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Mapping Open Urbanism & Multigination Collaborative Research

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The Open Urbanism Foundation responds to the need for cooperation platforms expressed by the UN-Habitat New Urban Agenda. The Foundation participated in drafting the principles of Open Urbanism and develops civic-tech visual collective intelligence tools that empower civil societies and integrate them into urban transition processes.

Envisioning the Long-term Dissemination of Multigination Research

The Open Urbanism Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Vernier, Canton of Geneva. By conviction and according to its statutes, the Foundation only takes part in collaborative research projects whose results can be shared under free and open-source licenses, as is the case for Multigination.

This ensures that the Foundation can continue to share the Multigination approach well after the research ends in 2026. Networks of researchers and cities, as well as the international 7 Billion Urbanists network, will be able to use and further develop the Multigination approach, adapting it to changing contexts. The open framework used for Multigination (Creative Commons CC BY-SA and GNU AGPLv3 licenses for the software) grants no exclusivity to the Foundation; any actor, provided the licenses are respected, can use and distribute Multigination.
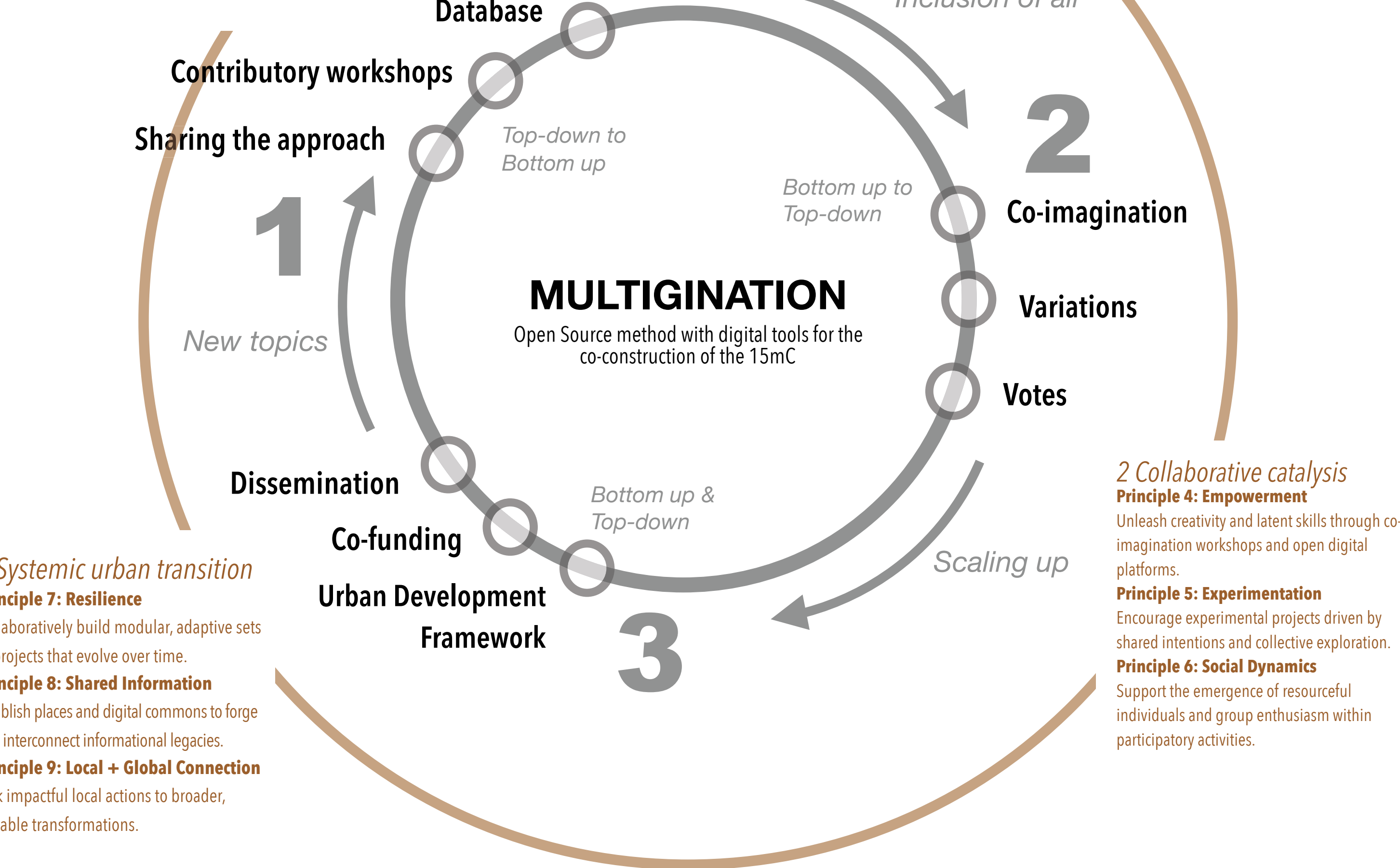
Sharing Universal Open Urbanism Principles & Civic Tech Platforms Worldwide

These principles and civic tech platforms are shared as commons with governments, public and private actors, NGOs, and researchers. It is what Unlimited Cities belong to the good practices highlighted by UN-Habitat since their presentation at the Habitat III conference by the members of the Fondation and the 7 Billion Urbanists network with professors of the Central University of Ecuador.

Because of their open and common nature, these principles, methods, and platforms benefit from contributive dynamics. Thy are continuously improved and shared by users, paving the way for progress through knowledge exchange and guaranteeing universality by allowing free adaptation to any cultural, social, or geographic context.

Open Urbanism principles

1 Necessary Conditions
Principle 1: Participation
Foster trust between political leaders, experts, and civil society, forming the initial framework for action.
Principle 2: Inclusion
Proactively reach diverse community members where everyday life unfolds.
Principle 3: Engagement
Spark the interest of all residents, ensuring that everyone feels invited into the process.

Database
Contributory workshops
Sharing the approach
1
New topics

Top-down to Bottom up
Inclusion of all
Bottom up to Top-down

2
Co-imagination
Variations
Votes

MULTIGINATION
Open Source method with digital tools for the co-construction of the 15mC

Scaling up
Bottom up & Top-down

Dissemination
Co-funding
Urban Development
Framework
3

3 Systemic urban transition
Principle 7: Resilience
Collaboratively build modular, adaptive sets of projects that evolve over time.
Principle 8: Shared Information
Establish places and digital commons to forge and interconnect informational legacies.
Principle 9: Local + Global Connection
Link impactful local actions to broader, scalable transformations.

2 Collaborative catalysis
Principle 4: Empowerment
Unleash creativity and latent skills through co-imagination workshops and open digital platforms.
Principle 5: Experimentation
Encourage experimental projects driven by shared intentions and collective exploration.
Principle 6: Social Dynamics
Support the emergence of resourceful individuals and group enthusiasm within participatory activities.

Large-scale Open Innovation For All

In the recent past, public and professional actors rightly noted the difficulty of reaching all audiences and sometimes even doubted public interest in urban and territorial transformation. Those days are over.

Today, the development of open urban planning methods and civic tools for visualizing collective intelligence enables the creation of collective design-thinking processes within urban living labs. In these creative environments, all stakeholders and civil society are empowered to co-invent, in collaboration with municipalities and their urban planning departments, new forms of human habitat that are rich in meaning and aspiration, as they are shaped by the co-construction of new, sustainable, and high-quality ways of living.

Unlimited Civic-tech
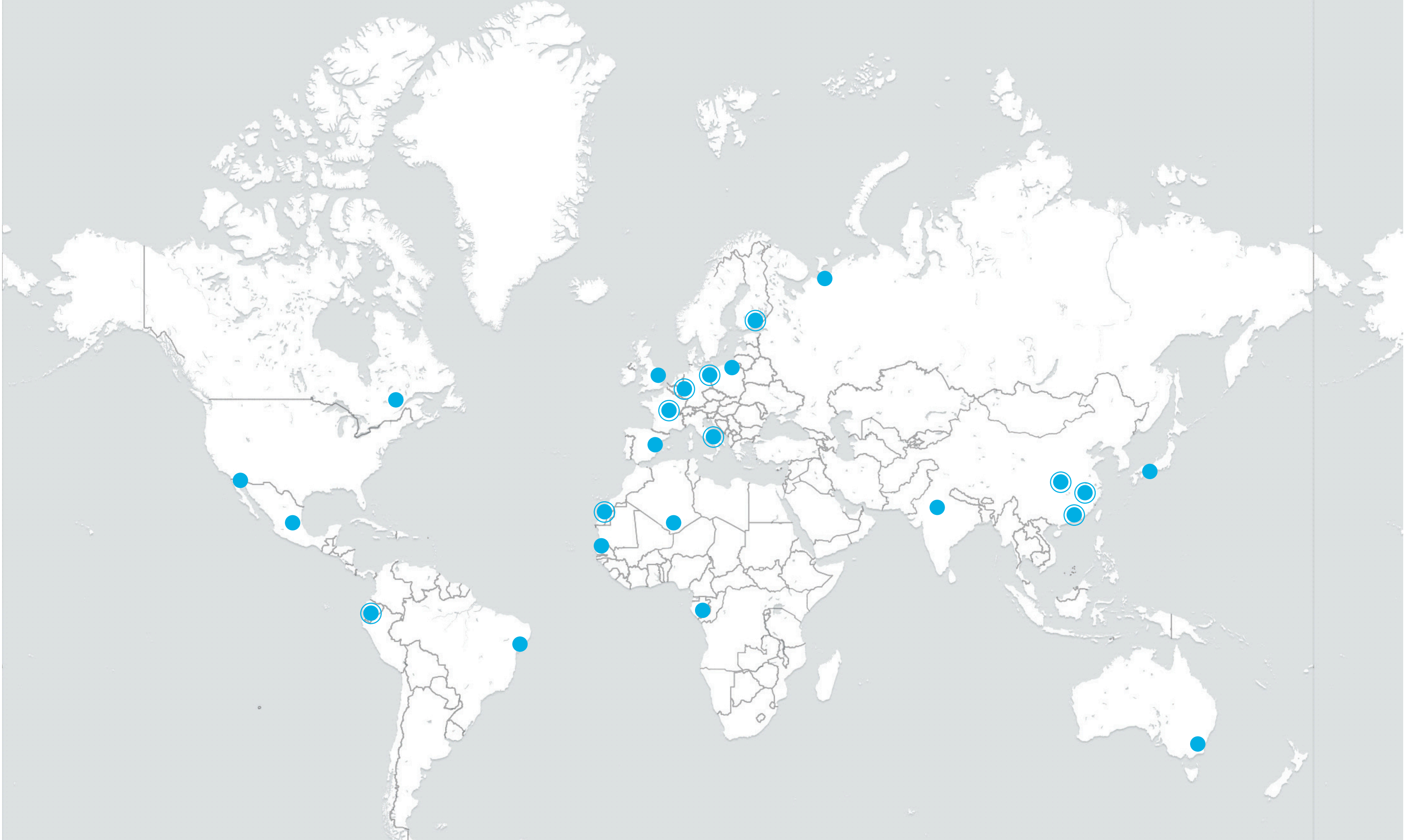### Workshops and projects

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Belgium	Mexico
Brazil	Morocco
Canada	Poland
China	Russia
Denmark	Spain
Ecuador	Switzerland
Finland	Taiwan
France	Uk
Germany	Usa
India	
Italy	
Japan	

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