Blue paths: Fuel for redefining business and purpose

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What is the world's main challenge?

GROWTH!

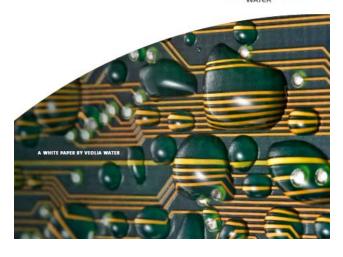
How to find the path to sustainability?

Locally, water may become the main growth-limiting factor





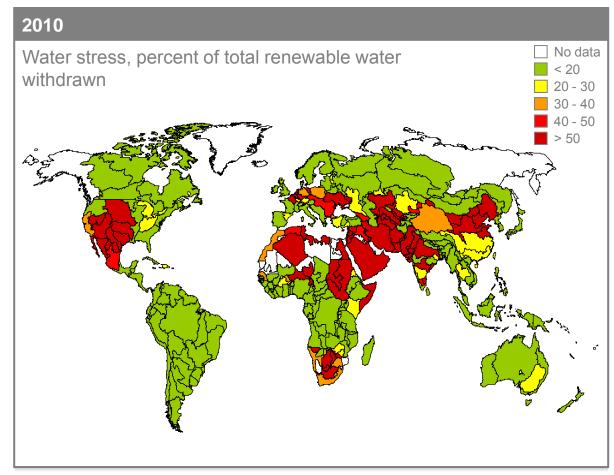




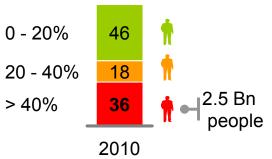
The impact of water scarcity not just on people and food supply but on the economy, which ultimately affects people – now and in 2050!

Already today, water-scarce regions account for 36% of global population (2.5 Bn) and 9.4 trillion USD (22%) of global GDP

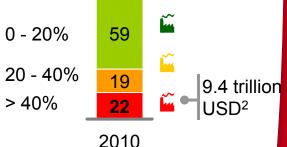




How many people live in water short areas (%)?



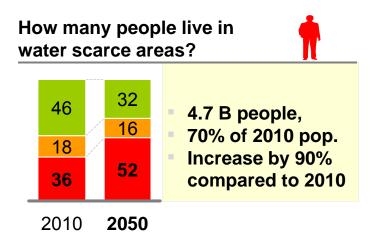
How much GDP is generated in water scarce regions (%)?

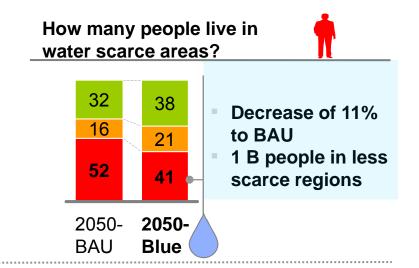


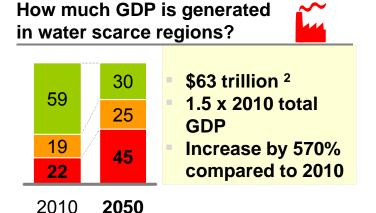
^{1 &}gt;40% water stress 2 Year 2000 prices

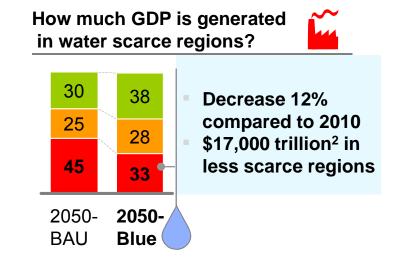
Under business-as-usual water productivity and medium growth, 52% of population and 45% of GDP are in regions



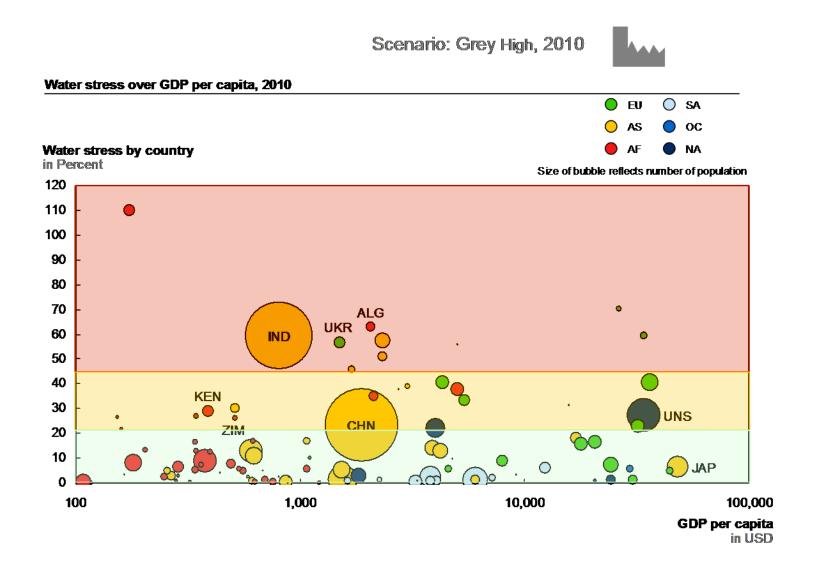




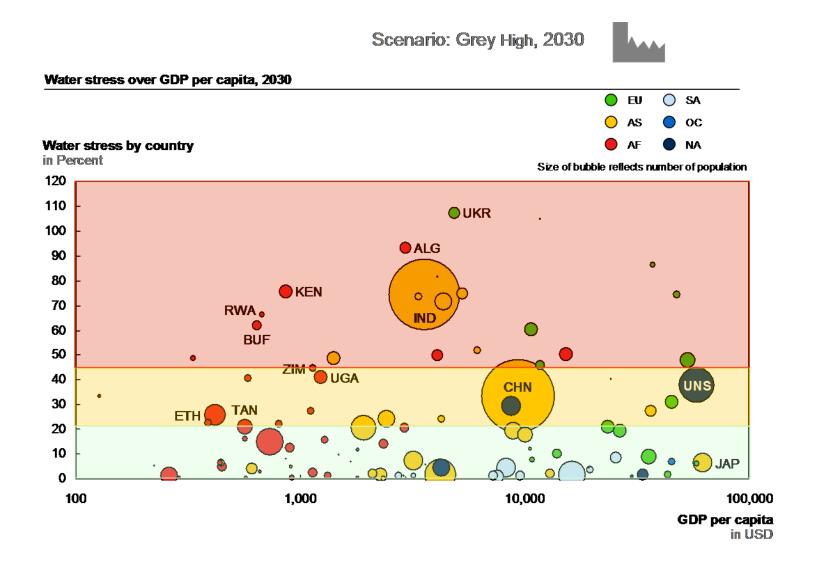




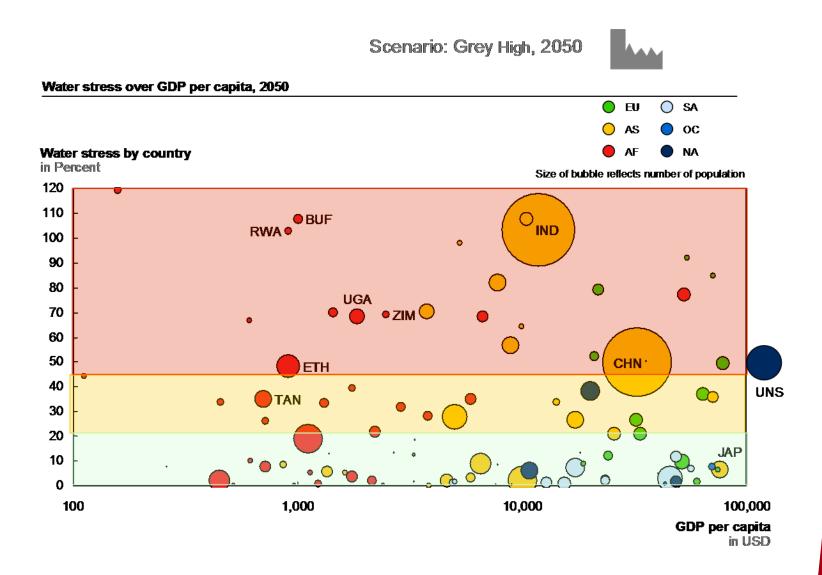
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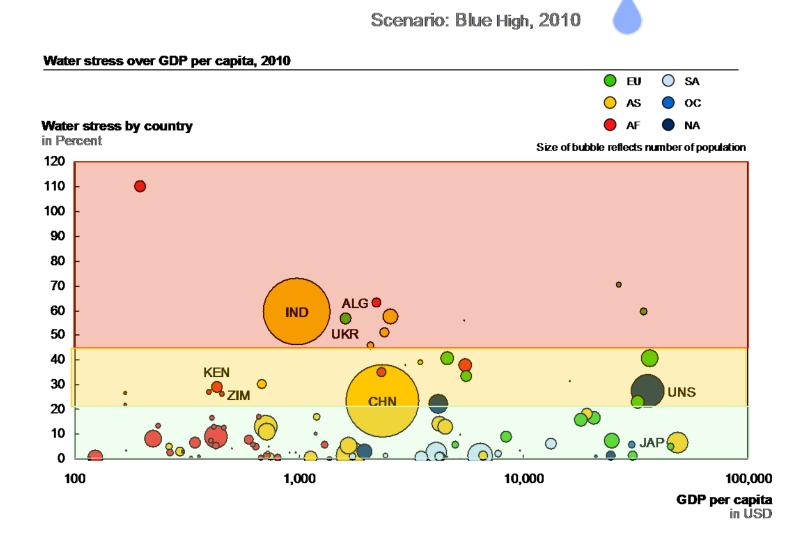
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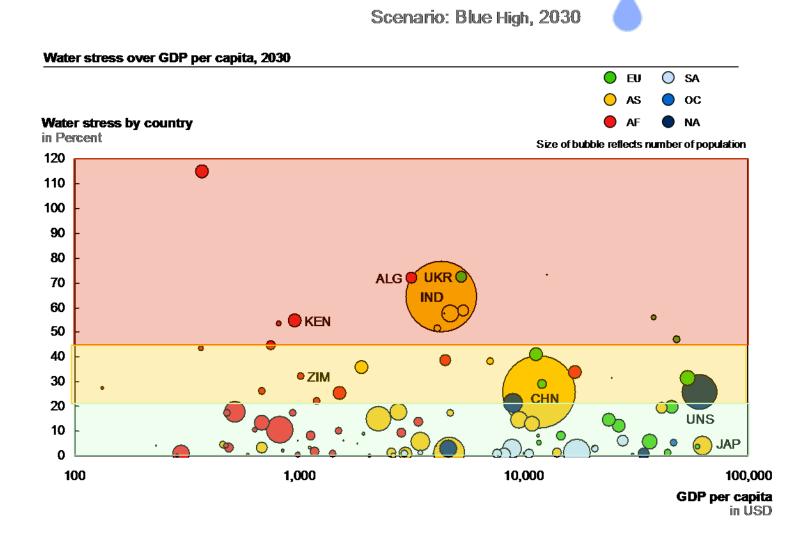
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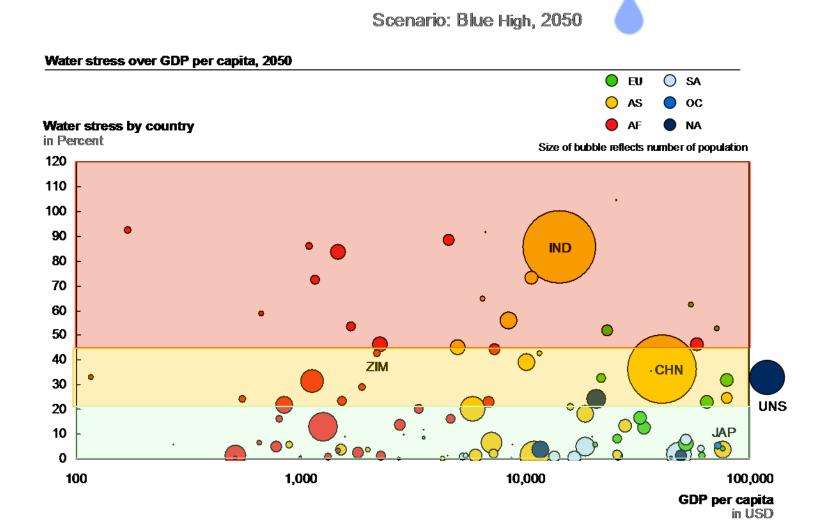
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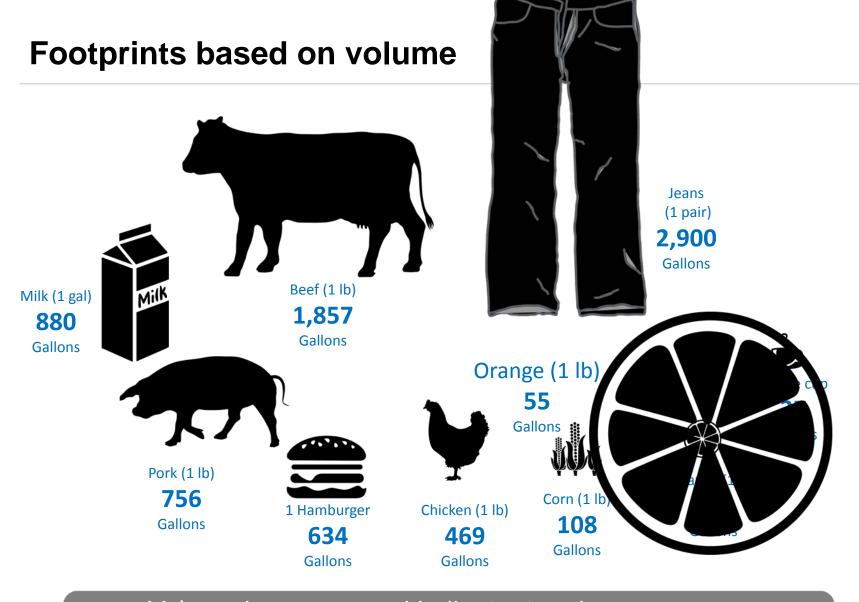
Water is...

...local, diversity of situations, managed in silos

 From "opaque" to "open," the water world needs to initiate its own Perestroika

How to connect the drops?
 Awareness, Innovations, Best Practices require
 Data and Facts





Volume is a very good indicator to raise awareness but not sufficient to represent the impact on a water resource

The Water Impact Index

A new metric for assessing water impacts.

VOLUME

- Water Quantity
- Volume of water used - extracted and released

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STRESS

- The Water Stress Index
- Local hydrological context, freshwater scarcity



QUALITY

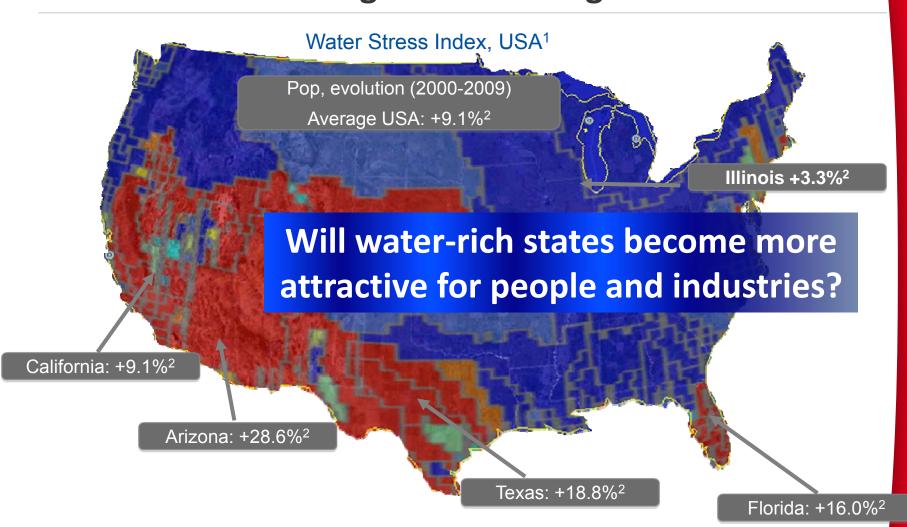
 Water quality extracted and released



WATER IMPACT INDEX

- The Water Impact Index accounts for the impact of water resources generated by a human activity.
- Expressed in Gallon-WII-equivalent.

A rapidly developing trend EPA: 36 states facing water shortages







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