



Session 5 of the 2nd SWAN International Conference

OPEN KNOWLEDGE:

BRIDGING PESPECTIVES TO ADDRESS WATER CHALLENGES

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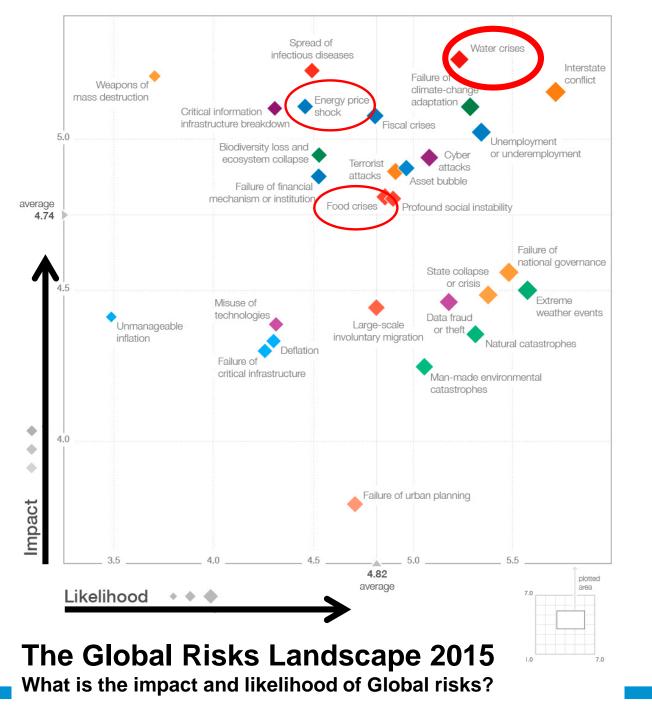




The Global Risks report 2015













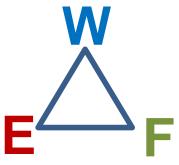
By 2030:

- 30% more water
- 40% more energy
- 50% more food
- Engineers' role is to solve this!
- ...But are these MOREs really needed ???

 Could we do something else?

 Perhaps with thinking in nexus!?





Food losses in the value chain

Storage - transport - cooling

(In some countries 30-50% of crops do not get to market)

- Investments in storage
 Governments, Companies and Farmers together
- Resource efficiency
 waste as valuable resource





More middle class consumers – keep economic growth changing diets: more demand for meat, diary etc.

We cannot say "no" on these needs!

 Other raw agricultural materials e.g. meat from soya



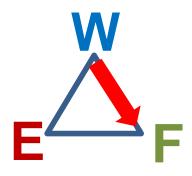


High costs of energy and concerns over water scarcity drives innovation

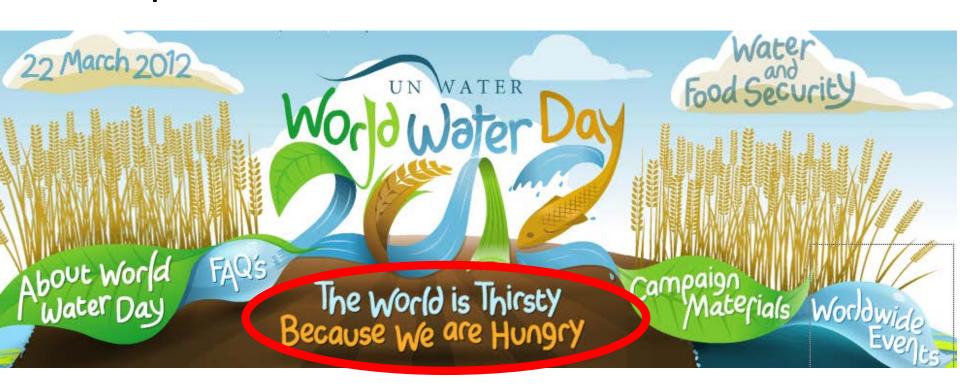
- Decentralization of supply
 - save on transport
 - difficulties in urban growth(energy, water supply and food)
- Doing more with less



Water for food

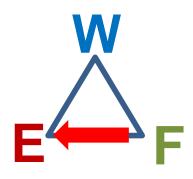


Food production has high water footprint





Nexus is also about policies



- Policies in one sector influence (or drive investments in) other sectors.
- Electricity policies in India (subsidies) enabled groundwater boom in irrigated food production.
- Energy policies (subsidies) drive biofuel boom



Global Challenges and Drivers in Agriculture –



Water and Land Management

- The continuing food crisis and unstable food prices
- Lack of investments in agriculture and water
- Population growth
- Competition from other water users
- Climate variability floods and droughts
- Lack of water storage capacity
- Demands for energy and alternative fuels
- Changing dietary patterns
- Weak institutional capacity
- Weakened applied research and technology transfer capabilities
- Environmental and water quality degradation

Water, Energy and Food



- Consumer awareness
- Government awareness
- Education, Knowledge Transfer

Integrated planning among disciplines



Nexus thinking







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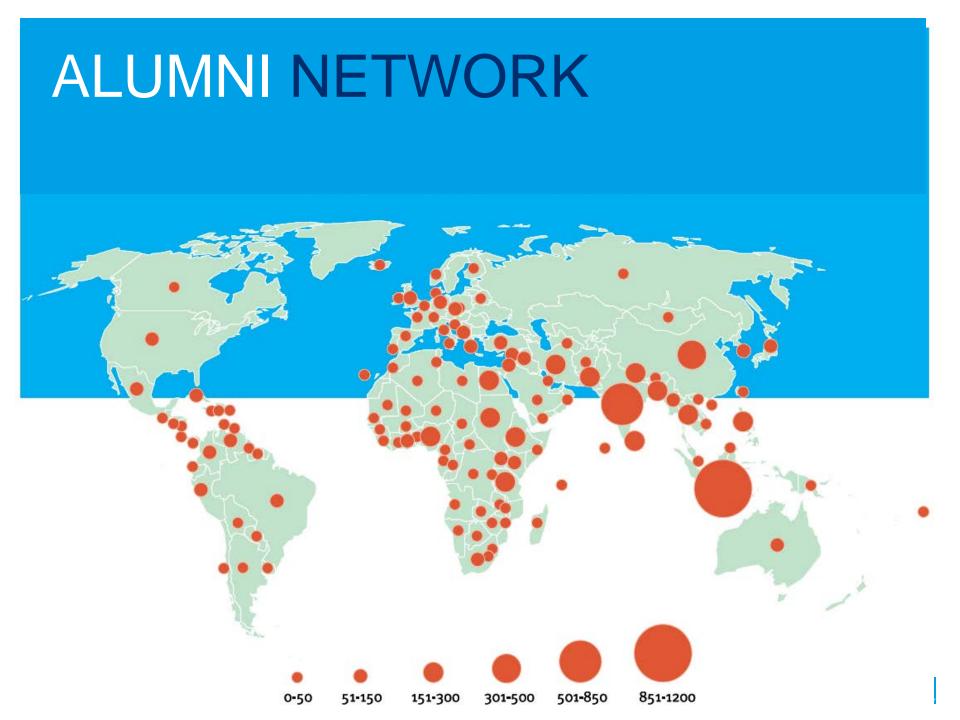
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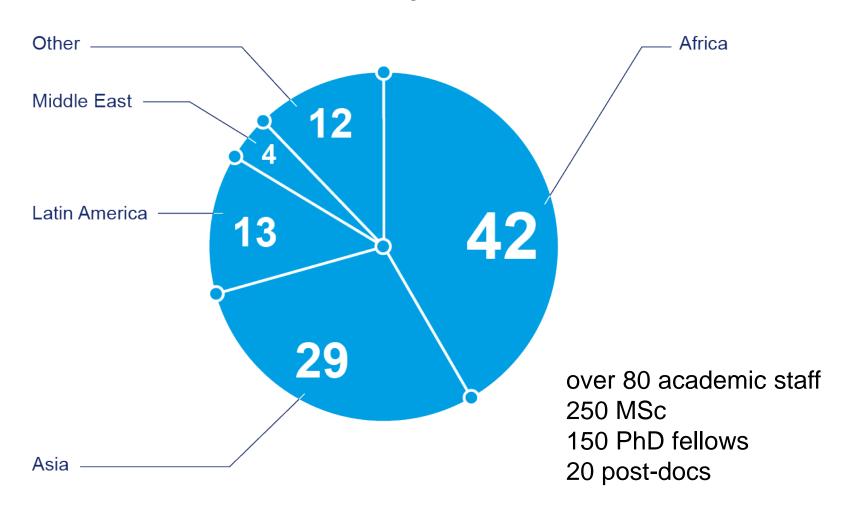
RESEARCH

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT



STUDENTS REGION OF ORIGIN ACADEMIC YEAR 2013-2014

Percentage







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