in 2050."

landfills



Source: renewable energy sources in https://ohs9sciencestelr.weekly industry, it will not be .com/renewable-energynecessary to supply solid sources.html fuels to factories or build their



- WHEN EXPLORING STRATEGIC POSSIBILITIES
- WHEN APPLYING GEODESIGN AND THERE IS LITTLE TIME AND
 SMALL DATA
- WHEN STARTING FAST TO IDENTIFY CENTRAL ISSUES, OPTIONS
 AND CHOICES
- WHEN IT TAKES A DESIGN TO KNOW WHAT THE QUESTIONS
 REALLY ARE
- WHEN IT TAKES A DESIGN TO KNOW WHAT IS REALLY WANTED





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THE AL AIN STUDY AREA



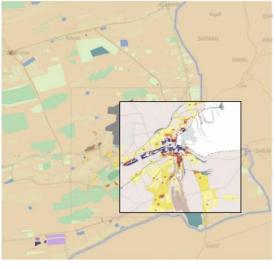


THE GEODESIGN CHALLENGE



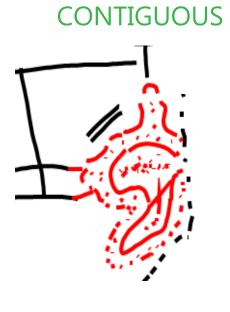
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- Changing Geography by Design
- The Al Ain study proposes that the population of around 800,000 will double by 2050.
- The current Al Ain Plan 2030 proposes a substantial rebuilding and densification of major portions of the existing city to accommodate growth to 2050 within the current city boundary.
- This approach is not been followed by the geodesign teams in the UAEU workshop.
- Rather, the assumed population growth to 2050 is seen as requiring substantial additional urban development and this has been the main focus of the workshop.
- Two alternative contiguous and distributed strategies which double development, and their subsequent negotiation, were the basis of defining the geodesign teams and their designs.



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AL AIN PLAN 2030









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 Double all development in Al Ain by 2050 as a "rule of thumb" estimate

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- From Al Ain Plan 2030: The Al Ain workshop was guided in part by the by principles established by Sheik Zayed when the city was developed in the last half of the 20th century. These policies have been respected by the workshop participants:
 - Protect the cultural and heritage buildings and landscapes
 - Protect nature and develop subject to environmental conditions
 - Apply sustainable infrastructure technology for managing energy and water
 - Maintain strict height controls on new buildings, to no more than four floors
 - Shape new growth by mixed-use
 - Develop in districts with a clear desert edge
 - Develop a park system for outdoor use
 - Develop pedestrian friendly centers

IGC INNOVATIONS:

- WAT 3 Agricultural Water Conservation Best Practices
- WAT 8 Bioretention
- AGR 8 Ecological Pest Management
- AGR 18 Controlled-environment Agriculture (CEA)
- GRN 3 Integrated Vegetated Stormwater Infrastructure
- GRN 10 Green Urban Streets
- ENE 1 Renewable Energy Sources
- TRA 1 Autonomous Vehicle Revolution
- TRA 12 Autonomous Air Taxis
- IND/COM 6 Computer-integrated Manufacturing
- MIX 1 Mixed Use Development
- MIX 5 Technology for Multi-dimensional Use of Space
- HER 1 Protect and manage cultural-historical heritage
- DES 1 Protect and manage desert landscape



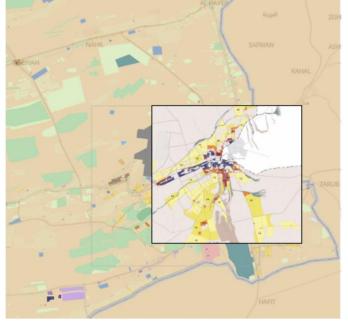


AL AIN WORKSHOP PREPARATION



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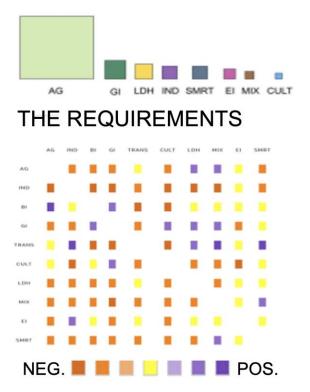
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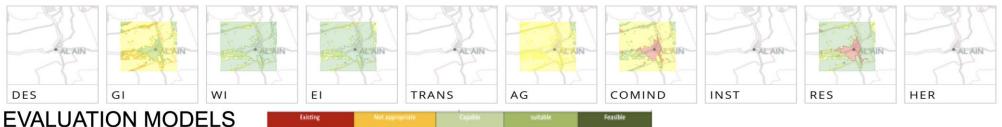
2020 EXISTING Plan Al Ain 2030



10 SYSTEMS



SYSTEM IMPACT MODELS



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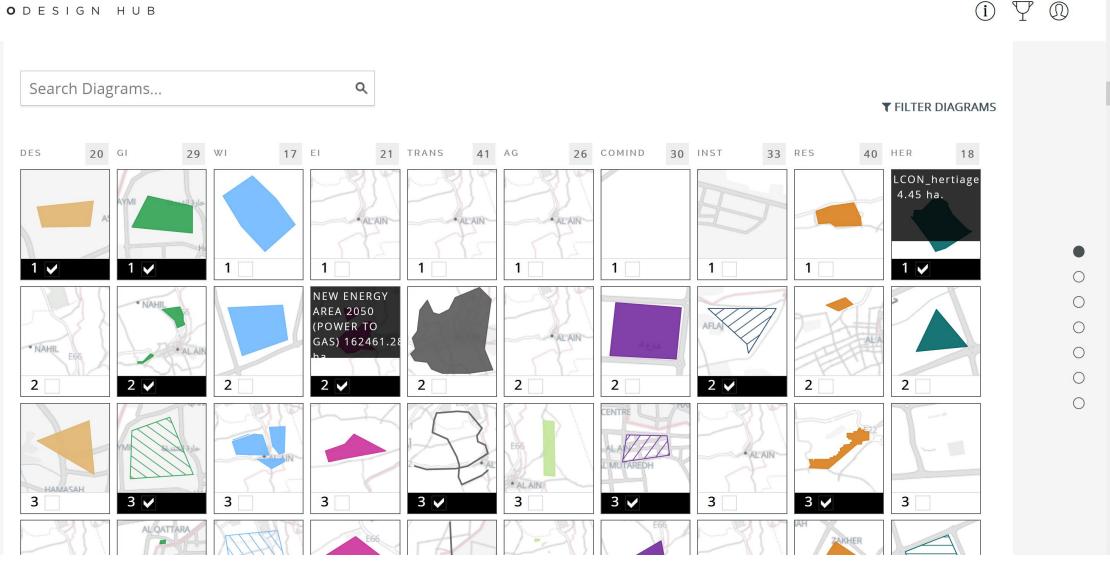
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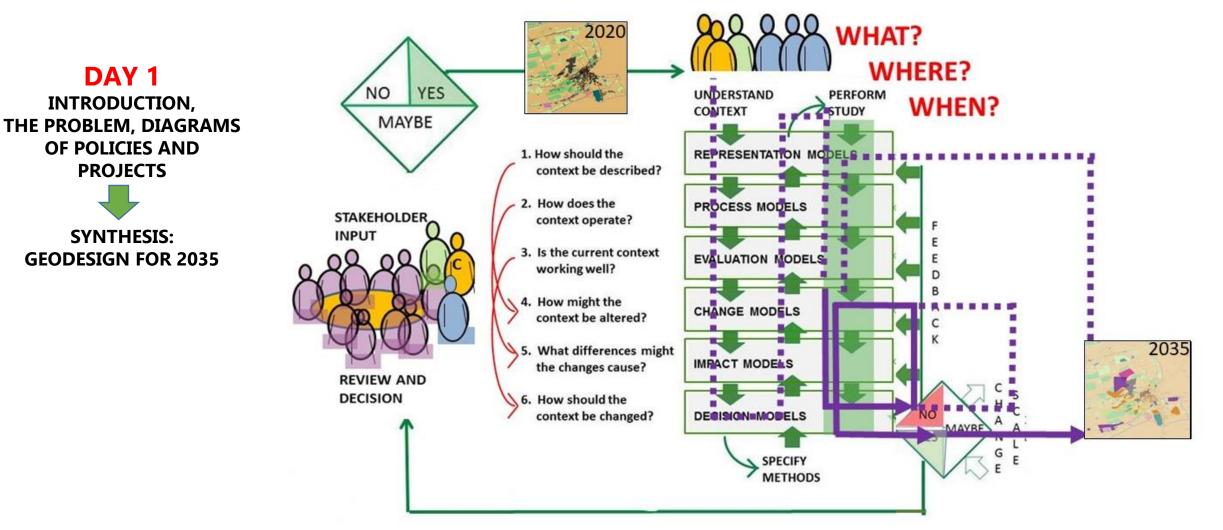


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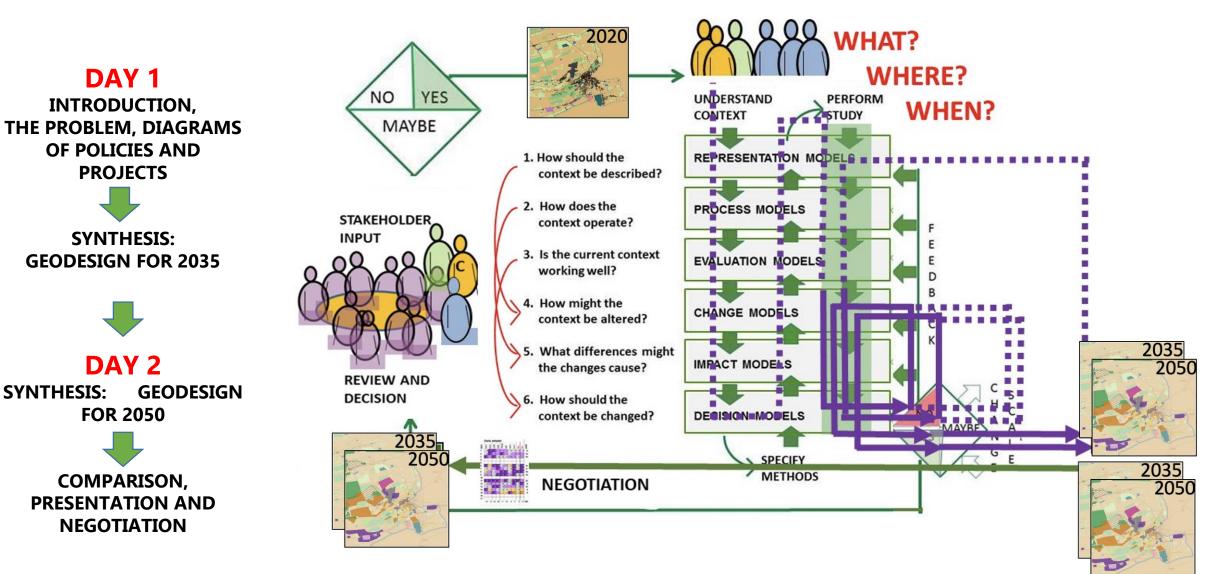


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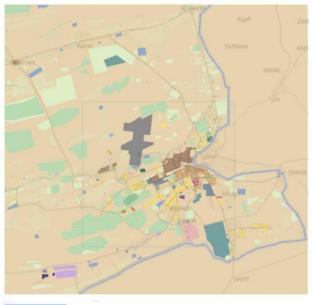


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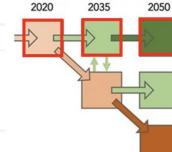


THE EARLY ADOPTER SCENARIO

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Water Infrastructure
Agriculture
Green Infrastructure
Energy Infrastructure
Transport Infrastructure
Industry and Commerce
Institutional
Residential, Mixed
Flexible, e.g., Cultural/Historical
Flexible, e.g., Desert



2035 EARLY ADOPTER



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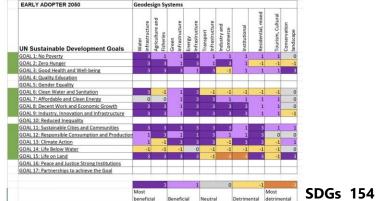
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2050 EARLY ADOPTER









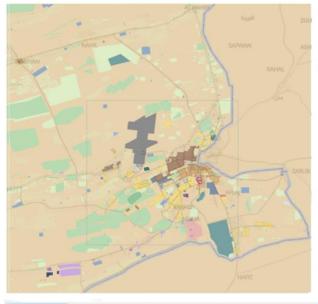
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THE LATE ADOPTER SCENARIO

2050 LATE ADOPTER

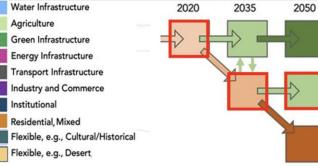
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2035 NON AND LATE ADOPTER

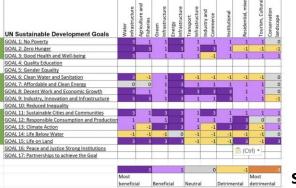




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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

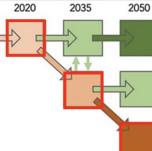


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Flexible, e.g., Desert,

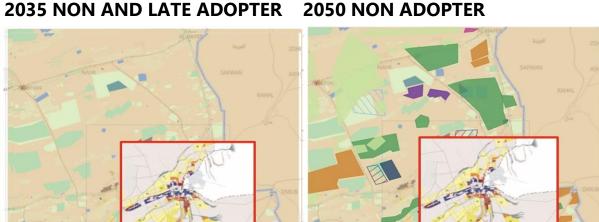


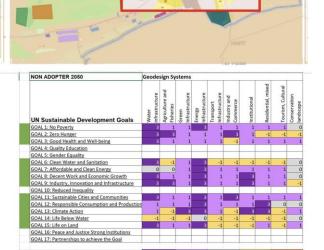
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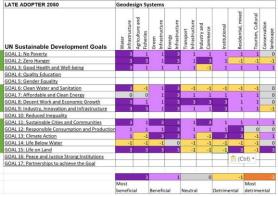
EARLY ADOPTER 2050



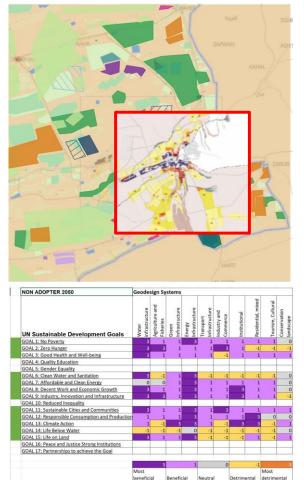
EARLY ADOPTER 2050	Geodesign Systems									
UN Sustainable Development Goals	Water Infrastructure	Agriculture and Fisheries	Green Infrastructure	Energy Infrastructure	Transport	Industry and Commerce	Institutional	Residential, mixed	Tourism, Cultural	Conservation
GOAL 1: No Poverty		1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	(
GOAL 2: Zero Hunger	3		1		1		1	-1	-1	-1
GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being	3			1		-1	1	1	1	
GOAL 4: Quality Education										
GOAL 5: Gender Equality										
GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation	3	-1	1		-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	(
GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy	0	0	1			1	1	1	1	(
GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth	3	3	1				3	1	1	(
GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	3		1				3	1	1	1
GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality										
GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities	3	3					1		1	1
GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production		3	1			1	1	3	0	(
GOAL 13: Climate Action	1	-1				-1	3		-1	1
GOAL 14: Life Below Water	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	(
GOAL 15: Life on Land	3	3		3	-1		-3	3	-1	
GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions										
GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal		_	_							
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LATE ADOPTER 2050





NON ADOPTER 2050



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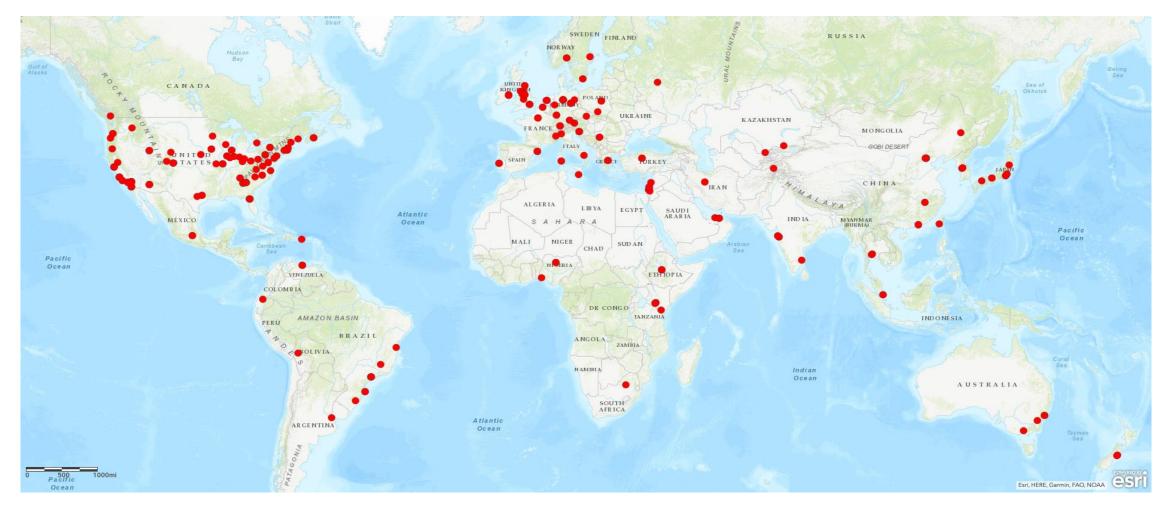
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