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# Coming up.....



- Water
- Energy
- Food
- Technology
- Conclusion





# Introduction

# Water Infrastructures Hydropower, Dams and Reservoirs





The World Government Summit launched a report addresses the four main developments that are placing pressure on agriculture to meet the demands of the future:

- Demographics,
- Scarcity of natural resources,
- Climate change, and
- Food waste.



# **Demographics**

POPULATION GROWTH = HIGHER DEMAND FOR FOOD



URBANIZATION DRIVES CHANGE IN CONSUMPTION PATTERN

**36.4 kg** processed food and meat annual per capita meat consumption 1997-1999





# Trends in Urbanisation

- Today for the first time more than 50 % of the world's population live in cities; up to 2030 the global population will increase to five billion people.
- Urban growth will be most significant in Africa and Asia.





# **Natural Resources**



of all farmland is already rated as highly degraded



global deforestation driven by agricultural concerns

# \$1 trillion

investment necessary until 2050 for irrigation water management in developing countries alone





# **Climate change**



VARIABILITY OF PRECIPITATION REDUCE CROP YIELDS

GREENHOUSE

GAS EMISSIONS



Rise in the frequency of droughts and floods, all of which tend to reduce crop yields



#### **Range of possible outcomes** (6 different prediction models) Rainfall Renfall Anomaly (%) 8 20 CSIRO GFDL20 GFDL21 9 MIROC MPI UKMO 20202040 20362055 20602070 20652085 20802100 20052025

TimeSlabs

(b)

Temperature





# **Food Waste**



# between 33%-50% of all food produced

globally is never eaten





largest emitter of greenhouse gases after China and the US, if food waste were a country



## WHO'S WASTING THE MOST FOOD?

ANYWHERE FOOD IS GROWN, SOLD, OR EATEN, FOOD IS WASTED. HOWEVER CONSUMERS ARE DEFINITELY THE BIGGEST SOURCE OF FOOD WASTE





#### FOOD WASTE AROUND THE WORLD

#### TOTAL SHARE OF GLOBAL FOOD WASTE PER CAPITA (KG/YEAR)



# All these trends lead to scarcity and hunger



# 202 Hunger Map



# Map of technologies and maturity



Today

Readiness to "Grow" to Market

Time

Water is crucial to development all over the world. It waters the fields; nurtures the crops and stock; provides recreation; it support mines, industry; electricity generation and it provide life for plants and animals that make up ecosystems.

Innovative and sustainable agri-water management with smart irrigation technologies is very important to adapt to a variable and changing climate. The role of technology and new ideas are essential in making agriculture resilient to a fast-changing climate when the demand for water is over-stressed.



# STOCKHOLM STATEMENT

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# **A Call for A Sustainable Development Goal on Water**

As an outcome of broad consultations prior to and during the 2013 World Water Week in Stockholm, we call upon the United Nations and its Open Working Group to propose a **Sustainable Development Goal on Water**.

Water is at the core of sustainable global development and is a cross cutting resource. Within the post-2015 development agenda water should be considered and integrated into all relevant areas, such as energy and food security. Given the centrality of water for individuals, ecosystems and economic development, water is a powerful tool for cooperation across borders, sectors and communities.

A dedicated goal on water is necessary for a world where all people can live in safety and dignity.





## Water scarcity: a global issue

4 billion people (66% of all people) lives under severe **water scarcity** for at least 1 month of the year. It affects all regions of the world.



# Two thirds of the world's population

# WILL BE AFFECTED BY WATER SHORTAGES BY THE YEAR 2030

# **Global Population and Water Demand**



Global water withdrawal **increased 1.7 times** faster than world population

# **Increase Competition for Water Demand**



Adapted from: Igor A. Shiklomanov, State Hydrological Institute (SHI, St. Petersburg), 2000 and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO, Paris), 1999.

# **Increased Competition for Water Demand**

**Agriculture** is responsible for an average of 70 % of water withdrawals from surface and groundwater sources worldwide



That leaves 30 % for everything else:

- Domestic
- Industries
- Electricity
- Environment

## By the year 2030, the following should have been achieved:

A doubling of global water productivityA realisation of the human right to safe drinking water and

sanitation

Increased resilience to water-related disasters

Increased food production

A closer look at Water-Energy-Food Nexus





# 2 % POLAR ICE CAPS

97% OCEANS

1% AVAILABLE FOR USE




Source: World Resources 2000-2001, People and Ecosystems: The Fraying Web of Life, World Resources Institute (WRI), Washington DC, 2000.



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**Purposes of dams** 

Runoff waters are a natural resource for nations and storing water is vital to develop economies.

Water reservoirs give largely a guarantee of water supply for irrigation, domestic and industrial use.

With 58 713 dams registered in the world, 13 580 dams are for the sole purpose of irrigation and 6 278 dams with a multiplepurpose that include irrigation. 58 713 registered dams

13 580 dams for irrigation

6 278 dams with a multiplepurpose that include irrigation.



### Legend

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Code	Description	Dams with this sole purpose	Multiple-purpose dams with this purpose
С	Flood control	2539	4911
F	Fish farming	42	1487
н	Hydropower	6115	4135
1	Irrigation	13580	6278
N	Navigation	96	579
R	Recreation	1361	3035
S	Water supply	3376	4587
т	Tailing	103	12
Х	Others	1579	1385

ICOLD Website

Number and Purposes of registered dams

### Single - purpose dams:





# Multipurposes dams:





### ICOLD Website

# Freshwater withdrawa Global



Source: Based on data fromTable FW1 in World Resources 2000-2001, People and Ecosystems: The Fraying Web of Life, World Resources Institute (WRI), Washington DC, 2000.

### **Agricultural water use by country**



# When the well is dry, we will know the worth of water - Benjamin Franklin

### The importance of water:

•Water is the key to food security – without water, crops simply cannot grow.

•Water is not just for primary production – it plays a vital role at all stages along the agricultural value chain

Water for agriculture connects us all together

 In times of scarcity we all have a
 responsibility to use water wisely, efficiently
 and productively.

We need to be more 'water smart'.

### Water needs energy

Energy is vital to providing water  $\rightarrow$  needed to power systems that collect, transport and distribute water.



(US Department of Energy, 2006)





### **Energy needs water**

- Energy production depends on water → some 670 billion cubic metres of freshwater are withdrawn for energy production every year (IEA, 2020)
- Water is used for primary energy production as well as power generation especially for cooling at thermal power plants
- Extraction, transport and processing of fuels and irrigation to grow biomass feed-stock are also water intensive





### **Power Generation**

Туре	BioMass	Coal	Nuclear	Natural Gas	Solar	Wind		
Water Impact	Moderate	High	High	High	Low	Low		
Fuels	Description	Description						
Oil and gas		Drilling, wel reservoir in and in-situ r	Drilling, well completion and hydraulic fracturing; injection into the reservoir in secondary and enhanced oil recovery; oil sands mining and in-situ recovery; upgrading and refining into products.					
Coal		Cutting and improve coa transport via	Cutting and dust suppression in mining and hauling; washing to improve coal quality; re-vegetation of surface mines; long-distance transport via coal slurry.					
Biofuels		Irrigation fo in the fuel c	Irrigation for feedstock crop growth; wet milling, washing and cooling in the fuel conversion process.					

Key uses of water for primary production (IEA, 2012)

### Population without access to electricity



Sub-Saharan Africa 🔵 Developing Asia 🔘 Rest of world

2,000



# **Examples of energy savings**

LEPA: Low energy precision application systems
Utilising of low pressure drip irrigation technologies
Improved Irrigation scheduling





# Challenges

### **Demand for food**

billion people are threatened by hunger
 billion people can not afford healthy diet

Additional drivers +population increase +additional demand for food due to increased income

### Food production need to increase

- → +42% until 2030
  - + 70% until 2050

Do we have sufficient biomass for food production?

What is food security?

There are many different definitions of food security. The definition frequently used as defined at the World Food Summit of 1996:

Food security is existing when all people at all times have access to sufficient, safe, nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life.



# **Cultivated Land Worldwide**

18 Mha 1.3%

**Total World Agriculture** 

1 533 Mha

300 Mha 19.6%.

- 1 533 Mha Total world Agriculture Area
- **300 Mha Currently under Irrigation**

**20%** of total agricultural land area supplies about **40%** of the world's food

18 Mha - Drip irrigated

Crop productivity values: - Rain fed 30% of Irrigation



Calculated as: total production/population

Per capita food production

Growing, but not as rapidly as total production

Annual growth rates:

1950s: 1.4%
1960s: 0.8%
1970s: 0.4%
1980s: 0.4% ... and holding steady

### What is needed to sustain food production?



### Annual increase rates need to double

### Game-changing solutions are needed to produce "more with less"



# Water dependant

Rainfed agriculture 1233 million ha



Irrigated Agriculture 300 million ha



# **Global irrigated area**

Rainfed agriculture, 1233 million ha (80%)

> Irrigated Agriculture, 300 million ha (20%)

### **World-wide Coverage of Irrigation**



















208

World irrigated area (Hectares/1000 people)





### **World Irrigation Scenario**

## World irrigation scenario



ae Regulation Range

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# International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage



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# Roadmap to ICID Vision 2030



### Vision

Water secure world free of poverty and hunger through sustainable rural development

### Mission

Working together towards sustainable agriculture water management through interdisciplinary approaches to economically viable, socially acceptable and environmentally sound irrigation, drainage and flood management








#### Action Plan Strategies to achieve goals hable higher crop productivity with less

#### Goal A: Enable higher crop productivity with less water and energy

## **Strategies**

- A1 : Modernization of irrigation systems
- A2 : Improving O&M of Irrigation Systems
- A3 : Implementing water saving techniques and technologies
- A4 : Promoting Institutional Reforms
- A5 : Supporting water productivity enhancement
- A6 : Improving performance of irrigation systems
- A7 : Using wastewater or poor quality water for irrigation
- A8 : Encouraging participatory management of irrigation systems









# In times of scarcity we all have a responsibility to use water wisely, efficiently and productively.



# By the year 2030, the following should have been achieved:

A doubling of global water productivity
Increased efficiency and water saving from 60% - 95%
Increased food production
Increased and intensified production;
Reducing of risk;
Diversified production;

Renewed/sustained natural resources..

# We must continue to:

- **1. Modernize irrigation systems**
- 2. Improve O&M of Irrigation Systems
- 3. Implement water saving techniques and technologies
- 4. Promote Institutional Reforms
- 5. Support water productivity enhancement
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### Water-Energy-Food Nexus

- Moving towards a Green and Bio-economy for sustainability
- Water efficiency: from 60% 95%
- Energy efficiency: from high to low use, bio energy, limit wasteful transport of foods
- Food efficiency: stop wastage of 30 40%; it saves water and energy
- Apply technology to improve food production

# Importance of water



