

Why the Global South should lead on SRM evaluation

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A group of villagers stands beside the Jamuna River in Bangladesh, where erosion is eating into the riverbanks.

Solar geoengineering is fraught with risks and can never be an alternative to mitigation. But it's unclear whether the risks of solar geoengineering are greater than the risks of breaking the 1.5C warming target. As things stand, politicians will face this dismal dilemma within a couple of decades. It is right, politically and morally, for the global south to have a central role in solar-geoengineering research, discussion and evaluation

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SRMGI Outreach Workshops

Kenya, Nairobi
June 2017

China, Beijing
May 2017

Philippines, Manila
March 2017

Thailand, Bangkok
March 2017

Bangladesh, Dhaka
February 2017

Pakistan, Islamabad
December 2016

India, Delhi
November 2016

Caribbean Academy of Sciences
November 2016

Brazil, São José dos Campos
November 2016

Jamaica, Kingston
July 2016

Ethiopia, Addis Ababa
January 2013

South Africa, Johannesburg
November 2012

Senegal, Dakar
June 2012

Pakistan, Islamabad
November 2011

China, Tianjin
October 2011

India, Delhi
October 2011

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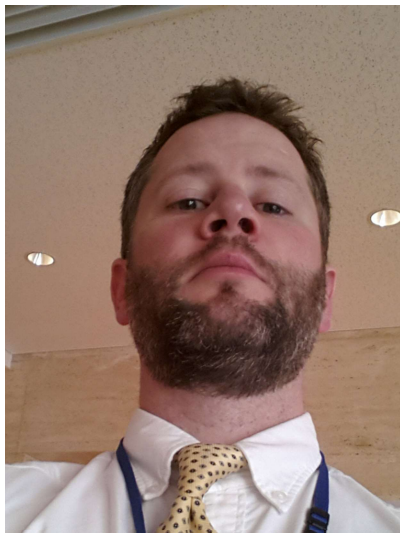
Brazil workshop – INPE – 2016



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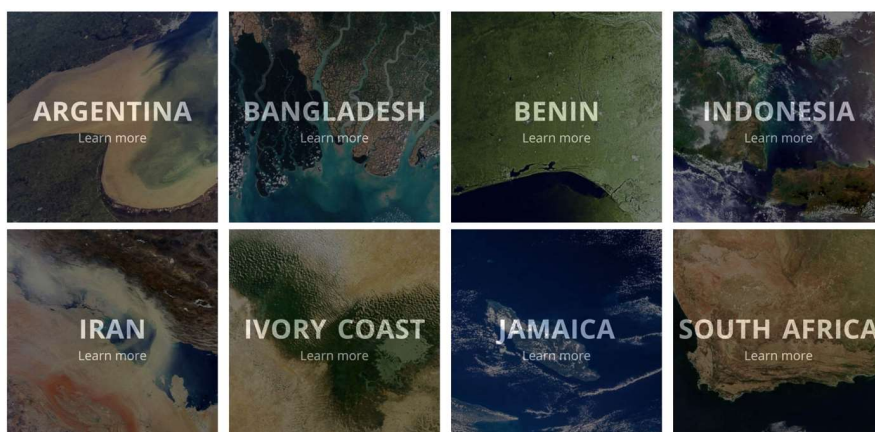
The unintended side
effects of an SRM
research programme

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ARGENTINA


Hydrological impacts of SRM in the La Plata river basin

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Background photo: Río de la Plata estuary. Credit: Earth Science and Remote Sensing Unit, NASA Johnson Space Center (<https://eos1.sr.nasa.gov/>)

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BANGLADESH

SRM impacts on the spread of malaria and cholera

Dr Md. Shafiul Alam (PI), Ms Sobiya Aziz Badat, Prof. Shweta Bansal, Dr Colin Carlson, Prof. Rita Colwell, Mr Md. Sharif Hossain, Mr Md. Mofizur Rahman, Dr Md. Feisal Rahman, Prof. Alan Robock, Dr Christopher Trisos



Background photo: Sundarbans, Bangladesh. Credit: satellite modified Copernicus Sentinel data (2016), processed by ESA, CC-BY-SA 3.0 IGO


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BENIN

Impacts of solar radiation management on the West African climate

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Background photo: Wide-swath Advanced Synthetic Aperture Radar (ASAR) image centered on Togo, Benin and Nigeria. Credit: ESA, CC BY-SA 3.0 IGO.

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INDONESIA

SRM impacts on extreme temperatures and precipitation in Indonesia

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Background photo: Medium Resolution Imaging Spectrometer (MERIS) showing part of the Sumatra (left) and Java (right) islands in western Indonesia. Credit: ESA.

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IRAN


Storm tracks, atmospheric blockings and severe dust storm events in the MENA region under SRM

Dr Khalil Karami (PI), Mr Seyed Vahid Mousavi, Dr Mohammad Saeed Najafi



Background photo: Envisat image of a sandstorm blowing across the Persian Gulf toward Iran. Credit: ESA, CC BY-SA 3.0 IGO.

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IVORY COAST

Temperature and precipitation extremes over West and Central Africa and implications for water resources

Dr Vami Hermann N'Guessan Bi (PI), Dr Arona Diedhiou, Ms Madina Doumbia, Mr Salomon Obahoundje, Dr N'Datchoh Evelyne Toure



Background photo: Landsat-8 image from July 2014 showing Lake Chad in West Africa's Sahel region. Credit: USGS/ESA.

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JAMAICA

Assessing the effects of SRM on future Caribbean climate

Dr Leonardo Clarke (PI), Mr Jayaka Campbell, Mr Abel Centella, Dr Tannecia Stephenson, Prof. Michael Taylor



Background photo: Jamaica seen from the ISS. Credit: Earth Science and Remote Sensing Unit, NASA Johnson Space Center (<https://eos1.isr.nasa.gov/>)

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SOUTH AFRICA

Impact of SRM on drought and heat extremes in Southern Africa and associated influence on agriculture

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Background photo: Photo-like images of South Africa. Credit: NASA (Jeff Schmuller, MODIS Rapid Response Team)

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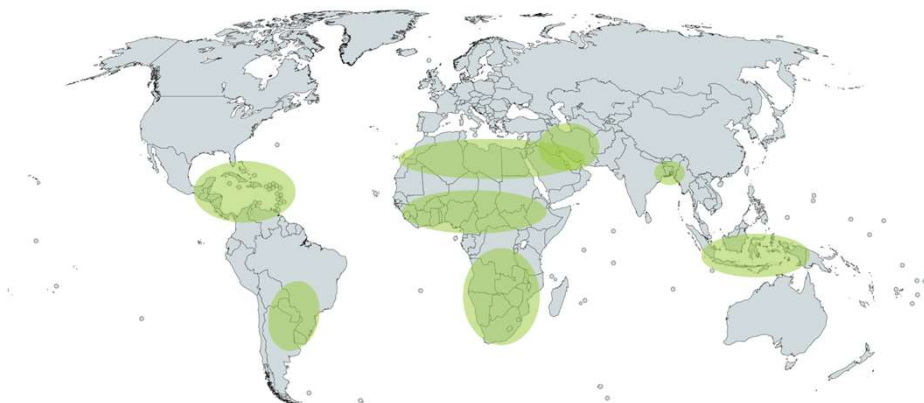


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DECIMALS modelling coverage



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How does this relate to Latin America?

- 626M people
- A range of specific climate threats
- Few SRM experts
- Little SRM discussion to date
- See modelling map on impacts
- More partnerships needed to expand the conversation

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Thank you!

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