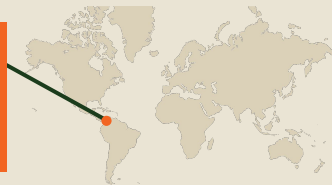


Using games to truly connect across different knowledge systems

Fortified
Landscape
of Cartagena
de Indias,
Colombia



CONTEXT

Carlos and Gabriela wanted to talk to community members of Cartagena's islands to understand how they identify and deal with climate hazards and impacts.

CHALLENGE

Difficult weather conditions, differences in socio-economic context and knowledge systems made it hard for Carlos and Gabriela to have long and meaningful conversations with them.

SOLUTION

One day, they observed people on a beach playing a local game, *loteria* (bingo), for hours. Inspired by this scene, they solved this problem by co-creating a climate change bingo game with them.

When first playing the game, the community members immediately **changed their attitude**; they were more relaxed, and conversations flowed. Everyone was at the same level and able to **equitably engage**.

Carlos and Gabriela heard **new information** about hazards, impacts, and adaptation measures implemented by the community. Everyone was able to **learn from each other**.



Carlos del Cairo



Gabriela Caro



"Every image that we showed was the excuse to start a conversation. It was wonderful because it was the first time we could get people to stay in the same place for more than two hours."

– Carlos del Cairo