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Digital Public Goods

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Defining Digital Public Goods

- goods with benefits that potentially extend to all countries, people, and generations
- public in the traditional economic sense as opposed to private; and global as opposed to national
- global public goods are non-rivalrous
- they are non-excludable



What are Digital Public Goods?

- Software
- Standards
- Data and content

Technologies and content with licensing and design which makes it possible to scale widely, in different contexts, and be adapted for contextual needs.

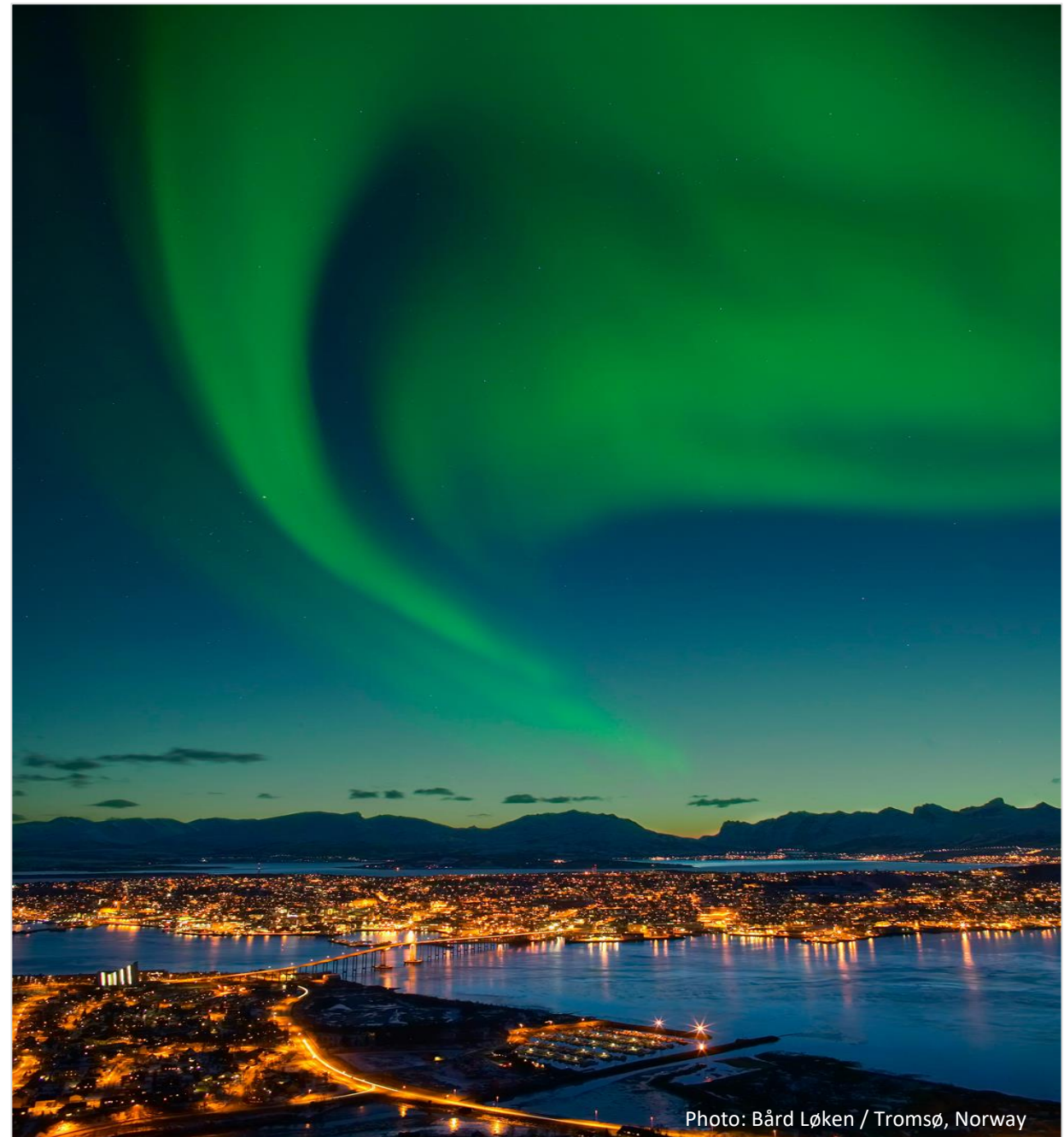
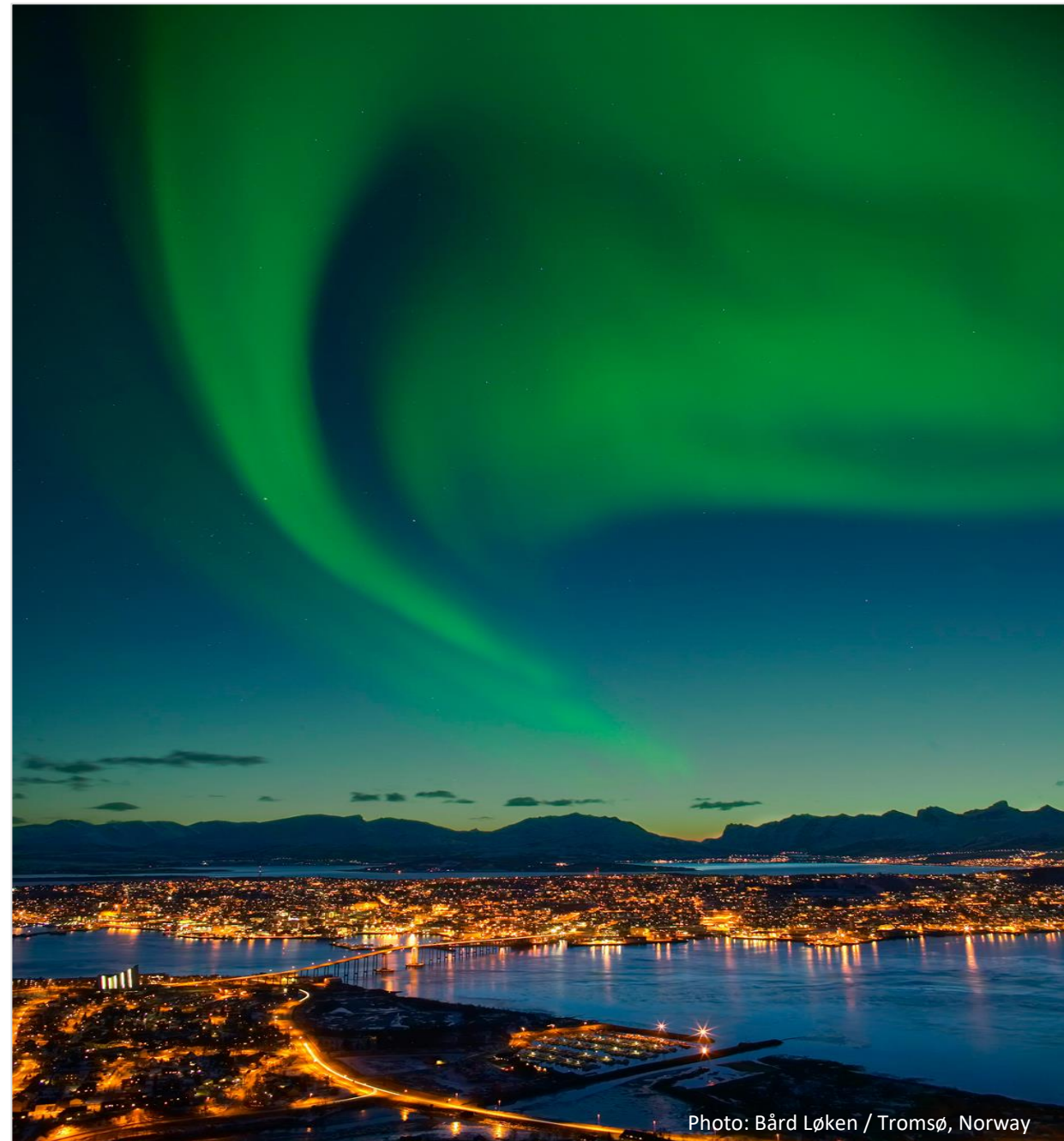


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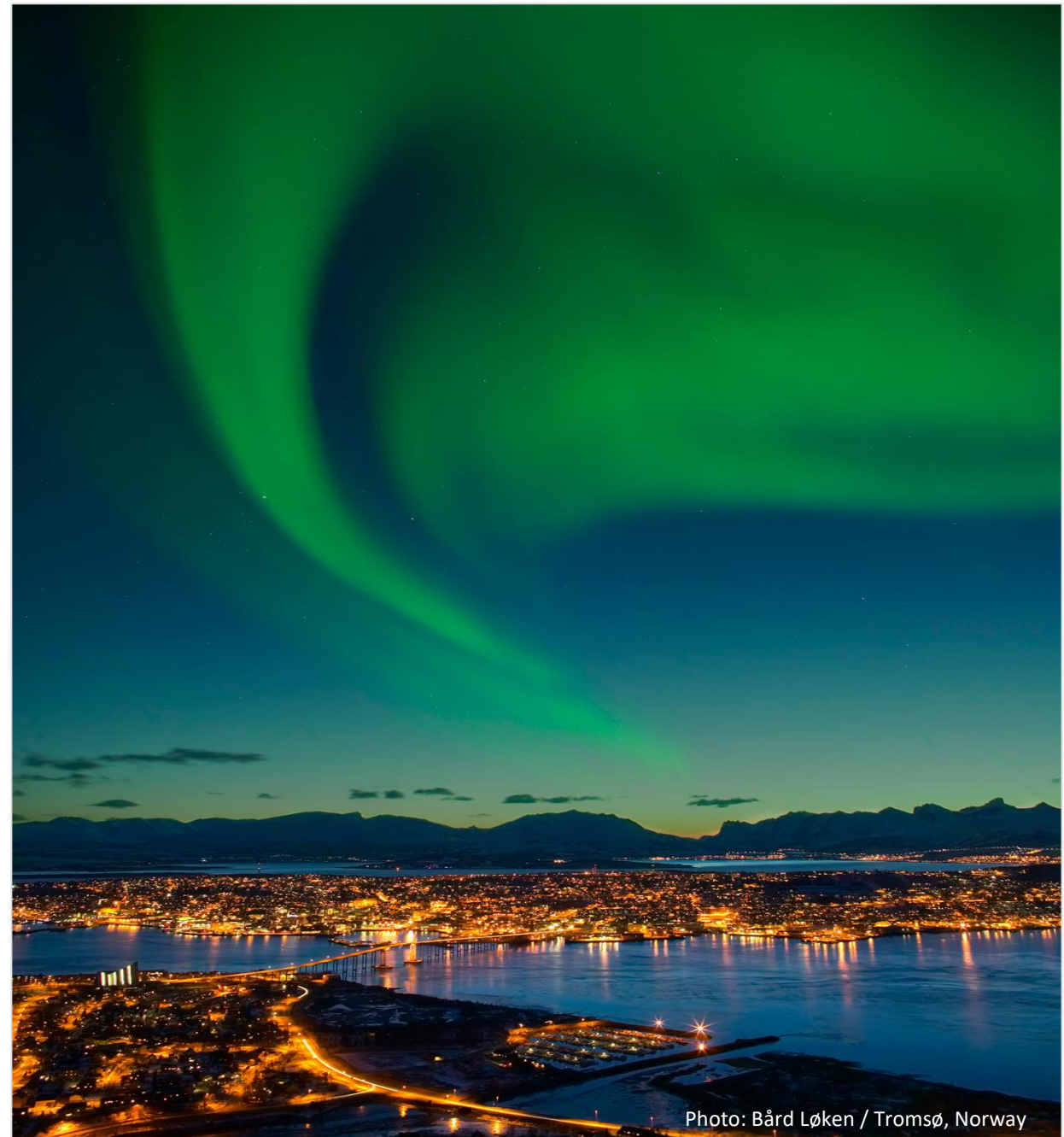
Why and how

- Each country can not and should not be expected to reinvent the wheel in terms of developing digital infrastructure and services and content on top.
- It should be possible to learn from other countries' experiences, and reuse and adapt technologies and content which works well in other places



Relevance

- digital identity
- financial inclusion
- health management
- education management



Obstacles

- only 24 percent of the population in Sub-Saharan Africa use mobile internet
- cost of devices and data
- lack of literacy and digital literacy skills
- lack of local language content
- social norms and safety concerns preventing access to the internet.

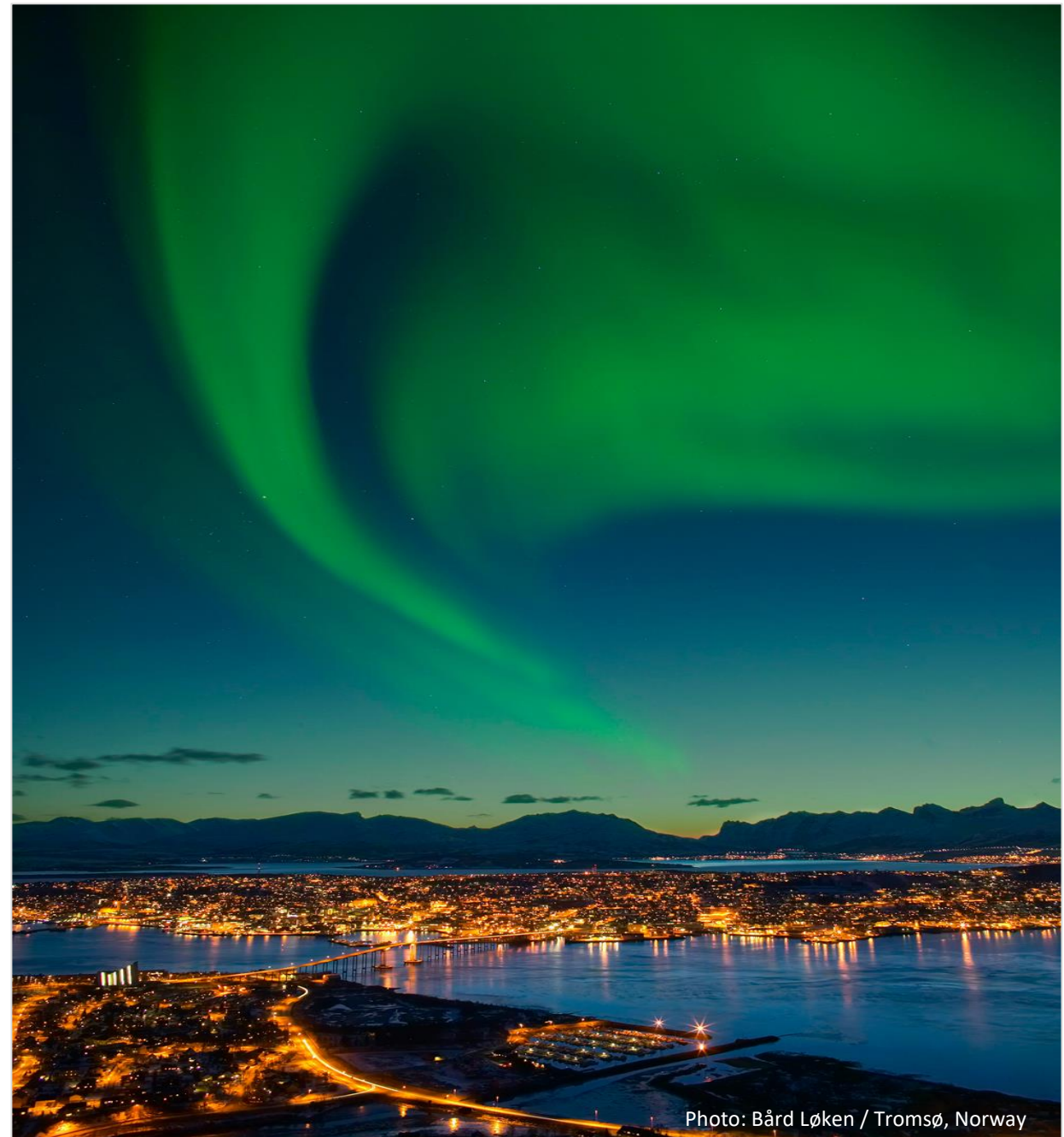
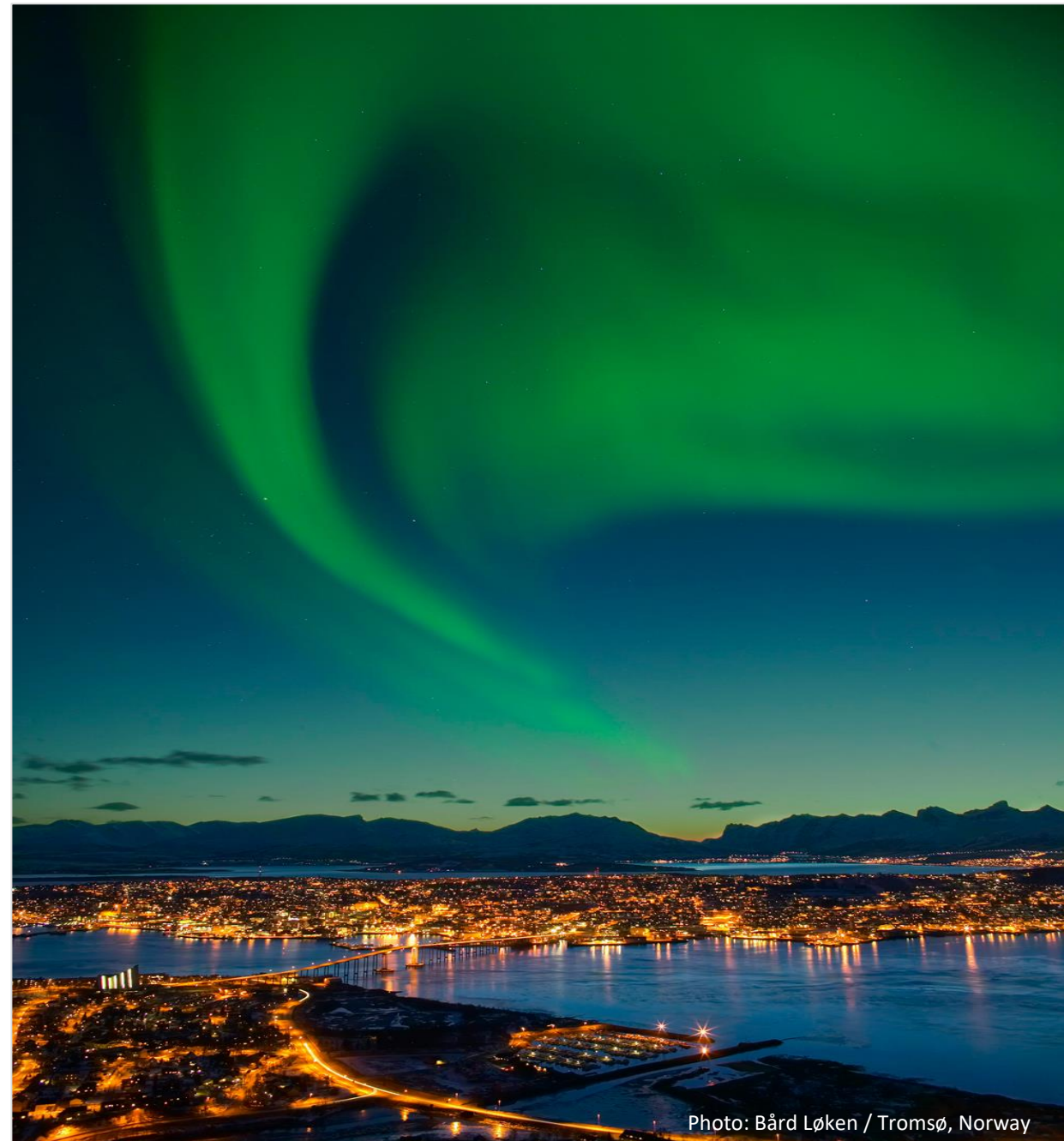


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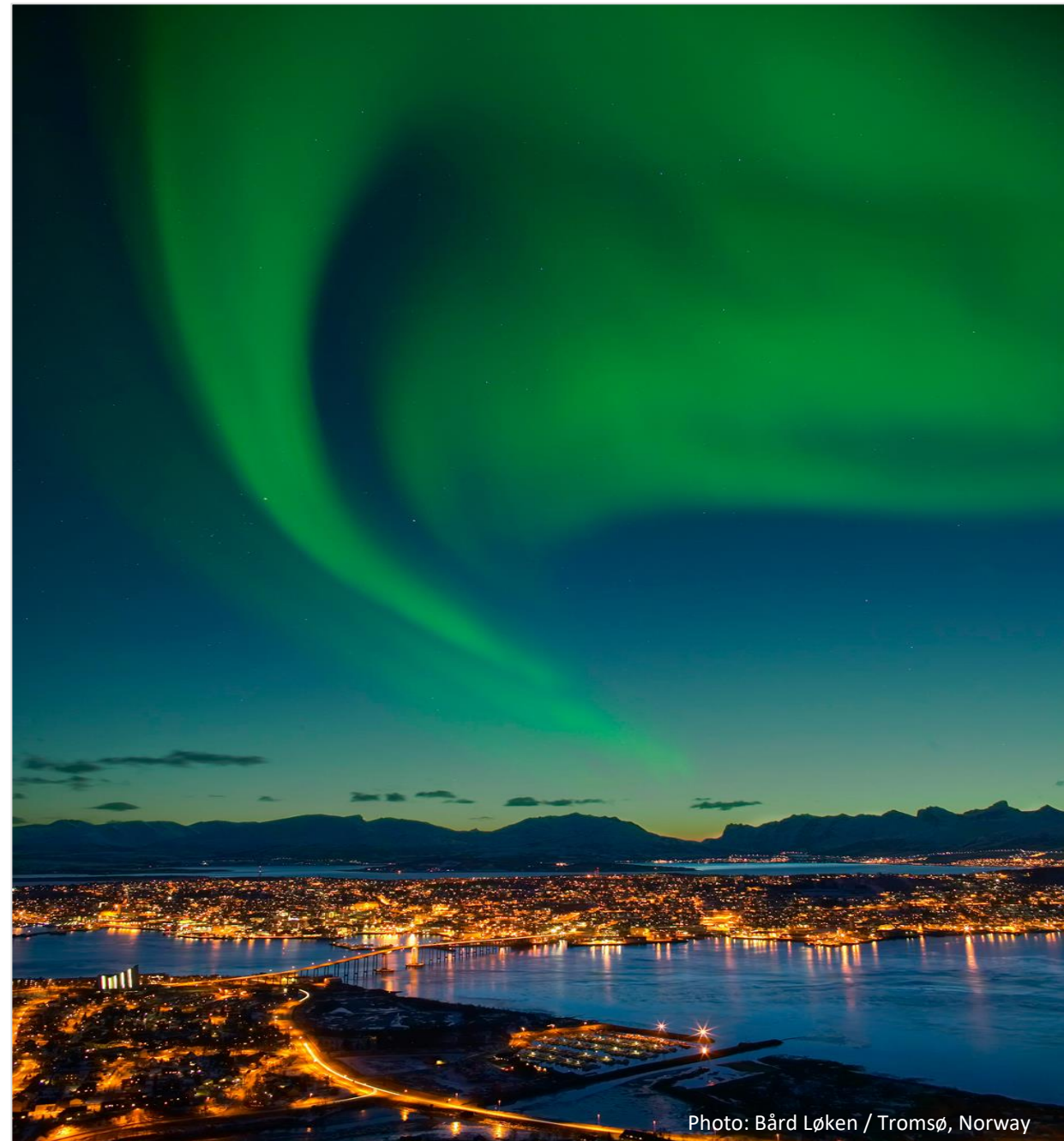
Examples

- Health Information System
- Meteorological services
- Global Digital Library
- Digital ID (Modular Open Source Identity Platform)



A platform for Digital Public Goods

- Supporting UNICEF Ventures' development of a platform as a “go-to-place” for discovering, using, adapting, creating and financing digital public goods
- Mobilising content and tech providers to contribute to the platform



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