

Waste towers over residents in Manila. The city has just banned disposable plastic shopping bags to curb the tide of rubbish in the city, which exacerbates its flooding problem

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"Circular Economy"



Low Carbon Vehicles

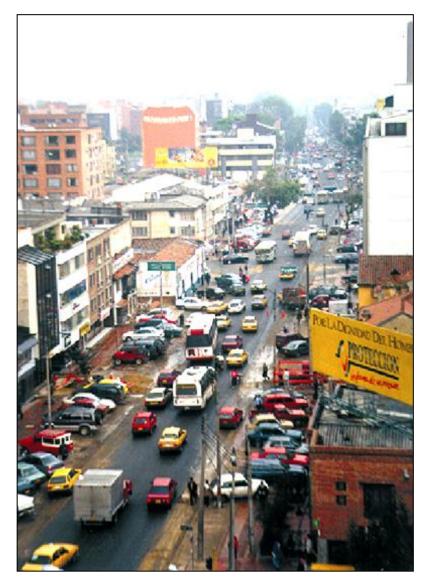


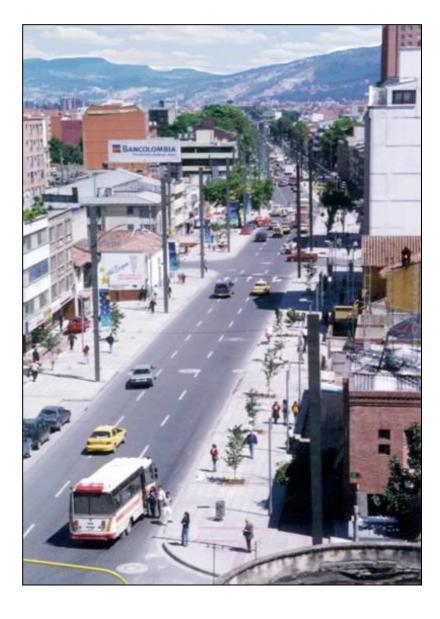
Source: Gordon Murray Designs

Traffic



People vs. Cars: Bogota





Source: Courtesy of Enrique Penalosa

VariaLift Airship



Future Cities Catapult

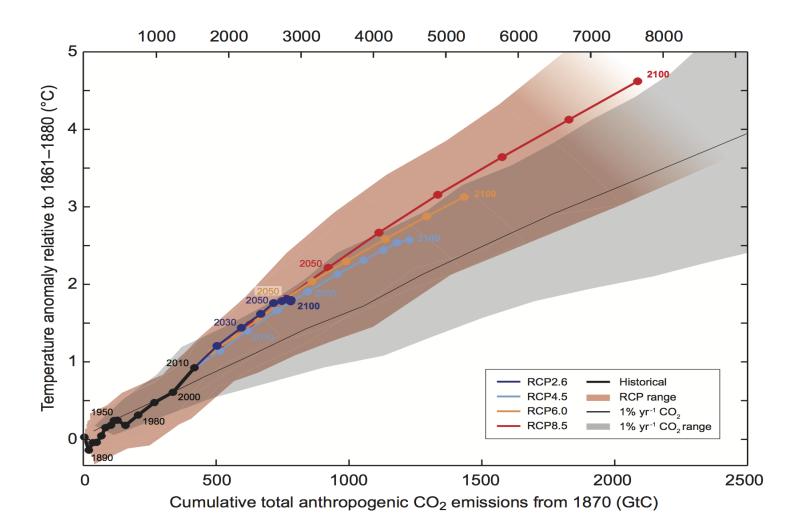
What is the Future Cities Catapult?



THE CHALLENGE

- Create a global hub, a laboratory in London,
- Assemble: policy influencers and makers, private sector players, academics, financiers
- Create future-proof cities focused on the wellbeing of the citizens.
- Contribute to the challenges of poverty eradication, natural resource depletion, and ecosystem protection in the face of increases in urban populations.
- Collaborate on new financial mechanisms.

Cumulative total anthropogenic CO₂ emissions from 1870 (GtCO₂)



UK Policy

- 80% CO2 reduction by 2050
- Defossilise the grid by 2050
- Transfer the surface transport sector onto the grid