Achieving SDG in Africa

Scaling green-blue revolution

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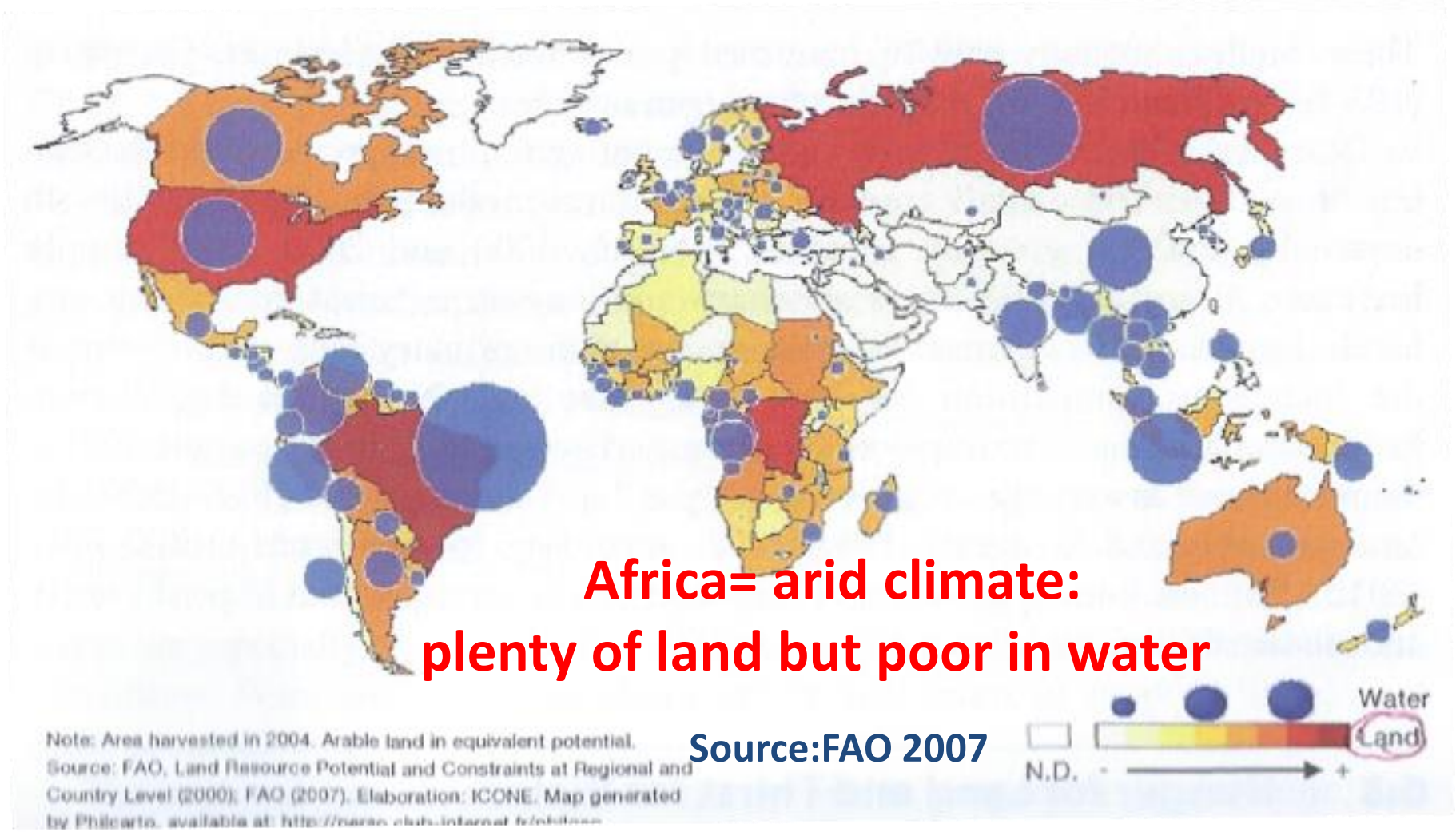
Africa is different

Available land and water for crop production



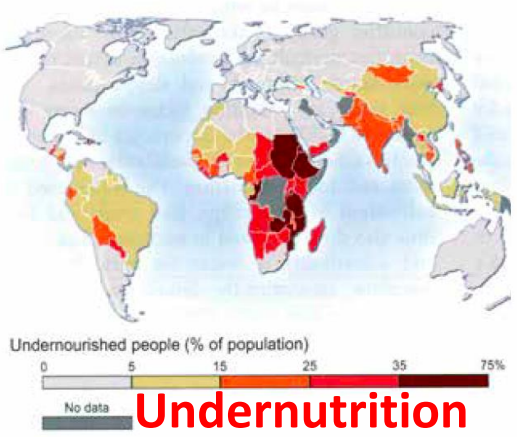
Africa= arid climate:

plenty of land but poor in water

Note: Area harvested in 2004. Arable land in equivalent potential.
Source: FAO, Land Resource Potential and Constraints at Regional and Country Level (2000); FAO (2007). Elaboration: ICONE. Map generated by Philcarto, available at: http://perso.club-internet.fr/philcarto

Source:FAO 2007

Undernutrition, rapid population growth, dominating savanna



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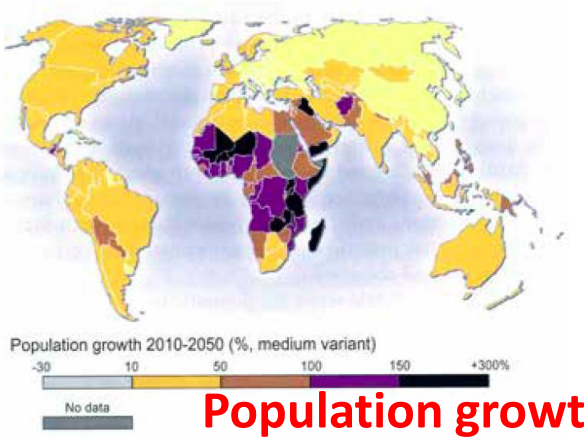
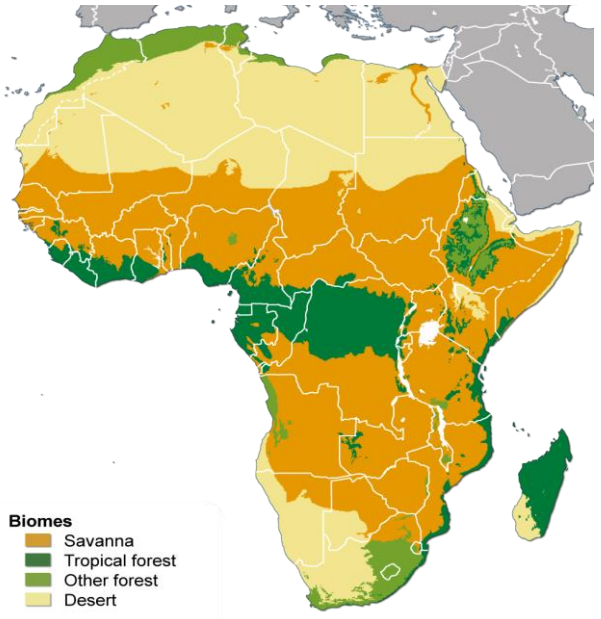


Population growth

Dryland landscape dominates

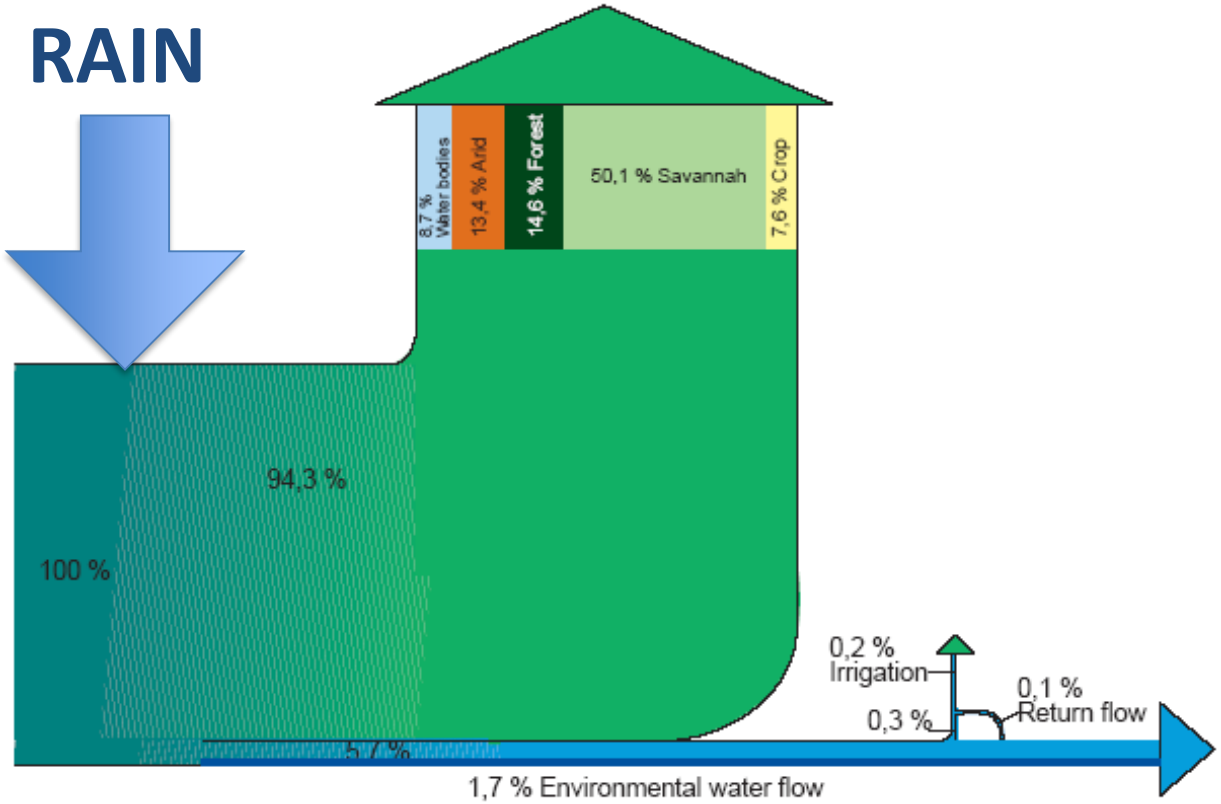


Except for mountains most rain evaporates on its way to the river

Result Kenya:

* only limited runoff

* most water is green



Only 13 years lead time till 2030

SDG hunger allev. goal needs rapid action

° Kofi Annan

”time for African farmers to wage a uniquely African Green Revolution”

- different water availability situations: S Asia vs Africa

-S Asia: plenty of blue water running down from Himalaya

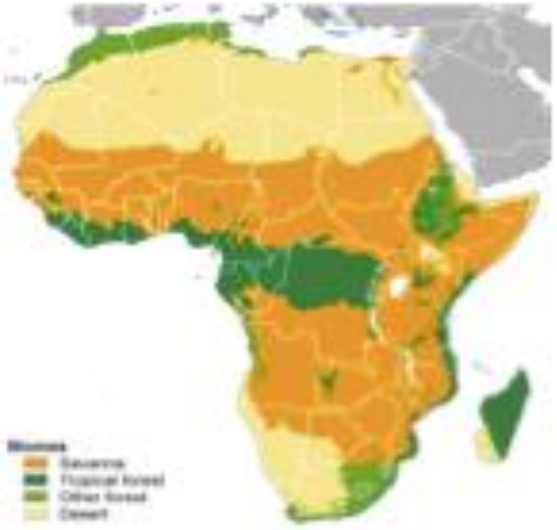
-Africa: no Himalaya, only local water towers

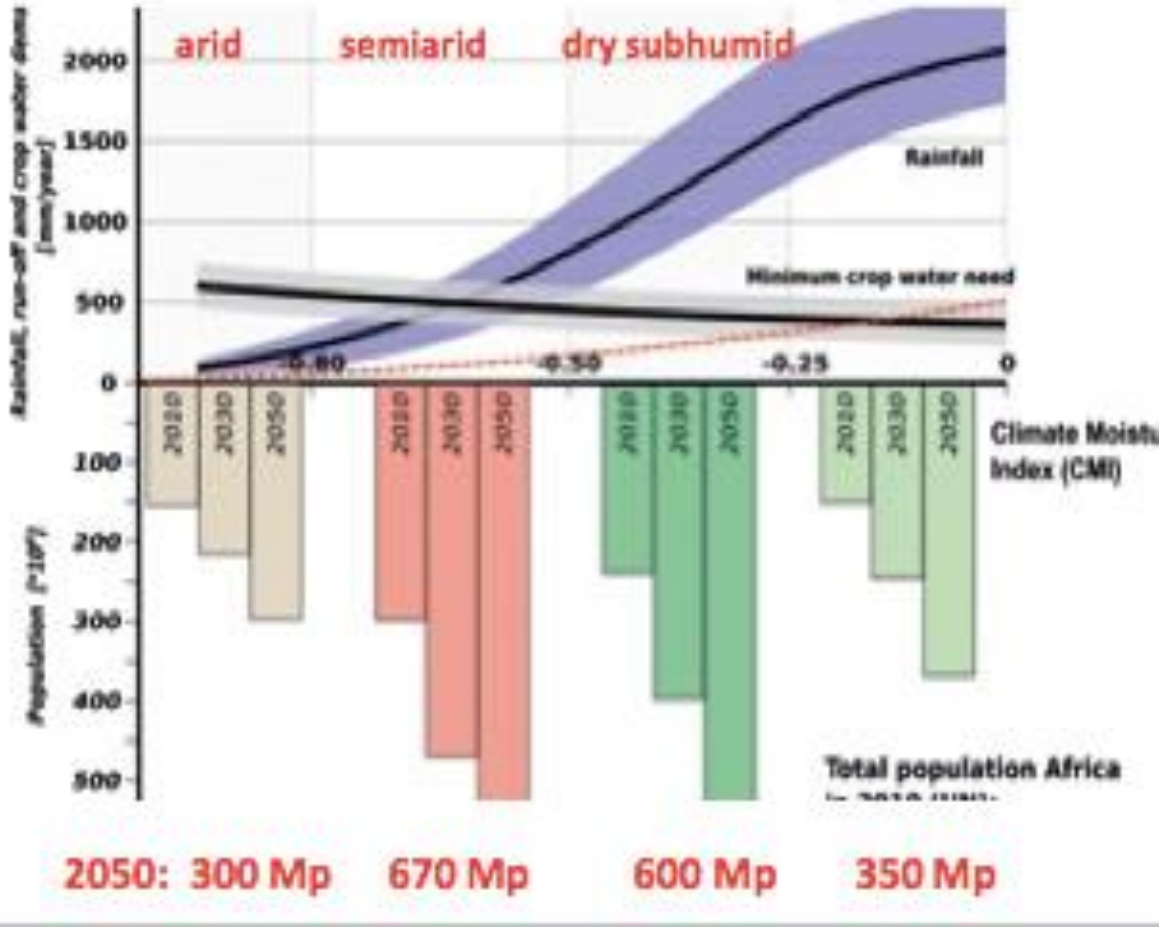
° World Water Week 2016:

-Call for an African Green Water Revolution

Savanna water availability situation

supplementary irrigation needed in subsistence farming





Large parallel water requirements

- **socioecon developm:** water supply urban-industr-energy
- **generating purchasing power** : pay future food import
- **food security:** supplem irrigation during dryspells

→ **wise water policy:**

-blue water for socioeconomic component

-rain water storage for subsistence agriculture

-national water resources planning

-involve policy makers+business sector

2016 Call for an African Water Revolution

MESSAGES

1 .water scarcity

- stumbling block for soc economic development

2. water key to attain SDGs:

- including Goal 2 on food prod and hunger alleviation

3. shift in thinking essential:

- blue water needed for socio-economic development

→ green water = logic way to deliver Goal 2

Basic message

- **Savanna region except close to large river corridors**
  - **blue water generation low**
  - **most rivers ephemeral**
  - **massive water requirements for econ devel**
  - **extreme population growth**
  - **only 13 years till 2030**

→ benefit from rainwater harvesting for supplem irrigation in subsist agriculture

This Symposium

- critical action for implementation of
  African green water revolution
  - doability, possible pathways
  - African ownersip