Global Challenges

Sustainable
Water and Energy
Resources
-impact in cities (Lisboa)

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Water Scarcity

70 % of the planet Earth
97,24 % sea water (salt)
Water in ice/snow
Water in the underground
Less than 1 % is available for
creatures who need water
(human beings and animals)



Water Scarcity

Available water is to a great extend economically unavailable:

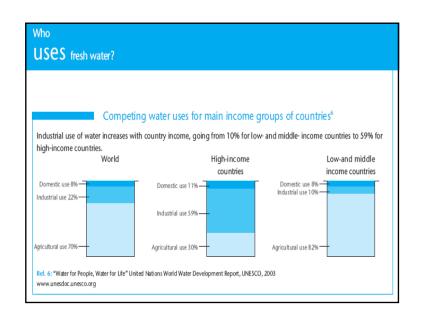
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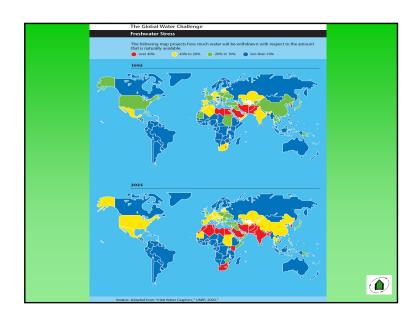
Same amount of water for the past 10 mio. years

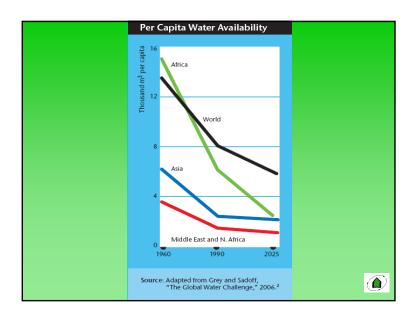
Challenges: more people and climate changes!

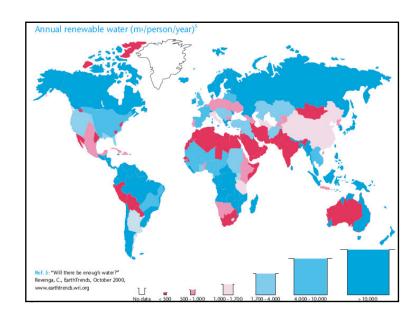


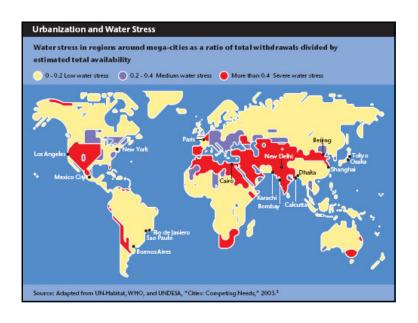


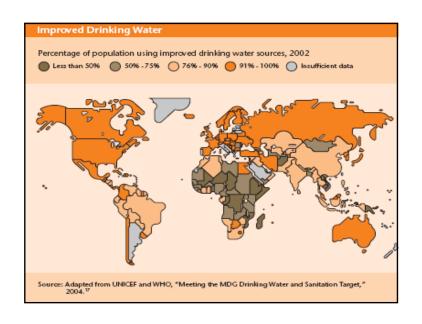












In 2000 scientists estimated that in 2015
1/3 of the World's population would
experience water scarcity.
In 2006 the estimation is fulfilled!

"The wars of the next century
will be about water"

World Bank Vice President
Ismail Serageldin, 1995

So what are the reasons and what can be done???

Reasons:

- water scarcity
- water consumption (the water ladder)



The Water Ladder

As per capita income increases, demand for water also increases. Similarly, energy demands also increase with income. The water ladder impacts other ladders – for example, the hygiene ladder, the food security ladder, and the dietary preferences ladder.

Leisure Recreation Tourism Increasing need for modern fuels/ power sources (water-energy linkages increasing)

Public health and safety:

Reliance on the ladders – for example, the hygiene ladder, the food security ladder, and the dietary preferences ladder.

Bathroom for hygiene Public pool

Infectious disease control

Public health wellbeing control

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What can be done??

- or what can you do??



Best practice??

Shower: on Earth: 50-80 I

in Space: 10 I

Reuse: urin and moisture

No water for hairwash and

shaving

No flush in toilets



Examples from DK

- Community Guidelines in new built and existing areas Agenda 21

(water savings)

- Citizens competitions

(water savings) - Reuse of water

(water as a resource)

Community Guidelines

- Agenda 21 as a planning tool
 - Checklists for new built
 - Checklists for renovation
- Consumers manual/guidelines
 - Water work's guidelines

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Citizens Competition

- Housing areas (Green Diploma)
 - Competitions
 - Public Buildings



Water as a resource

- Cleaning of grey and dark water
 - Purification of water
 - Reuse examples