

# Water in a Green Economy

## *The UN System's Position*



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# Intelligent Design



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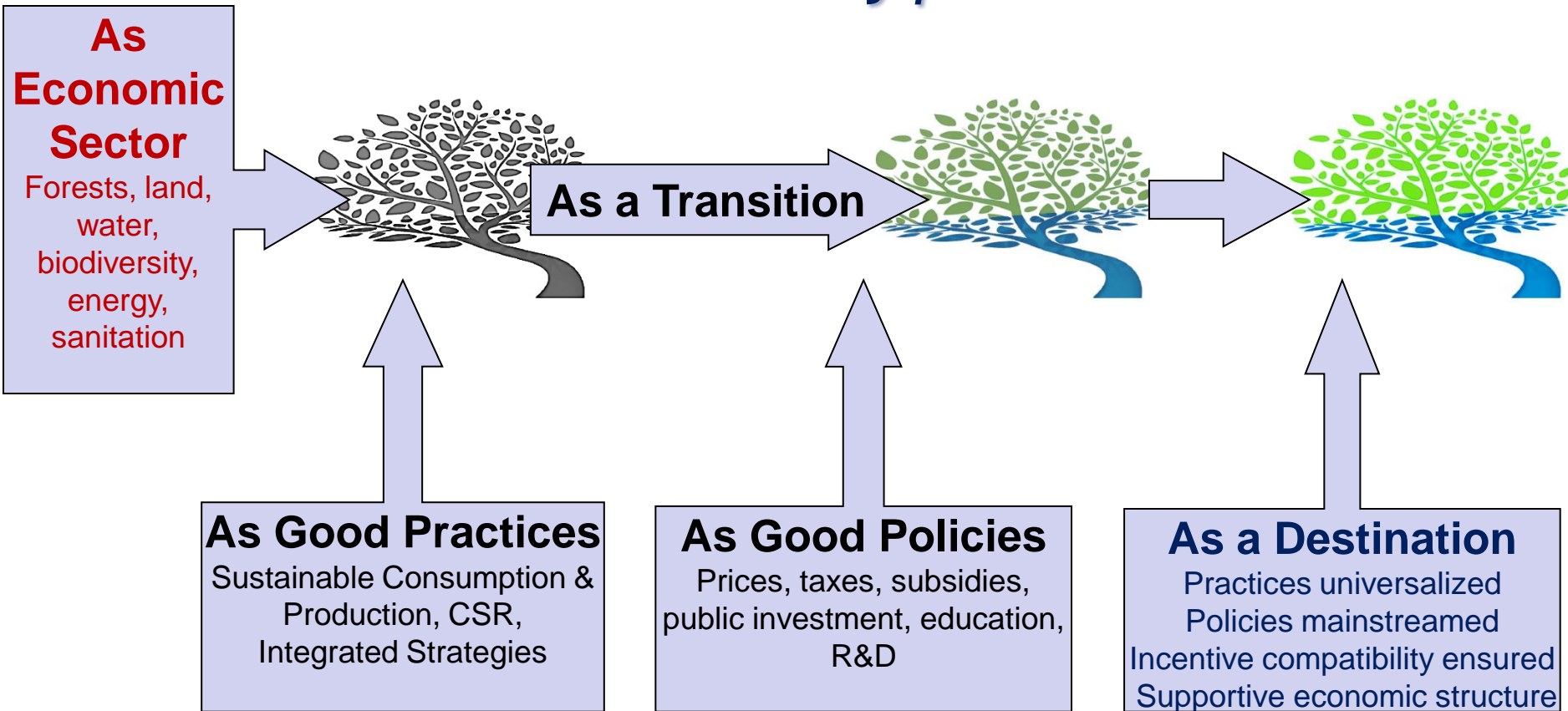
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MAYBE IT'S JUST A STAGE —



# The Notion of Green Economy

*An evolutionary process*



# Questions about Green Economy

- Is it a Trojan horse?
  - Trade, Aid, Marketization
  - Payment for ecosystem services



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# **UN System's Position:** *Focus on Water*

# UN-Water Statement to Rio+20

## Development Process:

- Dialogue and discussions by UN-Water members and partners:
  - 20 Jan 2011, Bangkok
  - 21 Aug 2011, Stockholm
- Drafting and negotiation by UN-Water members
- Submission to UNCSD Secretariat: 1 Nov 2011

## Key Messages + Key Actions



# Key Messages to Rio



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# Water Integration into Green Economy

- Success of green economy depends on:
  - Integrated and sustainable water resource management
  - Safe and sustainable provisioning of water supply and adequate sanitation services
  - Commitment to building a resource efficient economy:  
**more crop, nutrition and kilowatts per drop**
- Improved measurement of economic performance
  - Indicators of social and environmental sustainability
- Green economy must be supported by green societies






# A Climate Resilient Green Economy

- Water is the primary medium through which climate change influences Earth's ecosystems plus people's livelihoods & wellbeing
- Climate resilience is closely tied to effective management of:
  - water variability
  - ecosystem changes
  - resulting impacts on livelihoods
- Climate change adaptation measures boost green economy approaches and offer robustness



# Highest Priority: the 'Bottom Billion'

- The 'Bottom Billion' people live in abject poverty without access to safe drinking water supply, adequate sanitation services, or adequate food and energy services
- Green economy must address inequities in access to water - closely linked to energy security and food security 
- UN General Assembly Resolution 64/292 on the human right to water and sanitation provides the basis



# Universal Coverage: Water & Sanitation

- Green economy framework:
  - Accommodate both development targets and human rights targets at all levels
- Universal coverage of water supply and sanitation services must be a central development goal in the post-2015 period
- We urge national governments to set realistic intermediate targets and goals
- Continued assessment and analysis of the enabling environment to identify and remove critical bottlenecks
  - policy frameworks, institutional arrangements, building human resource base and financial flows





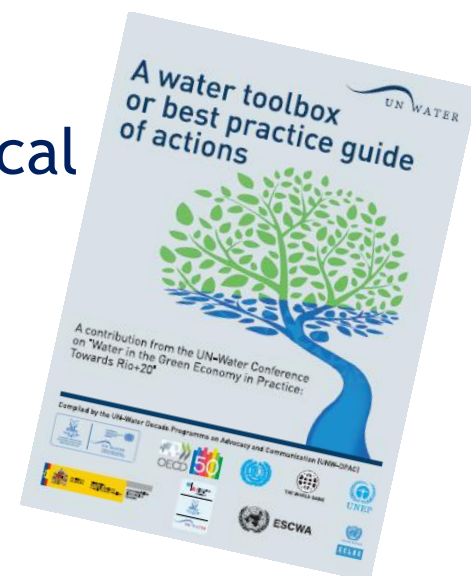
# Key Actions by UN-Water



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# Policy Inputs & Powerful Solutions

- Existing methodologies and tools used for measuring progress against a new model of human and economic development
- Existing UN-Water monitoring mechanisms can be further strengthened and improved to provide relevant outputs
- UN-Water will continue to identify practical solutions
  - Development of a toolbox containing lessons learnt

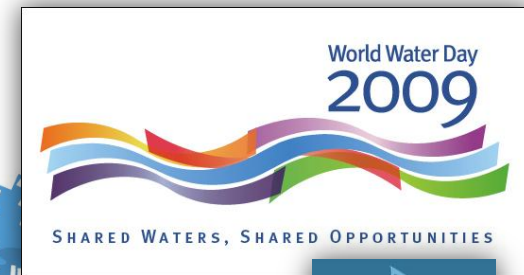


# Capacity Development for Green Economy

- Capacity development together with innovation offers numerous opportunities → creation of green jobs
- UN-Water can effectively contribute to meeting the water-related capacity needs of developing countries and of countries in transition
- In support of green economy UN-Water will continue its focus on capacity development:
  - Enhancing knowledge generation
  - Facilitating transfer of appropriate technologies
  - Reinforcing cooperation among national governments

# Advocacy and Dissemination

- UN-Water has demonstrated:
  - Consolidation of messages across the UN system
  - High impact delivery to relevant audiences
- UN-Water can consolidated and advocate water-related green economy messages
  - Multiple communication
  - channels for dissemination





# Thank you

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