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EThekweni VLR Lessons, Challenges and Opportunities

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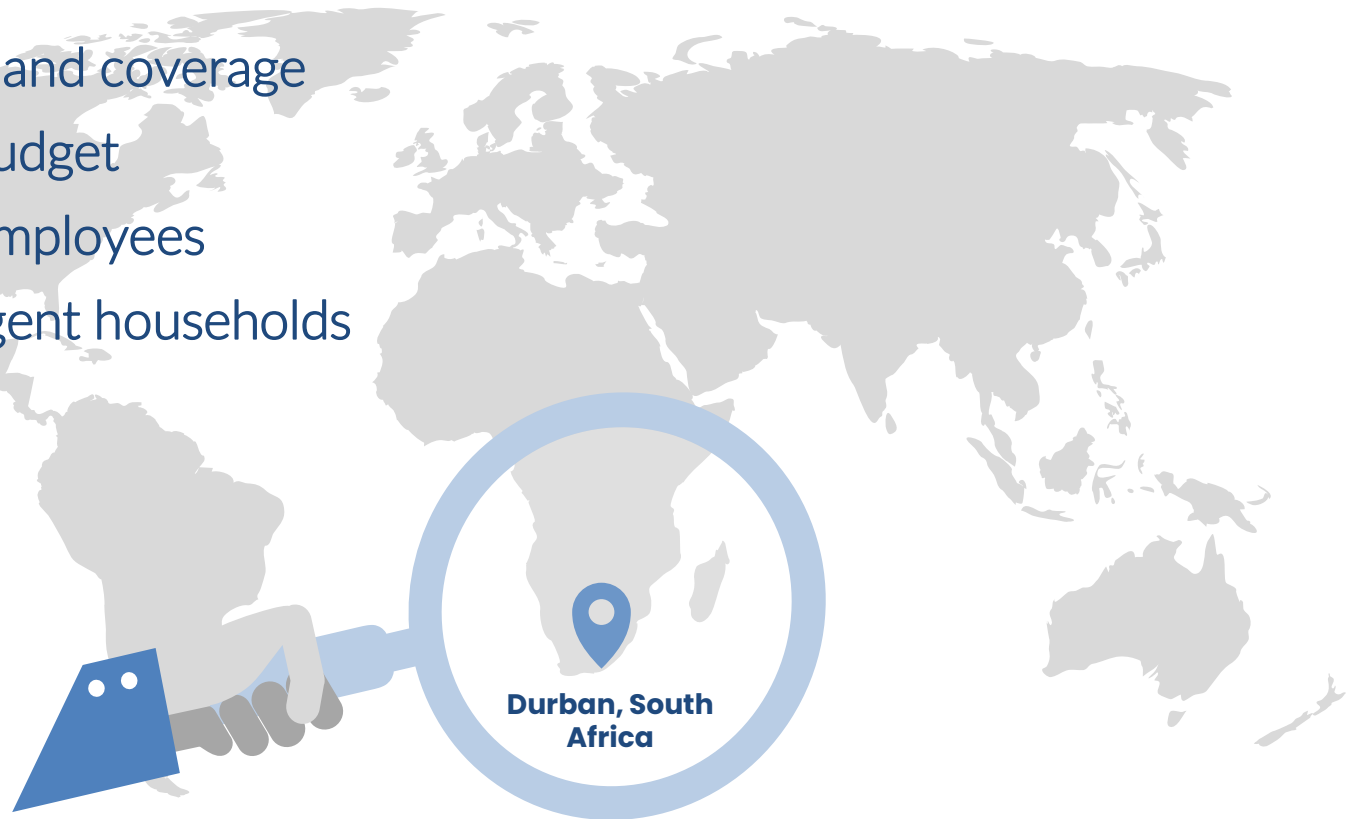
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EThekweni Municipality in context

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- ❖ 3rd Largest city in South Africa
- ❖ > 2500 km² land coverage
- ❖ -/+ R50 bn budget
- ❖ -/+ 30 000 employees
- ❖ Majority indigent households
- ❖ 68% rural



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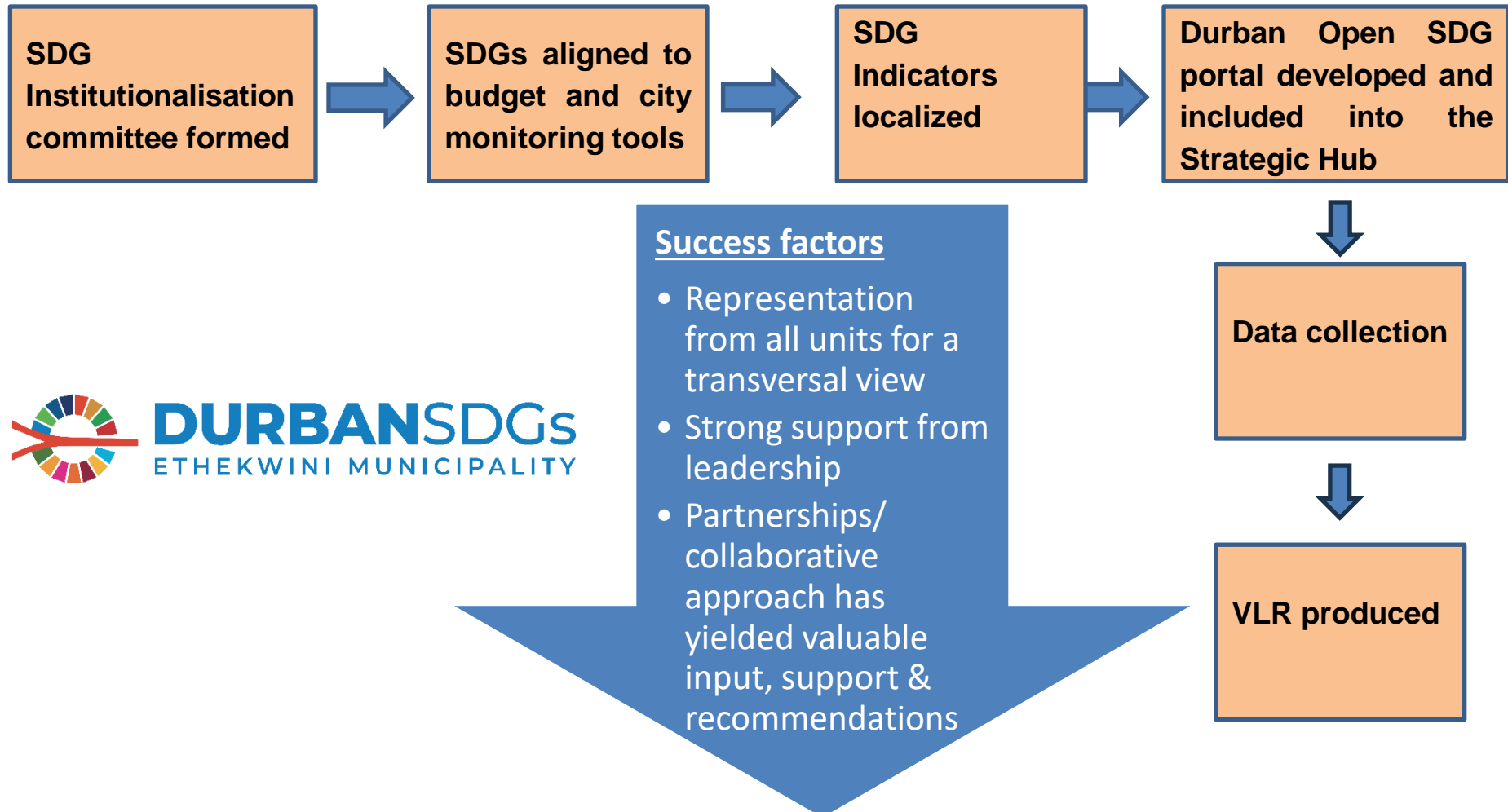
- SDG Institutionalisation committee formed.
- Relevant formalities completed e.g. Governance structure, Terms of reference and project plan.
- SDG Communication plan completed.
- Logo developed
- SDG indicator localization
- SDG Open data portal
- SDG awareness survey
- SDG awareness activities
- SDG related projects being consolidated.
- First voluntary local review completed.





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The work we are required to do is not new! We need to accelerate efforts.



Follow the Global Guiding elements for the VLR's from inception – prevents duplicated work and ensures all required detail is included.



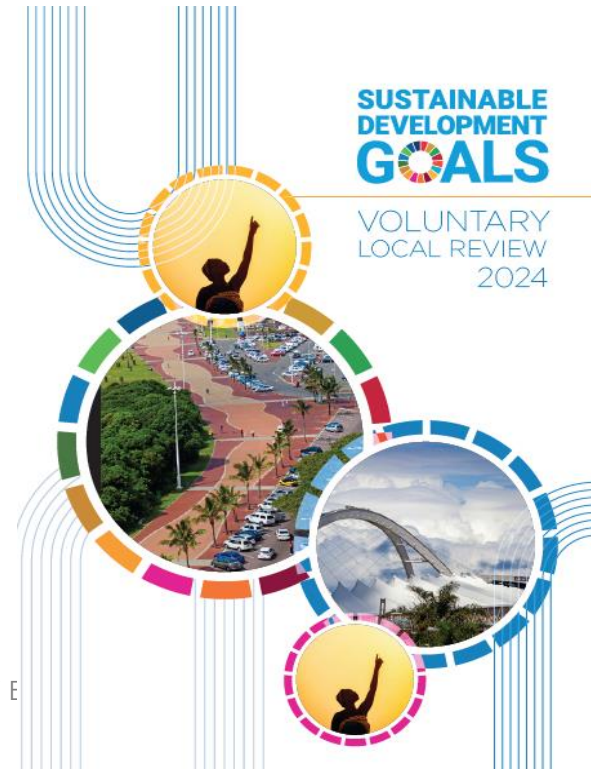
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Finer details about localizing indicators



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Challenges	Solutions
Funding	Applying for grants and working within existing budgets. Capitalise on partnerships.
Conflicting priorities in diaries – non-attendance at sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Support from Political leadership* Sharing information at existing forums
Lack of data for reporting	Stakeholder engagement and ongoing search for data. Will also be approaching academia. More collaboration for data collection is required.
Data is not relevant to the local context	Statistics bodies and data producers need to disaggregate data



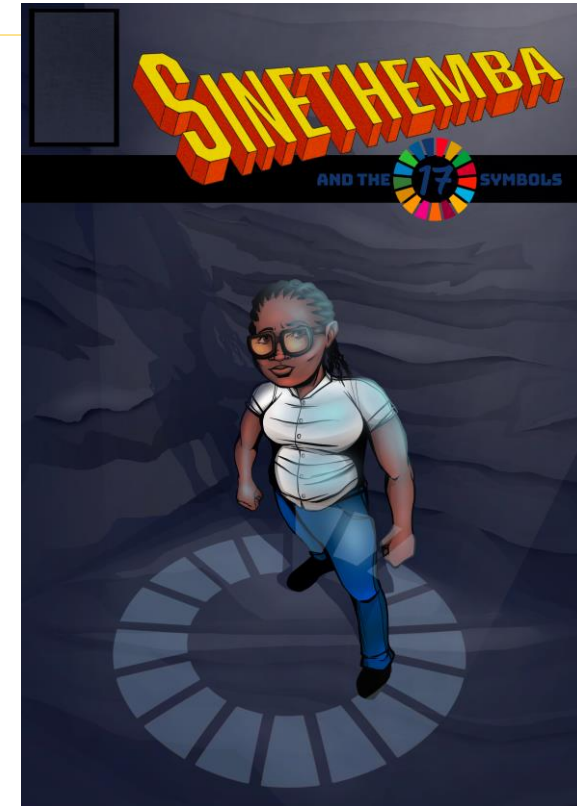
Challenges	Solutions
Poor alignment amongst the 3 spheres of government	The three spheres of government need to work together, both for data collection and project implementation to ensure maximum impacts. This challenge is being dealt with in the current VLR process to ensure municipal data is included in the VNR.
Lack of data on SDG expenditure	Explore the use of the Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts to track spending on SDG implementation.
Still limited awareness about the SDGs, which may restrict the level of engagement will we receive from stakeholders	Awareness campaigns and information sharing sessions.



Efforts to raise awareness of SDGs and the VLR process



- Science expo/ science clubs in partnership with Eskom
- Liaising with schools for workshops/ competitions
- Public art/ murals
- SDG Comic book: <https://Sne17.com>
- SDG awareness through story telling
- Publications & videos on SDG related projects
- Webinars (internal & external)
- Other publications, social media posts
- Peer-reviewed journals published – data/ SDG 6/ institutionalisation
- Exploring SDG Awareness through Gaming



ETHEKWINI SDG AWARENESS SURVEY RESULTS



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TAKE A QUIZ

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE SDGs?

EtheKwini Municipality will be undertaking an SDG awareness campaign for all staff and the public at large.

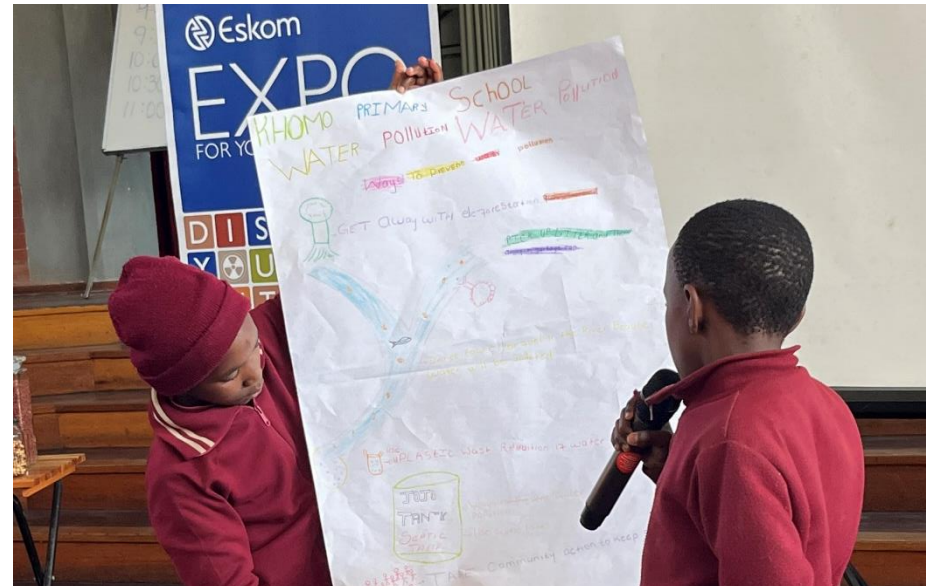
But First!

We would like to find out what you know about the SDGs so that we prepare an informed campaign.

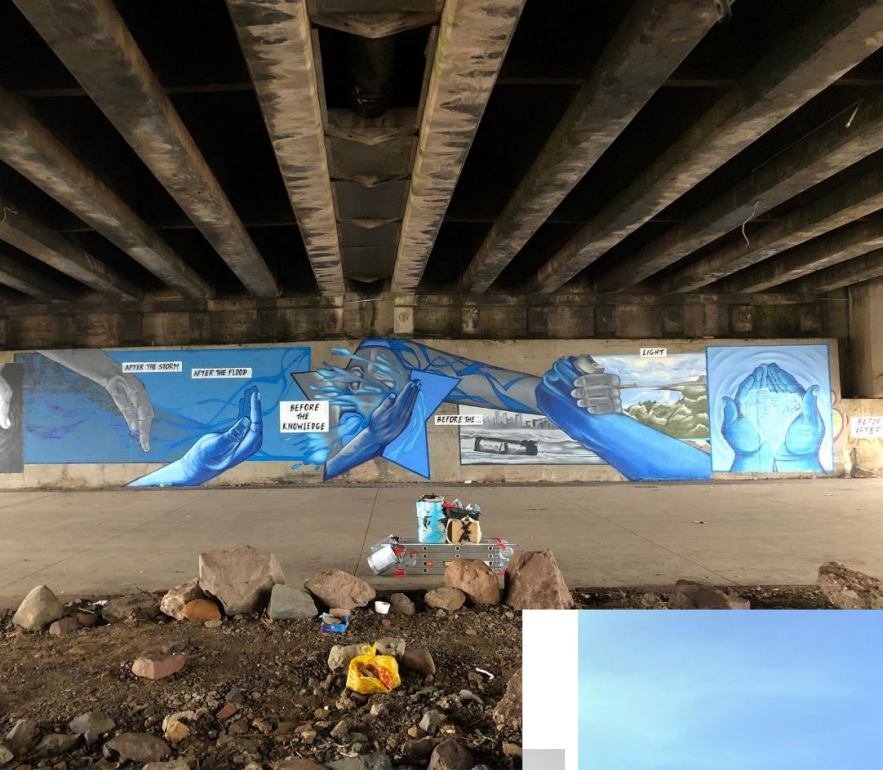
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SDG Murals



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1. Homelessness project with Southern Sun group
2. Human Security assessments
3. SDG Awareness – murals, Eskom
4. REFLECT Africa Project – waste to energy
5. Hydro power
6. Buffelsdraai landfill reforestation by community
7. Transformative riverine management project
8. Water reuse project Public Private Partnership
9. Community gardens/ agri-hubs
10. British High Commission in SA – informal settlements and transit orientated development; data strategy
11. Bremen – trilateral report on SDG indicators



A trilateral baseline report of selected SDGs





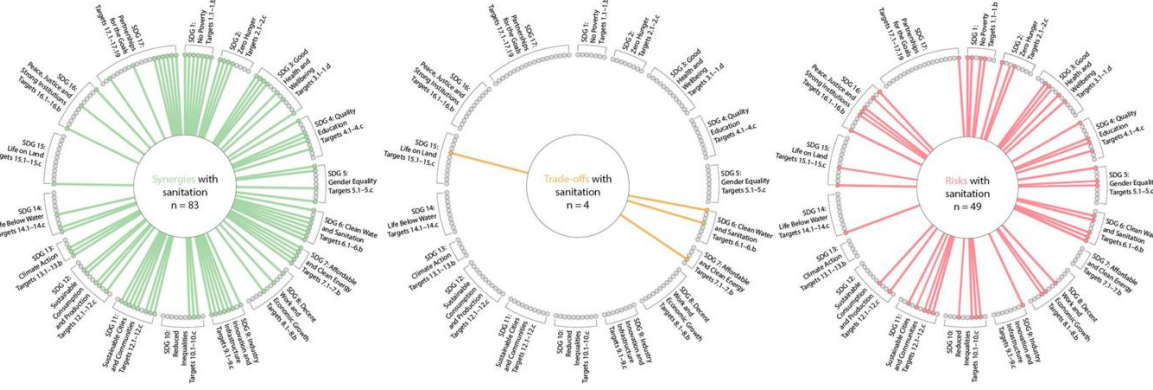
Durban University of Technology: Organic waste composting



ToolSanDurban Wheel diagrams



Budget prioritization model – SDG 6



Bremen – KwaMashu Waste Beneficiation Centre

Isithumba Travels Adventure Park



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EARLY WARNING

Real-time data meets community members where they are



University of KZN – Forecast Early Warning System

WASHED AWAY The wreckage of a road tanker lies among the rubbish washed up on a Durban beach. Eighteen rivers pass through the city on their way to the sea. The damage wrought by the flood on the popular tourist destination could be more than R25-billion, a city official estimated.
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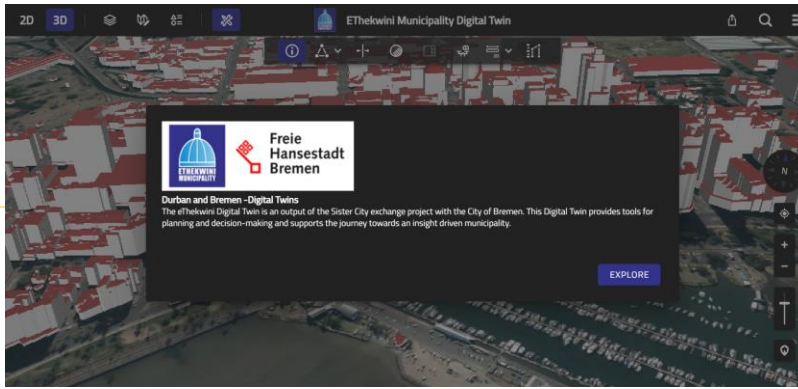


Mayors Migration Council – Karibu Care Centre

Bio-Regional SA – Sisonke Food Garden

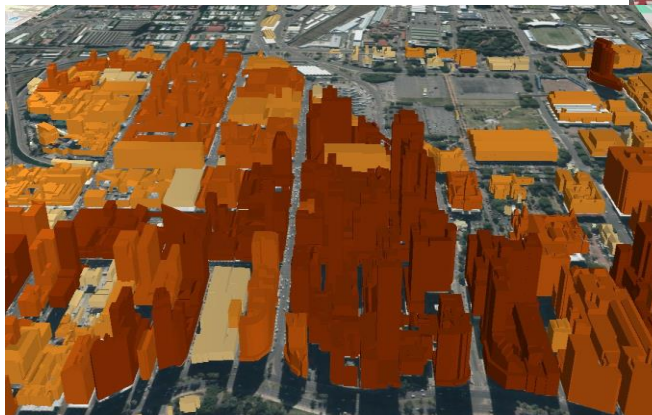
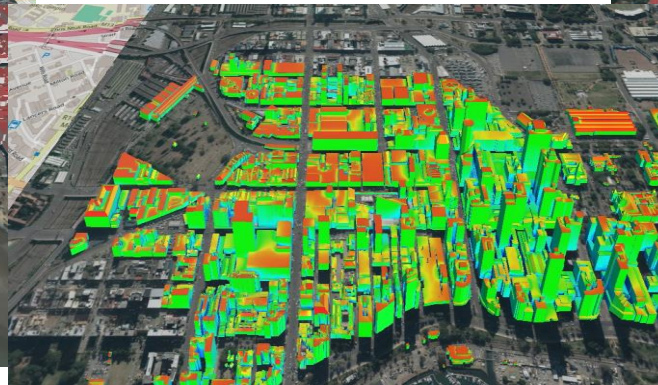
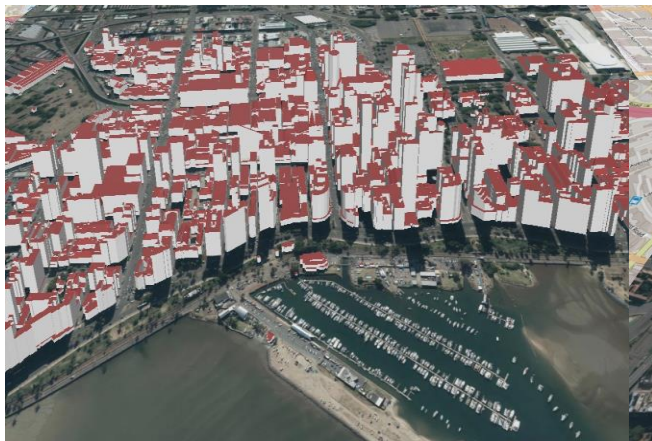


Organ Donor Foundation & autism SA – Mosaic Benches in the Botanic Gardens

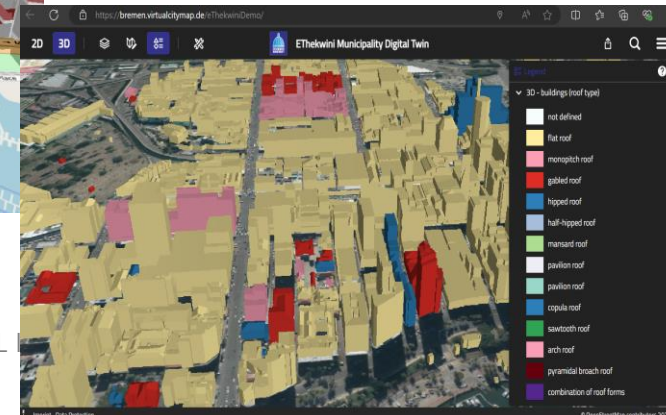


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Bremen: Durban Digital Twin & Bremen Strategic Hub



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