

# Water and Jobs

Based on: United Nations World Water Development Report 2016

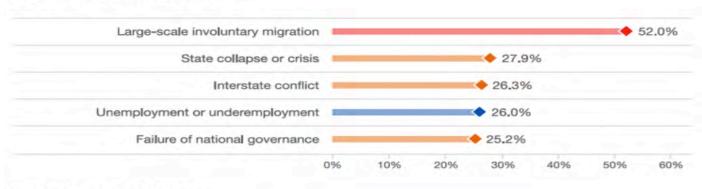
**UN World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), UNESCO** 

#### The Global Risks of Highest Concern, 2016

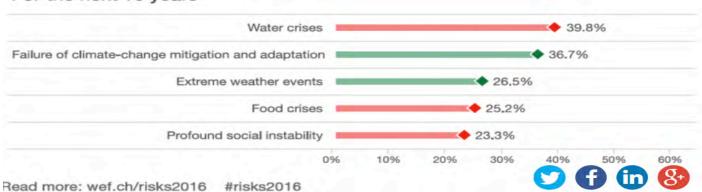


Percent of participants mentioning the respective risk to be of high concern for the time frame of 18 months or 10 years, respectively. Participants could name up to five risks in each time frame. In each category, the risks are sorted by the total sum of mentions.





#### For the next 10 years



Global Risk Report, World Economic Form, January 2016

#### **WORLD WATER**

#### **DEVELOPMENT REPORTS**







2006

2012

2015

2003

Water for People

Water for Lif



2009

2014



2016

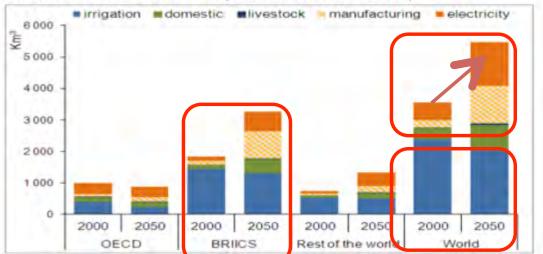


The main product of WWAP is the WWDR (UN-Water Report) which is the UN's flagship report on Water

wwwAP coordinates the work of 31 UN agency members and of 38 partners of UN-Water in the annual production of the authoritative WWDR

## **The Global Water Crisis**

GLOBAL WATER DEMAND (scenario 2000 and 2050)



#### WWDR2015 describes six critical challenge areas

- Water sanitation and hygiene (WASH)
- Urbanization
- Agriculture
- Energy
- Industry
- Climate Change

These challenges are region-specific.

WWDR 2015 - Key Messages



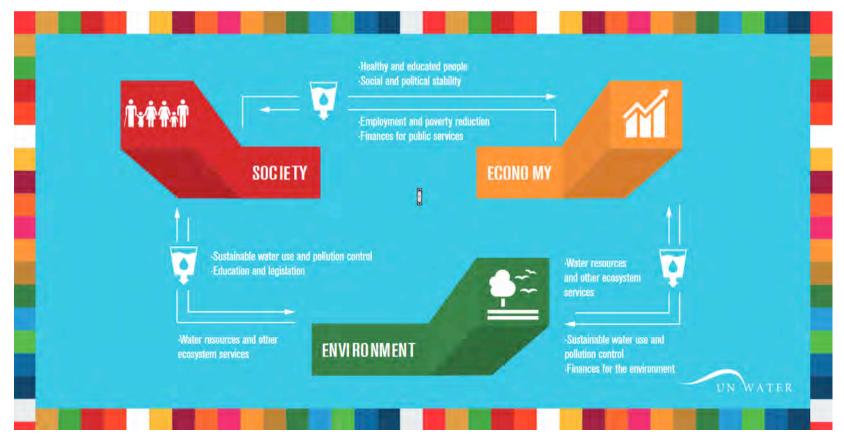
### Main Finding of WWDR 2016





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### Water and the 3 Dimensions of Sustainable Development





WATER-DEPENDENCY OF JOBS

## **WATER-DEPENDENT JOBS**



**AGRICULTURE** 



**FORESTRY** 



**FISHERIES** 



**ENERGY** 



RESOURCE-INTENSIVE MANUFACTURING



**RECYCLING** 



**BUILDING** 

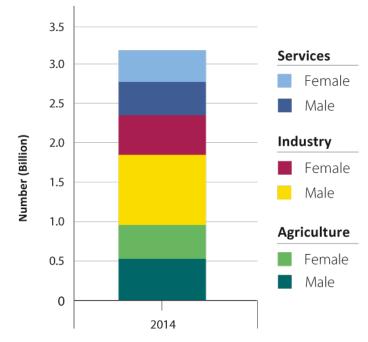


**TRANSPORT** 

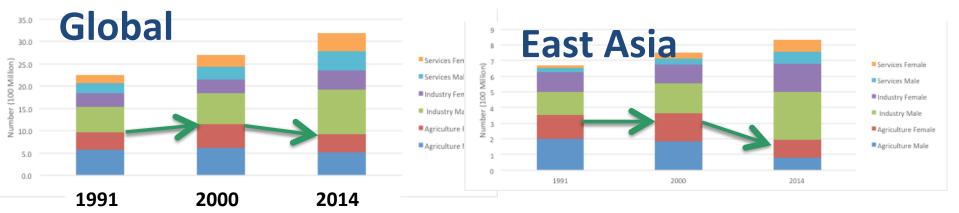
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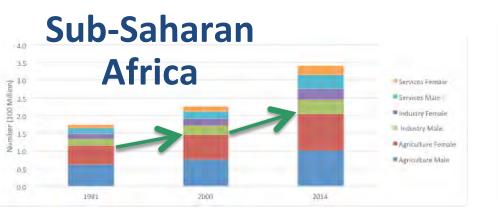


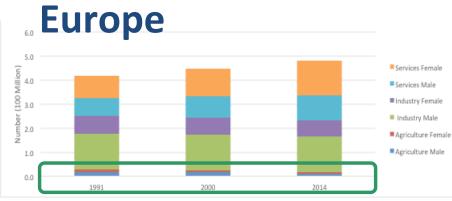
#### Global employment trends, by sector and age



# **Employment per sector / green is agriculture**

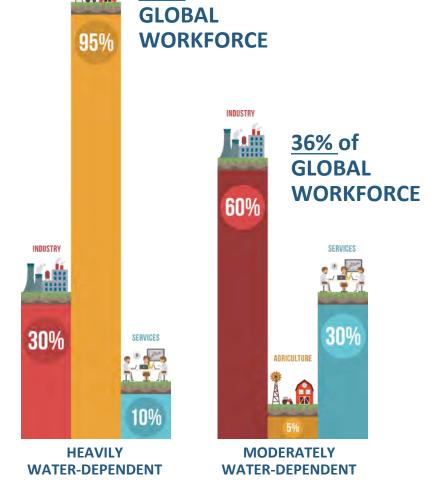






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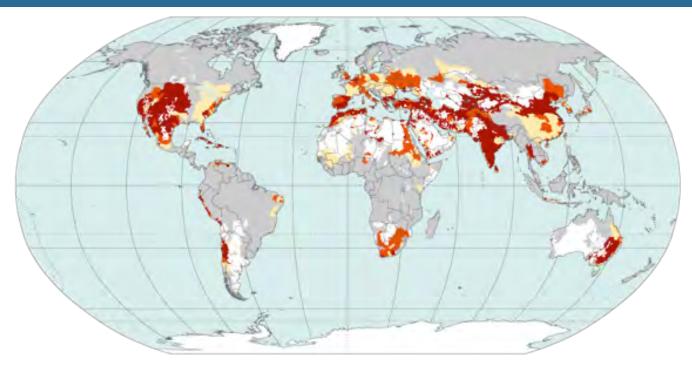
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WATER SCARCITY LIMITS GROWTH

### **ADDRESSING WATER SCARCITY**

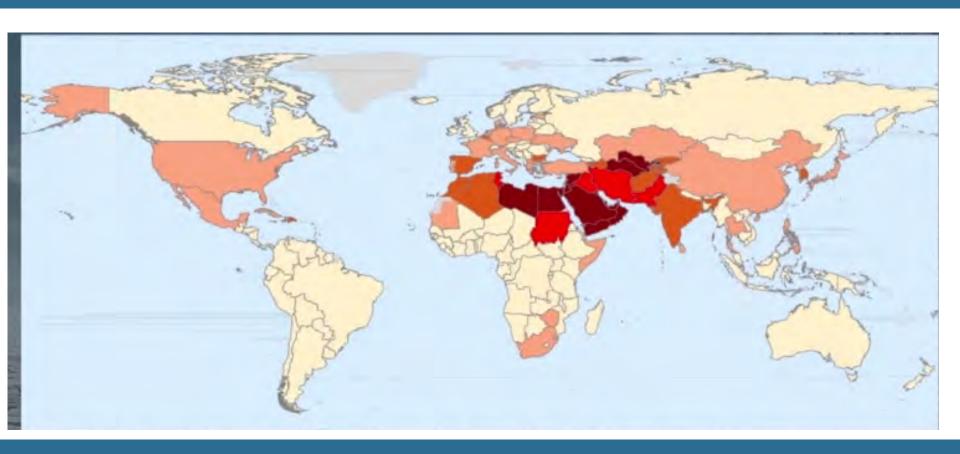


Annual average water withdrawals-to-availability ratio

no data

0 – 0.1 (no water stress) 0.1 – 0.2 (low water stress) 0.2 – 0.4 (mid water stress) more than 0.4 (high water stress)

## **ADDRESSING WATER SCARCITY**



# ADDRESSING WATER SCARCITY CAN SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPENT

Economic water scarcity – whereby access is not limited by resource availability, but by human, institutional and financial constraints – affects employment opportunities for a large swath of the global population, particularly in the least developed countries of Africa, southern/southeast Asia, and Latin America.



# International New York Tim

#### Killing stirs Germany's unease with new arrivals

Science teacher's murder by Afghan divides town that welcomed migrants

tougher known for his devotion, and for

Petersacy: But the shock was bigger into when the prime suspect turned out to be

structure and unfamiliar story lines, firm to integrate its new acrivals.

don't the uncertainties of the future



#### Drought reverses Zambia's fortunes

shows how climate risks threaten much of Africa

Energy slump brings hard times back to Wyoming

## World News

#### E.U. delays visa threats against U.S. and Canada

Bloc wants recognition of newest member states

#### Drought devastates Zambia's economy



much what is going on in

going on in Zambia is pretty

EUROPE AFRICA MIDDLE EAST

13 April 2016, International New York Times

# FOLLOW-ON EFFECTS OF WATER SCARCITY



Drought



Lower agricultural productivity



Unemployment



Migrations

**FOOD INSECURITY** 

FOOD IMPORT DEPENDENCY

INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS

UNEMPLOYMENT

**SOCIAL UNREST** 

# Case Study Syria



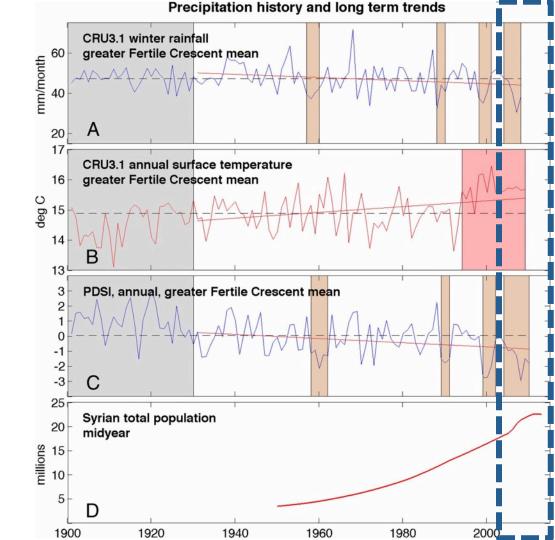
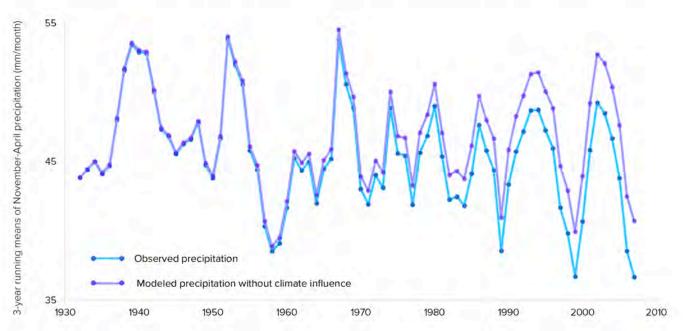


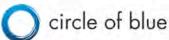
Figure: Kelley et al., 2015; PNAS Map: Circle of Blue, 2016

#### Separating the Influence of Climate Change (1932 - 2007)

Using measurements of carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere coupled with climate models and statistical analysis, scientists were able to estimate what rainfall in the Fertile Crescent would have looked like without the influence of climate change.

## Case Study Syria







The Guardian, 16 April 2016



ADDRESSING GAPS AND INEQUALITIES



Making sound policy decision needs better insights and robust metrics regarding

- 1) the current and future state of water resources and demand, and
- 2) the work reality including informal, part-time and unpaid work.

Data needs to be **disaggregated** with respect to gender, geography, income, ethnicity, culture, religion etc.



FILLING
THE CAPACITY GAP



# FIGHTING INEQUALITY FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AND DECENT JOBS

Data, monitoring and accountability

17.18 By 2020, enhance capacity-building support to developing countries, including for least developed countries and small island developing States, to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts

#### THE GLOBAL GOALS For Sustainable Development





































### BRIDGING THE GAP OF SEX-DISAGGREGATED WATER DATA

"Women play a central part in the provision, management and safeguarding of water.

....Acceptance and implementation of this principle requires policies to address women specific needs and to equip and empower women to participate at all levels in water resources programmes, including decision-making and implementation, in ways defined by them".

Dublin Statement on Water and Sustainable Development, 1992





# WATER, IF NOT ENGENDERED, IS ENDANGERED!

- The lack of sex-disaggregated data is a major obstacle to the production of scientific evidence on gender-related inequalities in the water realm
- Women and men have different perceptions on priorities, needs and uses for water and sanitation
- We need to create a gender baseline knowledge related to water and a global standard for gender sensitive water monitoring



45.2% of countries do not produce any gender statistics related to water (gender water data is among the least available of national-level indicators according to a 2013 survey by the UN Statistical Commission)

A REALISTIC PICTURE is needed to inform policy makers and guide targeted actions and investments





# INVESTING IN WATER, IS INVESTING IN JOBS SUPPORTING RESILIENT SOCIETIES

THE MULTIPLIER EFFECT OF INVESTING IN WATER

Investing **US\$1 million** in water supply and sanitation infrastructure



**10-26 jobs** in the USA



**100 jobs** in Latin America







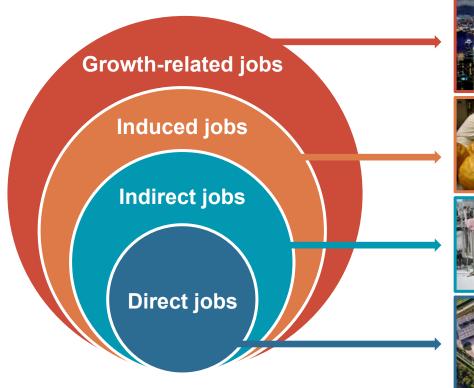






Investments in infrastructure and operations of water-related services can provide high returns for economic growth and for direct and indirect job creation

# CREATING AND SUSTAINING 'WATER JOBS' ENHANCES THE MULTIPLIER EFFECT











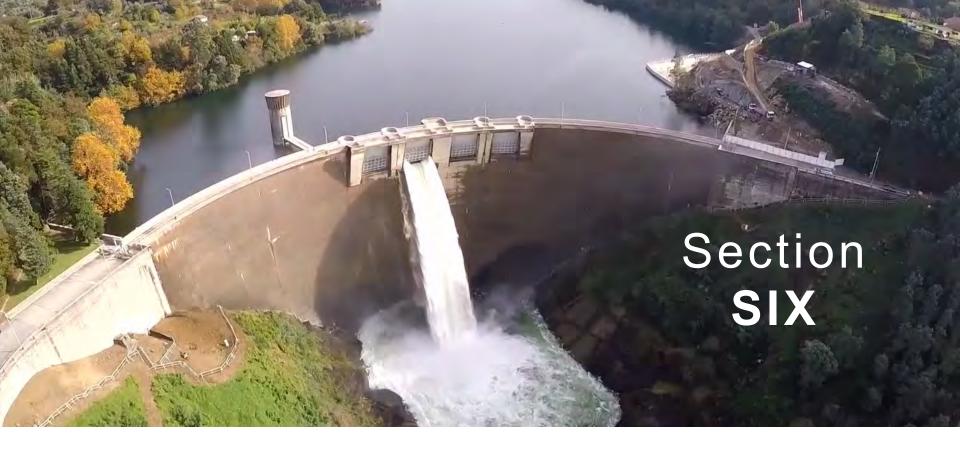
- e. g. Jobs resulting from macro-benefits such as improved infrastructure
- e. g. Jobs resulting from increased consumption by employees in direct/indirect jobs
- e. g. Jobs at chemical plant producing products for the water treatment plant
- e. g. Jobs created at a recently-built water treatment plant

# IMPROVING ACCESS TO WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION SERVICES MAKES GOOD BUSINESS SENSE





BUT STILL TODAY...

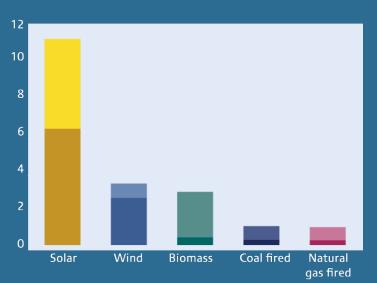


# WATER IS A FUNDAMENTAL DRIVER FOR GREEN GROWTH

# NEW OPPORTUNITIES through INNOVATION in a GREEN ECONOMY

# AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT OVER LIFE OF FACILITY

Jobs per megawatt of average capacity





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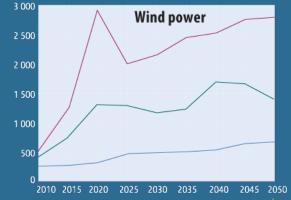


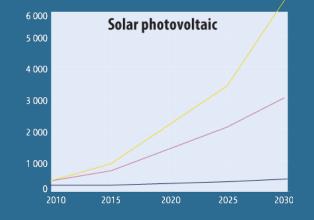
#### **GREEN JOBS IN THE FUTURE**

#### **Scenarios**

Reference Moderate — Best case

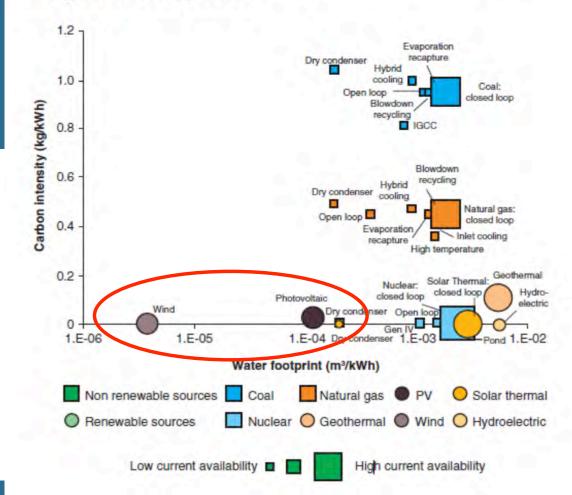
#### Thousands jobs per year





# WATER FOOTPRINT VS. CARBON INTENSITY

FIGURE 3.1 Indicative Water Footprint and Carbon Intensity of Energy Production, by Source



"Improved water stewardship pays high economic dividends", World Bank, May 2016

## ON DOLLAR (green) BABY



## Direct/indirect/induced jobs

**10-15 jobs** in alternative water supplies

**5-20 jobs** in stormwater management

**12-22 jobs** in urban conservation and efficiency

**10-72 jobs** in environmental restauration and remediation



**CONCLUSIONS** 

## **TAKE-HOME MESSAGES**

Opportunities for *sustainable* economic growth, employment (decent jobs) and resilient societies are contingent upon the sustainable management of water resources and the provision of water-related services.

- 1. Three out of four jobs are water-dependent
- 2. Water scarcity and supply disruptions limit economic growth potential and impact jobs
- 3. Water scarcity (exacerbated by climate change) can be one important trigger for migration
- 4. Investments in water infrastructure and 'water jobs' generate positive returns and have a multiplier effect on job creation across all economic sectors
- 5. The transition to a greener economy enhances opportunities for decent jobs



Better water, better jobs, better lives Towards 2030 Agenda WWDR <u>2014</u>: Water and Energy

WWDR 2015: Water for a Sustainable World

WWDR 2016: Water and Jobs



# THANK YOU

WWDR and other publications, videos, PPTs,
TOOLS etc. are available at:

www.unesco.org/water/wwap



