

Space Science and Technology for Advancing Public Health

Ramesh S. Krishnamurthy, PhD, MPH

Senor Advisor, Health Systems and Innovations Cluster
World Health Organization

Key Messages

- Integration of Space science and technology to health systems strengthening efforts to be more widely practiced
- Closer collaboration between Ministries of Health and Ministries of Science/Technology is essential

World Health Organization

WHO at a glance

- ▶ 194 Member States
- ▶ Headquarters in Geneva
- ▶ 6 regional offices
- ▶ More than 150 country offices
- ▶ More than 7000 staff
- ▶ More than 700 institutions supporting WHO's work
- ▶ Close partnerships with UN agencies, donors, foundations, academia, nongovernmental organizations and the private sector

- 
- The background of the slide features a world map with WHO regions color-coded: Region of the Americas (light green), African Region (tan), European Region (light blue), Eastern Mediterranean Region (yellow), South-East Asia Region (dark blue), and Western Pacific Region (medium green). Specific locations are marked with black dots: Brazzaville in the African Region and Manila in the Western Pacific Region.
- Region of the Americas
 - African Region
 - European Region
 - Eastern Mediterranean Region
 - South-East Asia Region
 - Western Pacific Region



**World Health Assembly
the decision-making body of WHO**

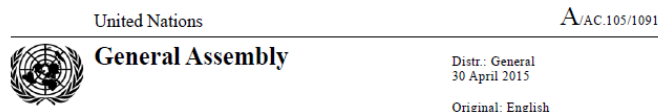




Innovation exchange: WHEN SPACE MEETS HEALTH
European Space Agency - Noordwijk, The Netherlands - 8 November 2016

Relevant Documents for Discussion

Space Science and Public Health



Committee on the Peaceful
Uses of Outer Space

Space for global health

Special report of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space
Activities on the use of space science and technology within the
United Nations system for global health

I. Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 69/85, on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space, urged the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities (UN-Space), under the leadership of the Office for Outer Space Affairs of the Secretariat, to continue to examine how space science and technology and their applications could contribute to implementing the Millennium Declaration and to the post-2015 development agenda process, and encouraged entities of the United Nations system to participate, as appropriate, in UN-Space coordination efforts to that effect.

2. UN-Space serves as the focal point for inter-agency coordination and cooperation in space-related activities within the United Nations system. At its thirty-fourth session, held in New York on 13 and 14 May 2014, UN-Space recalled that its previous special reports had addressed the following themes (A/AC.105/1064, para. 17): new and emerging technologies, applications and initiatives for space-related inter-agency cooperation (see A/AC.105/843); space benefits for Africa: contribution of the United Nations system (see A/AC.105/941); use of space technology within the United Nations system to address climate change issues (see A/AC.105/991); and space for agriculture development and food security (see A/AC.105/1042).

3. At its thirty-fourth session, UN-Space agreed that the next special report should address the theme of space for global health (A/AC.105/1064, para. 18).

4. The present report was prepared by the Office for Outer Space Affairs in cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO), the Cartographic Section of the Department of Field Support of the Secretariat and the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

V.15-02978 (E) 140515 150515

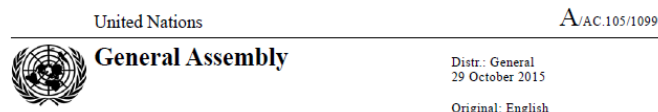


Please recycle A small recycling symbol consisting of three chasing arrows forming a triangle.

Special report of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities on the use of space science and technology within the United Nations system for global health

**UN Document:
A/AC.105/1091
30 April 2015**

Space Science and Public Health



Committee on the Peaceful
Uses of Outer Space

Report on the meeting on the applications of space science and technology for public health organized by the World Health Organization and the Office for Outer Space Affairs

(Geneva, 15 and 16 June 2015)

I. Introduction

1. The World Health Organization (WHO) is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations. It is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries to strengthen their health systems, assisting countries in reaching the health-related targets of the Sustainable Development Goals and monitoring and assessing health trends.
2. The Office for Outer Space Affairs of the Secretariat is the implementing organization for the United Nations Programme on Space Applications, which is mandated to provide technical advisory services on the use of space science, technology and applications as requested by Member States or any of the specialized agencies.
3. There exists a wide range of space science and technology applications that address public health issues. Earth observation satellites enable us to collect valuable local, regional and global data and information in support of public health decision-making, for example, with regard to epidemic control, disease management, planning related to well-being, and studying and monitoring vector-borne diseases.
4. Telecommunications satellites are used in tele-health and telemedicine applications for transmitting medical advice and information, in particular in rural and isolated locations that have limited access to adequate medical support. Telecommunications satellites can also assist in tracking the delivery of essential medical supplies and health commodities. Tele-health solutions aid countries in

V.15-07463 (E) 101115 111115

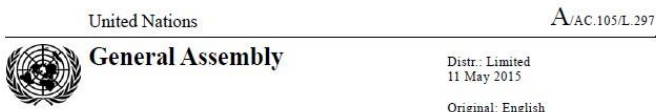


Please recycle 

Report on the meeting on the applications of space science and technology for public health organized by the World Health Organization and the Office for Outer Space Affairs

**UN Document:
A/AC.105/1099
29 October 2015**

Space Science and Public Health



Committee on the Peaceful
Uses of Outer Space
Fifty-eighth session
Vienna, 10-19 June 2015
Item 14 of the provisional agenda*
Other matters

Fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: theme of the sessions of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, its Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and its Legal Subcommittee in 2018

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. At the fifty-second session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, in 2015, the Working Group of the Whole of the Subcommittee considered the item on space technology for socioeconomic development in the context of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the post-2015 development agenda.
2. In this context, the Working Group had before it a note by the past, present and incoming chairs of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space entitled "2018 'UNISPACE+50' theme of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, the Legal Subcommittee and the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space" (A/AC.105/C.1/2015/CRP.30).
3. The Working Group agreed to the main proposal by the past, present and incoming chairs of the Committee and requested the Secretariat, in close consultation with the past, present and incoming chairs, to develop their proposal in further detail and present it for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-eighth session in June 2015 (see A/AC.105/1088, annex I, paras. 3 and 4).

* A/AC.105/L.292.

V.15-03213 (E)



Please recycle

Fiftieth anniversary of the UN Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: theme of the sessions of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, its Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and its Legal Subcommittee in 2018

**UN Document:
A/AC.105/L.297
11 May 2015**



Space Science and Public Health



Committee on the Peaceful
Uses of Outer Space

Report on the United Nations Expert Meeting on the International Space Station Benefits for Health

(Vienna, 19-20 February 2014)

I. Introduction

1. The United Nations Expert Meeting on the International Space Station Benefits for Health was held in Vienna on 19 and 20 February 2014. The Meeting was part of the Human Space Technology Initiative, an initiative carried out within the framework of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications (see www.oosa.unvienna.org/oosa/en/SAP/hsti/index.html).
2. The Meeting focused on facilitating dialogue to extend the benefits of the International Space Station (ISS) for health. The Meeting was designed to compile existing or new information related to the six leadership priorities of the World Health Organization (WHO), as defined by the sixty-sixth World Health Assembly in its twelfth general programme of work for the six-year period 2014-2019, and to facilitate a dialogue between ISS partner agencies and WHO aimed at identifying potential areas of collaboration where the needs and requirements of the health sector intersected with the benefits derived from space applications and technologies.
3. The Meeting was organized by the Office for Outer Space Affairs of the Secretariat, WHO and the partner agencies of the ISS programme, namely, the Canadian Space Agency (CSA), the European Space Agency (ESA), the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) of the United States of America and the Russian Federal Space Agency (Roscosmos) participated in the Meeting.
4. The present report has been prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/75. It describes the background, objectives and programme of the Meeting. It also provides a summary of the current leadership priorities of WHO and the health-related activities of the participating ISS partner agencies, describes the identified shared problems related to providing health care for astronauts on ISS

V.14-05773 (E) 220914 230914



Please recycle

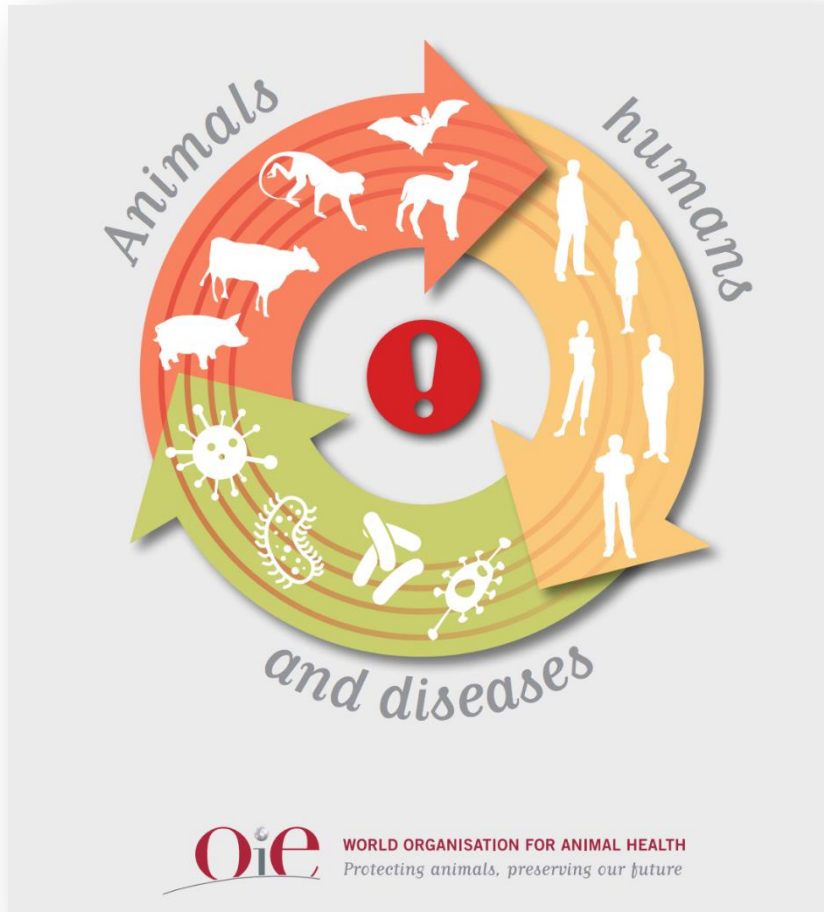
Report on the United Nations Expert Meeting on the International Space Station Benefits for Health

**UN Document:
A/AC.105/1069
10 September 2014**

Notion of Health - One Health

*the interconnectedness of human
health, animal health and the
ecosystem*

One Health



Source: OIE, 2016; <http://www.oie.int/for-the-media/onehealth/>

One Health

60%

of existing human infectious diseases are zoonotic



At least 75%

of emerging infectious diseases of humans (including Ebola, HIV, and influenza) have an animal origin



5

new human diseases appear every year. Three are of animal origin



80%

of agents with potential bioterrorist use are zoonotic pathogens



Source: OIE, 2016; <http://www.oie.int/for-the-media/onehealth/>

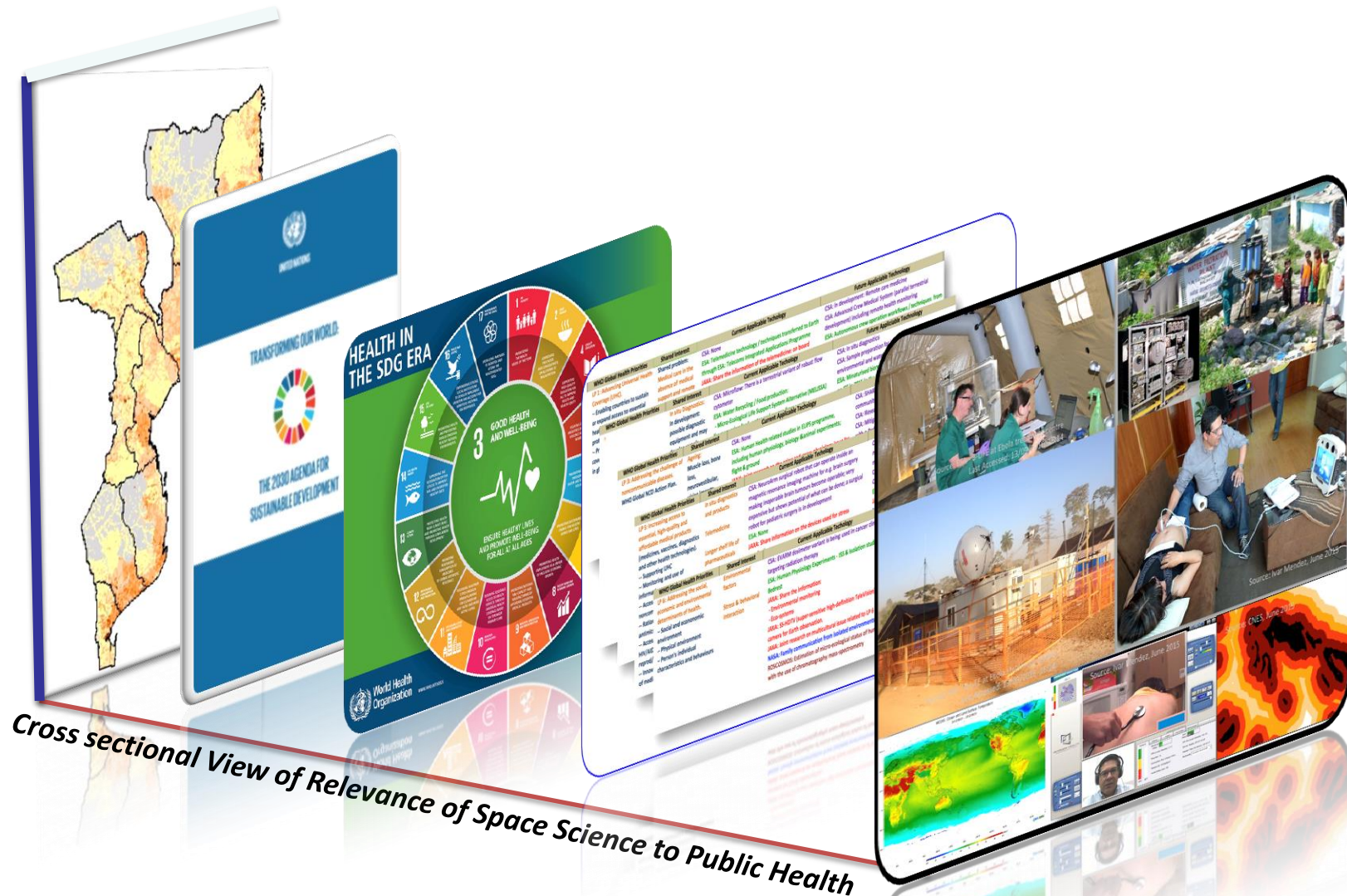


Relevance of Space Science to SDG for Health

Leveraging benefits of space science, geospatial data
for advancing health agenda

Underpinnings

- Need to understand the current needs of healthcare and public health
- Need to understand the relevance of Space science and technology to overall health systems strengthening efforts
- Need to match appropriate public health and health services delivery needs to innovative space science and technology solutions



Cross sectional View of Relevance of Space Science to Public Health



SDGs and Benefits from Space Science



HEALTH IN THE SDG ERA

2



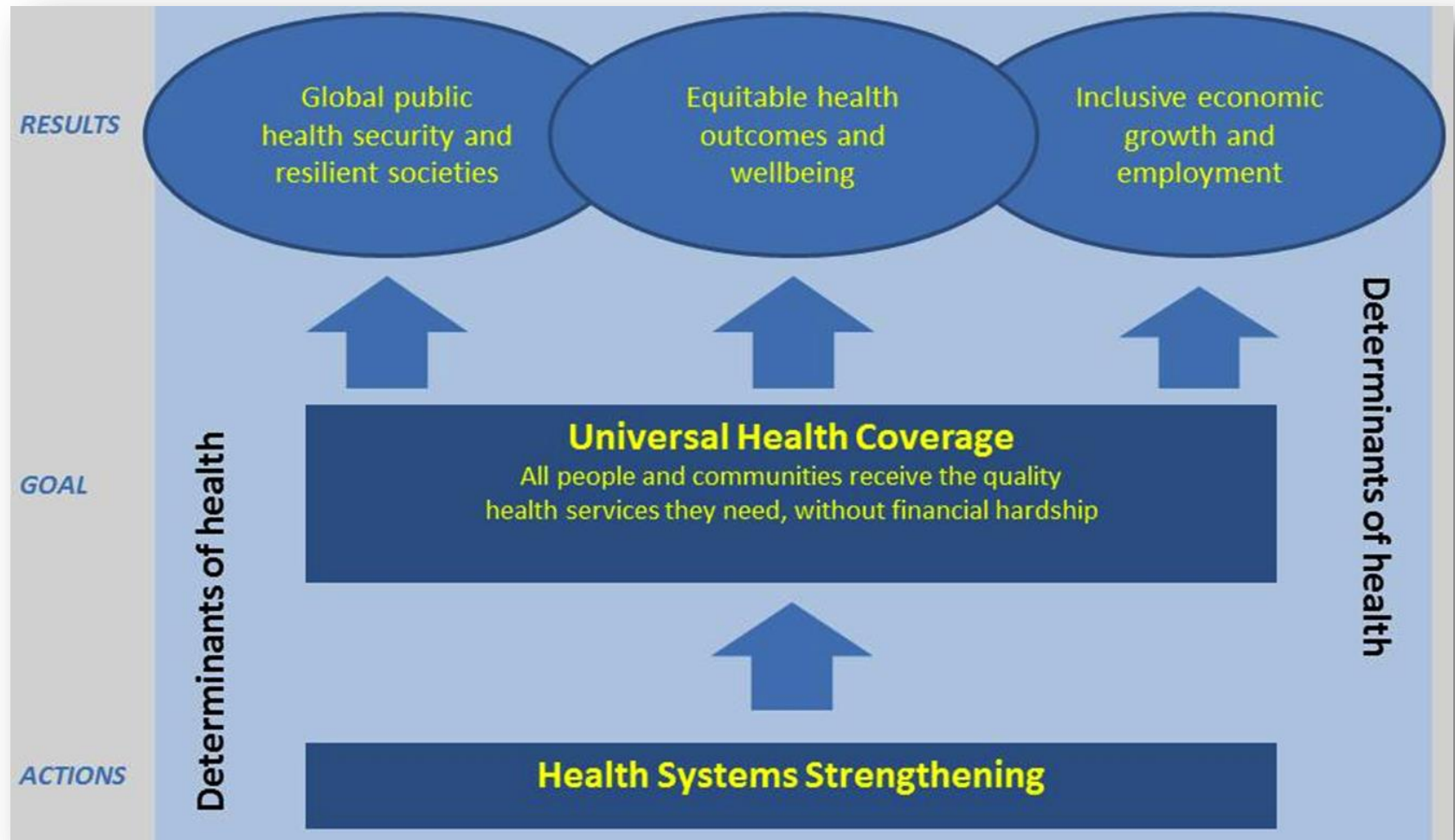
WWW.WHO.INT/SDGS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Health Systems for SDGs

2



Matrix of Relevance

SDG

SPACE SCIENCE AND HEALTH RELEVANCE

1: No Poverty	Prioritizing the health needs of the poor
2: Zero Hunger	Addressing the causes and consequences of all forms of malnutrition
6: Clean water and sanitation	Preventing diseases through safe water and sanitation for all
10: Reduced inequalities	Ensuring equitable access to health services through Universal Health Coverage Based on stronger primary care
13: Climate Action	Protecting health from climate risks, and promoting health through low-carbon development
14: Life below water	Supporting the restoration of fish stocks to improve safe and diversified healthy diets
15: Life on land	Promoting health and preventing diseases through healthy natural environments

Potential Areas of Collaboration

WHO Global Health Priorities	Shared Interest	Current Applicable Technology	Future Applicable Technology
	<p>In situ Diagnostics: In development: possible diagnostic equipment and may develop sample preparation that could be used by both</p> <p>Water supply: (1) Quality (2) Purification (3) Storage</p>	<p>CSA: Microflow: There is a terrestrial variant of robust flow cytometer</p> <p>ESA: Water Recycling / Food production:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Micro-Ecological Life Support System Alternative (MELISSA) for recovering food, water and oxygen from waste - Gray water recycling (active at Concordia) <p>JAXA: Share information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food safety - Eco-systems <p>NASA: Lab On A Chip water testing NASA: Rapid water purification NASA: Ultrasound for prenatal care</p> <p>ROSCOSMOS: Prenosological population physical health evaluation methods and devices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ECOSAN device designed for prenosological control of health level on the basis of a cardio-respiratory examination (already used in ten world regions) - HEALTH NAVIGATOR all-round health screening - Loading tests for the estimation of functional reserves 	<p>CSA: In situ diagnostics CSA: Sample preparation for in situ diagnostics including environmental and water supplies.</p> <p>ESA: Minaturised bioreactor with sensor systems; will be tested on ISS in 2015 in the Arthrospira Experiment on the ISS (ArtEMISS) ESA: Black water recycling system development for Concordia station ESA: ICARUS project, implemented by the German Space Agency DLR, addressing animal-borne disease tracking & prediction</p> <p>JAXA: Nutritionally enforced (functional food): antioxidant, protein-rich NASA: Foodborne illness / vaccine work (2018) NASA: Pneumonia vaccine work (2018) NASA: Shelf-stable full untrition food bar (2018)</p> <p>ROSCOSMOS: Development of special telemedicine programmes and projects on the governmental level with other institutions ROSCOSMOS: Development and creation of new telemedicine technologies and devices for the use in space medicine and in public health care</p>



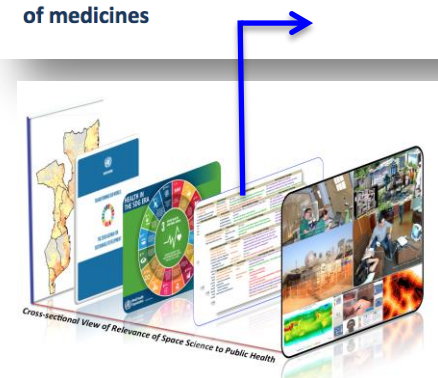
Potential Areas of Collaboration

WHO Global Health Priorities	Shared Interest	Current Applicable Technology	Future Applicable Technology
LP 3: Addressing the challenge of noncommunicable diseases. WHO Global NCD Action Plan.	Ageing: Muscle loss, bone loss, neurovestibular, vision impacts New or enhanced therapies for non-communicable diseases emphasizing ageing populations (typically multimorbid and frail)	CSA: None ESA: Human Health related studies in ELIPS programme, including human physiology, biology & animal experiments; flight & ground JAXA: Joint research on the aging and space physiology issue for the wellbeing of the society NASA: Neurocognitive test battery NASA: Non-pharmaceutical interventions for osteoporosis NASA: Vitamin D and Omega-3 fatty acid ROSCOSMOS: A treatment for cardio-respiratory diseases with warmed-up oxygen-helium mixtures ROSCOSMOS: Technologies for neuro-rehabilitation for stroke and Parkinson patients like Corrigent suit, Regent suit, KORVIT, and an IMMERSION FACILITY ROSCOSMOS: High technological training machines for the testing, training and rehabilitation of people of different physical capacity ROSCOSMOS: Foot supporting zone stimulation device adapted for the elderly	CSA: SHARE initiative to bring together international community of space and aging to work together. CSA: Research: various areas CSA: Mitigation strategies: Measures of neurocognitive state with a Performance Readiness Evaluation Tool (PRET) and look for others ESA: European Life and Physical Science Research Platform (ELIPS) offering a programme framework for project incubation, coordination and experimental platform opportunities JAXA: Series of pamphlet for outreach on e.g. exercise, sleep, nutrition NASA: Freeze-dried or pouch "super foods" (2018) NASA: Non-invasive intracranial pressure monitor (2018) ROSCOSMOS: The conception of physical health centers ROSCOSMOS: New methods of gravitation therapy on the basis of short radius centrifuge ROSCOSMOS: Probiotics (microorganisms reviving the normal microflora of the human organism)



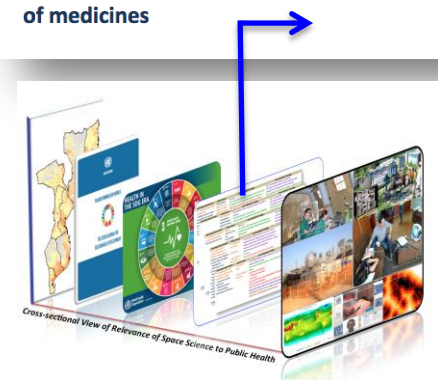
Potential Areas of Collaboration

WHO Global Health Priorities	Shared Interest	Current Applicable Technology	Future Applicable Technology
LP 5: Increasing access to essential, high-quality and affordable medical products (medicines, vaccines, diagnostics and other health technologies). -- Supporting UHC -- Monitoring and use of information -- Access to medicines for noncommunicable diseases -- Rational use of medicines antimicrobial resistance -- Access to medicines for HIV/AIDS, TBC, malaria, reprod/mat/child health -- Innovation & local production of medicines	In situ diagnostics and products Telemedicine Longer shelf life of pharmaceuticals	CSA: NeuroArm surgical robot that can operate inside an magnetic resonance imaging machine for e.g. brain surgery making inoperable brain tumours become operable; very expensive but shows potential of what can be done; a surgical robot for pediatric surgery is in development ESA: None JAXA: Share information on the devices used for stress monitoring JAXA: 24-hour ECG for biological or circadian rhythms and heart rate variability in frequency domain JAXA: Actigraphy to monitor physical activity, e.g. for assessing sleep quality NASA: Long-term efficacy tests across a basic medical kit of about 80 major medicines ROSCOSMOS: CARDIOSON contact-less recording of physiological signals during sleeping and ECOSAN-TM with the translation of physiological signals to a doctor	CSA: Advanced Crew Medical Systems includes remote health monitoring, biosensor devices and textiles, e.g. physiological monitor "Astroskin" CSA: Bioanalysis and Biodiagnostics CSA: Research: Looking for biomarkers of disease; data-mining ESA: None JAXA: None NASA: Infrared machine to measure pharmaceutical potency (2018) ROSCOSMOS: New devices on the basis of current space prototypes for the effective diagnostic of cardio-vascular system disfunctions (with the three dimensional ballistocardiography, dispersive mapping, etc.) ROSCOSMOS: Contactless recording of physiological signals during sleeping with signal transmission



Potential Areas of Collaboration

WHO Global Health Priorities	Shared Interest	Current Applicable Technology	Future Applicable Technology
LP 5: Increasing access to essential, high-quality and affordable medical products (medicines, vaccines, diagnostics and other health technologies). -- Supporting UHC -- Monitoring and use of information -- Access to medicines for noncommunicable diseases -- Rational use of medicines antimicrobial resistance -- Access to medicines for HIV/AIDS, TBC, malaria, reprod/mat/child health -- Innovation & local production of medicines	In situ diagnostics and products Telemedicine Longer shelf life of pharmaceuticals	CSA: NeuroArm surgical robot that can operate inside an magnetic resonance imaging machine for e.g. brain surgery making inoperable brain tumours become operable; very expensive but shows potential of what can be done; a surgical robot for pediatric surgery is in development ESA: None JAXA: Share information on the devices used for stress monitoring JAXA: 24-hour ECG for biological or circadian rhythms and heart rate variability in frequency domain JAXA: Actigraphy to monitor physical activity, e.g. for assessing sleep quality NASA: Long-term efficacy tests across a basic medical kit of about 80 major medicines ROSCOSMOS: CARDIOSON contact-less recording of physiological signals during sleeping and ECOSAN-TM with the translation of physiological signals to a doctor	CSA: Advanced Crew Medical Systems includes remote health monitoring, biosensor devices and textiles, e.g. physiological monitor "Astroskin" CSA: Bioanalysis and Biodiagnostics CSA: Research: Looking for biomarkers of disease; data-mining ESA: None JAXA: None NASA: Infrared machine to measure pharmaceutical potency (2018) ROSCOSMOS: New devices on the basis of current space prototypes for the effective diagnostic of cardio-vascular system disfunctions (with the three dimensional ballistocardiography, dispersive mapping, etc.) ROSCOSMOS: Contactless recording of physiological signals during sleeping with signal transmission



Potential Areas of Collaboration

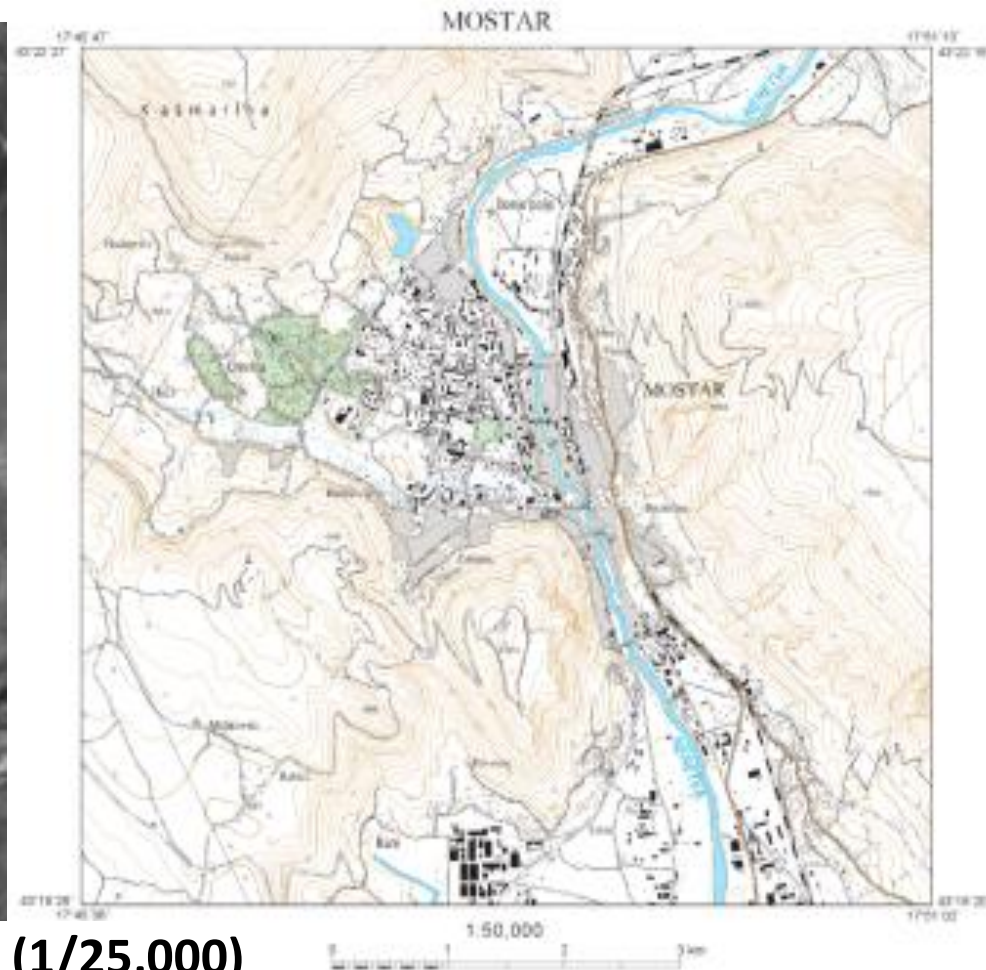
WHO Global Health Priorities	Shared Interest	Current Applicable Technology	Future Applicable Technology
LP 6: Addressing the social, economic and environmental determinants of health. -- Social and economic environment -- Physical environment -- Person's individual characteristics and behaviours	Environmental factors Stress & behavioral interaction	CSA: EVARM dosimeter variant is being used in cancer clinics for targeting radiation therapy ESA: Human Physiology Experiments - ISS & isolation studies, Bedrest JAXA: Share the information: - Environmental monitoring - Eco-systems JAXA: SS-HDTV (super-sensitive high-definition TeleVision) camera for Earth observation. JAXA: Joint research on multicultural issue related to LP 6 NASA: Family communication from isolated environments ROSCOSMOS: Estimation of micro-ecological status of human with the use of chromatography mass-spectrometry	CSA: Research on psychosocial issues associated with changes in value systems, family relations and work-life issues values and family ties linked to space-related isolation ESA: Developing countermeasures and psychological support methodologies for isolated individuals or groups JAXA: None NASA: Improving psychosocial health through environmental factors (2020) ROSCOSMOS: Modified methods of micro-ecological status of human (including express-tests) ROSCOSMOS: Expert assessment of toxicological and micro-biological contamination of environment





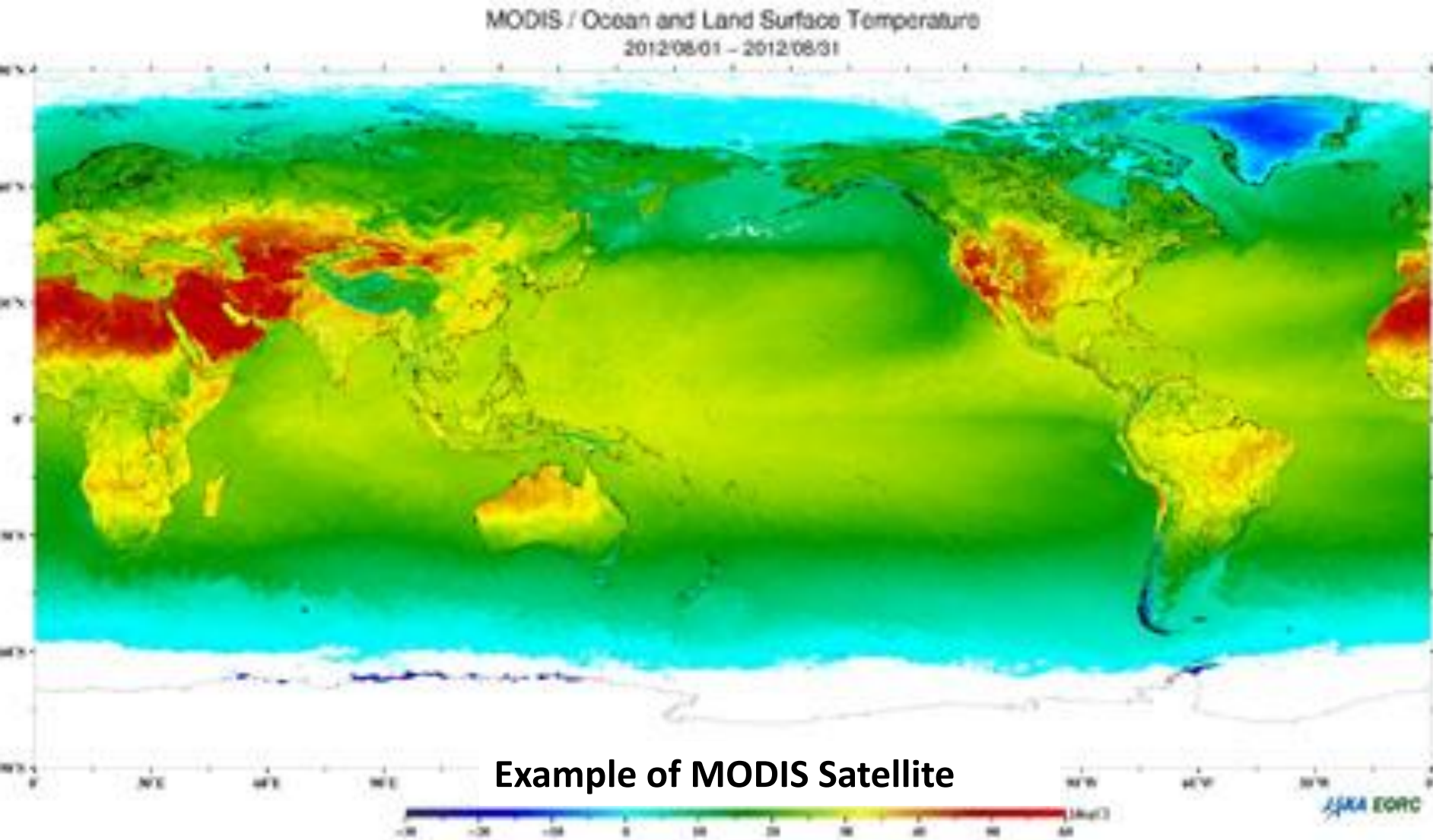
Cross sectional View of Relevance of Space Science to Public Health

Use of space science and technology in environmental health and health systems research



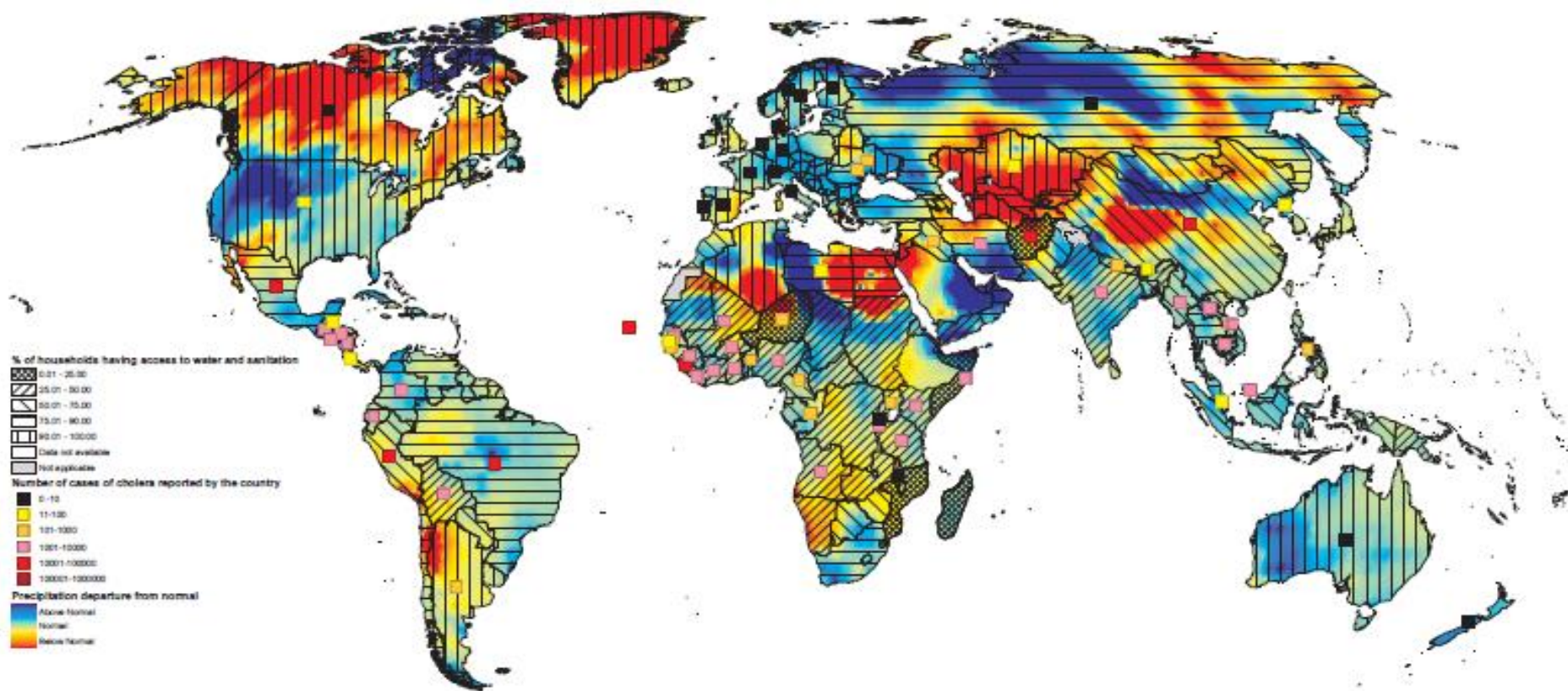
Bosnia (1/25,000)

Topographic map from ALOS is useful in developing countries. Road network is essential to deliver vaccines and to visit medical facilities.

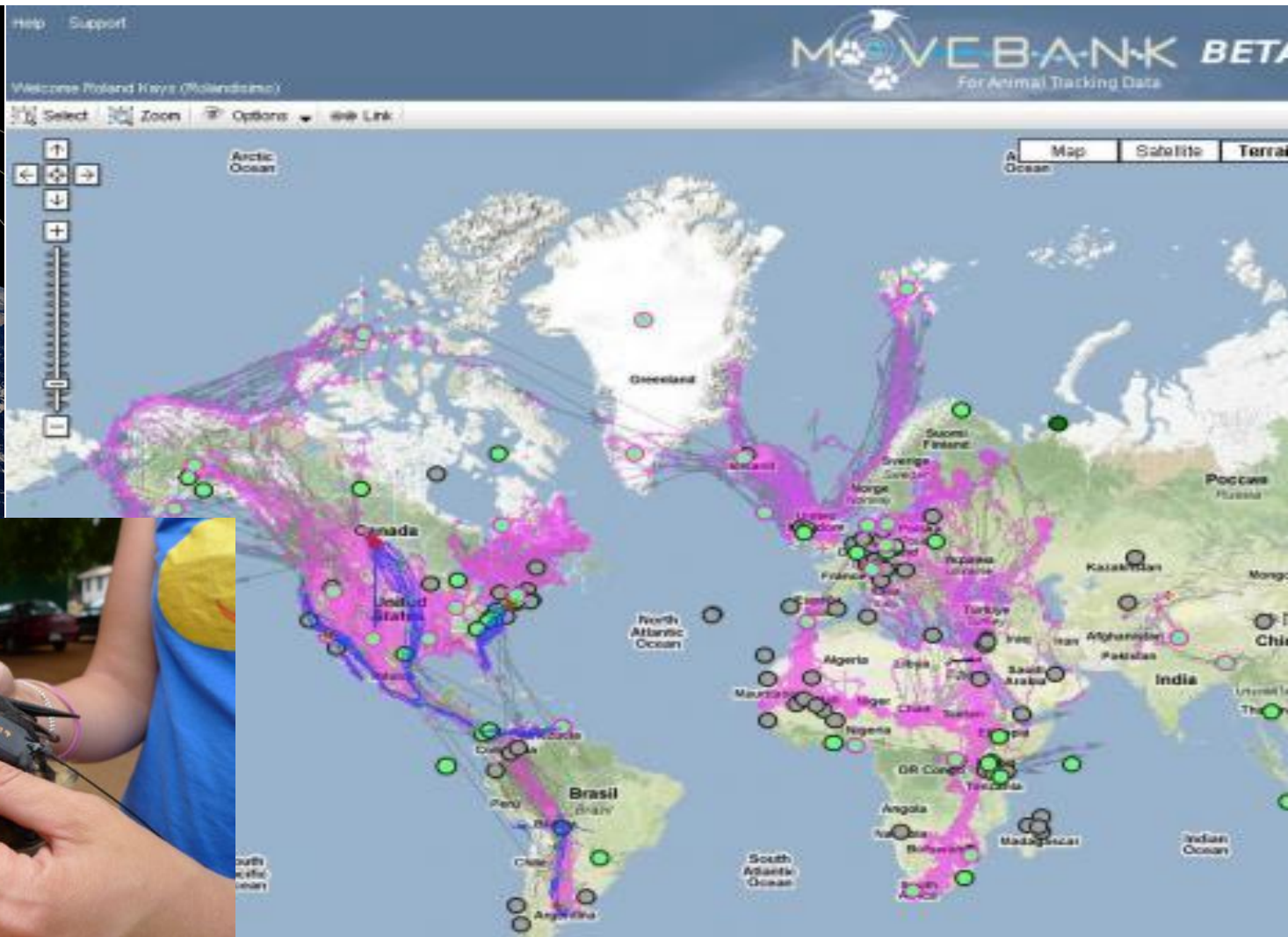
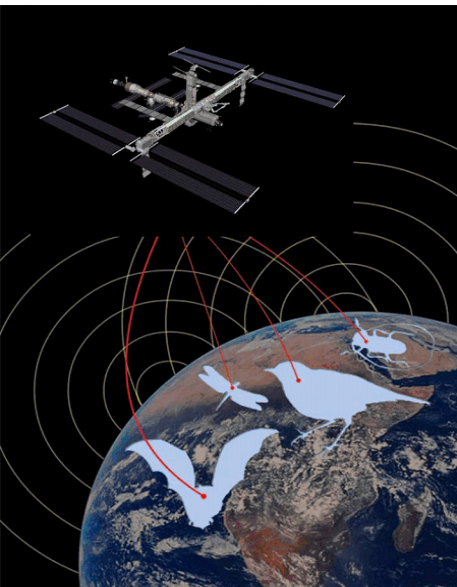


JAXA's GCOM-C will continue to observe surface temperature, which can be used for countermeasures of heat stroke.

Mapping WASH and NTDs...hotspot analyses



Source: Rifat Hossain, WHO, 2015



**Tracking of spread of animal born diseases:
Small Animal Tracking from ISS: DLR ICARUS Project**

Kuma Masallachi-Fagge

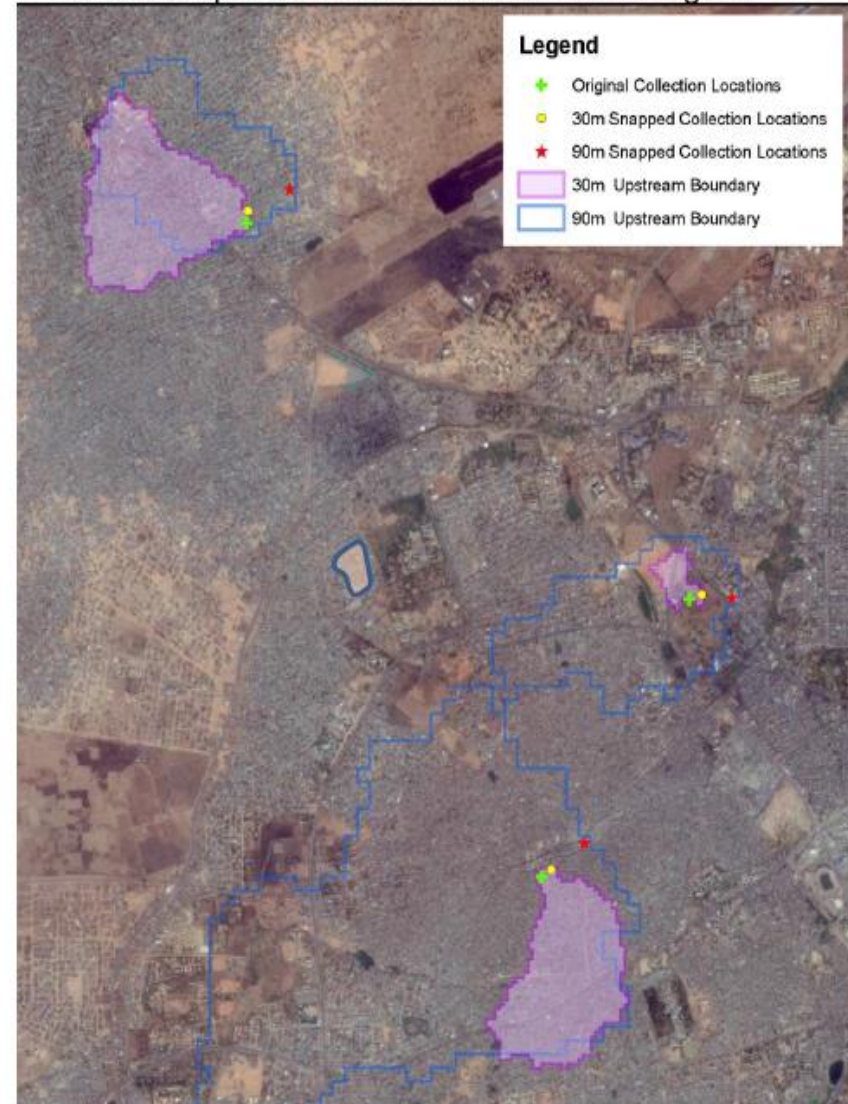


Gogau Fagge



Kano Environmental Surveillance Sites

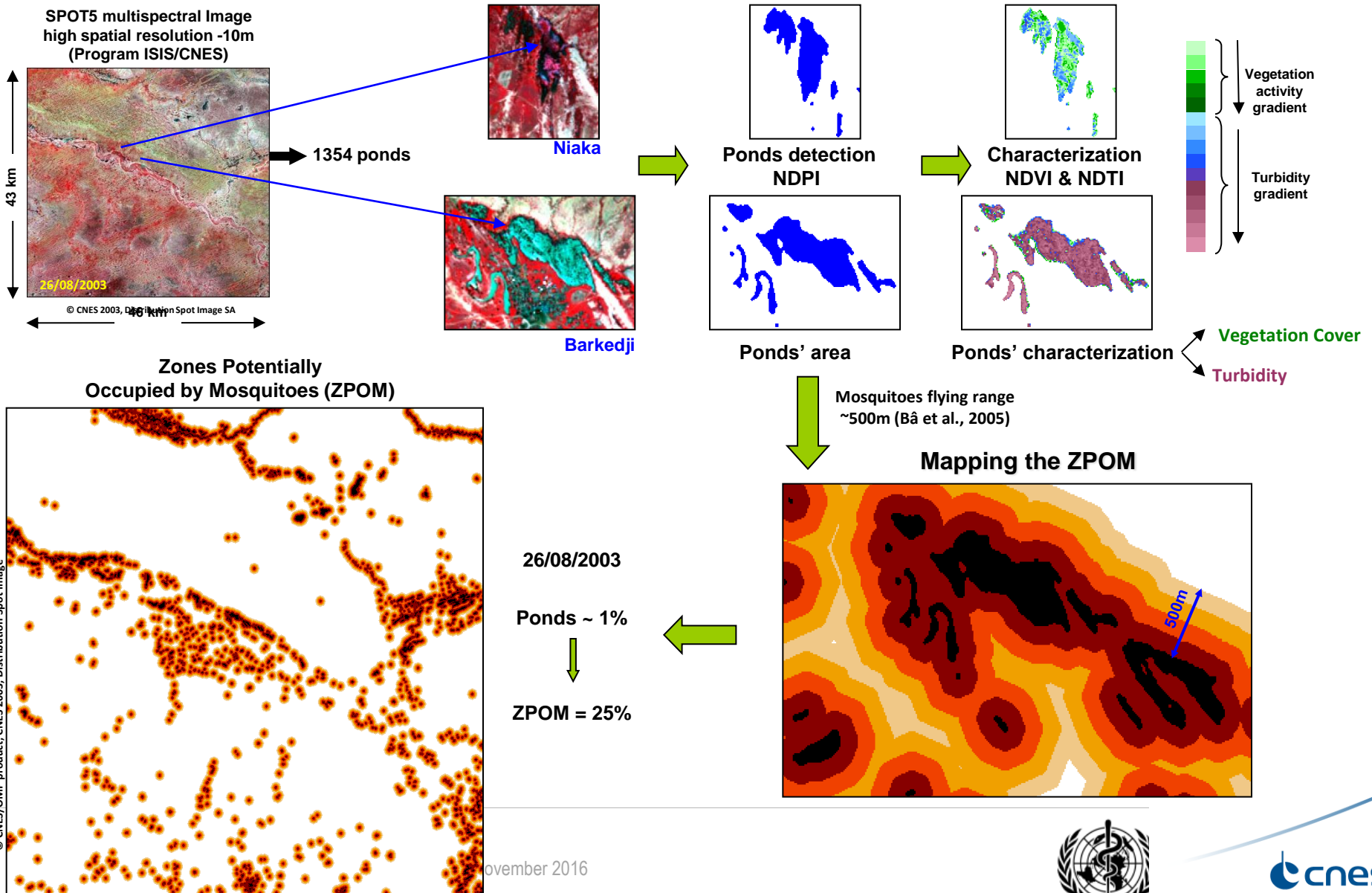
90m/30m Upstream Water Sources - Kano Nigeria

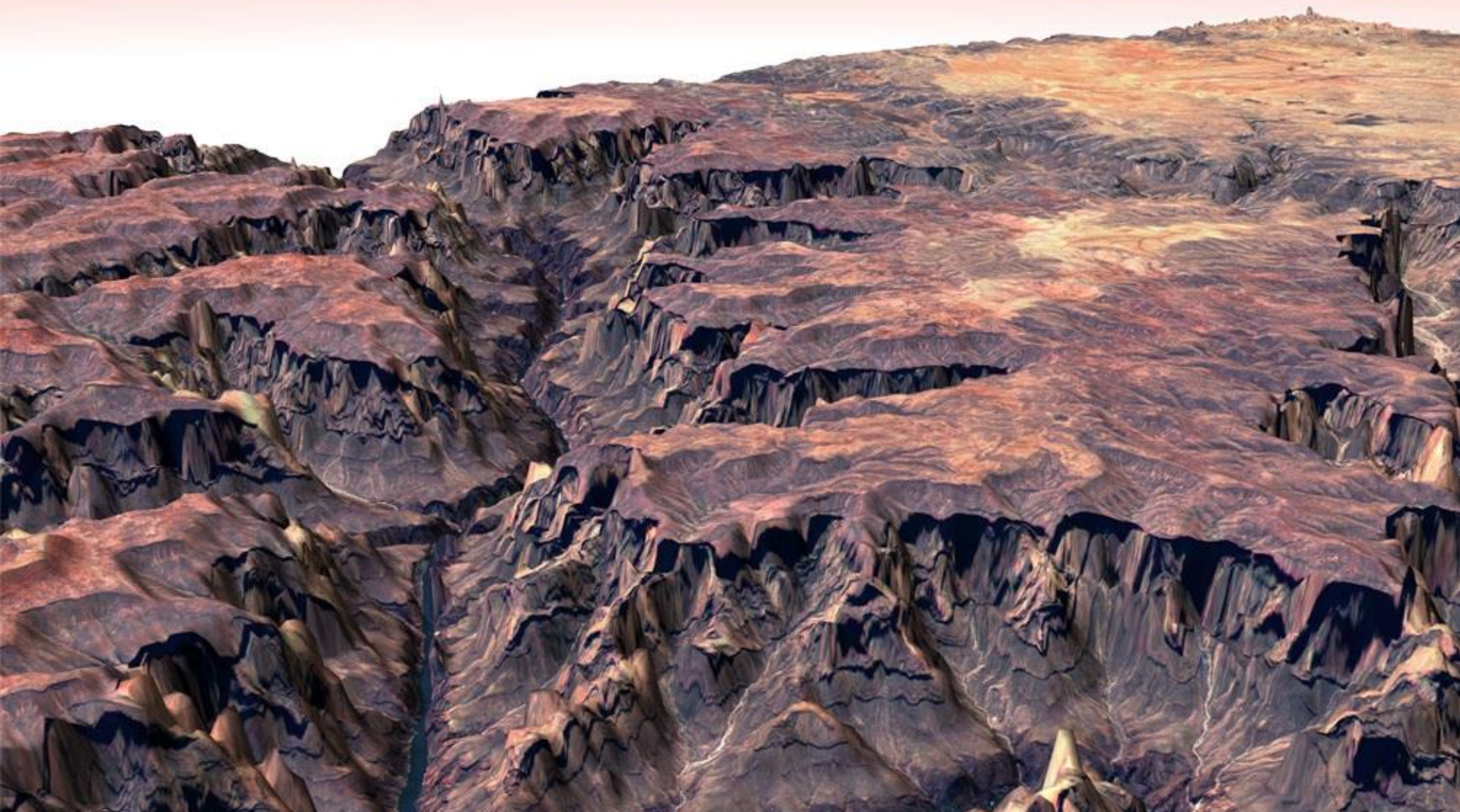


Polio eradication project: Locating sample sites on the satellite images and tracking over time using JAXA's 5-m resolution DEM data

A Remote-sensing tool applied to Rift Valley Fever (RVF) Monitoring

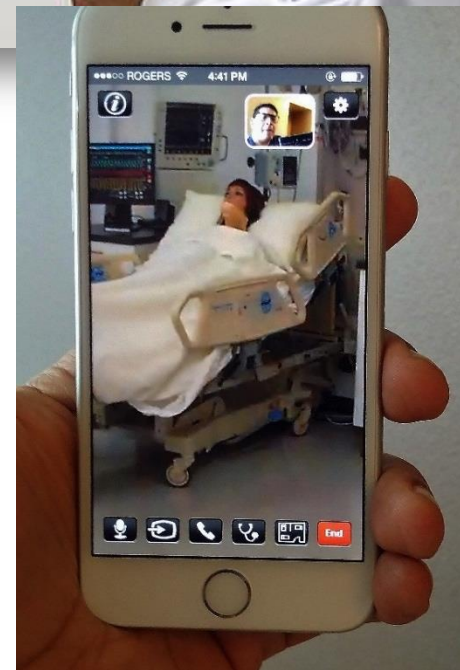
Identify environmental factors of *A. vexans* & *C. poicilipes* presence by remote sensing to obtain risk map





This shows ALOS 3-D mapping capacity. It is the world's most accurate vertical resolution, 5m, among satellites.

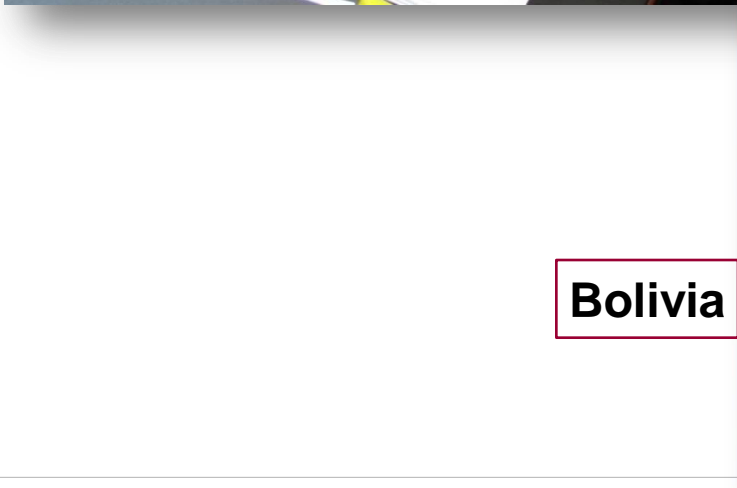
Use of space science and technology in clinical care settings



Tele-health applications, connecting patients and caregivers



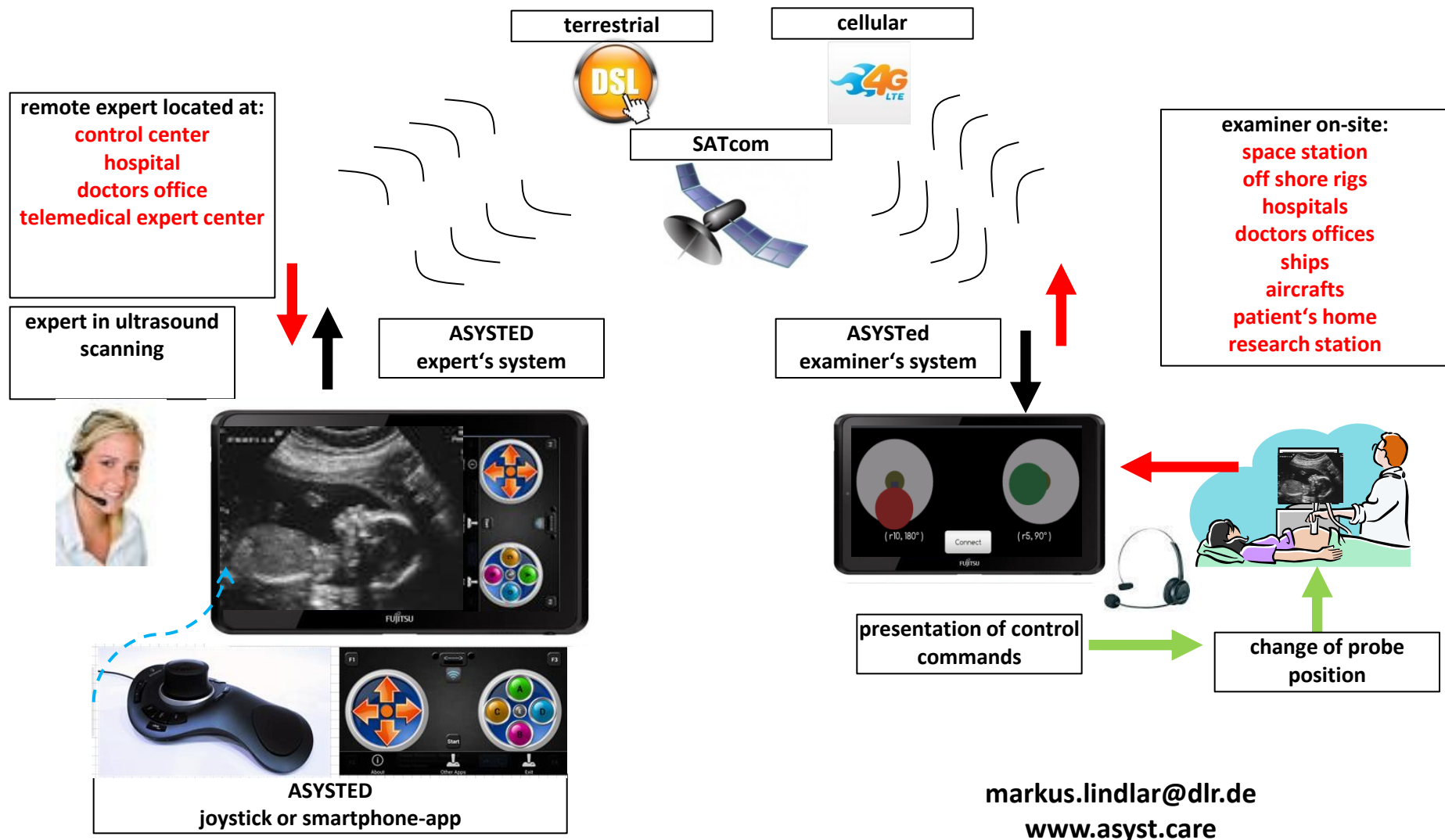
Halifax



Bolivia



Tele-health applications, connecting two countries



Advanced System for Tele-guided Ultrasound Diagnosis

INNOVATIONS

Mobile remote-presence devices for point-of-care health care delivery



Tele-health applications, connecting field sites and physicians



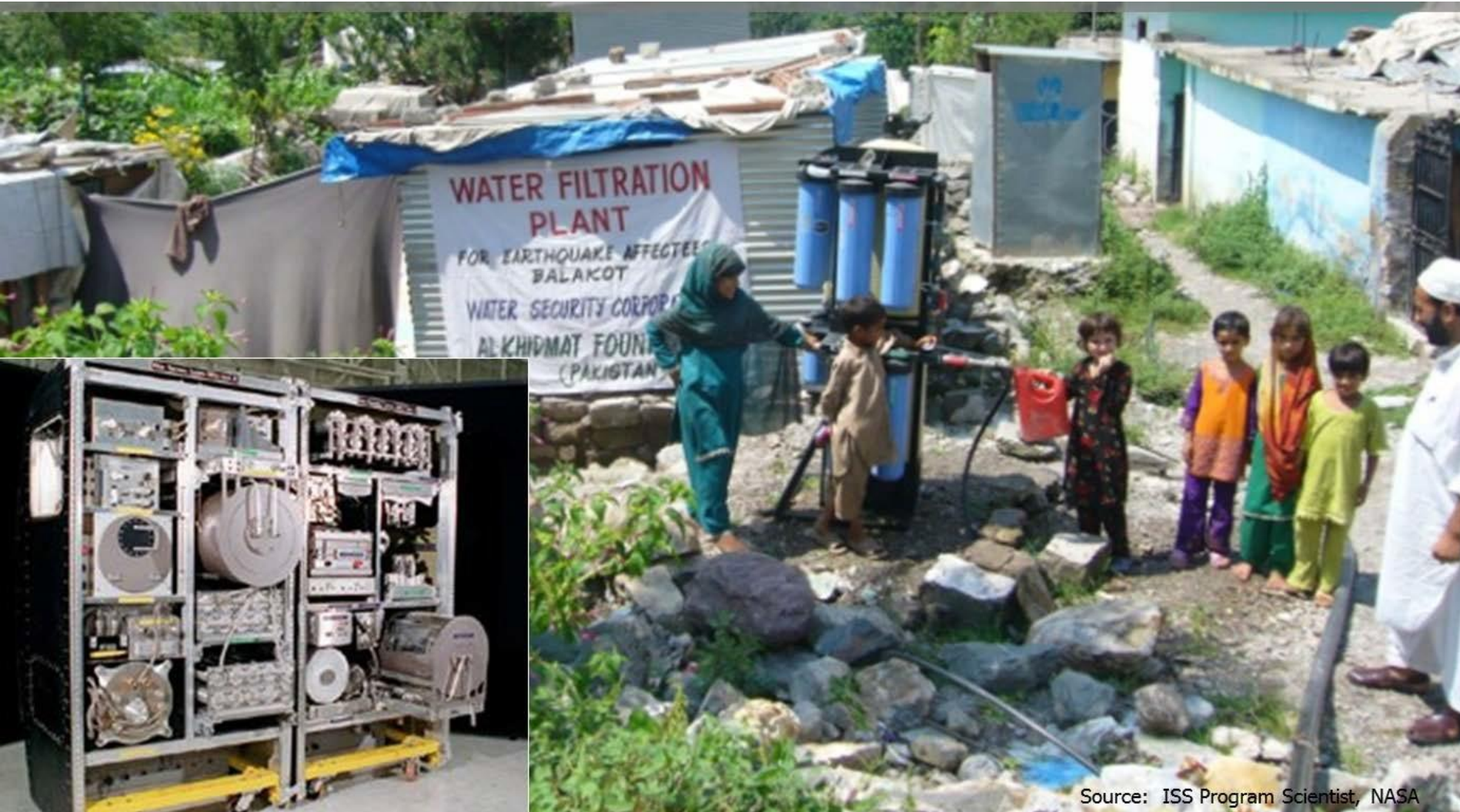
Robotics and health care delivery



B-LiFE at Ebola treatment centre
Last Accessed: 13/09/2016 16:14

http://www.esa.int/spaceinimages/Images/2015/04/B-LiFE_at_Ebola_treatment_centre

ESA: Telecommunications and Integrated Applications



Source: ISS Program Scientist, NASA

**Application of Space Technology:
Water filtrations solutions developed and deployed.**

Space Science and Big Data Analytics

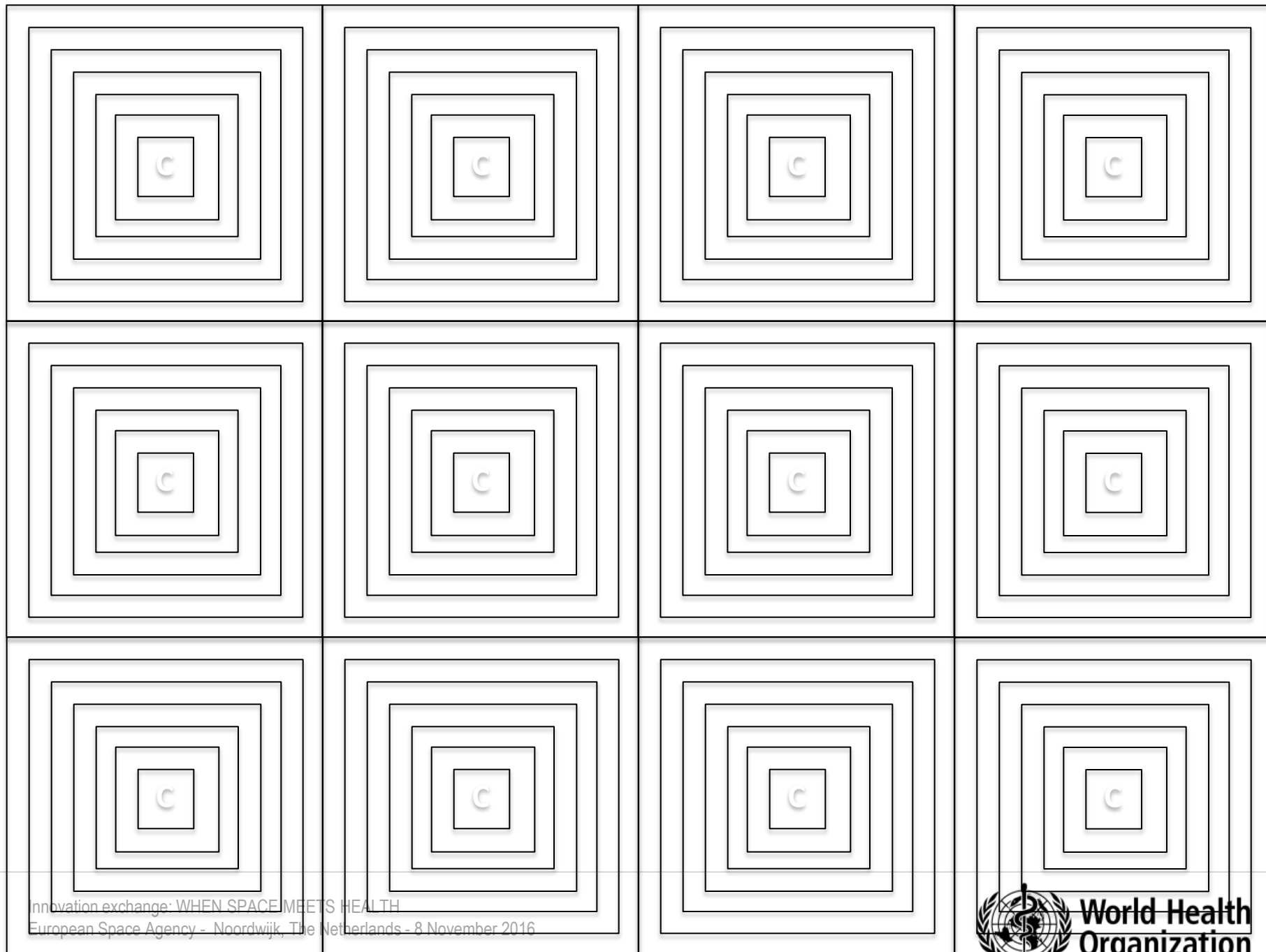
**analysis and use of rapidly collected
extremely large volumes of
both structured and unstructured electronic data
through multiple data sources
to answer complex questions
that are ordinarily cannot be answered using
single datasets**

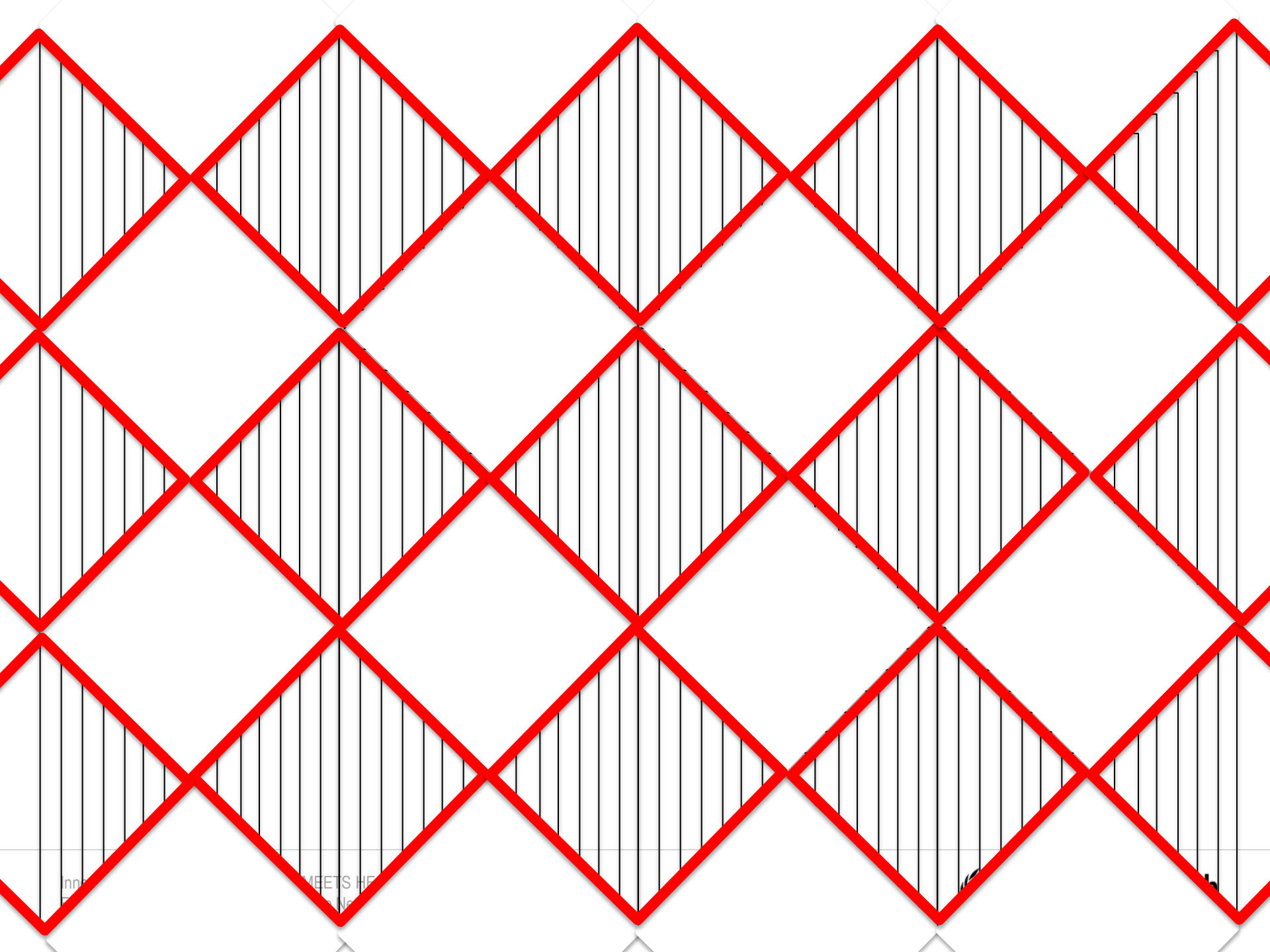
Big Data

- Mega datasets and longitudinal data
 - Details and location of telephone call logs
 - Daily global airline passengers manifest
 - Hourly mean temperature of all cities of the world
 - Hospital admissions and discharges around the world
 - Hourly weather data
 - Monthly projection of populations worldwide

Data driven decision-making

...large scale pattern recognition,
unseen unless combined by various data types...







Digital Elevation Model (DEM):

Worldwide coverage from NASA's ASTER mission with 30-meter resolution.

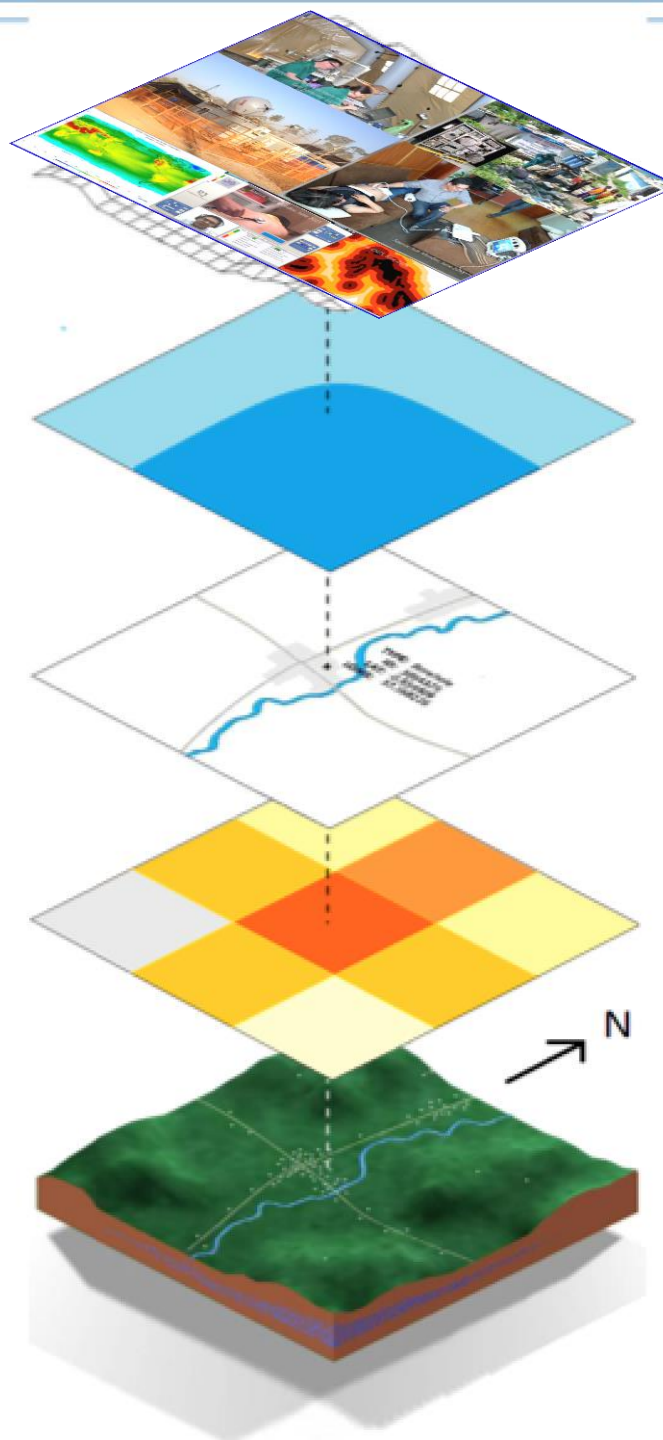
Water Resource Map: Aquifer yield data from multiple sources.

Improved water source location: Location of wells continually updated with new water projects via interactive Web 2.0 application.

LandScan Population Database: commercially available 1-kilometer population database updated yearly (http://www.ornl.gov/sci/landscan/landscan_data_avail.shtml).

Earth Observation and Geospatial Data

Innovation exchange: WHEN SPACE MEETS HEALTH
European Space Agency - Noordwijk, The Netherlands



Water accessibility: (combination of layers)

Access measured in amount of energy per capita (calories) needed to collect water, highlighting access limitations due to terrain. Also shows populations living on marginal land without water access.

Water resources per person: Determines whether underlying water resources (aquifer yield) can meet demand of overlying population based on 50 liters per person per day .

Areas with improved water access: (combination of layers) Displays 1-km LandScan areas that have achieved water access per guidelines, i.e. at least one access point per 1-sq.km

Modified after: Source: Rifat Hossain, WHO, 2015

Integrating space science and technology as part of national health information architecture

Ideal Dataset Requirement Matrix for Unified Systems

Data set required for	Prevention	Preparedness	Response	Recovery
<div>Data from External sources (National EOC/situation reports, HMIS, routine disease specific active/passive surveillance/ notification systems)</div>				
Exhaustive List of disease/ conditions list <i>(ICD)</i>	List of donor and partner agencies			
Health facilities (all types and levels)	Health workforce (all cadre)			
Essential Medicine	Logistics	Essential Medical devices		
Satellite Imagery (various types and resolutions)			Other remotely sensed data (temperature, precipitation, terrain and topology)	
Geographic Information System with shape files, base maps				
Transportation assets (Airport locations, transportation hubs, Road network maps)		Country-specific Population Data (/sub-national level; projections, census, actual)		

Future Health Information Platforms

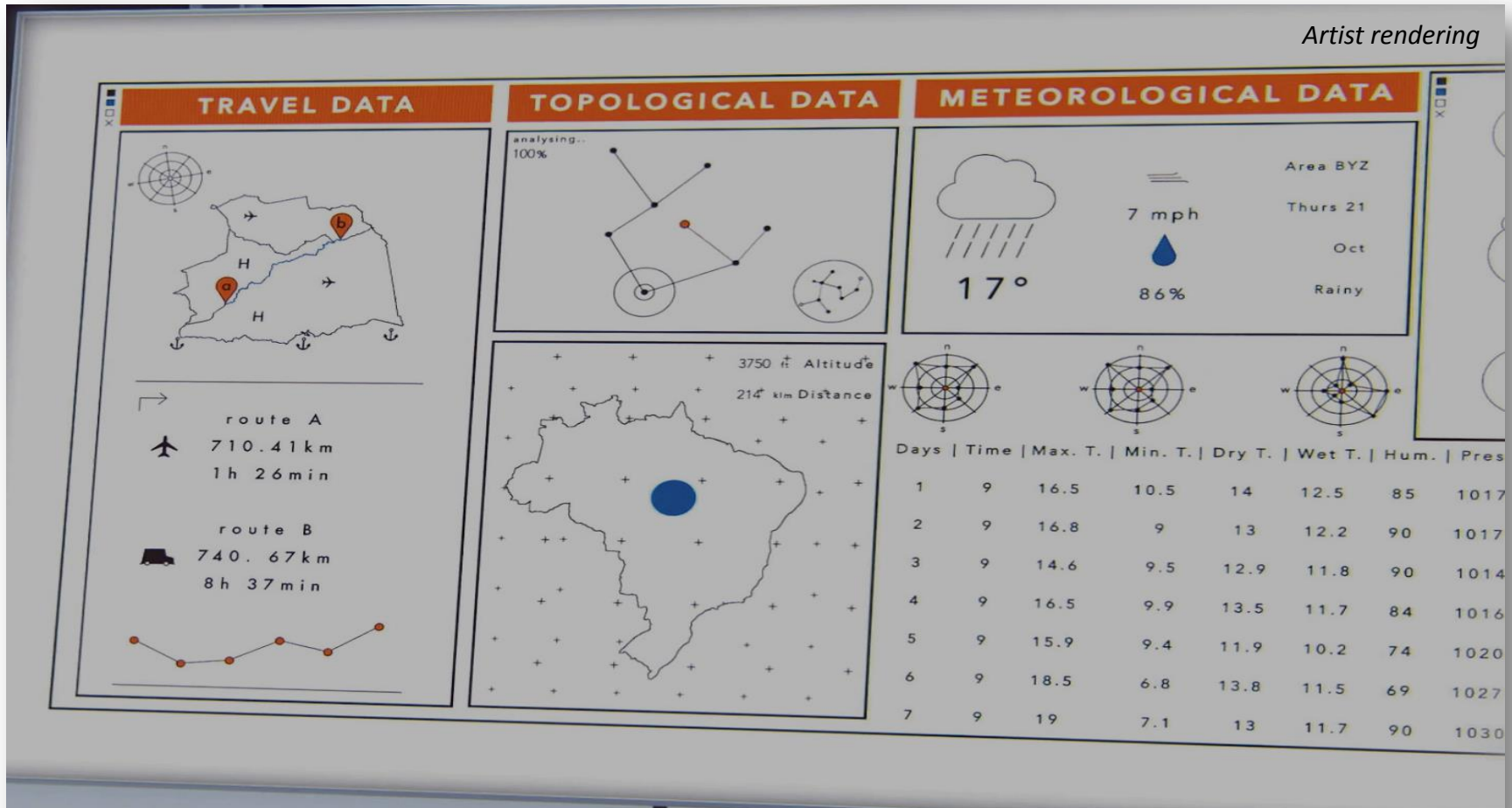


Artist rendering

Health information platform for monitoring public health combined with context specific geospatial data.

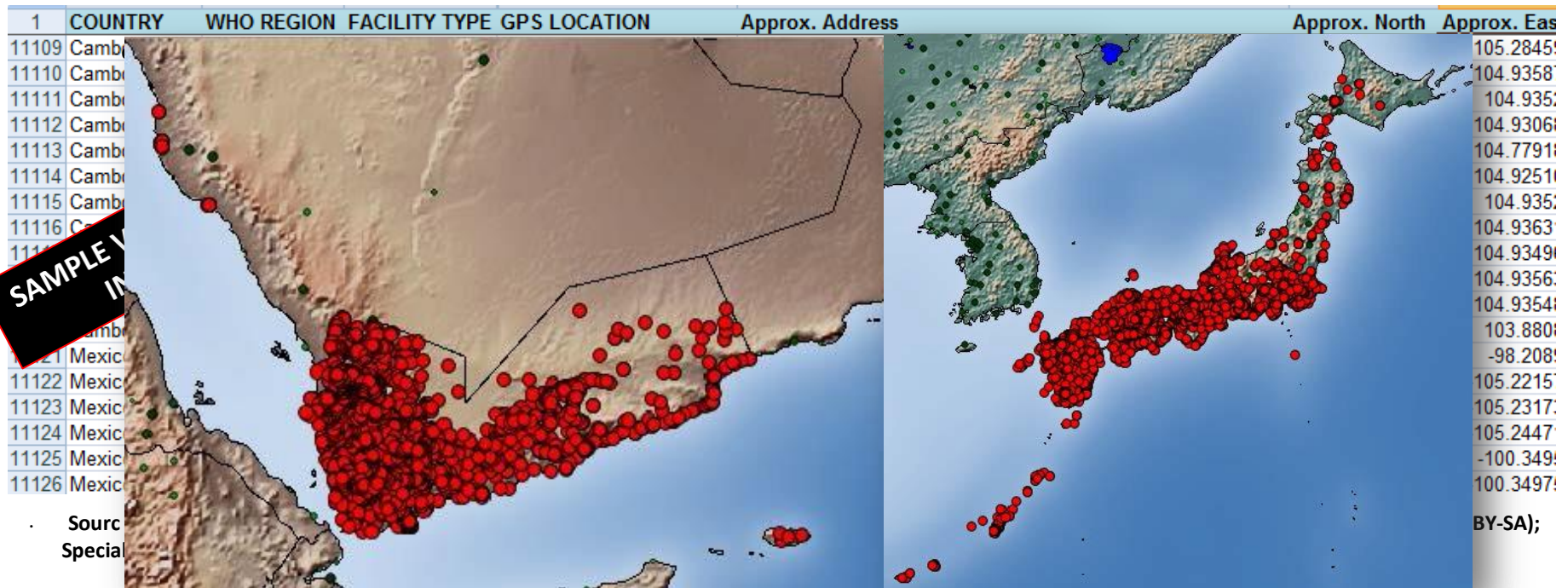
Future Health Information Platforms

Artist rendering



Health information platform for monitoring public health combined with context specific geospatial data.

Health Facilities Locator



Locating health facilities using space-based technologies:
Mapping of health facilities

Intersections of Space Science and Technology and Public Health

Space Science and Public Health

- Area 1: Space science and technology for epidemic intelligence
- Area 2: Space science and technology Health Emergencies
- Area 3: Shaping the research agenda on Benefits of space science and technology to public health

Key Messages

- Integration of Space science and technology to health systems strengthening efforts to be more widely practiced
- Closer collaboration between Ministries of Health and Ministries of Science/Technology is essential

Thank you