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Cambio Global

Weaving equitable research partnerships to advance global and planetary health

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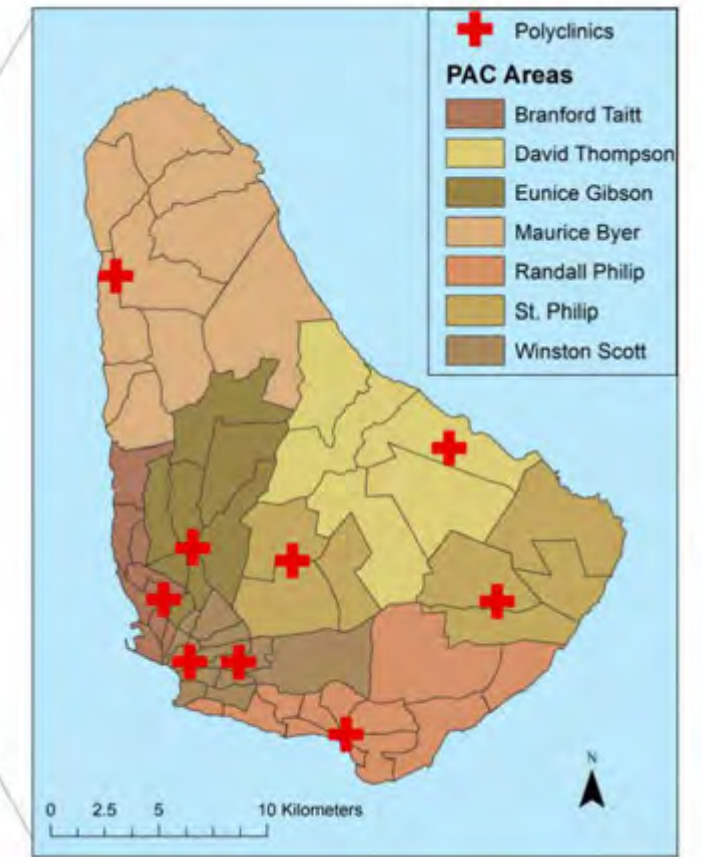


My journey as a scientist



Bahia de Caraquez, Ecuador, 2016

Dengue early warning in Barbados



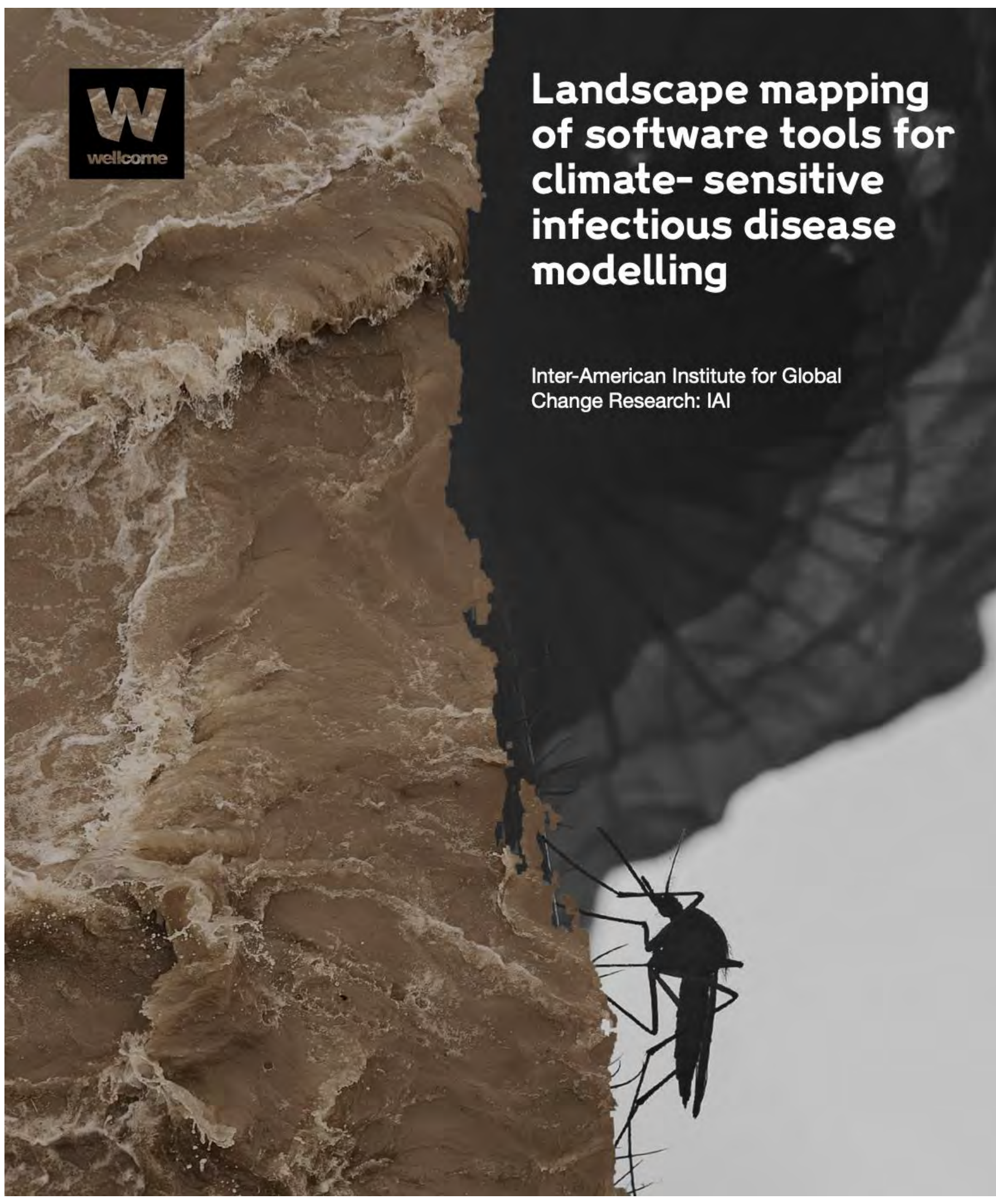
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Landscape mapping of software tools for climate- sensitive infectious disease modelling

Inter-American Institute for Global
Change Research: IAI



Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research

19

Member countries

33 years

Declaration of Montevideo (1992)

Supporting global change science for a more sustainable and resilient Americas.

Principles of scientific excellence, international cooperation and full and open exchange of scientific information relevant to global environmental change.






- Transdisciplinary research (TD) is necessary when there is high uncertainty and urgency.
- Research is situated in the broader sociopolitical contexts.
- Focused on equitable & respectful collaborations.
- Require reflection on whose knowledge is represented and who benefits from the research.
- Critically examines power asymmetries, colonial legacies, sexism/racism, etc.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Science

- IAI policy adopted in 2022 and Belmont Forum policy adopted in 2024.
- New IAI advisory body comprised of people from indigenous communities
- Multilingual training on IAI's virtual campus.
- Multilingual global funding calls.



A misty mountain landscape at sunrise or sunset, with a lake in the distance. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, and the mountains are partially obscured by a thick layer of fog or mist. The sky is a mix of soft blues and oranges, with wispy clouds. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Diálogos entre el Territorio y la Academia

Dialogues between the Territory and the Academia

Nexus of Climate, environment and health

Training and seed grants



7-week virtual training
Transdisciplinary skills &
science communication
Sep-Nov 2022

In-person
workshop in
Argentina
March 2023

12 seed grants
awarded, 15
countries
2023-2025

Sharing expertise and resources

Pan American Climate Resilient Health Systems



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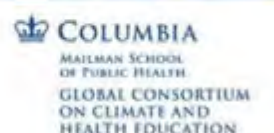
Session Video
Recordings Available

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What did we learn?

- For research to have an impact on public health, we need to design **safe spaces of dialogue and research processes** that bring together scientists, public and private sectors, & civil society.
- Training programs and seed grants are needed to build/strengthen research teams and increase EDI **before a funding call is launched.**
- Trust-based partnerships allow us to pool resources and align priorities/actions.
- Language matters.



Virtual campus

New free multilingual courses

Science Diplomacy and Global Environmental Change in the Americas

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Foundations

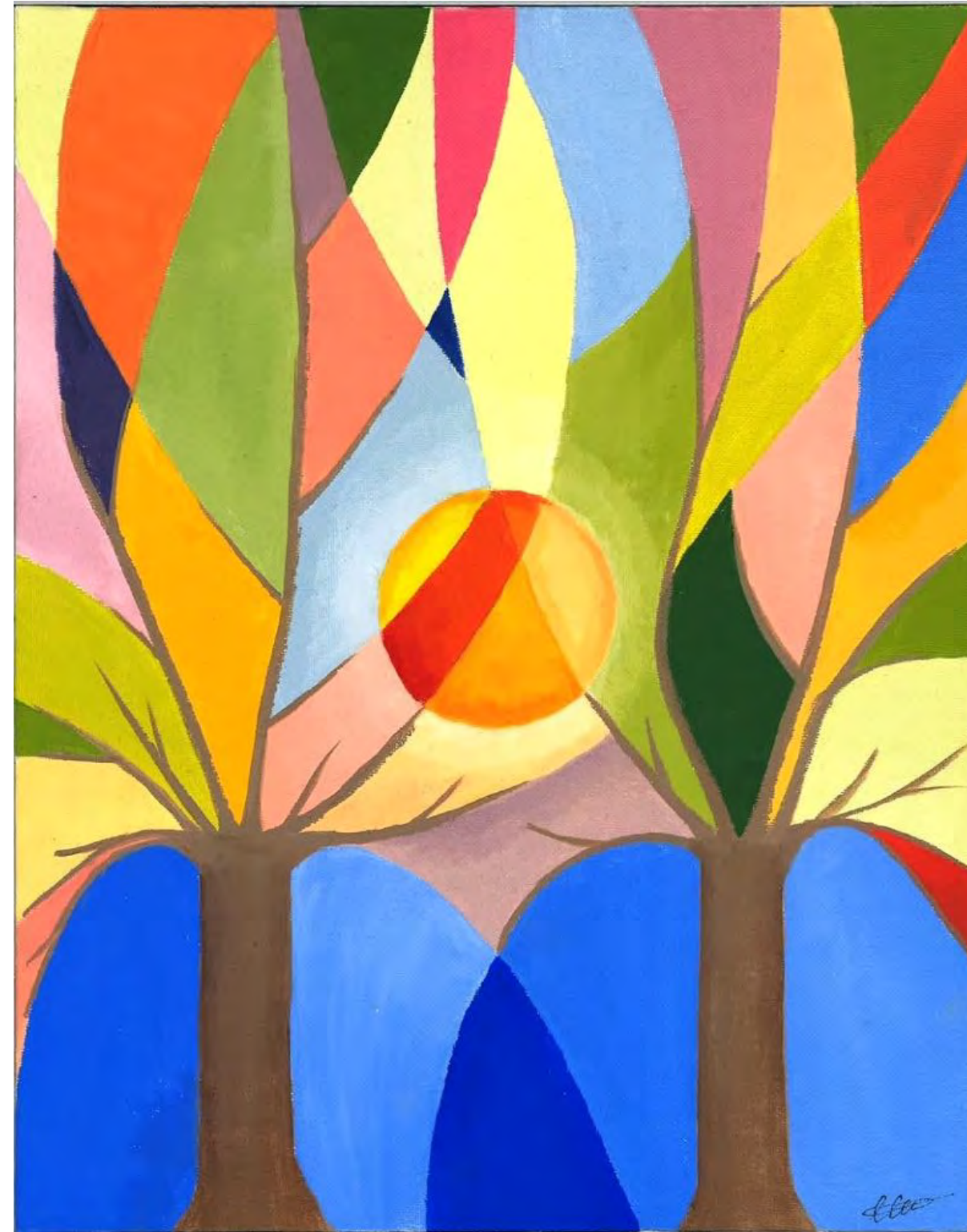


- Colonialism, Decolonization, and Global Health
- Ethical Challenges in Global Health Research
- Gender equity in African academia: an implementation science evaluation of the Kenya context
- A holistic systems approach to global health research, practice, and partnerships
- Team Science and Infectious Disease Work: Exploring Opportunities and Challenges
- Foundations and future directions of global health communication



Case studies

- Collective Learning: Power and Trust in Partnerships
- Partnering with the community in infectious disease research: A Kenyan experience
- Partnership-based approach to infectious disease research in Papua New Guinea
- Partnerships to Improving Access to Healthcare for Refugees and Immigrants in Philadelphia.
- The strengths and challenges of building partnership through malaria research Thailand case study in inter-epidemic and epidemic projects
- Building Partnerships and Confronting Challenges: Implementation of an Ebola vaccine clinical study during an outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo



- Innovative, collaborative approaches that improve responses to epidemics and natural disasters
- Nipah Outbreak Investigation in Bangladesh, 2007: A Case Study of One Health Partnership and Intersectoral Coordination
- Addressing Sexual and HIV-Related Stigma in Haiti: Need for Societal Engagement.
- Building partnerships to empower women through home self-sampling for sexual and reproductive tract infections
- Mentorship case study: perspectives on community-based participatory research, an approach for more inclusive research
- Gender equity in academia. Thriving as a clinician-scientist, establishing partnerships and driving policy for change in the Kenya context by

Future visions

- Transforming the planetary health crisis through an Indigenous Land-based meta-narrative
- Social movement and empowerment in shaping global health priorities: Past, Present, and Future.
- When women lead in global health: alternative mobilizations.
- Funding for equitable infectious disease research and development.
- Educational perspectives from the field- pathways to the future
- Learning from the past to inform the future: perspectives on future directions in international health and research Engaging with Heart in Global Health Partnerships
- Courageous Authenticity: Bringing Our Inner Wisdom to Our Work, Partnerships, and Communities for Deeper Partnership



Key Tenets

Acknowledge colonialism & inequity
Disrupt the status quo
Transform imperfect systems to drive change
Center trust and local voices
Repair our interconnectedness.
Experience the joy and power of human connections.
Stay open and humble to learn.
Bring our whole selves and our humanity in service.
Persist in hopefulness!

***It is not just what we do or who does it,
but how we work together in global health.***



Thank you!

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