



PEACE-MAKING DATA FOR SDGs

BALANCING DATA PROTECTION AND A JUST DISTRIBUTION
OF DIGITAL DIVIDENDS GLOBALLY

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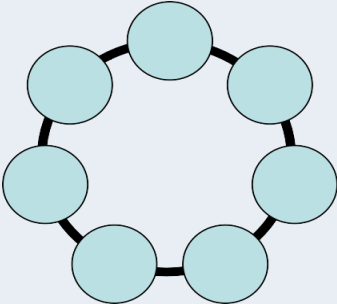
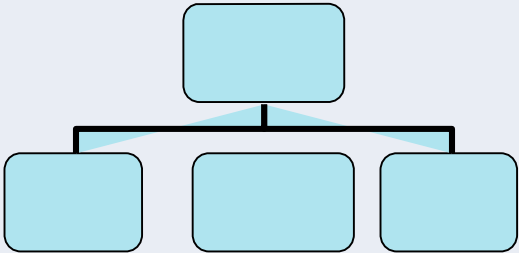
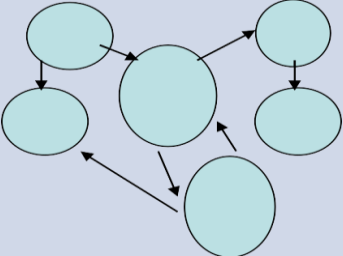
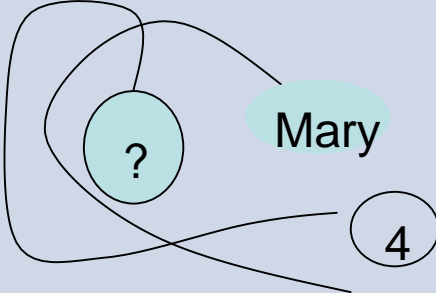
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GDPR in EU



Cultures

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Low		

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Malabo Convention in AU

- 2014 – AU aims to establish regional and national legal frameworks for cyber-security, electronic transactions and personal data protection.
- 2018 - AU data protection guidelines for Member States, broadly aligned with the GDPR
- 40% of African countries have enacted data protection legislation
- Only Kenya and South Africa have tested data protection rights in courts (Alex Makulilo 2016)

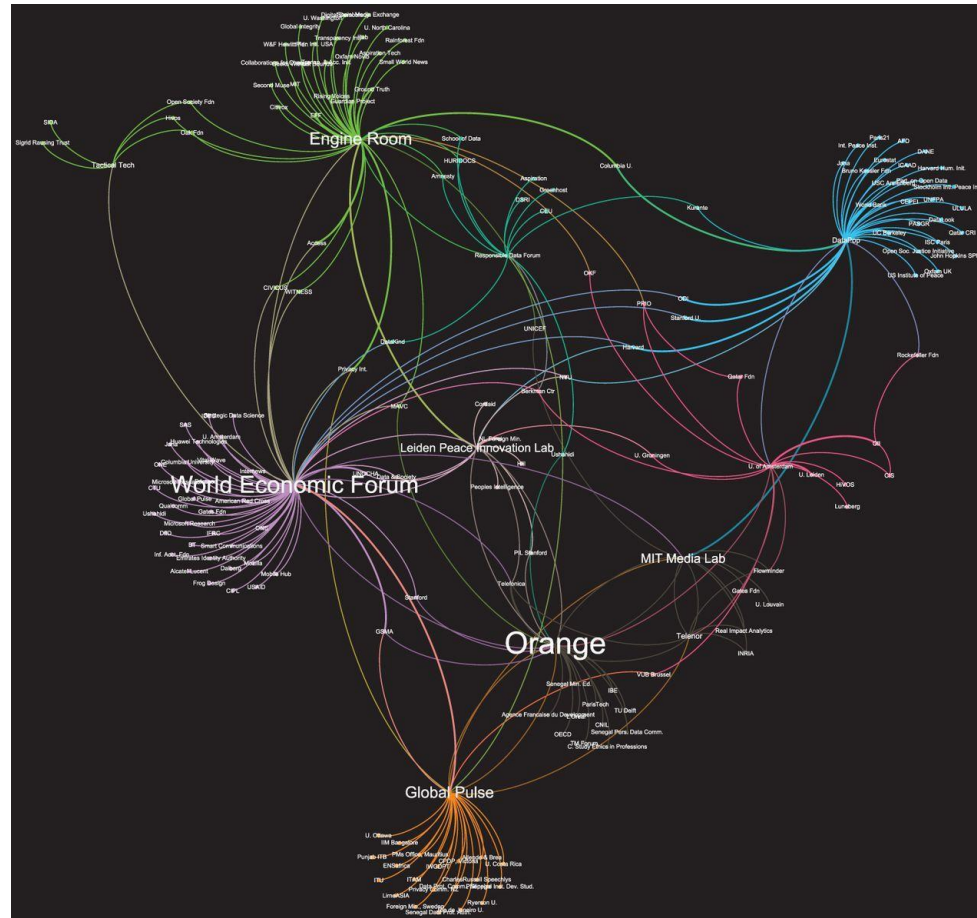
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Data & strong statehood

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Responsible data (ResD) actors



Taylor, Linnet. 2016. The ethics of big data as a public good: which public? Whose good?, *Philosophical Trans. Royal Soc. A*. Vol 374, Issue 2083

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High	How will the gov. use common pool goods?	Which enforceable data protection regulation?
	How will people use common-pool goods to organize and negotiate with government?	How to strengthen instead of further hollowing up the public good custodian – the state?

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Group privacy – refugees (1)



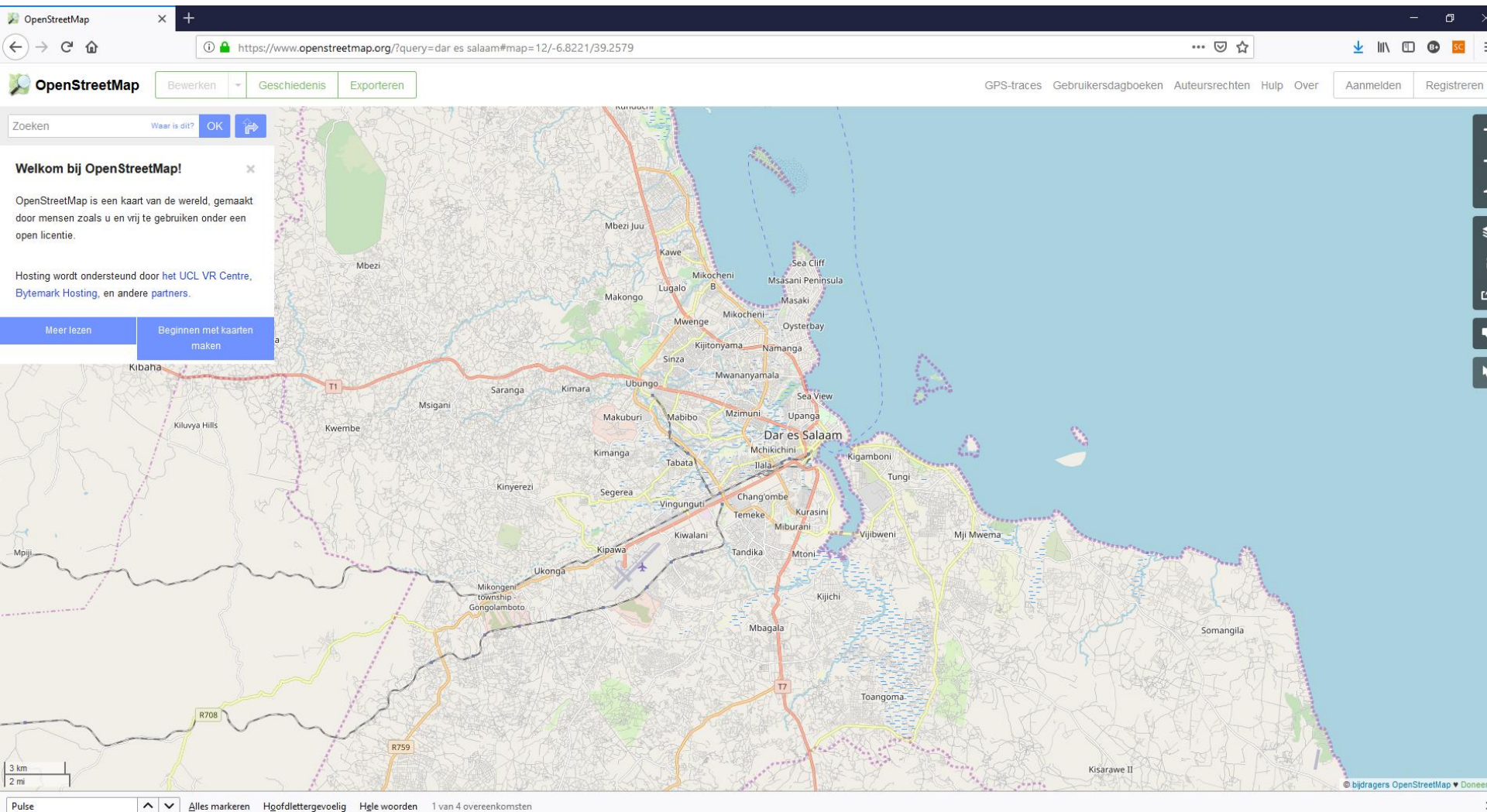
Group privacy – refugees (2)



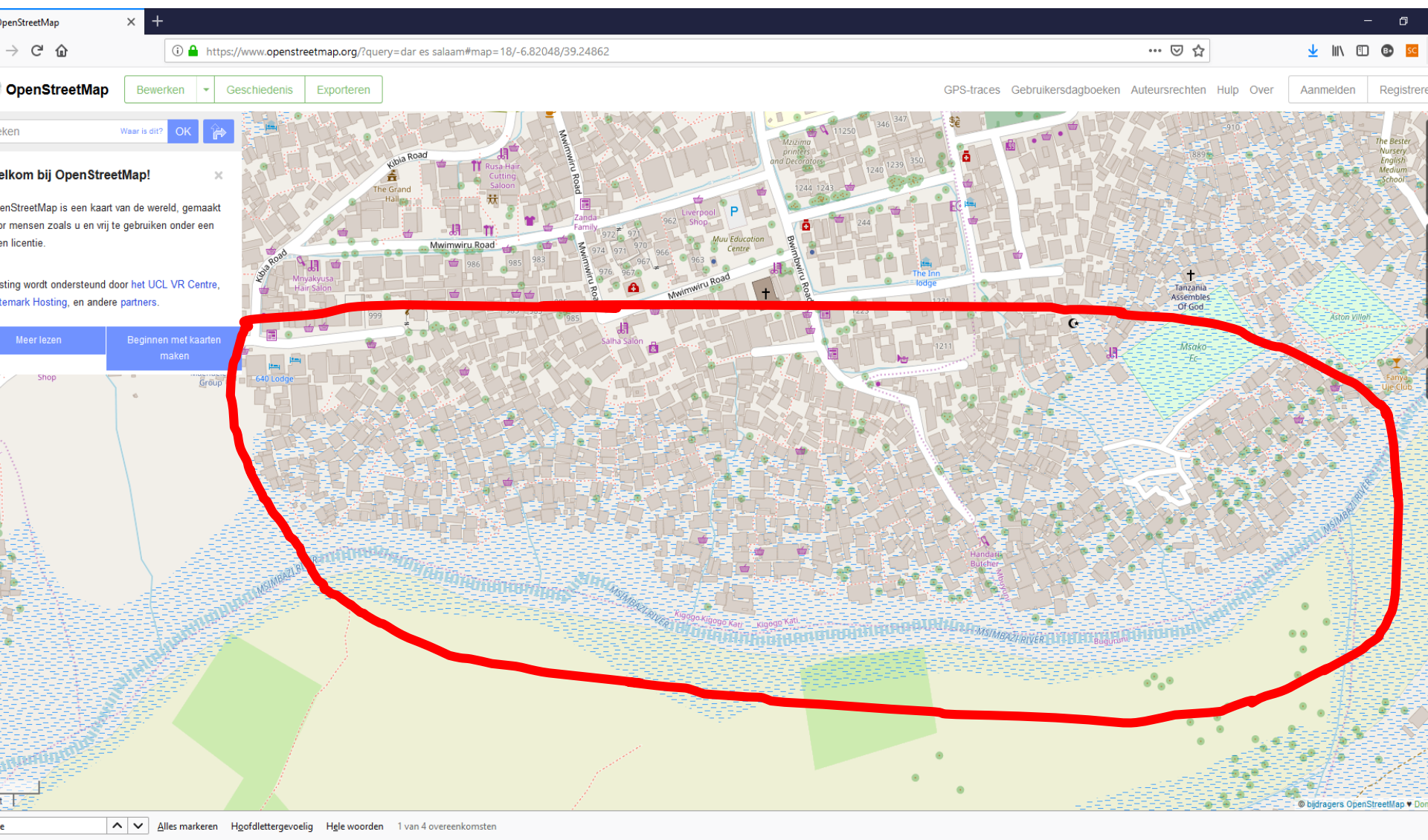
Group privacy – refugees (3)



Group privacy – flood plain dwellers (1)



Group privacy – flood plain dwellers (2)

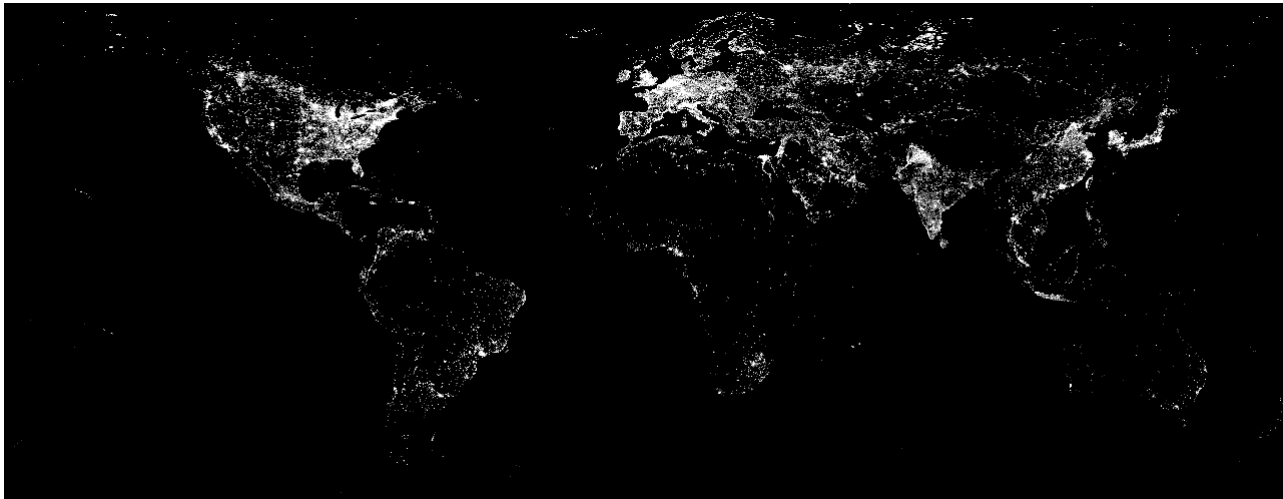


Night light images

- DMSP-OLS (Defense Meteorological Satellite Program) Nighttime Lights Time Series data (1 km) is available from 1992 - 2013 (DMSP-OLS has a spatial resolution of at 0.55km at fine mode and 2.7 at smooth mode)
 - Stable lights
 - Average lights

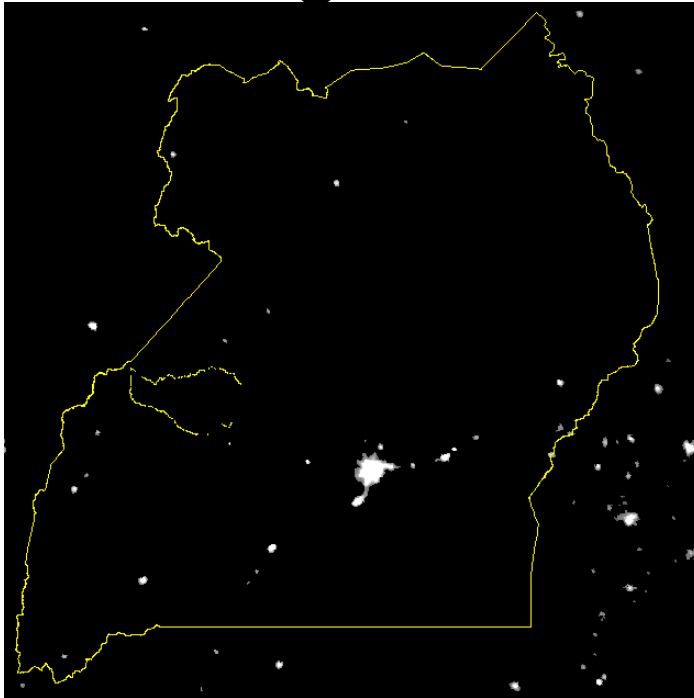
(<https://ngdc.noaa.gov/eog/dmsp/downloadV4composites.html>)

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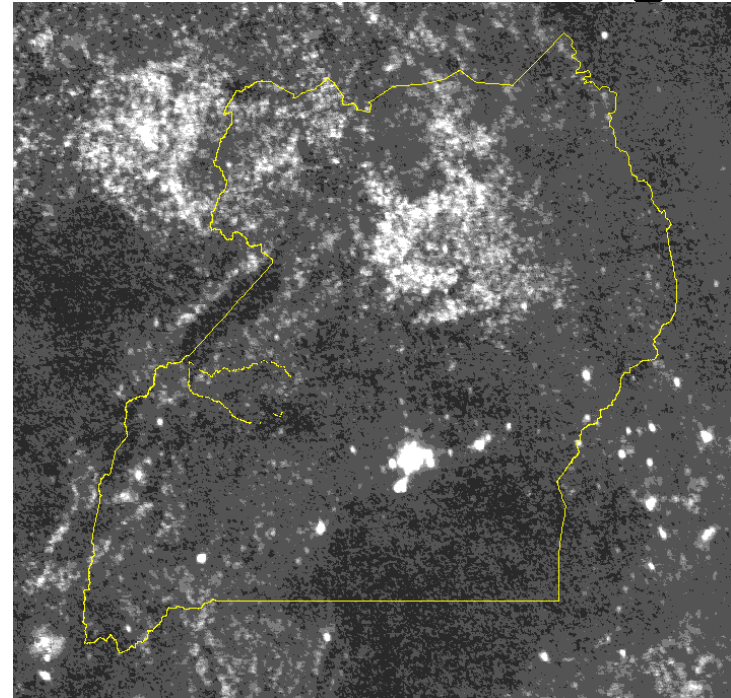


Differences between Stable and Average Nightlights Example Uganda

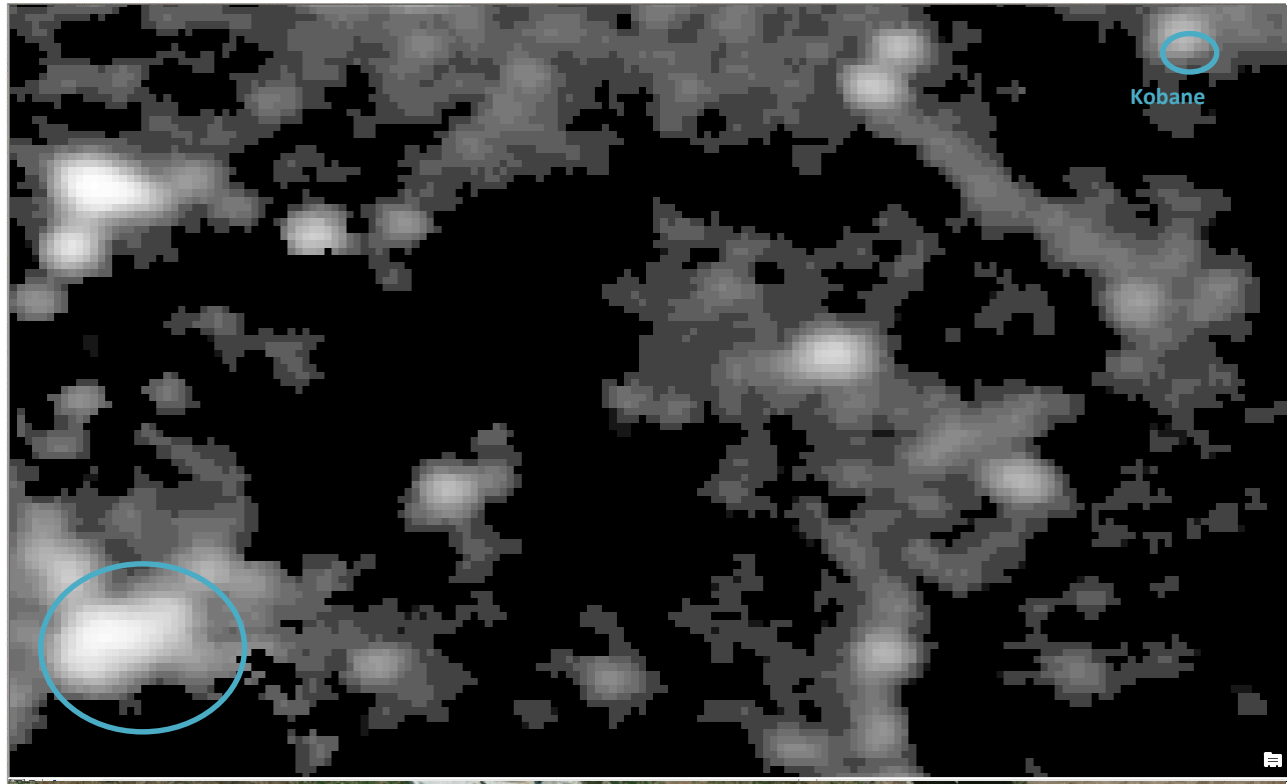
Stable lights



Average



DMSP-OLS Nighttime Lights Time Series – War in Syria



Download OLS data: <http://ngdc.noaa.gov/eog/dmsp/downloadV4composites.html>

A glowing orange-red map of New York City, specifically Manhattan and surrounding areas, showing movement patterns from mobile device data. The map is composed of a dense network of lines and dots, representing the paths of millions of devices. The lines are more prominent in the center of the city, indicating high traffic density. The dots are scattered throughout the city, representing individual locations captured. The overall effect is a vibrant, almost abstract representation of urban mobility.

New York Times 2018/12/10

235 million locations captured from 1.2 million unique devices in the New York area during a three-day period in 2017. Credit Richard Harris/The New York Times

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