

Session 7:

## **What are the main climate-related shocks and stresses affecting local governments in the APAC region**

### *Participatory exercise*

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# The meaning of « Territory » according to TALD

In the TALD approach  
a « territory » is not  
defined by legal or  
administrative  
boundaries

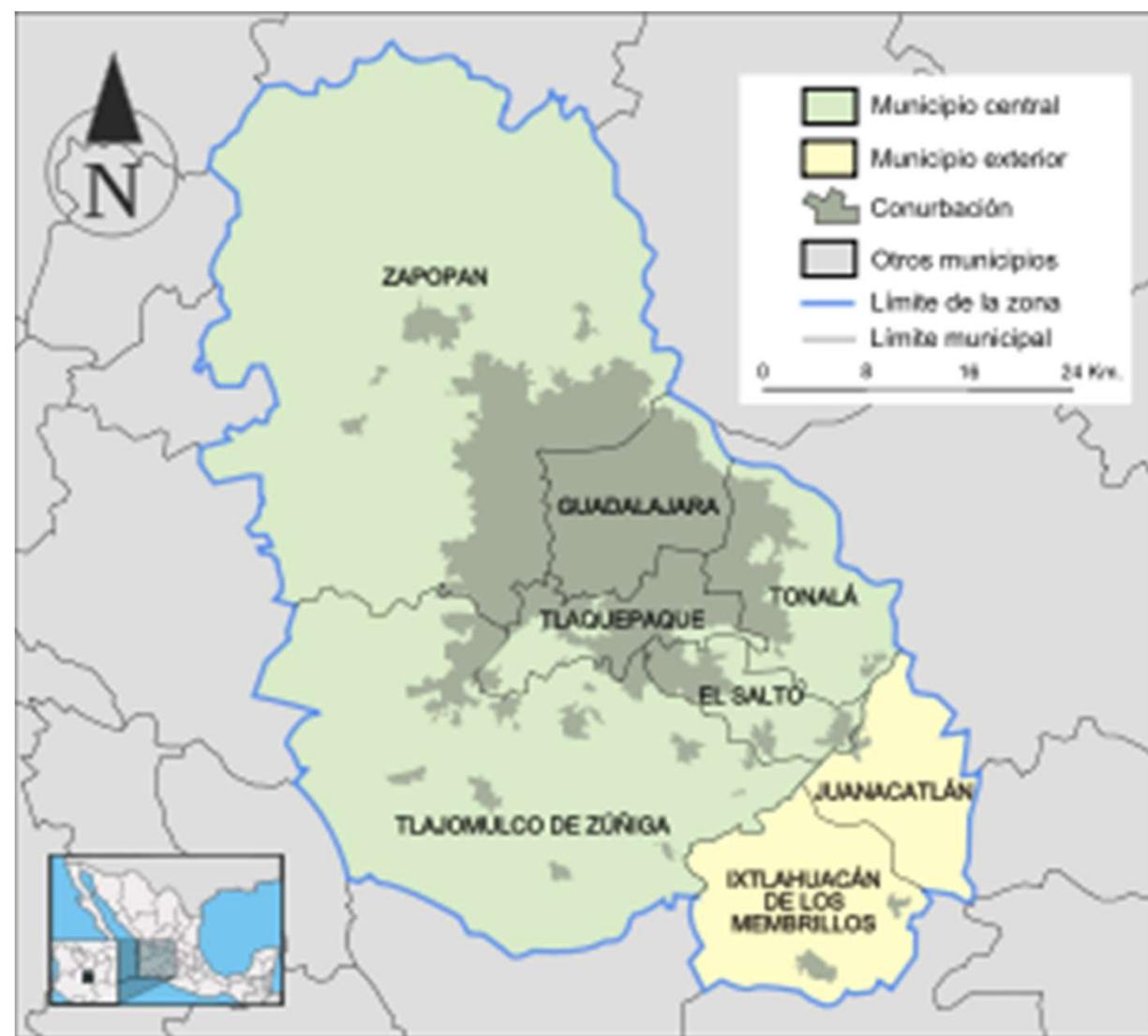


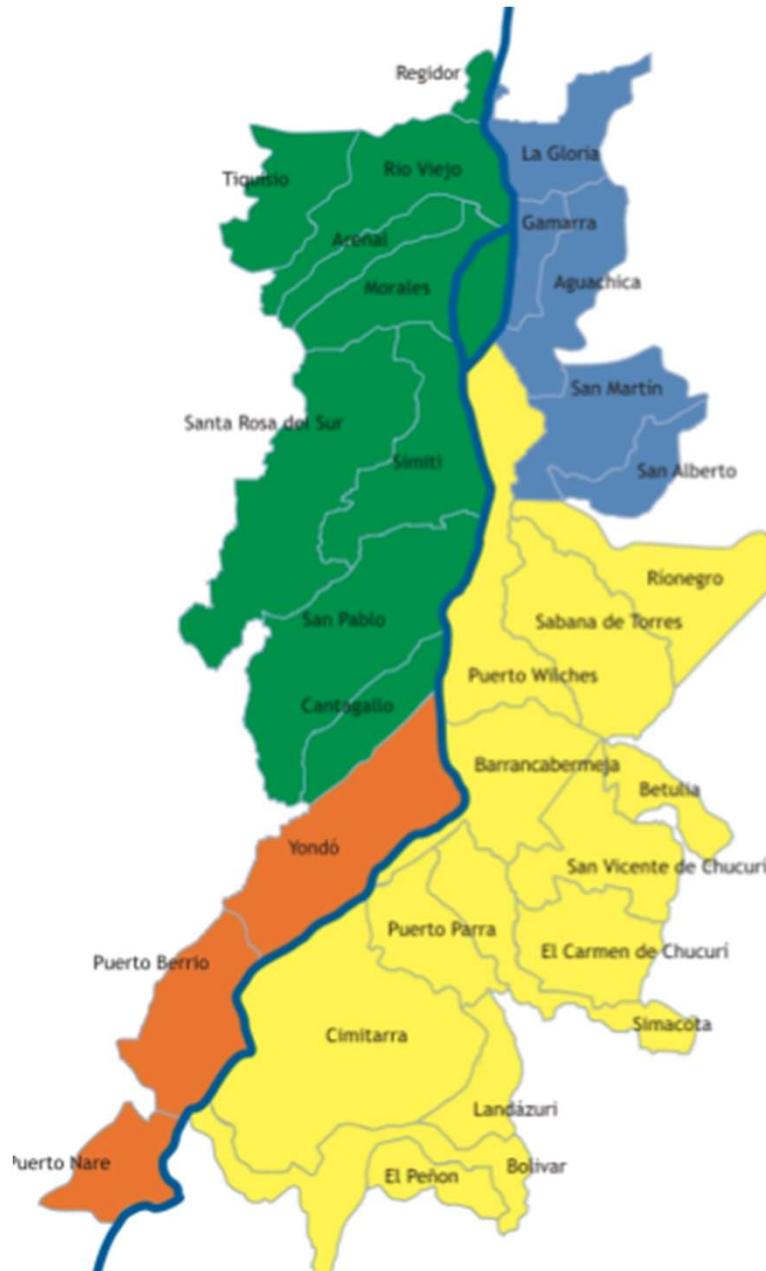
More than an « area of land under jurisdiction of a certain authority », a territory is..

**A functional space where different actors coexist sharing similar challenges and thus interacting and striving for a common purpose.**



The territorial scale does not limit itself to a particular physical dimension. A territory can thus be a metropolitan area (where urban and rural zones coexist), a hydrological basin (even across international borders), a neighborhood or a coastal zone...





# Example of river basin in Colombia

Región del  
Magdalena Medio

## Departamentos

- Bolívar
- Cesar
- Santander
- Antioquia

Breaking departmental  
boundaries (4 departments  
and supported  
by 31 municipal jurisdictions)



The Territorial approach does not only focus on « **where** » things happen, but most importantly on « **who** » and « **how** » development priorities are conceived and implemented

Climate change does not respect political or administrative boundaries, making the Territorial Approach a much more relevant point of entry to identify challenges and potential solutions at local level.



## ACUTE SHOCKS

are sudden, sharp events that threaten a city.



earthquakes



flooding



fires



terrorist attacks



disease outbreaks

## CHRONIC STRESSES

are slow moving and weaken the fabric of a city.



climate change



poverty



food insecurity



economic inequality



homelessness



**Resilience** is the capacity of a territory (its natural systems, businesses, institutions, communities, and individuals) to survive, adapt, and thrive, no matter what chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience, climate related or human provoked





## Instructions for the exercise:

- > Each person please draw a real or imaginary territory according to the TALD approach
- > Identify the main actors and factors present in this territory (these can be public, private institutions, natural assets, infrastructure...)
- > Identify a few shocks and stresses faced by this territory
- > Outline an idea or opportunity for local development
- > Share with your group
- > Select one case per group to share with the plenary



# Thank you