

LAC-URBAN HEALTH

Urban Health Network for Latin America and the Caribbean



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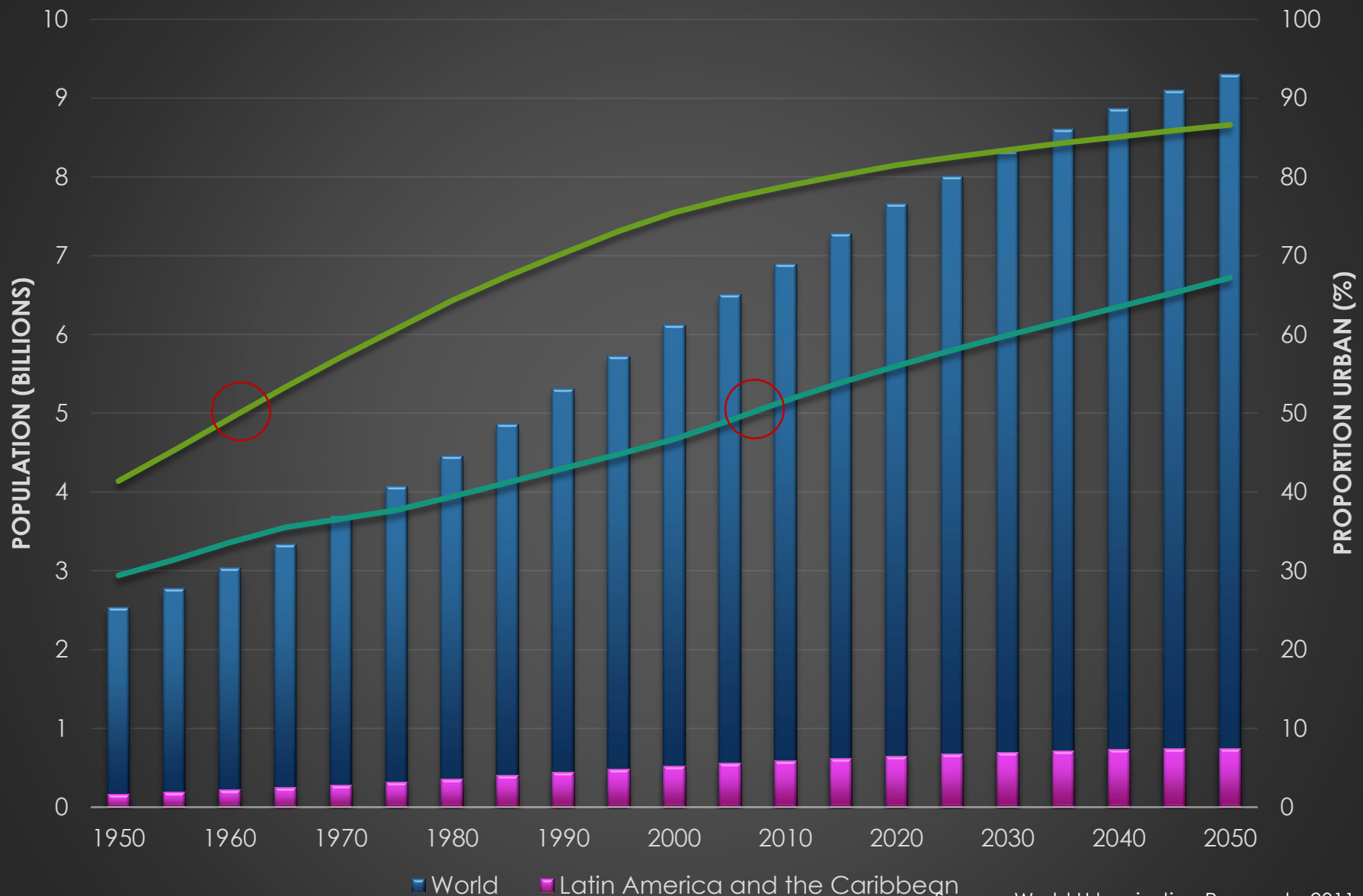


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Source: World Urbanization Prospects, 2011



URBANIZATION PATHWAYS

Urbanization versus GDP, 1960-2012

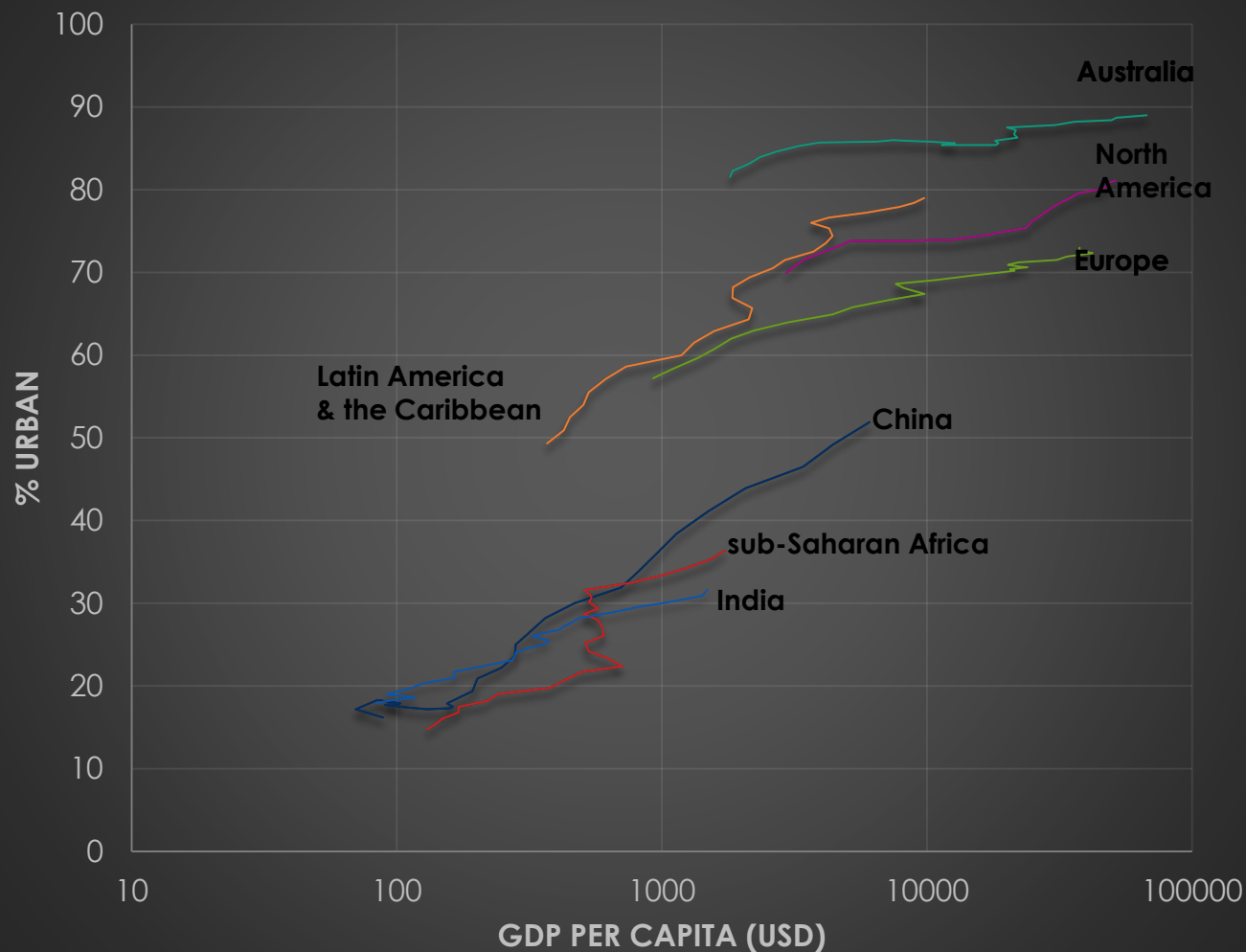


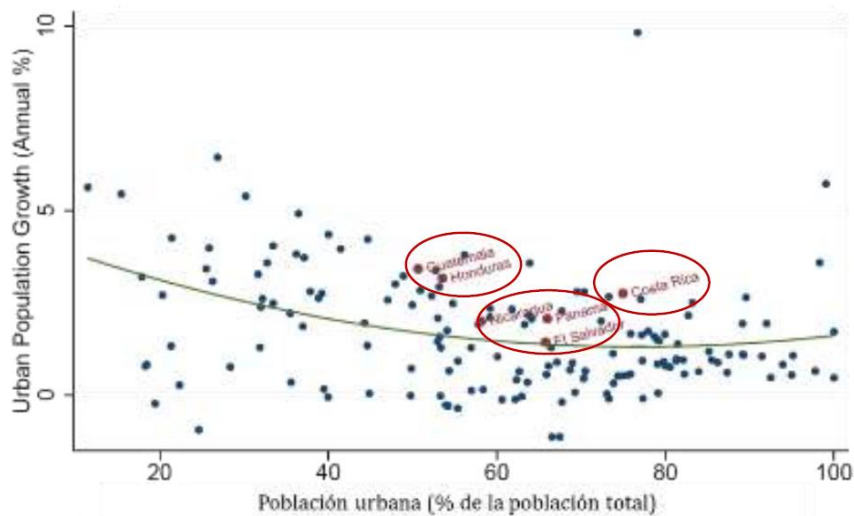
Figure 3. Urban population growth is above average compared to countries at similar levels of urbanization



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CENTRAL AMERICAN URBANIZATION

- El Salvador 4x urban land since 1975

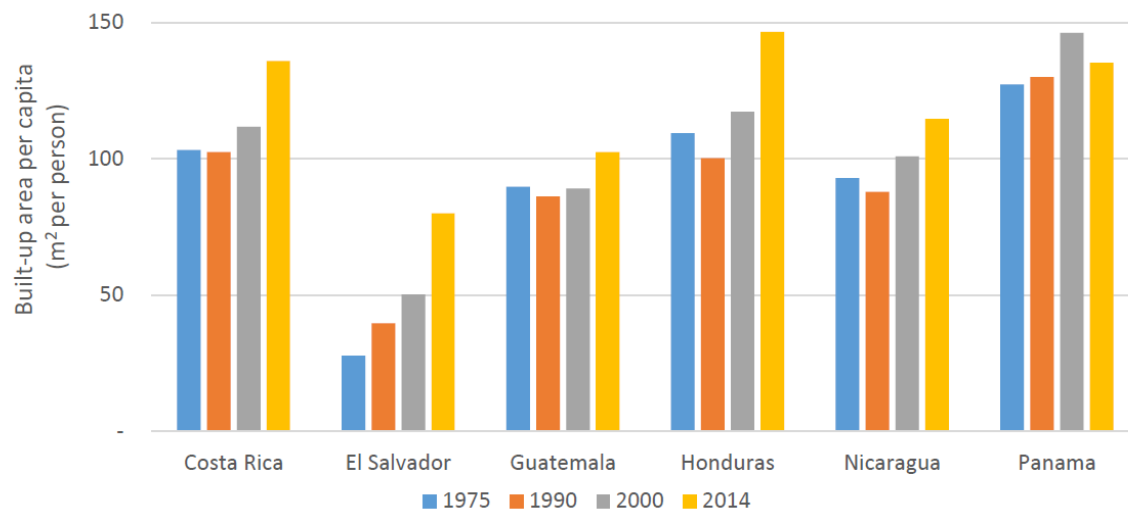


Source: U.N. World Urbanization Prospects (2014)

- CA second-fastest growing urban population (after Africa)

Source for both figures: World Bank (2016) Central America Urbanization Review: Making Cities Work for Central America

Figure 9. Built-up areas are expanding at a faster rate than population



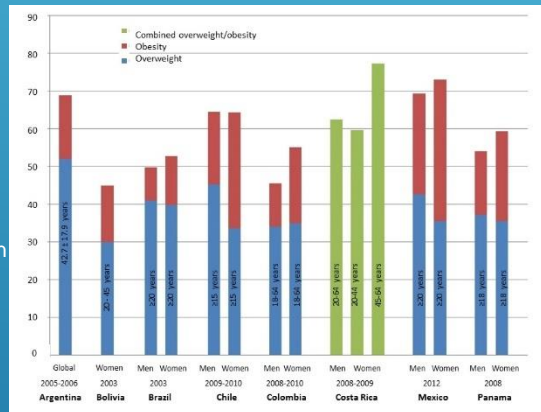
Source: Own calculations using WB's CDRP urban agglomeration polygons and UN World Urbanization Prospects.

URBAN HEALTH IN LAC

► Issues

- Violence
- Road traffic
- Dengue/Zika
- Pollution
- NCDs
- Disaster risk

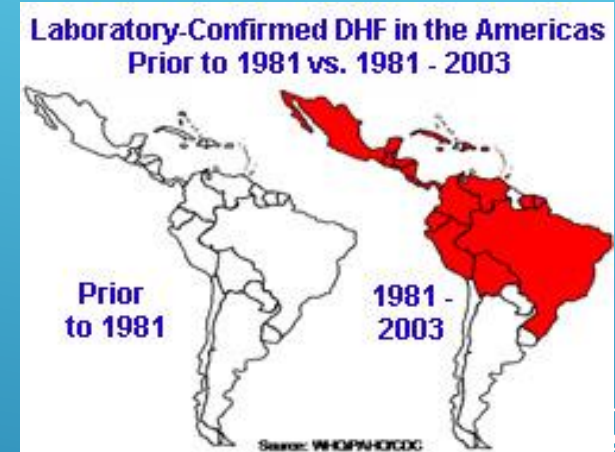
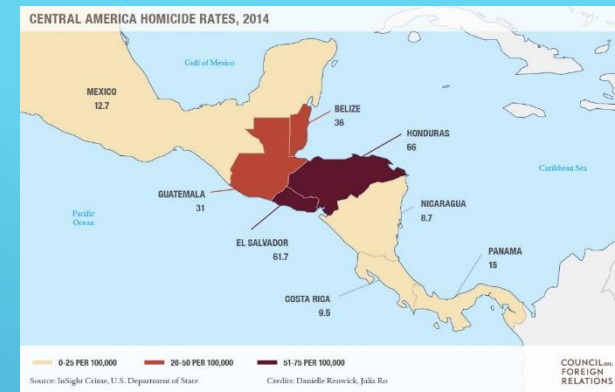
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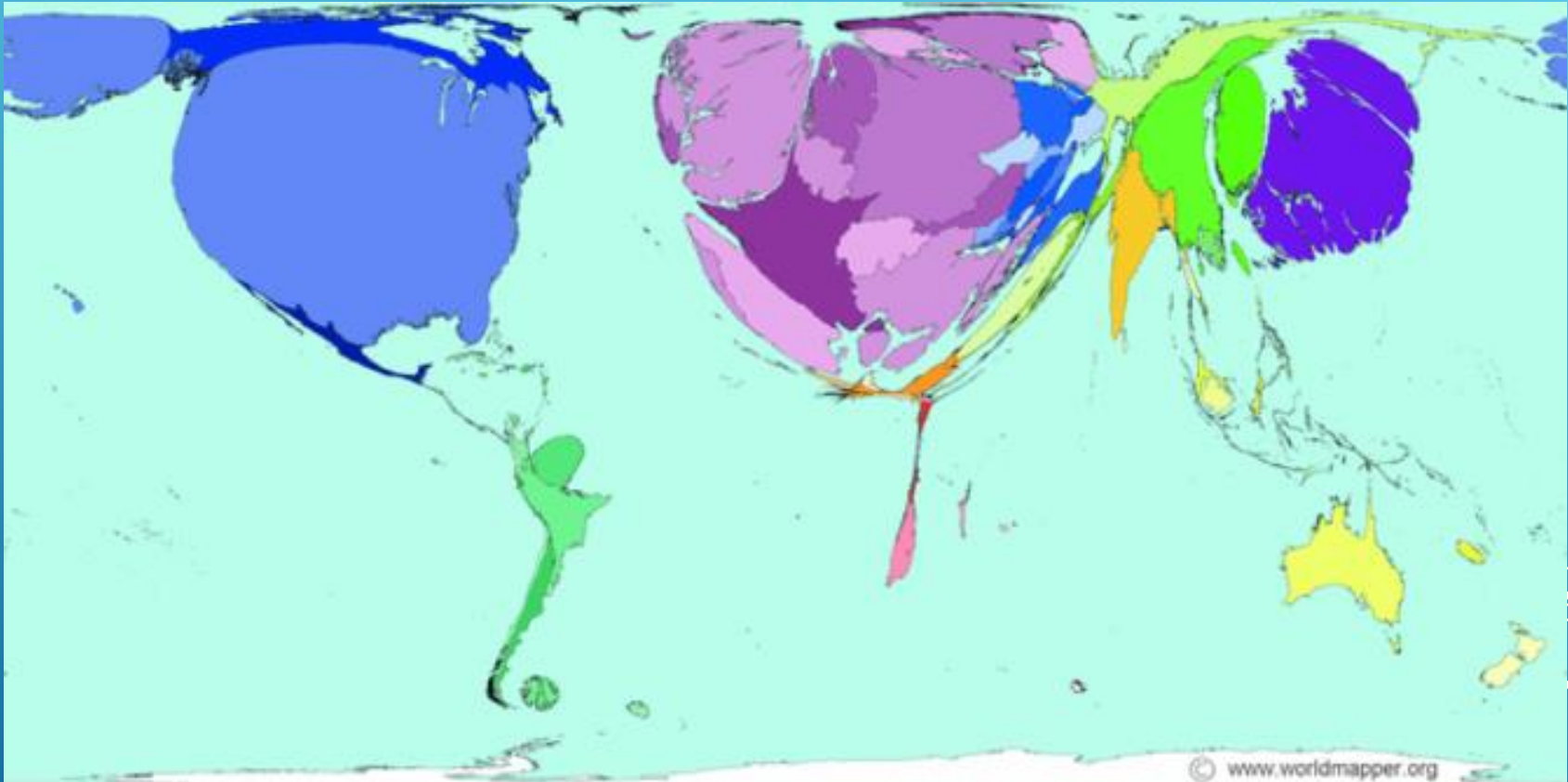
CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

- ▶ Social exclusion
- ▶ Lack of economic opportunity
- ▶ Deficient or absent urban planning
- ▶ Lack of effective cross-sectoral action
- ▶ Migration
- ▶ Demographic & epidemiological & social transitions
- ▶ Climate change
- ▶ Unrecognized complexity

ORIGINS OF PUBLISHED RESEARCH



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LAC-URBAN HEALTH: HISTORY



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► Timeline:

- Sept 2015: 1st meeting in Philadelphia
- January 2016: Establishment of Steering Committee representing supporting partners and LAC members
- March 2016: Second meeting in Santiago, Chile
- April 2016: Website online
- July 2016: MOU signed among supporting partners
- October 2016: Wellcome Trust *Our Planet Our Health* Grant Proposal presentation
- February 2017: Third meeting in Bogotá, Colombia



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► Participating countries:

- Argentina, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, USA, Venezuela

LAC-URBAN HEALTH MOTIVATION



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- ▶ LAC among the most urbanized, and most recently-urbanized, world regions;
- ▶ Little information exists on:
 - ▶ the state and drivers of urban health and health inequities in LAC;
 - ▶ how the specific socio-political and economic context of urbanization in LAC affects urban health;
 - ▶ how urban policies currently being implemented may impact health
- ▶ Future health of LAC cities requires:
 - ▶ new partnerships for collaboration/exchange among urban health researchers, practitioners, and decision-makers;
 - ▶ better dissemination/translation of research
 - ▶ new ways of framing links between urbanization and health
- ▶ Lessons from LAC cities may have global relevance



GOALS & ACTIVITIES

► Goals

- To **enhance understanding** of the state and drivers of health in cities of Latin America and the Caribbean
- To participate in the **evaluation of a range of urban policies** currently being implemented in cities of LAC
- To **promote training**, including trainee exchanges across groups
- To **disseminate information** on health in cities and evidence on the impact of policies **to the public and decision-makers**

► Year 1 Activities

- Convening meetings and promoting the network
- Grant-seeking (Wellcome Trust)
- Expansion of network (~40 member from 10 countries)
- Future...

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Bringing together public health practitioners, researchers, policy makers and communities to improve health in the cities of Latin America and the Caribbean

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