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# Session 4: Smart, Resilient, and Sustainable Cities: Cooperation and Partnerships

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## Sustainable Urban Development

Cities are hubs for commerce, science, productivity, social, human and economic interactions. Urban planning, transport systems, water and sanitation, waste management, disaster risk reduction, access to information, poverty reduction, education and capacity building are interconnected with sustainable urban development.







- Aligning these monitoring frameworks to help achieve sustainable urban development is a great accomplishment, and presents huge opportunities, as well as many challenges.
- It also highlights the importance of bringing together information producers, users, and policy makers, engaging communities, strengthening interagency activities, and <u>enhancing national, regional, and global collaboration and partnerships</u>.
- Earth observations can help enable such linkages by promoting equity, welfare, and shared prosperity for all levels of human settlement and fostering national urban planning.

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# Rainfall and Mass Movements: available data and resources

#### NASA data and resources

- Satellite precipitation data from the TRMM and GPM satellites is available at 0.1 degree resolution globally
- Global Landslide Catalog with over 130 landslides reported in the greater Rio area
- Global susceptibility map at 1km
- Open source threshold-based landslide "nowcasting" system that can be shared with Rio or customized for this region
- Expertise in rainfall analysis and regional landslide modeling

#### **Rio data and resources**

 33 Rain gauges throughout the city that operate at 15 min. intervals 6

- Landslide inventory
- Regional landslide susceptibility map
- High resolution elevation from LIDAR
- Local expertise in geological and climatic setting of the region, mass movement issues throughout the city, hotspot areas for landslide activity

## NASA-Rio Workshop on Climate Change Impacts

As part of the NASA-Rio agreement, 10 representatives from offices across the Rio City Government participated in a 3-day interactive training workshop with NASA GISS, GSFC and Columbia University scientists on the topics of Sea Level Rise, Urban Heat Islands, and Water Quality. There was a science policy discussion with the NYC Mayor's office, C40 initiative, Rio, and NASA (right), science presentations for the three thematic areas (bottom), and a demonstration of the advanced City Operations Center in Rio (bottom, right).



## **Private – Public Partnerships**

### NASA + Microsoft

- NASA + Microsoft partnership (agreement pending) will focus in-part on <u>urban resiliency</u>
- Motivation: Explore the integration of technology (e.g., cloud-based services, Internet of Things) and Big Data (e.g., NASA Earth observations and model output) advances to support data-based approaches to inform and enhance decisions on long-term planning around infrastructure and resiliency investments



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NASA + Microsoft workshop on urban resiliency

#### Objective

Utilize partnerships (1) as an amplifier of NASA Earth Science Division's work and (2) to create new understanding of the Earth system and societal benefits that essential leverage the resources and expertise of both NASA and the partner to achieve what neither group could alone







# NASA and Rio de Janeiro work together to address climate impacts and extreme events at the city level

NASA's Earth Science Division and the Rio de Janeiro mayor's office signed an agreement in December 2015, to support innovative efforts to better understand, anticipate, and monitor natural hazards and climate change impacts around the city.

Through this partnership, NASA scientists and representatives from the Rio de Janeiro city government met at NASA GISS for a 3day technical exchange and workshop on the topics of sea level rise, urban heat islands, and water quality from Nov. 14-16<sup>th</sup>.

As part of this workshop, Dalia Kirschbaum (NASA GSFC), Cynthia Rosenzweig (NASA GISS), Dan Bader (Columbia University), Felipe Mandariano (Rio City Government) and Susanne DesRoches (New York City Mayor's office) participated in a <u>Facebook</u> <u>Live event</u> in southern Manhattan that has been viewed by 88k people. A <u>feature story</u> and short video were also released the same day, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. 2016



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# NASA-Rio Outreach Webinars

As part of a NASA-Rio agreement signed in December 2015, NASA GSFC conducted three outreach webinars in partnership with the Rio de Janeiro city government, led by the city's planetarium. A series of three webinars featured science talks on the main focus areas of this partnership: climate impacts, extreme events, water and air quality, and education/outreach.

The three webinars were conducted in Portuguese and were recorded. In addition, several NASA videos and educational material were translated into Portuguese and shared with a broad network of schools within Rio. All information and materials on the partnership can be found in English and Portuguese at: http://science.gsfc.nasa.gov/610/appliedsciences/nasa\_rio\_partnership.html

