# Clarity Air Quality Sensor Bootcamp

# Use Cases

Lessons Learned from Air Monitoring Projects in 70+ Countries



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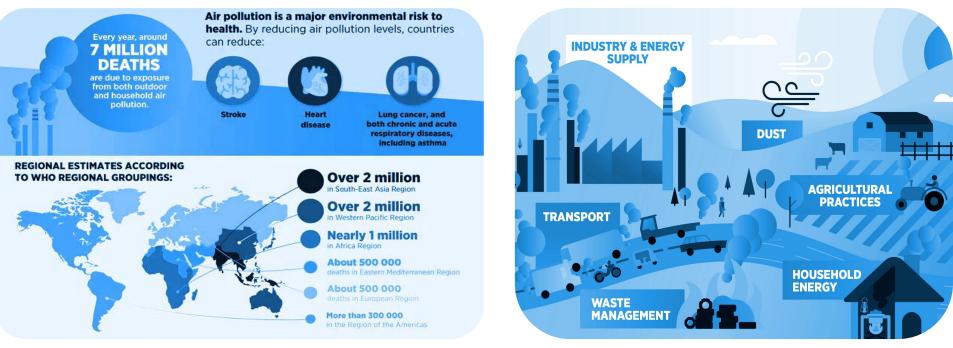
# Agenda

- **01** Introduction and Recap
- **02** The "Clarity Model"
- **03** Case Studies Global Air Sensor Projects

**04** Q&A

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# **Recap: Air Pollutants & Air Sensors 101**



# **Global air pollution crisis**

Air pollution is the most pressing environmental health issue today. **7 million premature deaths** are linked to air pollution annually as the #1 environmental cause. (WHO)

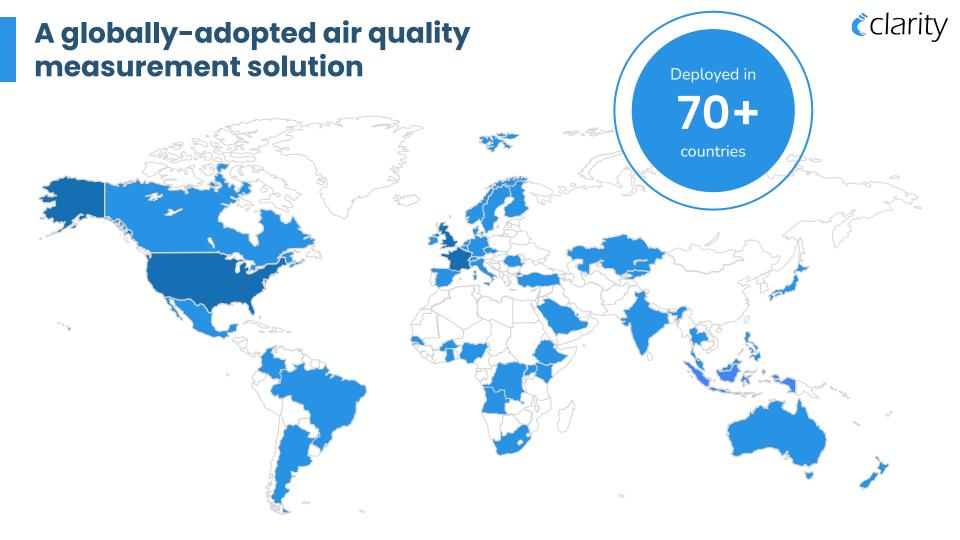


# Failure to manage air pollution costs governments and industries **\$8.1 Trillion USD annually.** (World Bank/IHME)

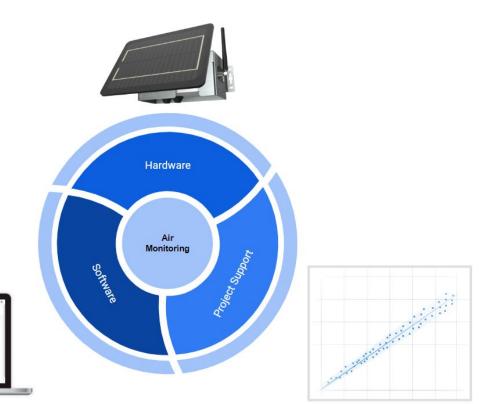
# The opportunity

We can cost-effectively **measure health cost savings and reduced burden of disease** at the actual scale of procurements and policies.

This can greatly **improve the recognized value proposition of decarbonization activities** or de-risk future clean air investments.



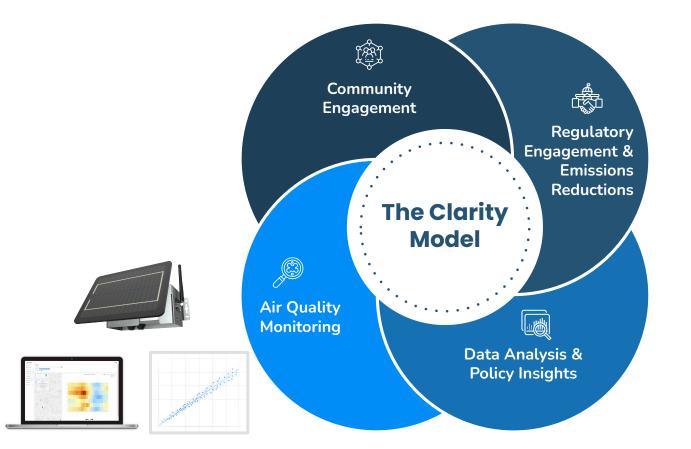
# From innovative technology "Projects"...





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# ...to regional "Programs": Air Quality Management 2.0



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# Air Quality Management 2.0: Why Regional Programs?

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Inclusivity

## Scalability and Efficiency

- Avoid duplicative costs of separate projects and additional costs of integration.
- Establishing data QA/QC is challenging and expensive!
- Create consistent data sets useful for policy and analysis.

#### Air quality is a "horizontal" challenge - enable the critical collaboration across sectors (e.g. health, energy, transport, environment, etc.)

 Build trust and transparency by engaging the public manage the narrative.



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## Funding

- Builds a single "brand" for regional air management.
- Facilitates Public Private Partnerships and enables non-traditional finance.
- Generates political capital

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#### Prioritized measure 1

Expansion of the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ)

#### Components:

Increase ULEZ area coverage; Implement stricter emission standards; Enhance vehicle compliance checks; Raise public awareness on ULEZ

**Prioritized measure 3** 

# Establishing wood burning guidelines

#### **Components:**

Develop guidelines for wood use; Promote smoke control options; Educate on proper wood burning; Encourage alternative heat sources

#### Prioritized measure 2

Promotion & enforcement of anti-idling campaigns at schools

#### Components:

Develop anti-idling policy; Conduct awareness campaign; Install signage near schools; Regular enforcement and fines

#### **Prioritized measure 4**

# Creation of low emission bus zones

#### Components:

Identify high pollution areas; introduce low emission buses; Optimize bus routes & schedules; Monitor air quality improvement

# %

Of domestic energy production is coal-fuelled nationally and 57% of the population of Bishkek heat their homes with coal.



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#### Prioritized measure 1

#### Measurement and enforcement of transport emissions

#### **Components:**

Remote sensing study; Inspection program; Public outreach campaign; Enforcement program.

#### **Prioritized measure 3**

#### Conversion of household heating systems from coal to cleaner fuels

#### **Components:**

Capital expenditure and technical assistance for the Energy Efficiency within the Housing and Public Utilities sector; Graduated subsidies by household income.

#### **Prioritized measure 2**

#### Baseline including monitoring and evaluation of impact

#### Components:

Quality Management Group; 3-D air pollution map; Emission reduction monitoring and evaluation database/software/program.

#### **Prioritized measure 4**

#### Update the construction rules for Bishkek urban planning and development

#### Components:

Protocol for construction times, dates and locations; Air filtration systems or mechanical ventilation systems where applicable at work sites.

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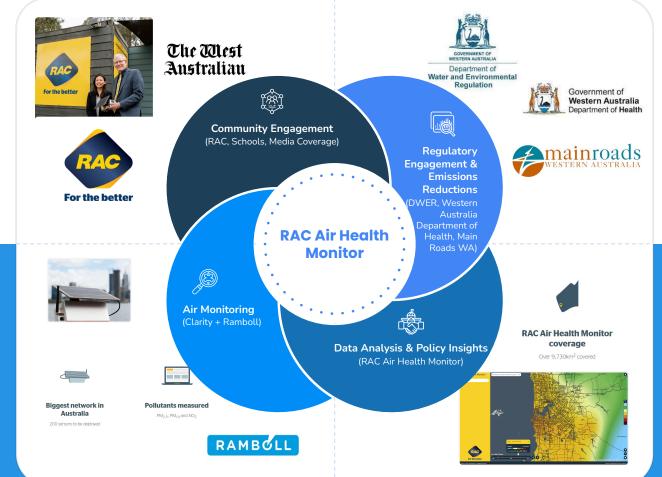
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#### Online public health monitor tool and campaign

#### **Components:**

Live air quality monitoring map; education campaign on actions citizens can take; emission reduction checklist; community case studies

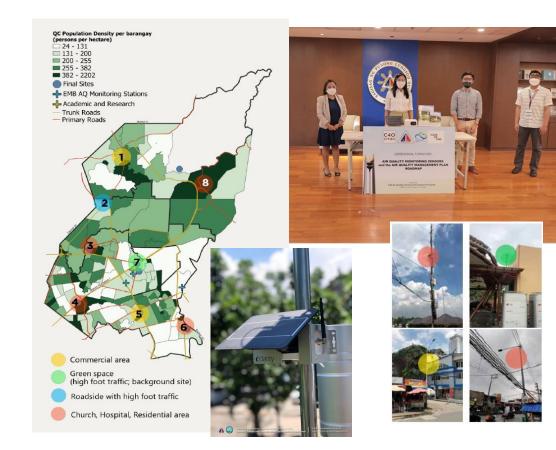
#### **Prioritized measure 2**

#### Encouraging reduction in vehicle emissions

#### **Components:**

Investment in alternative transport options; Promotion of electric vehicle uptake; Incentivizing walking, cycling, and public transport use; Congestion management strategies.





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#### **Prioritized measure 1**

#### Eco-friendly transportation policy

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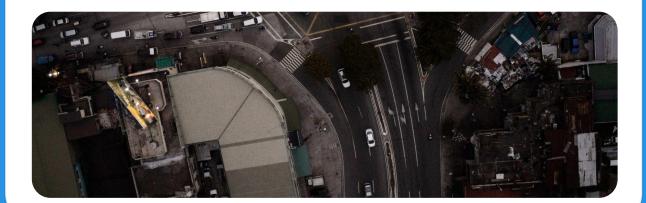
Creation of bike lane network, installation of bike ramps, creation of grade-separated bike crossings

#### **Prioritized measure 2**

#### Improve industrial emission control standards

#### **Components:**

Regular inspections; Implement updated standards for emissions; Incentives for pollution reduction efforts; Enforce stricter penalties for violators.



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#### Protect student health during air pollution events

#### **Components:**

The LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety uses the KYAN to monitor air pollution and send out operational alerts (example below) in real time to protect stakeholders during wildfires and other extreme AQ events.

Activity	0 to 50 GOOD	51 to 100 MODERATE	101 to 150 UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS	151 to 200 UNHEALTHY	201 to 30 VERY UNHEAL1
Recess (15 min)	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	Make indoor space available for children with asthma or other respiratory problems	Any child who complains of difficulty breathing, or who has asthma or other respiratory problems, should be allowed to play indoors.	Restrict out activities to to moderat exercise.
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#### Prioritized measure 2

Educate students and local community about air quality issues

#### Components:

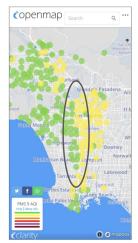
The KYAN provides localized AQ data at a scale not seen before in Los Angeles.

LAUSD is using data to educate students, parents and more.

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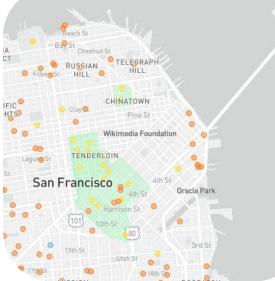
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#### **Prioritized measure 1**

# Air quality monitoring & data analysis in underrepresented zones

**Components:** Published report "Little Room to Breathe"

# Little Room to Breathe:

Evaluating Air Quality & Health Impacts in San Francisco's Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Buildings

July 2021

#### **Prioritized measure 2**

# Raise awareness of air quality issues

#### **Components:**

OFD Inform. Inspire. Involve.

Community workshops, postering campaigns, and media coverage.

#### Impoverished SF Communities Get New Air Quality Sensors — Just in Time for Smoke-Clogged Skies

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# **Challenges and Gaps:**





# **Technology Limitations**



Need for Analysis & Local Capacity



Interagency Alignment & Regional Collaboration

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# **Conclusions & Key Points**

- The integration of new measurement technologies and multi-stakeholder partnerships have greatly improved our ability to quantify and manage regional air pollution.
- Air Quality Management 2.0 represents an opportunity to better quantify the complex costs of air pollution and benefits of many potential "climate" investments.
- Air quality management is inherently a regional, multisectoral challenge requiring significant coordination and alignment. Establishing scalable, inclusive partnerships (or "Programs") is critical for efficiency and success.

# Register for the next webinar on June 21st!

Implementation – Best Practices for Air Sensor Network Design

# June 21, 9am PT/6pm CEST



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Business Development Manager





# Thank you!

# **Questions?**