

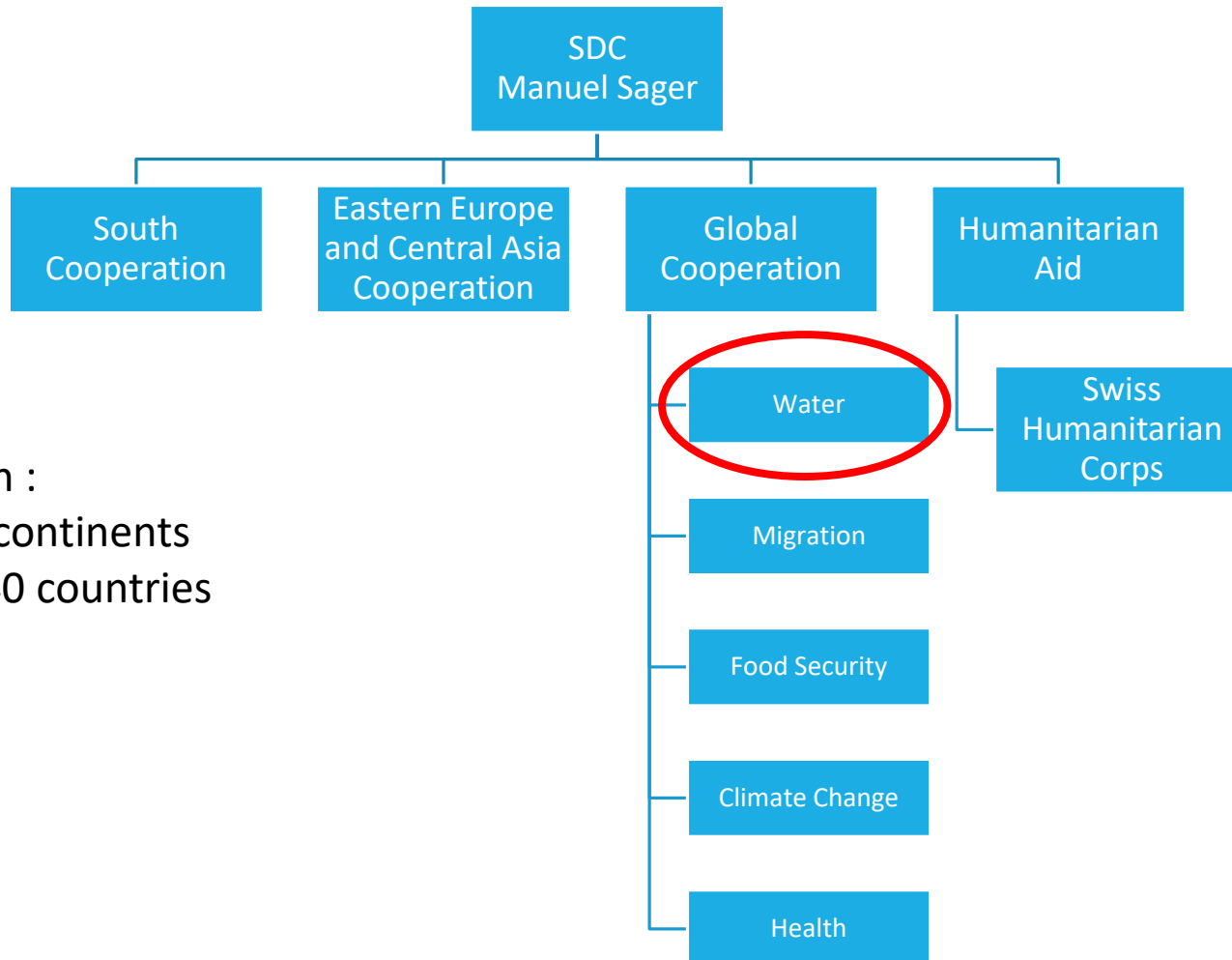


# Switzerland's Blue Peace momentum

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# 1. Who we are - GPW



Present in :

- the 4 continents
- over 40 countries

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## UN Human Rights to Water and Sanitation

Right-based approach supports authorities in their responsibility to respect, protect, and fulfil the provision of sufficient, safe, accessible and affordable water and sanitation for all people, and empower people to exercise their rights and responsibilities.



## 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.



## Dispatch on International Cooperation 2017 – 2020

Sustainable management of and access to natural resources, including water, are important means to reduce inequalities, improve living conditions and create better prospects for populations in developing countries.

## Swiss Federal Acts on cooperation with developing and transition countries 1976, 2006

Improve population's living conditions, promote democracy and human rights.

## Swiss Constitution Art. 54

Alleviate poverty, promote peace, conservation of natural resources

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**Vision**: A Water-Secure World

**Overall mission**: contribute to ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (contribute to a water-secure world).

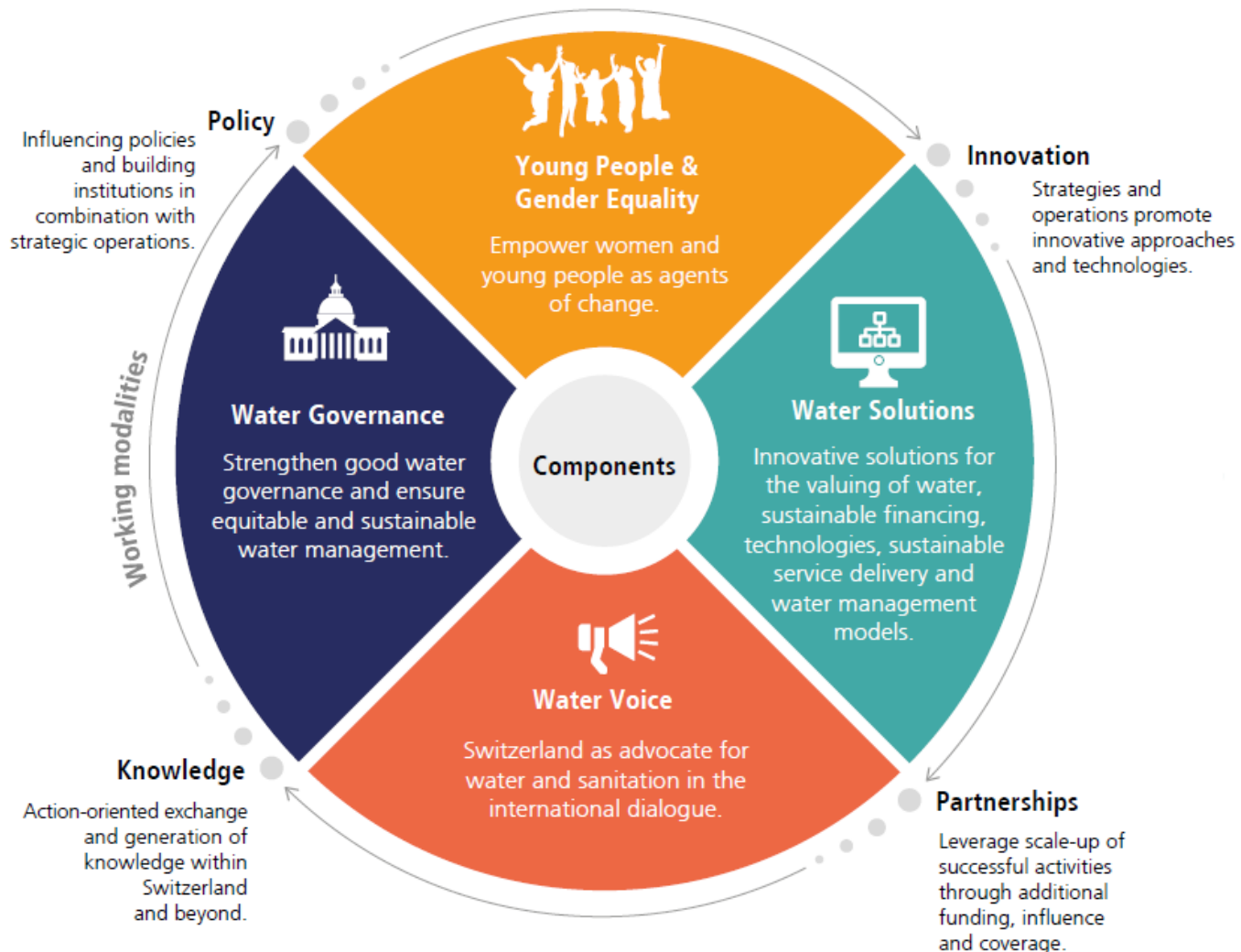
Video of GPW – 2017 : [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-VKPI\\_GF9c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-VKPI_GF9c)

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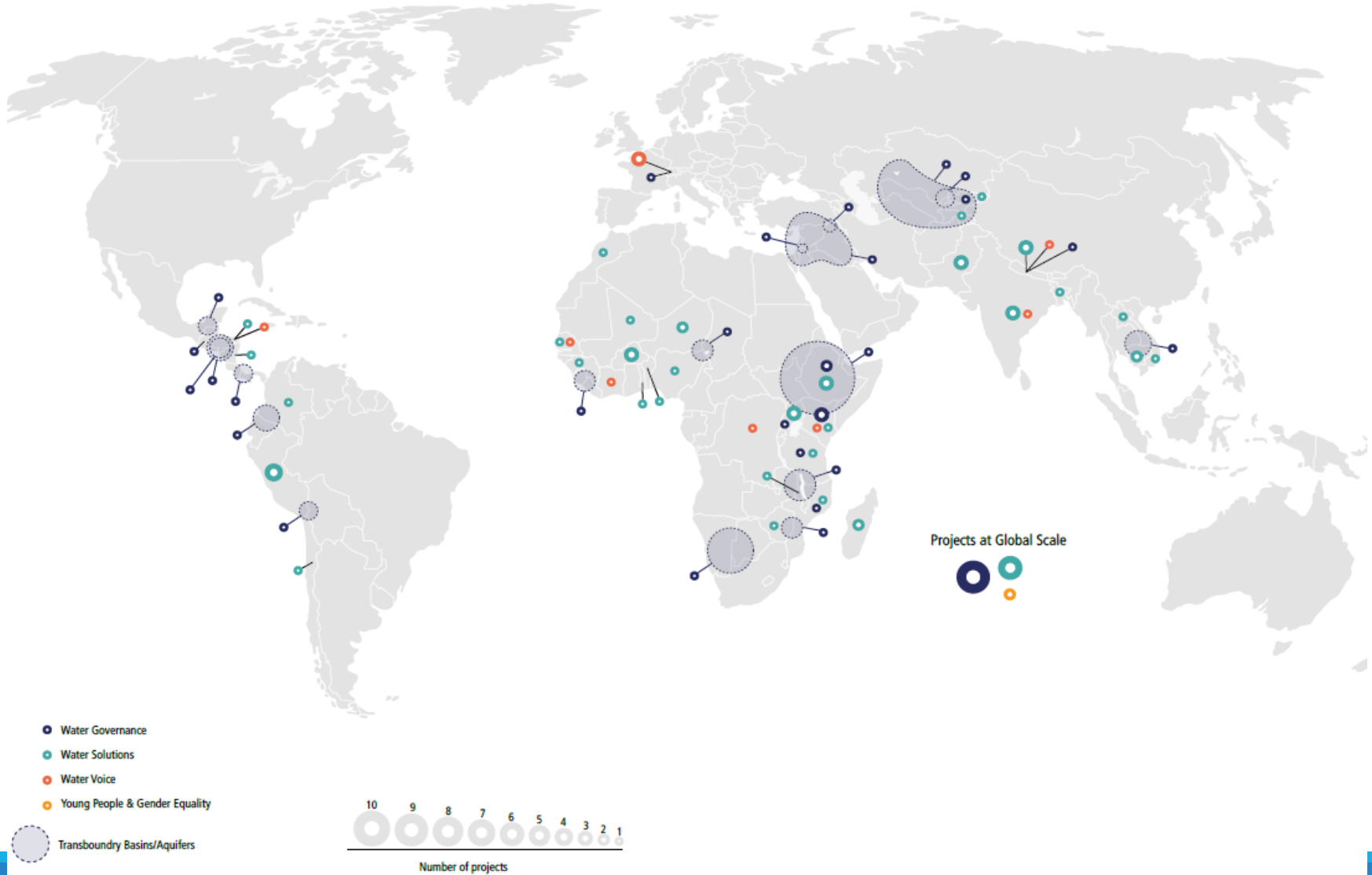
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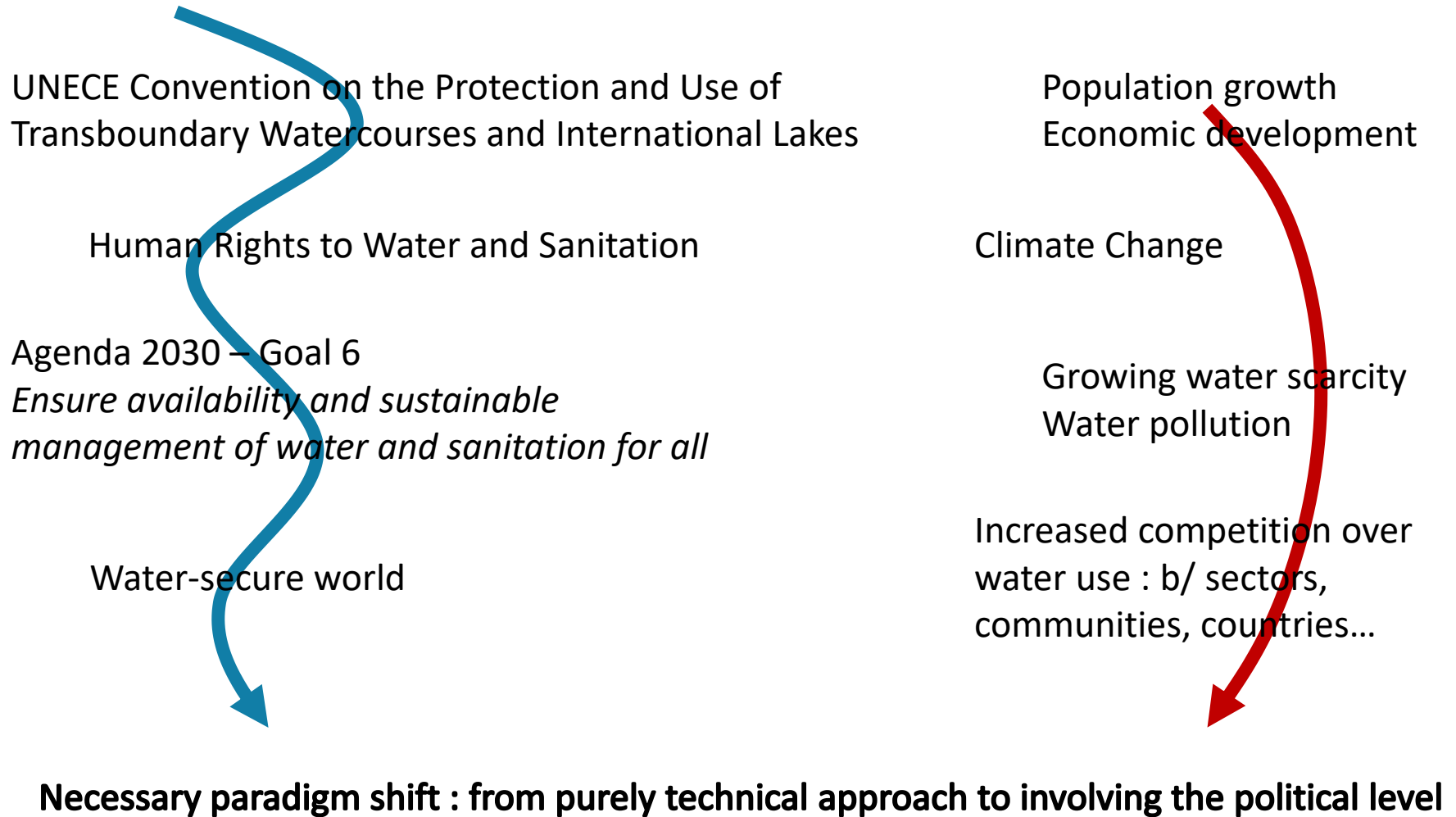


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# Blue Peace

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- There are 263 transboundary river / lake basins and account for an estimated 60% of global freshwater flow and is home to 40% of the world's population, across 145 countries.
- However, less than 40% of these have a cooperative management framework.
- There are approximately 300 transboundary aquifers, less than 1% of these have a cooperative management framework.
- Switzerland is considered as Europe's water tower, belonging to 4 river basins. However, over 80% of Switzerland's water footprint happens beyond our borders.

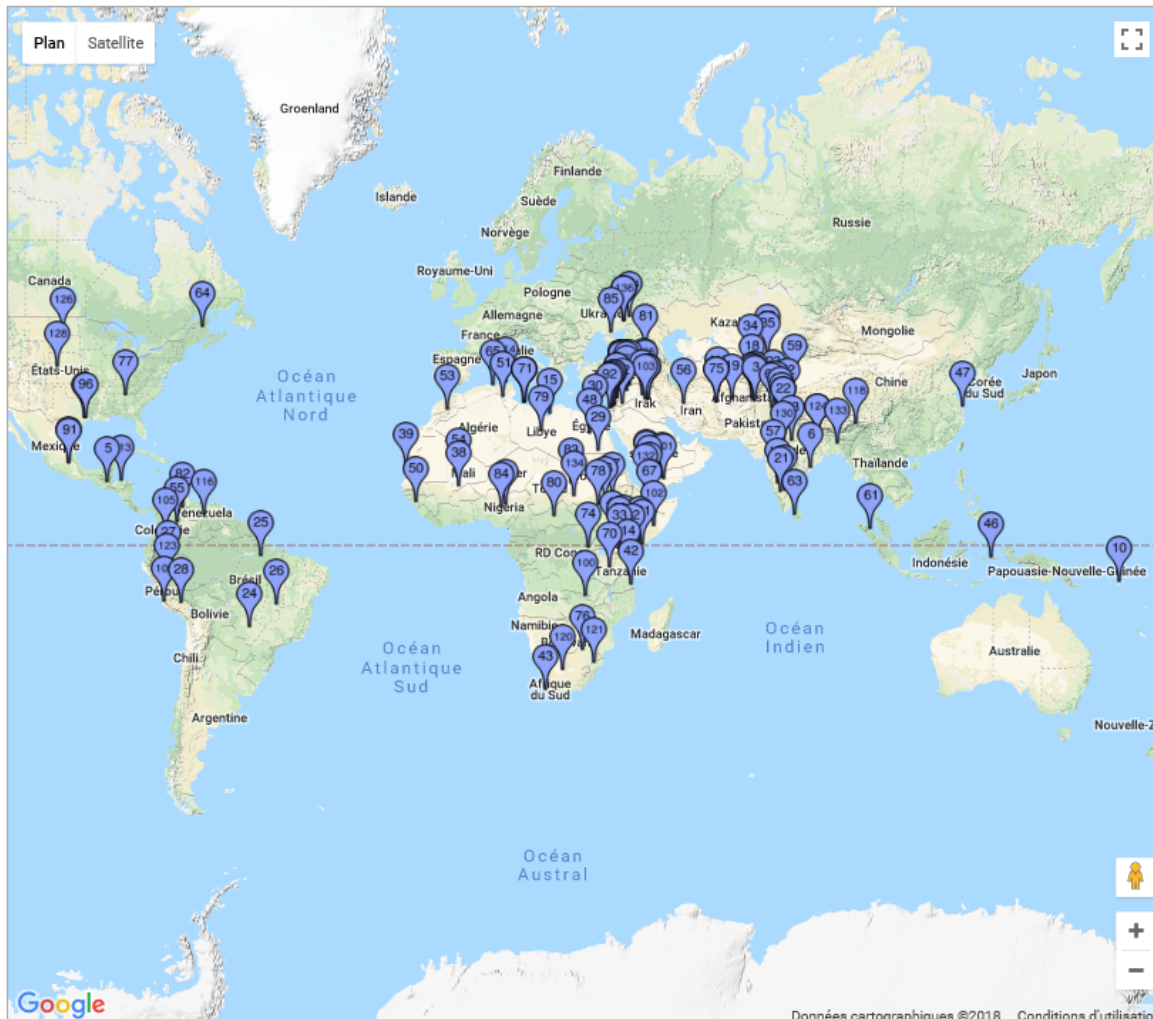
# Why speak of hydrodiplomacy ?

## Water Conflict Chronology Map

<http://www2.worldwater.org/conflict/map/>



Showing 137 conflicts 2010 - present



1. Fighting in Pakistan over irrigation water (2010)
2. Bomb in water truck kills 3 in Afghanistan (2010)
3. Pakistan irrigation dispute kills 116 (2010)
4. Violent water protest in India (2010)
5. Guatemalans mine protestors shot (2010)
6. Protestors killed and injured in (2010)
7. Water disputes between Iran and Afghanistan escalate (2010–2013)
8. Israel impedes water supply to new West Bank development (2010–2015)
9. Yemen damages citizens' water tanks during uprising (2011)
10. Solomon Islands women attacked while fetching water (2011)
11. Israel destroys Palestinians' water pumps and wells (2011)
12. Israeli settlers destroy wells in attack on West Bank village (2011)
13. Drought contributes to tensions in Syria (2011–2012)
14. Four farmers killed in Tanzania over resource dispute (2011)
15. NATO attacks water pipe factory in Libya (2011)
16. Hacker targets water plant in South Houston, Texas (2011)
17. Gaddafi cuts off water to Libya's capital (2012)
18. Afghani terrorists poison water at girls' school (2012)
19. Afghani Terrorists plant bomb at spring (2012)
20. Islamist kill dam guards in Afghanistan (2012)
21. Injuries during protest over dam releases in India's Cauvery River (2012)
22. Violent protests over water shortages in New

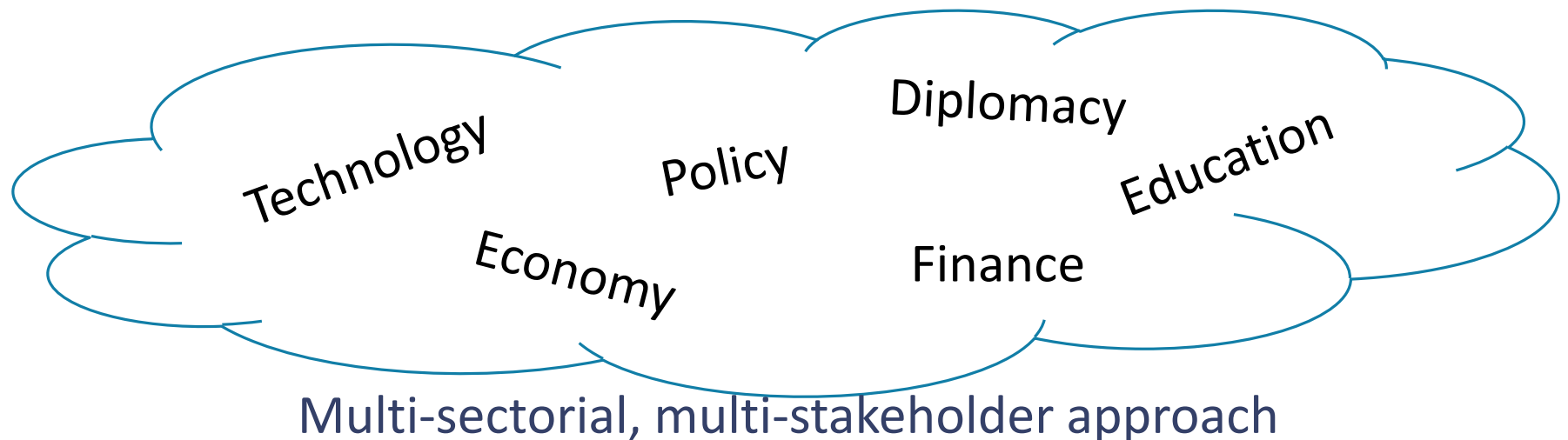
# What is Blue Peace ?

*Water as an enabler of peace instead of conflict*

Equitable & sustainable water use across borders, sectors, generations

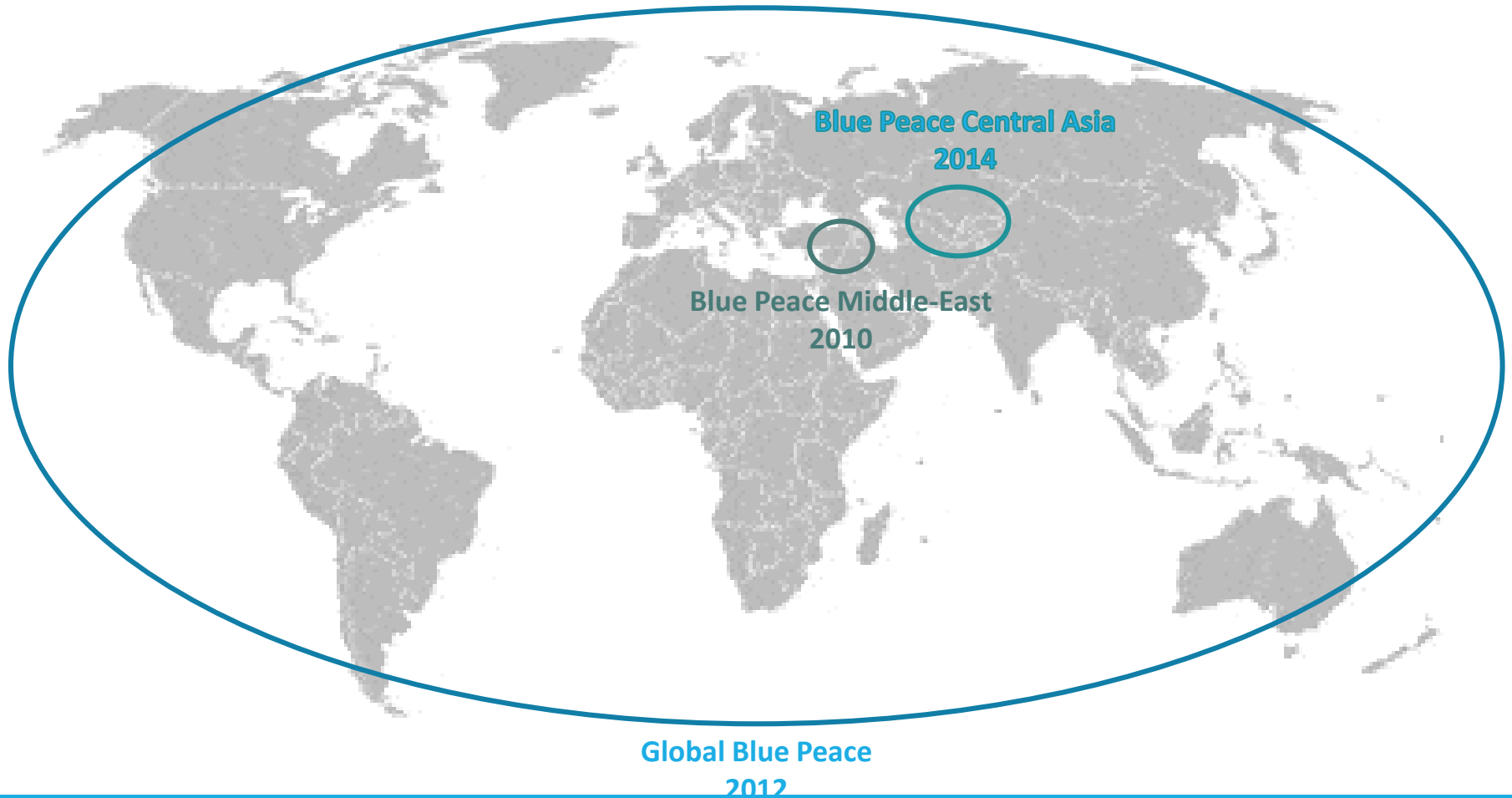
↳ Economic prosperity, resilience, trust building

↳ Social and regional stability = Peace



# Where are we ?

Global movement vs. Regional initiatives in «transboundary hotspots»



# Blue Peace Global & creation of a movement

- *Background* : The need for a high-level political debate on how to prevent water conflicts
- *Project* : The High-Level Panel on Water and Peace was officially launched in 2015 with the objective to develop a set of proposals to strengthen the global infrastructure to prevent and resolve water related conflicts.
- *Secretariat* : Geneva Water Hub (GWH)



- *Result* : Report “A Matter of survival”, developing 7 recommendations for global advocacy and action
- *Switzerland’s positioning* :
  - Further expand water diplomacy
  - Water data, collection and exchange
  - Innovative financing
  - Water infrastructure protection

# Blue Peace Global – where do we stand now ?

## 1. Water diplomacy :

- global dialogue with like-minded countries & partners, within the UN, etc. → creation of a momentum on the concept of Water & Peace
- development of projects supporting transboundary water dialogue

## 2. Water data, collection and exchange :

- Contribution to global programmes (e.g. WMO) and at regional level
- Creation of a Blue Peace Index (dev. by the EIU with panel of experts)

## 3. Innovative financing mechanisms :

- dialogue with global multilateral and regional dev. banks
- “Financing Blue Peace” → non-traditional actors (pension funds, investment funds, etc.) for transboundary investments

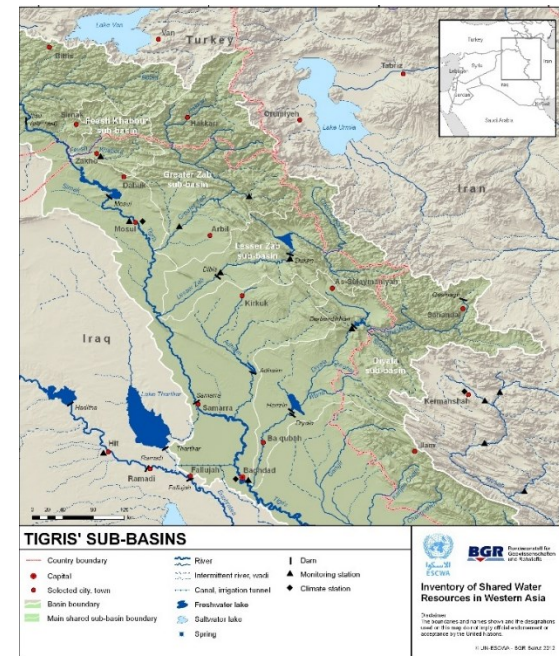
## 4. Water infrastructure protection

- Dev. Of principles for the protection of sensitive water infrastructure
- Linking to Human Rights to Water, and Humanitarian International Law

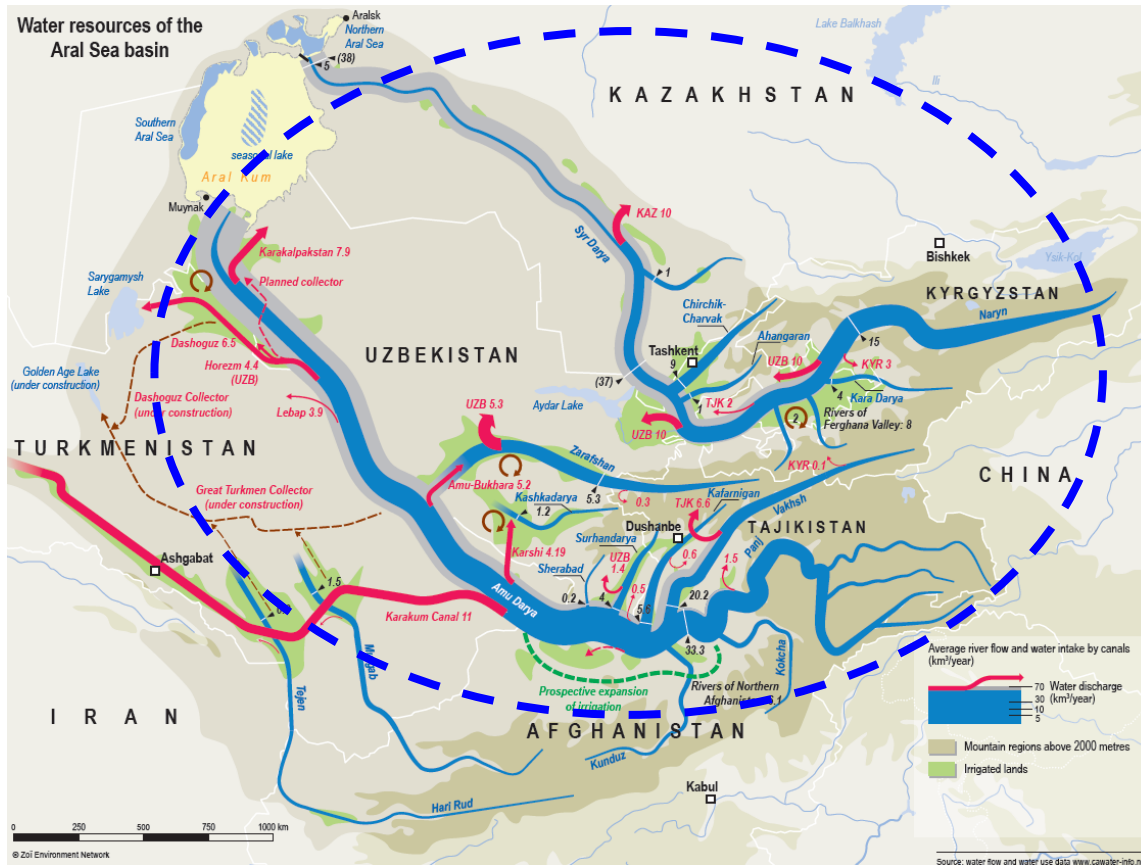


# Blue Peace Middle East

- **Objective** : contribute to conflict resolution and reduction of the regional water crisis through combined political and technical dialogues supported by concrete, operational projects.
- **Focus : Regional Platform for Water Cooperation**  
Platform engaging six countries : Lebanon, Jordan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Turkey around water issues in the region.
- **Additional action lines** :
  - ✓ Joint monitoring of the Tigris river basin for shared water resources management (Turkey, Iran, Iraq)
  - ✓ Establishment of a regional competence centre on Water Diplomacy around the Yarmouk basin (Jordan / Syria)
  - ✓ Establishment of a regional hub (Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq) for entrepreneurs and start-ups in the WASH sector



# Blue Peace Central Asia



## 1. Political pillar :

- Regional conferences
- Topical working groups
- Study tours

## 2. Operational pillar :

- at local / national
- at bilateral / regional

## 3. Youth pillar :

- Central Asian Youth for Water network (CAY4W)
- Capacity building



# Q & A