



8th
World Water
Forum

Brasília-Brazil
2018

An aerial photograph of a vast, arid landscape, likely in the Middle East, showing a complex network of water management infrastructure. A prominent, dark-colored canal winds through the terrain, branching into smaller channels. Several large, rectangular reservoirs or ponds are visible, some filled with water. The surrounding land is dry and brown, with some small, dark structures scattered in the lower-left corner. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

High Level Panel on Water video

<https://youtu.be/jTkv-IYOLK0>

Beyond Multi-Stakeholder Dialogues
Breaking the Barriers to Achieving the SDGs

**Setting an Agenda for Change
in the Water-Energy-Food Nexus
and SDGs Implementation**

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**Part 1: Set the Scene
Part 2: Debate the Motions**

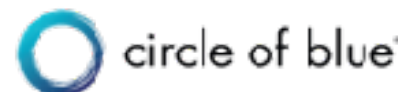
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Milestones

2016



2017



2018



Objectives

- 1) Share** WEF Nexus lessons learned across scales and sectors toward SDGs implementation
- 2) Facilitate** dialogue on the role of WEF Nexus in SDGs implementation between funding agencies, banks, academics, private and public sector, technology providers, entrepreneurs and civil society
- 3) Discuss** ways to improve policy coherence across WEF sectors and scales.

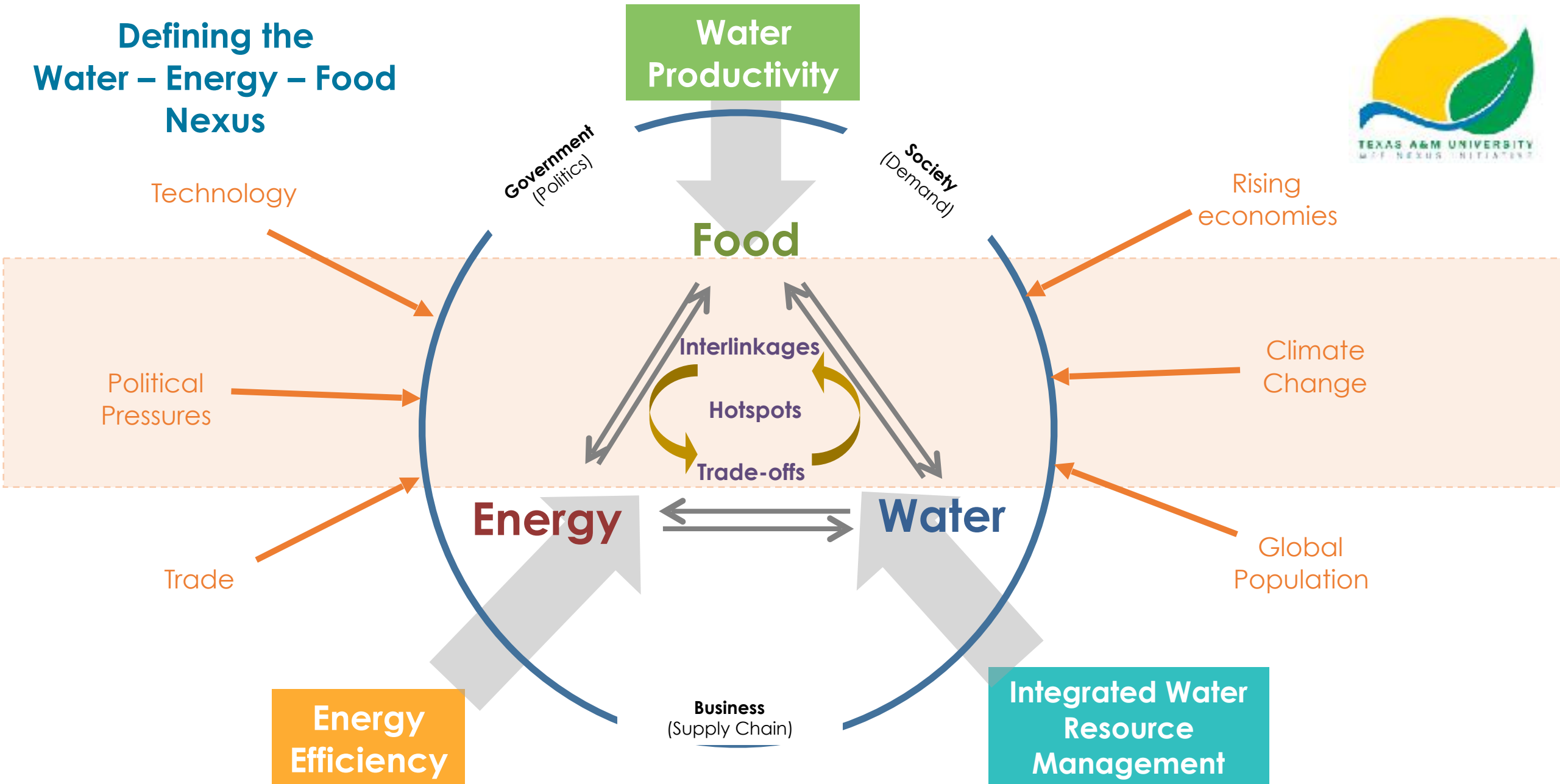
Key Questions

1. **Science** How can scientific tools, technology (in particular information and communication technology), data, and case studies contribute coherence to WEF systems / SDGs implementation?
2. **Policy** What policies and incentives are needed to promote implementation of SDGs in the context of WEF systems?
3. **Lessons** What are some successful, cross-scale governance and technological lessons in WEF nexus implementation?

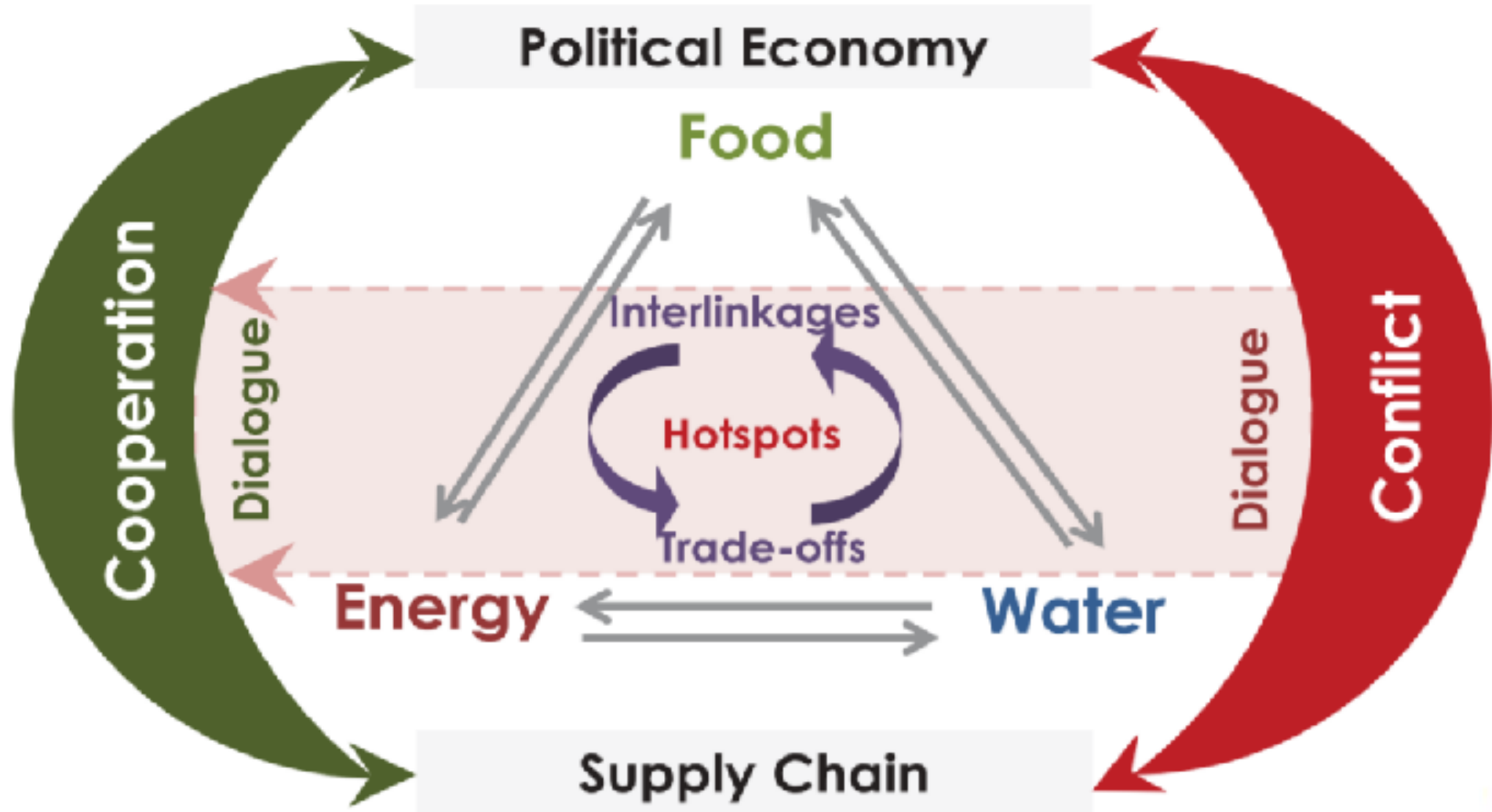
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4. How can we **communicate** the WEF systems complexities and share positive **messaging**, while maintaining **momentum** toward change for a sustainable future?
5. How do we maintain the **integrity** of **human rights** issues in the context of WEF systems solutions?
6. How can opportunities be better **promoted** and **coordinated** between **cross-sectoral** players, at different scales?

Defining the Water – Energy – Food Nexus




WEF Framework



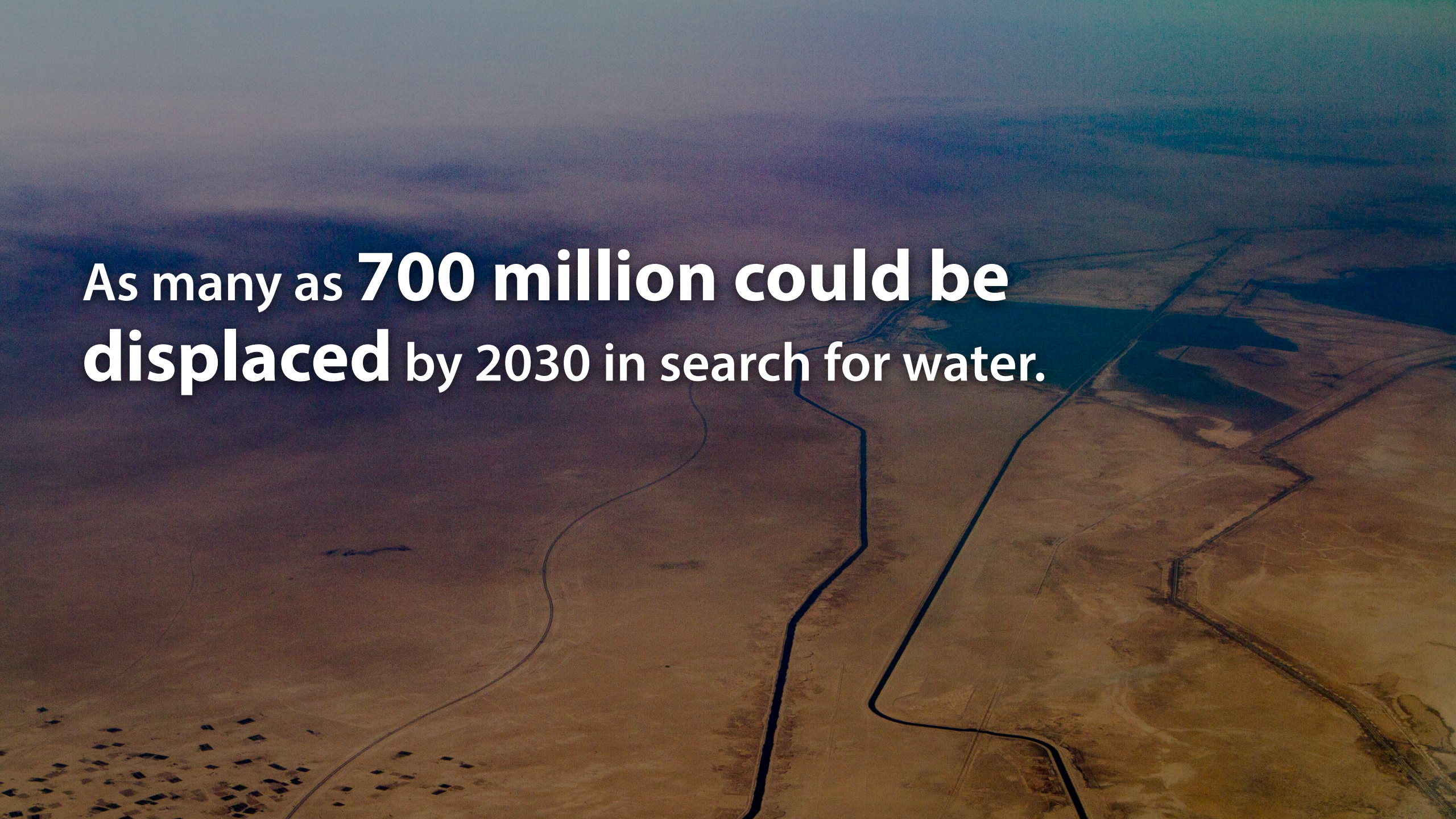
An aerial photograph of a desert landscape. A winding river flows through the center of the frame. To the right, a large, rectangular reservoir is visible. The terrain is arid and brown, with some small structures or fields in the lower-left corner. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

On the Frontlines of the Nexus

J. Carl Ganter
Circle of Blue
Vector Center

An aerial photograph of a dry, brown landscape, likely a desert or semi-arid region. A winding river flows through the center, leading to a large, dark reservoir on the right. The terrain is flat and shows signs of agricultural activity, with some rectangular plots visible. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

40 percent of the world's people are being affected by water scarcity.

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As many as **700 million** could be **displaced** by 2030 in search for water.

An aerial photograph of a dry, brown landscape. A winding river flows through the center, leading to a large, irregularly shaped reservoir or dam structure. The surrounding land is parched and cracked, with some small, dark patches of vegetation or structures visible in the lower-left corner. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

Two billion people are compelled to drink unsafe water 2030 in search for water.

An aerial photograph of a dry, brown landscape. A winding river flows through the center, leading to a large, dark reservoir on the right. The terrain is flat and arid, with some small structures visible in the bottom left corner. The overall tone is somber and desolate.

More than **4.5 billion** do not have
safely managed sanitation.

An aerial photograph of a dry, brown landscape. A winding river flows through the center, leading to a large, dark reservoir. The terrain is flat and appears to be a dry lake bed or a similar arid environment. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

Beyond bullet points

- Real People
- Real Places
- Real Relevancy



A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a thick brown wool coat and dark pants, stands in profile on a grassy dune. She is looking towards the left. The background features a vast landscape of rolling dunes under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The foreground is filled with tall, green grasses. A large, semi-transparent watermark is overlaid across the middle of the image.

Photo: J. Carl Ganter/Circle of Blue



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Photo: Aaron Laffo / Circle of Blue



Photo: J. Carl Ganley / Circle of Blue

FREE WATER FREE ENERGY

PUBLIC POLICY

Photo: J. Carl Gentry/Circle of Blue

CHOKE
POINT

Location: INDIA



**ENORMOUS
SURPLUS**

ROTTING IN STORAGE

**CHOKE
POINT**

Location: INDIA

Photo: J. Carl Ganter/Circle of Blue

POLLUTION

TOXIC ALGAE

CHOKE
POINT

Location: CHINA





Photo: Circle of Blue

DIMINISHING

GROUNDWATER

**CHOK
POINT**

Location: KANSAS

RECORD LOW

WATER LEVELS

Carl Ganter/Circle of Blue

**CHOKE
POINT**

Location: LAKE MEAD

CHALLENGED

CULTURE

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**CHOK
POINT**

Location: AUSTRALIA



SYSTEMIC

CROP FAILURE

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**CHOKE
POINT**

Location: AUSTRALIA



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ETE SÃO MIGUEL PAULISTA

ETE PARQUE NOVO MUNDO

ETE ABC

ETE



TIETÊ

SANTANA DE PARNAÍBA

GUARULHOS

JANDIRA

COTIA

CARAPICUÍBA

TABOÃO DA SERRA

EMBU DAS ARTES

ITAPECERICA DA SERRA

DIADEMA

SANTO ANDRÉ

SÃO BERNARDO DO CAMPO

RIBEIRÃO PIRES

RIO GRANDE DA SERRA

SÃO CAETANO DO SUL

MAUÁ

RIO TIETÊ



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Jerson Kelman

President of the Sanitation Company of the State of Sao Paulo
(Sabesp)

2003 recipient of the King Hassan II World Water Prize

Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus and SDGs Implementation

The San Francisco River Basin Case Study

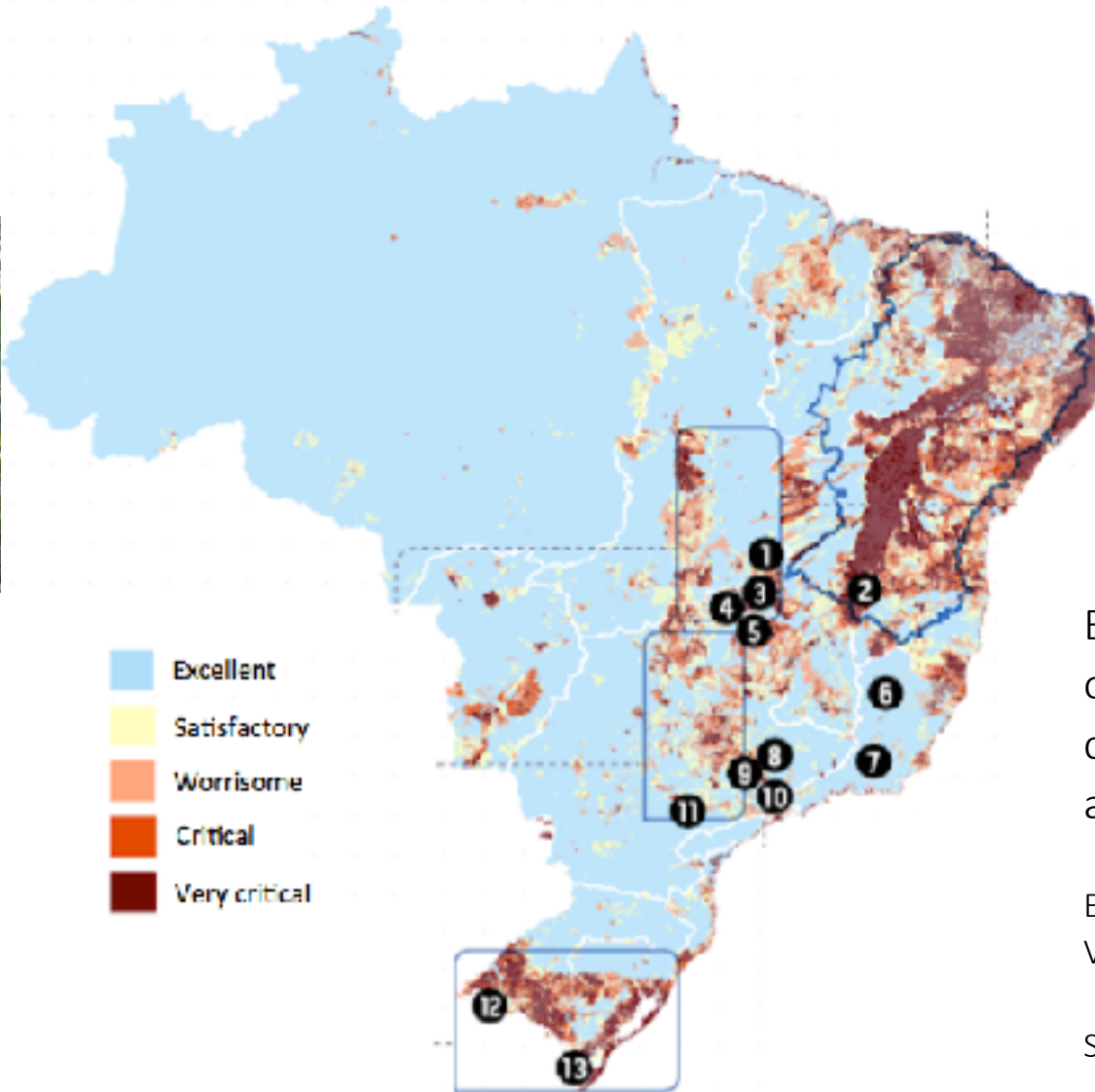
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Jerson Kelman

CEO of Sabesp





Brazilian quantitative water balance based on the ratio of water withdrawal for consumptive uses and the water availability

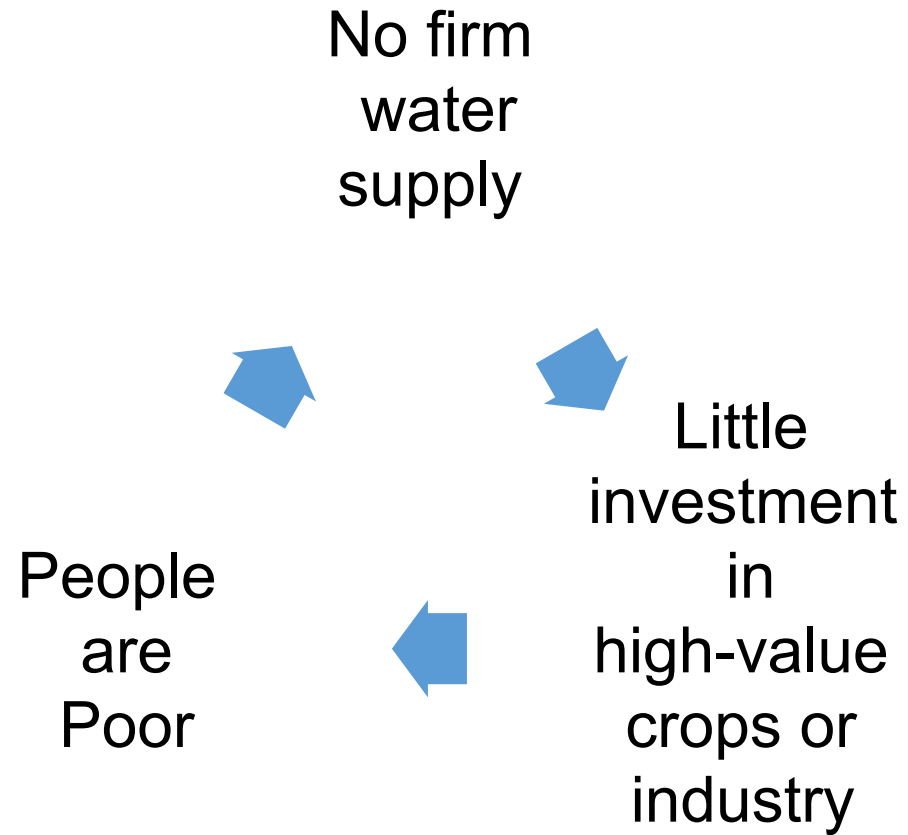
Excellent: less than 10%

Very critical: more than 40%

Source: ANA



HYDROLOGICAL VICIOUS CYCLE



It is necessary an initial stock of investments on water infrastructure before reaching the “inflexion point... and then real progress starts

(David Grey and Claudia Sadoff, “Sink or Swim? Water security for growth and development”)

Additionally, one has to take into consideration the WEF nexus...



The San Francisco River Basin
 640,000 Km²

Mean Flow 2850 m³/s

The “Brazilian Nile”





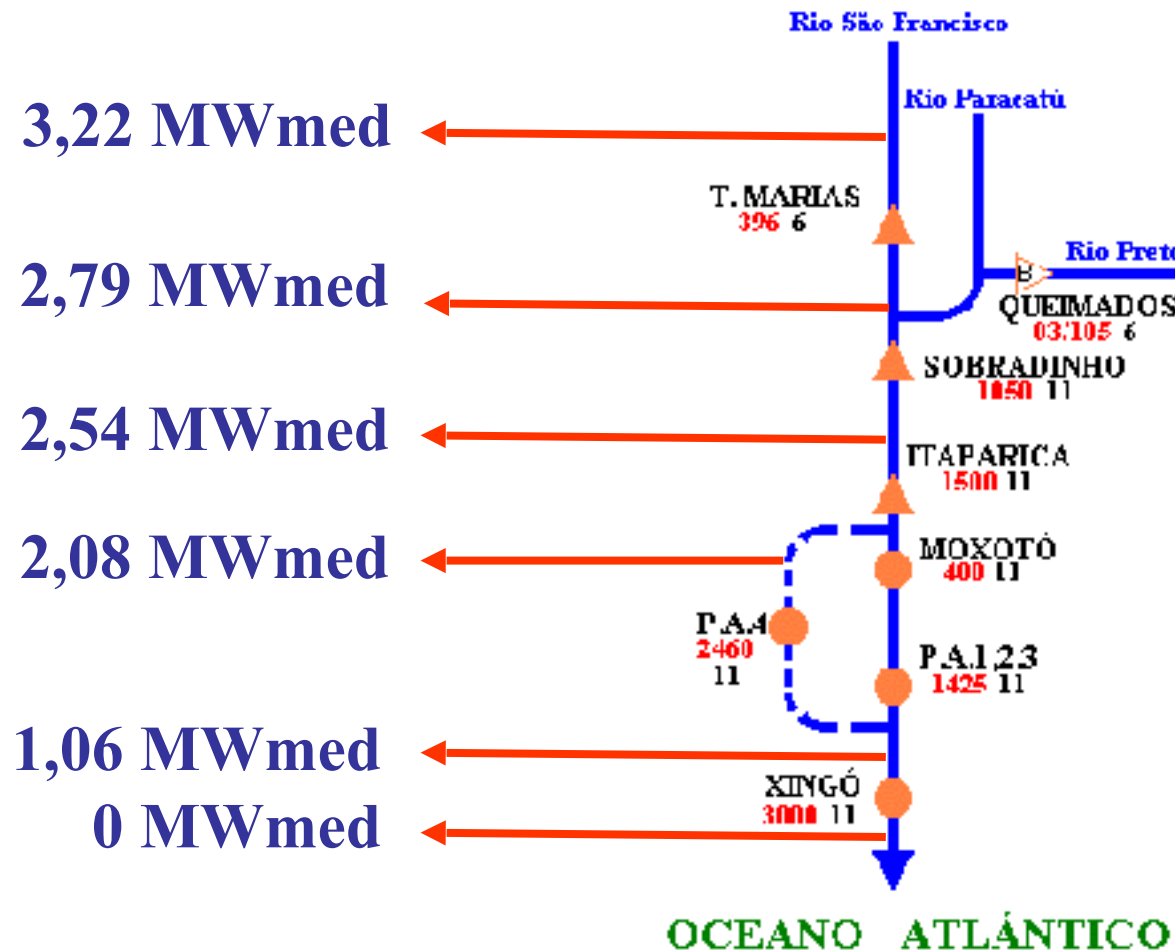
Hydropower

10,356 MW
50 million MWh/year
45 billion m³ storage,
US\$ 20 billion



Irrigation
800 thousand hectares (2013)
200 m³/s (?)



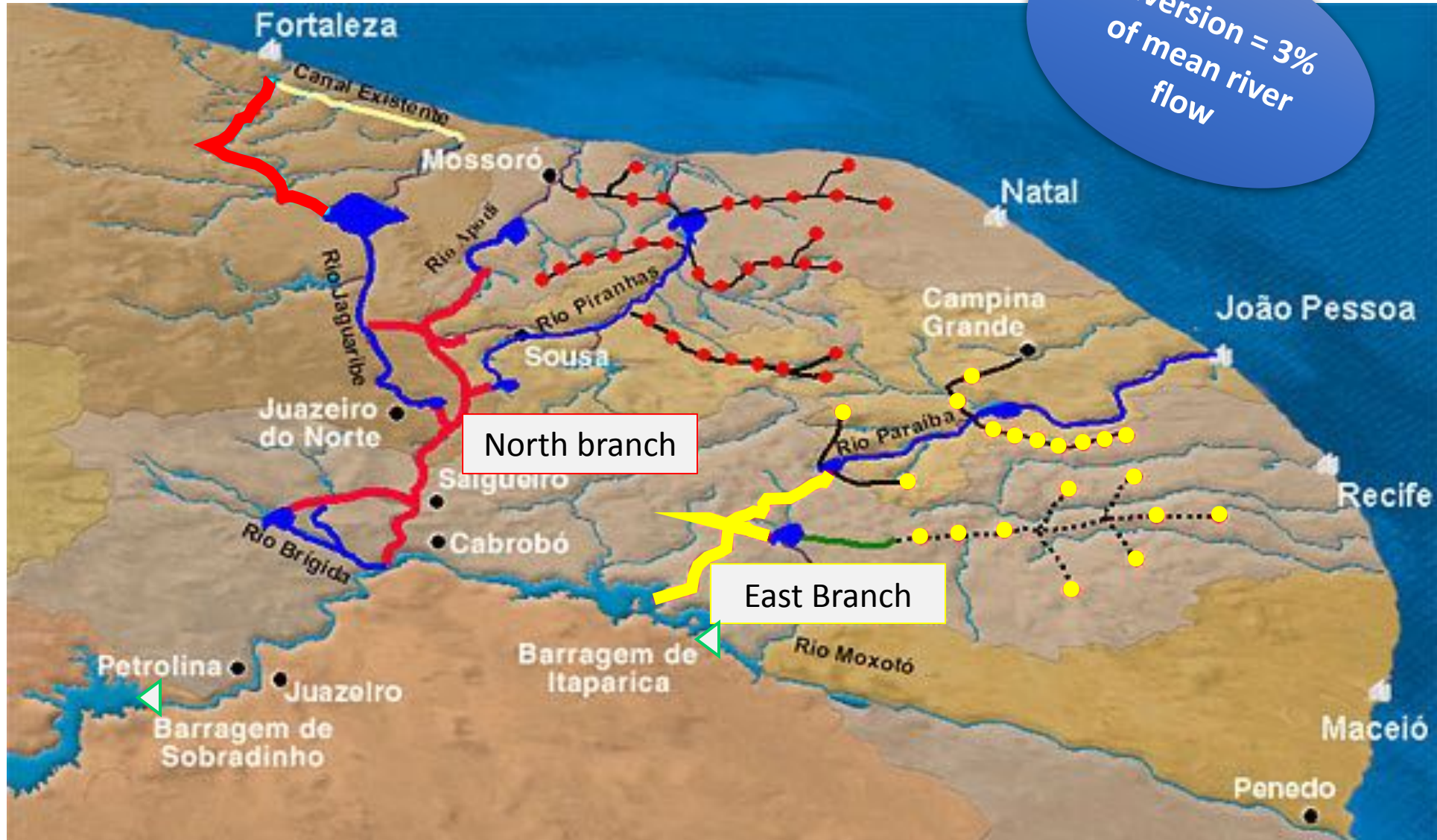


Decrease of the firm yield of electric energy as a function of each 1 m³/s consumed in irrigation

For example, the opportunity cost for the water allocated to a new irrigation plot in this river reach is at least 5 cents of dollar per cubic meter

The unit cost of water outside the basin is at least three times the cost within the basin

San Francisco Water Diversion (US\$ 3 billion)

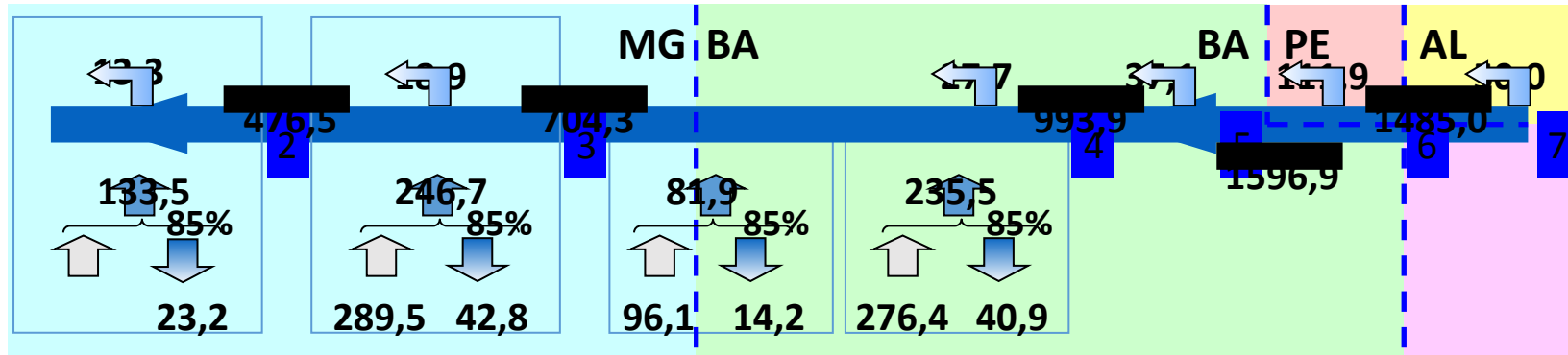


Water permit for the diversion

Dry mode: 26 m³/s

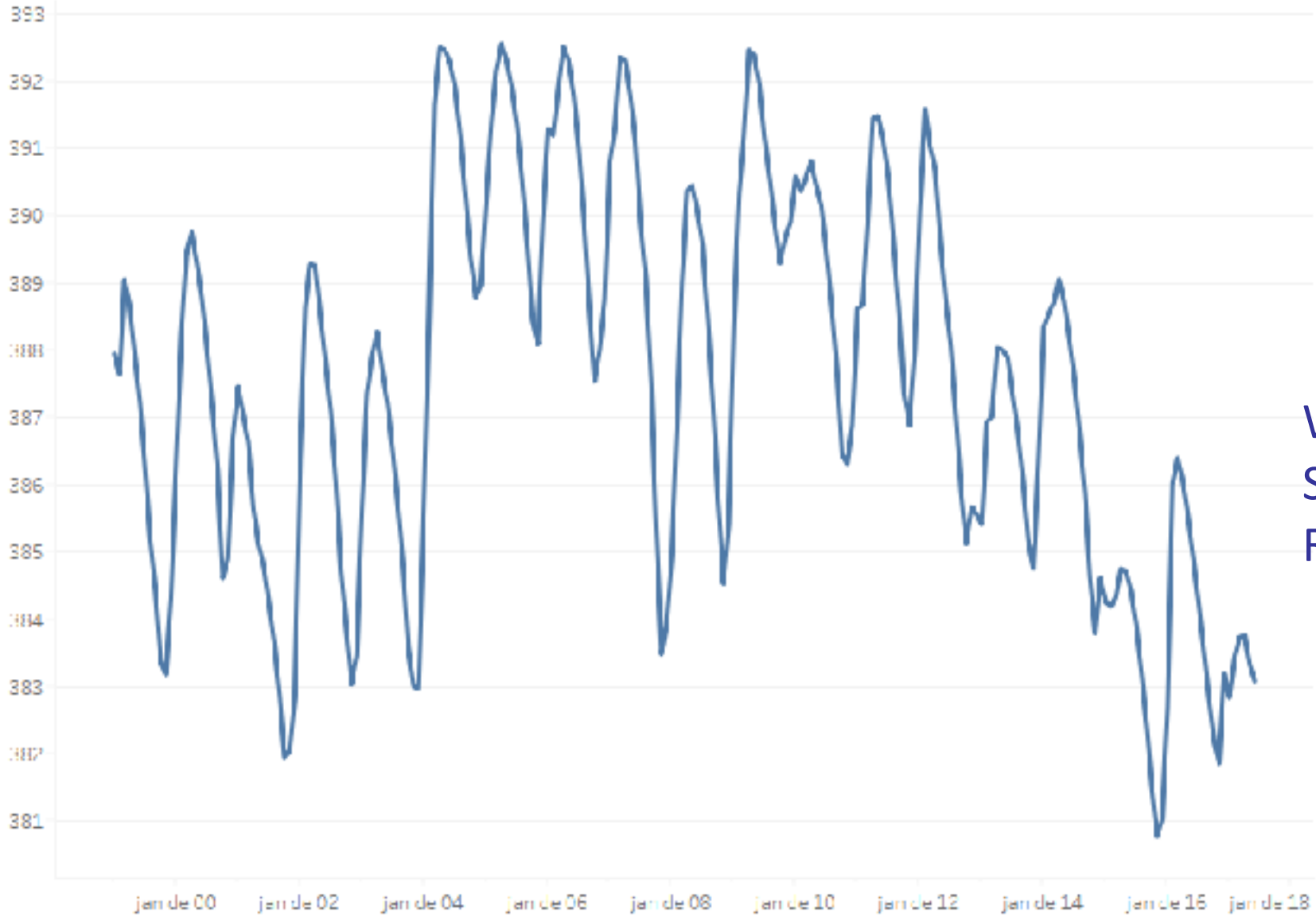
Wet mode: 127 m³/s





Water allocation in the San Francisco river basin

- Upper river irrigation
X
- Mid river hydropower
X
- Interbasin transfer
X
- Low river minimum flow



Water Level of Sobradinho Reservoir



San Francisco River Basin Plan

Prepared by the River
Basin Committee

PLANO DE RECURSOS HÍDRICOS
DA BACIA HIDROGRÁFICA
DO RIO SÃO FRANCISCO
2016-2025

Lessons

- The WEF nexus is better understood when the opportunity costs are explicitly stated
- River basin plans reflect a static view of water allocation priorities highly influenced by political groups.
- They are necessary but should be complemented by some commercial mechanism for reallocation of water rights



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SETTING THE STAGE





Claudia Sadoff

Director General, International Water Management Institute
(IWMI)

An aerial photograph of a vast, arid desert landscape. A prominent, winding road or path cuts through the sandy terrain. In the upper right quadrant, a large, dark, rectangular reservoir or dam structure is visible. The overall scene is characterized by its flat, open expanse and the contrast between the light-colored sand and the dark water of the reservoir.

Claude Nahon

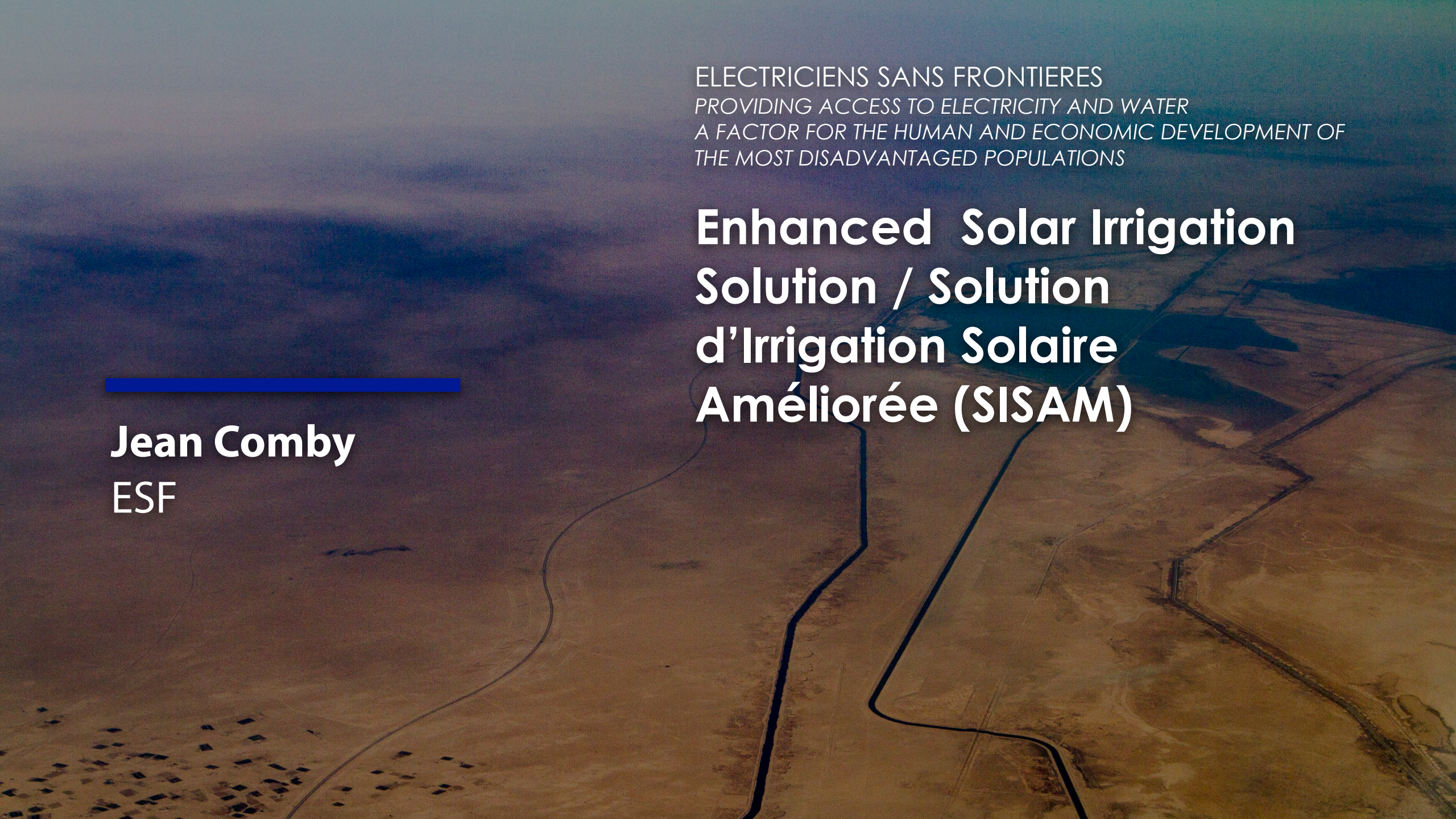
Director of Sustainability and Environment, EDF Group

An aerial photograph of a vast, flat, brown landscape, likely a dry lake bed or a large reservoir. A winding river or canal cuts through the center of the image. In the upper right, there is a large, dark, rectangular reservoir. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall scene is desolate and expansive.

Gustavo Fonseca
Director of Programs, GEF



This satellite footage shows the forests of the Amazon and Congo basins 'breathing' water vapor into the atmosphere.



ELECTRICIENS SANS FRONTIERES
PROVIDING ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY AND WATER
A FACTOR FOR THE HUMAN AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF
THE MOST DISADVANTAGED POPULATIONS

Enhanced Solar Irrigation Solution / Solution d'Irrigation Solaire Améliorée (SISAM)

Jean Comby
ESF



SISAM

(Enhanced Solar Irrigation Solution
Solution d'Irrigation Solaire Améliorée)

CONTRIBUTE TO **POVERTY REDUCTION** AND
RURAL **FOOD SECURITY** BY PROMOTING THE
EMERGENCE OF **SUSTAINABLE AND ACCESSIBLE**
IRRIGATION SCHEMES FOR SMALL-SCALE MARKET
GARDENING IN BURKINA FASO, BENIN AND
TOGO.



3 local partners working with farmers:



1 coordinator:



2 technical partners:





INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY

Local Production: Pump Assembly with local components

Performance: New technologies adapted to depth and to small surface areas for irrigation

Usage: Solar powered motors with the possibility of manual use

Useful life: Over 20 years

BETTER ACCESS TO FINANCE



Costs: Acquisition and Running costs reduced

Micro-financing: Improved Credit Conditions

Management: Support before and after equipment acquisition

Delays: The reality of agricultural constraints taken into account



SISAM SOLUTION

Improved access to Irrigation Water for small market-garden holdings (<1 ha)

Poverty reduction and reinforced food availability

Benefits mainly women and children

Solution constructed by and for local actors (rural associations, private companies, institutions...)

MAINTENANCE

Training of Distributers and end-users

Maintenance Kit available

Easy availability of Spare parts



ENVIRONMENT

Evaluation of **Water Resources**

Good Irrigation Practices encouraged

100% Renewable energy (Solar)

Recycling of used parts possible





April 2018 -
October 2018

**Phase :
Launch**

- **25 market gardens** equipped with solar pumping systems
- **Training** given to companies and associations
- **Needs analysis** and technical and socio-economic constraints

November 2018
- May 2019

**Phase 2:
Consultation**

- **Five themed workshops** per country to co-define the SISAM solution (public and private actors)
- Targeted **awareness/communication** actions

June 2019 -
January 2020

**Phase 3:
Deployment**

- Support for the **emergence of three private operators**
- **75 market gardeners** benefit from the SISAM solution

February 2020 -
March 2021

**Phase 4:
Capitalization**

- **Support** for sectoral actors and farmers
- Preparation for **scaling up the project** (programme planned for 9 years)
- Finalization of the **socio-economic** analysis



- Securing food **availability**
- Increase of cultivated **area**
- **Counter season** crop
- Crop **diversification**



- Majority of **women beneficiaries**
- Women systematic **involvement**
- Gender specific **indicators**



- **Better use** of underutilized existing water resources
- Promoting and dissemination of **efficient technologies**



- 100% **renewable** energy (photovoltaic)
- Financially **affordable** solution
- **Alternative** technology to existing fossil-based solutions



- Sustainable **poverty reduction**
- Crop improvement for **small gardens**
- Majority of **young beneficiaries**



- **0 direct CO2** emissions solution
- **Local production of equipment** (“short cycle”)
- Long life **equipment** and efficient **maintenance** solution



1. A **priority issue** related to the access to **renewable energy** for off-grid populations
2. An **innovative** solution (technology, affordability, management/maintenance, environment)
3. A participatory approach (stakeholder consultation) enabling **local ownership** and **capacity building**
4. Taking into account **cross-cutting themes** (gender, adaptation, cultural aspects, climate change, etc.)
5. Six **competent** and **complementary partners**
6. A project **supported by AFD and ADEME up to € 355,000**



SISAM





Amina

CEO, Voices Not in the Room
(VNR)

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PRE-VOTE: THE MOTION

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MOTION PRESENTERS

- Patrick Lavarde (IWRA)
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Audience



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FINAL PITCH

Patrick Lavarde (IWRA)

Thadeu Abicalil (WorldBank)

Sarah Davidson (WWF)

(1 minute)

POST-VOTING ON THE MOTION

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DEBATE RECAP

Katharine Cross (IWA)

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WAY FORWARD

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