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# Benefits of Systems Science

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## THE EARLY 1970s







## A GLOBAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Established as a scientific bridge between East and West (excellent science & science diplomacy)

After Cold War ended focused on multiple dimensions of global change

Now embarked on the new research strategy for the next decade

# 21 NATIONAL MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS



International, independent, interdisciplinary



Research on major global problems: excellent science & science diplomacy



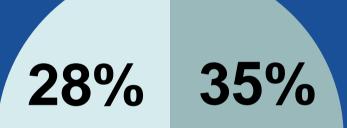
Solution oriented, integrated systems analysis



## **IIASA: TRULY INTERNATIONAL**

- ~ 300 researchers in house include researcher scholars, research assistants, postdoctoral research scholars, and young scientists from more than 50 countries
- ~25% of IIASA alumni (3,475 people worldwide) remain actively involved in IIASA research
- Active and formalized collaboration with over 300 institutions worldwide
- 900 visitors (science & science diplomacy) coming to IIASA and 180 international meetings hosted in 2012
- ~2050 researchers from some 65 countries involved in IIASA's research network in 2012

## INTERDISCIPLINARY



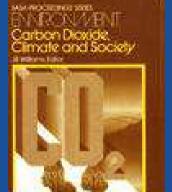
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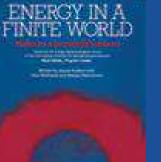
Natural Scientists& Engineers

Social Scientists

Mathematicians and others

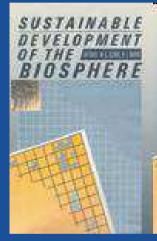
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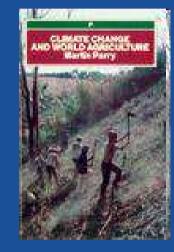




Climate and Energy Systems A review of their interactions







 1978
 1981
 1983
 1986
 1990



## MAJOR GLOBAL CHALLENGES: INEXTRICABLY LINKED



Food & Water

Poverty & Equity

**IIASA'S** SYSTEMS SCIENCE APPROACH



#### **RESEARCHING GLOBAL CHALLENGES**

- Integrated
- Interdisciplinary
- International
- Independent
- Solution-oriented
- Long term
- Trade offs

# Systems Analysis

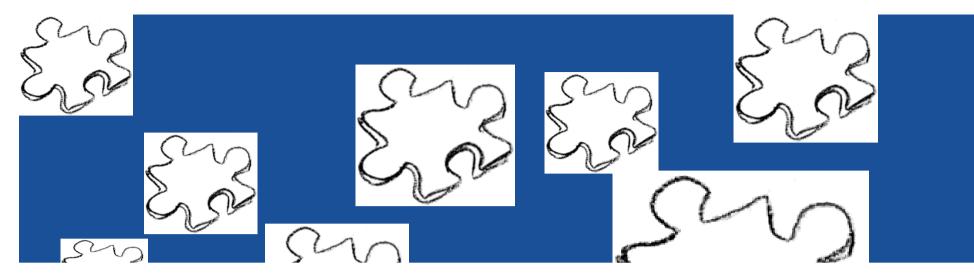
## **ADVANCED SYSTEMS ANALYSIS**

#### **PAST SUCCESSES**

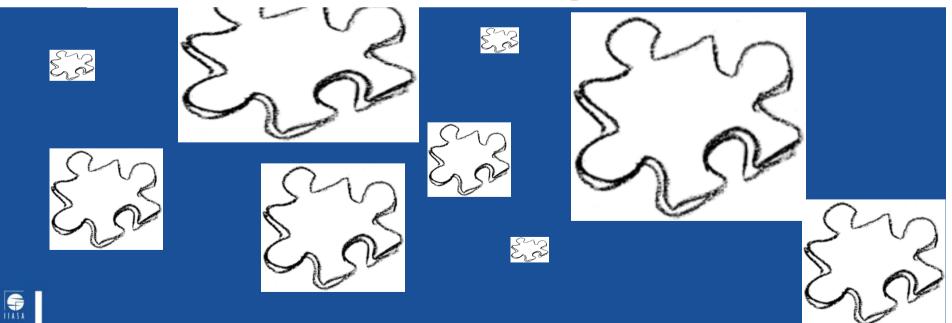
- Dynamic Systems
- Multi-criteria decision analysis
- Adaptive dynamics theory
- Game theory
- Agent-based modeling
- Stochastic optimization

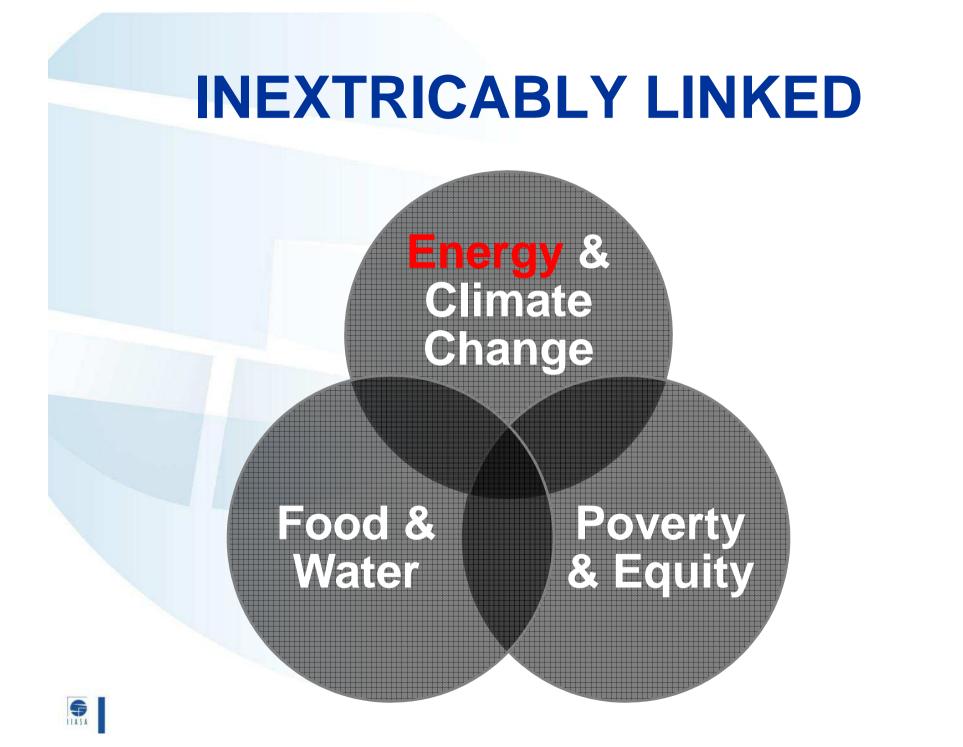
#### **NEW RESEARCH**

- Advances in Modeling Dynamic Systems
- Extreme events, Systemic Risks and Robust Solutions
- Integrated Modeling and Decision Support
- Advanced Systems
   Analysis Forum



## IIASA helps to put the puzzle together







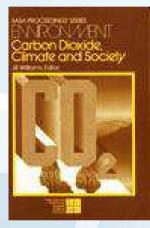
## 2030 Energy Goals

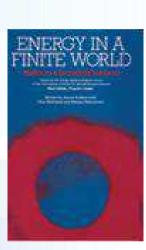
Universal Access to Modern Energy

- Double Energy Efficiency Improvement
- Double Renewable Share in Final Energy

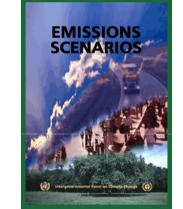
Aspirational & Ambitious but Achievable

## ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE: BUILDING ON PAST SUCCESSES





RAINS helps cut sulfur dioxide



MESSAGE has helped over 80 countries with energy planning 2010

1976 1981

1994

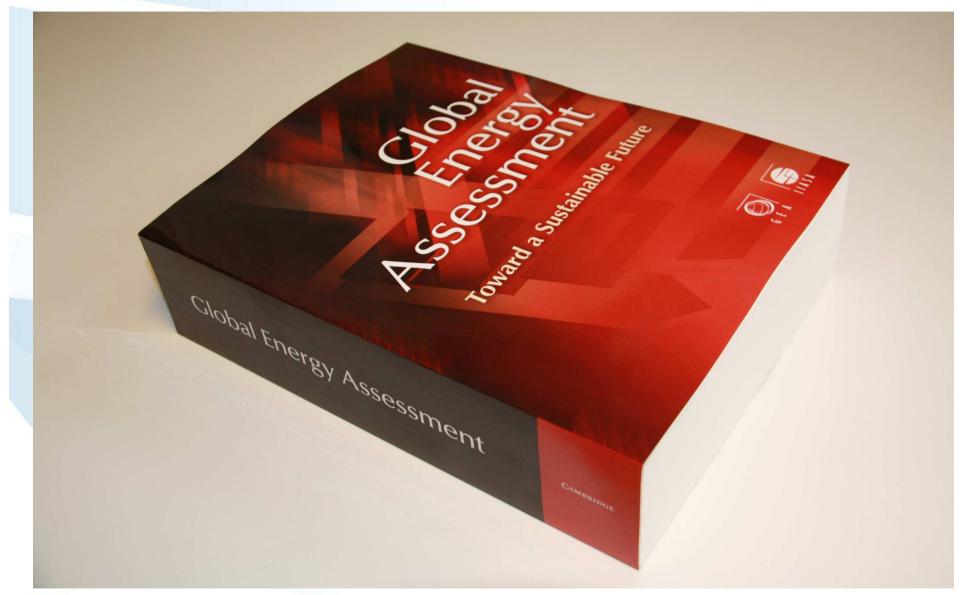
2000



# RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS Energy and Climate Change Highly Published

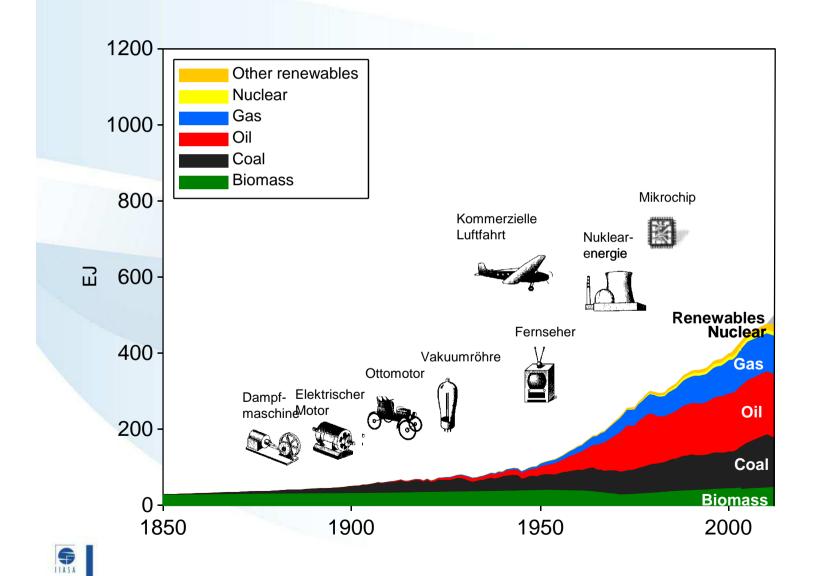


### www.GlobalEnergyAssessment.org

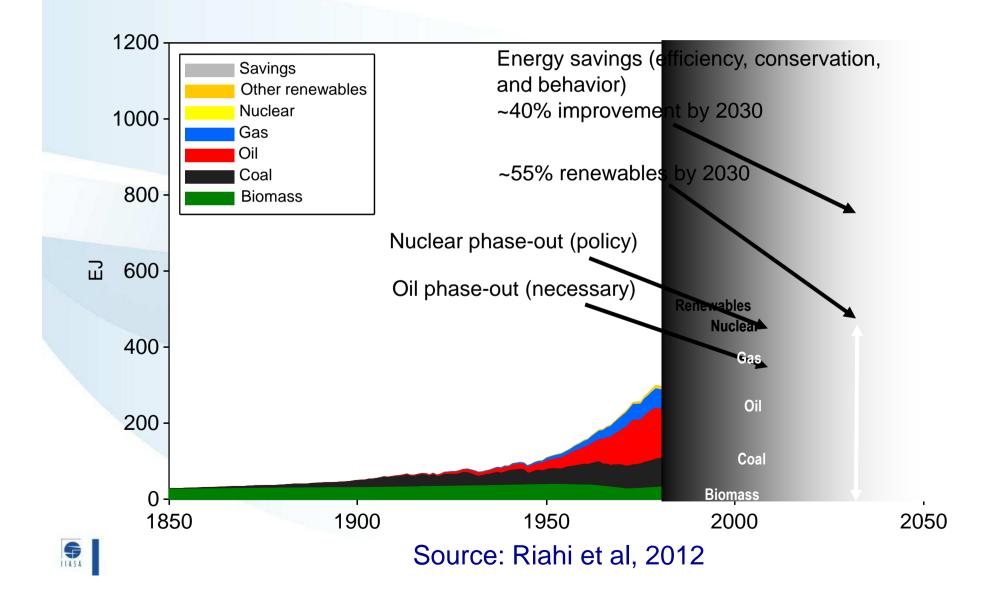




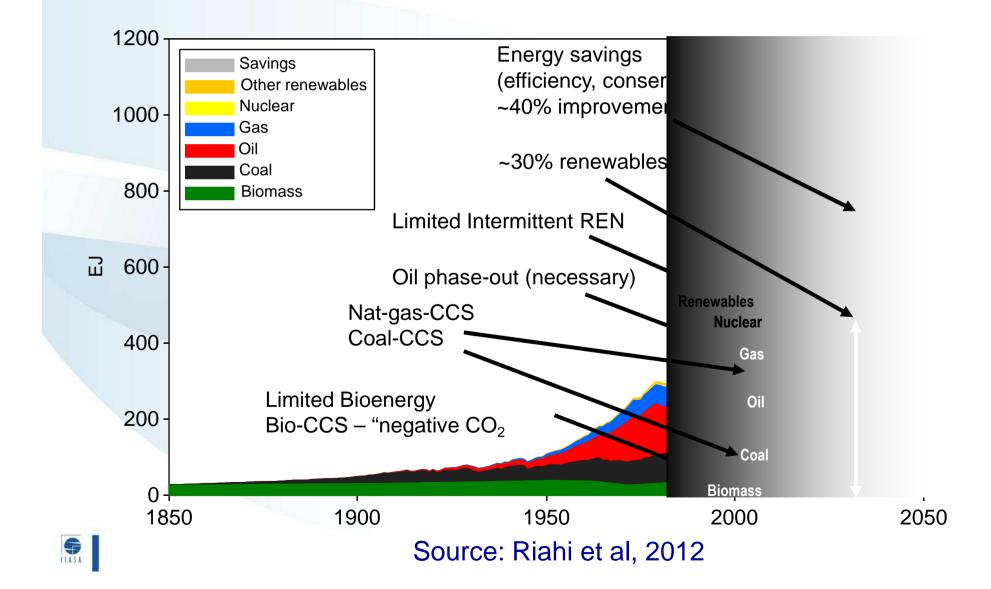
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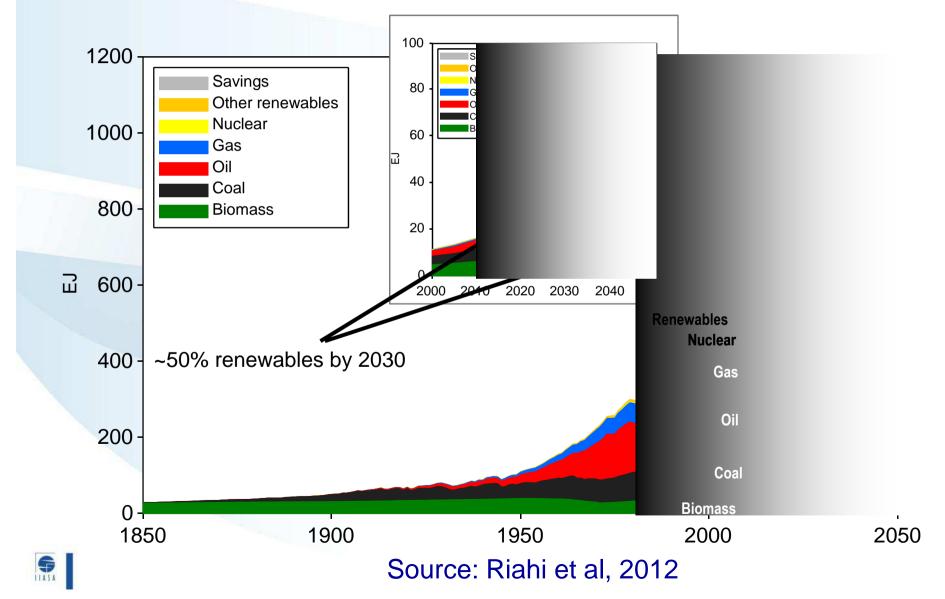
## Global Primary Energy no CCS, no Nuclear



#### Global Primary Energy lim. Bioenergy, lim. Intermittent REN

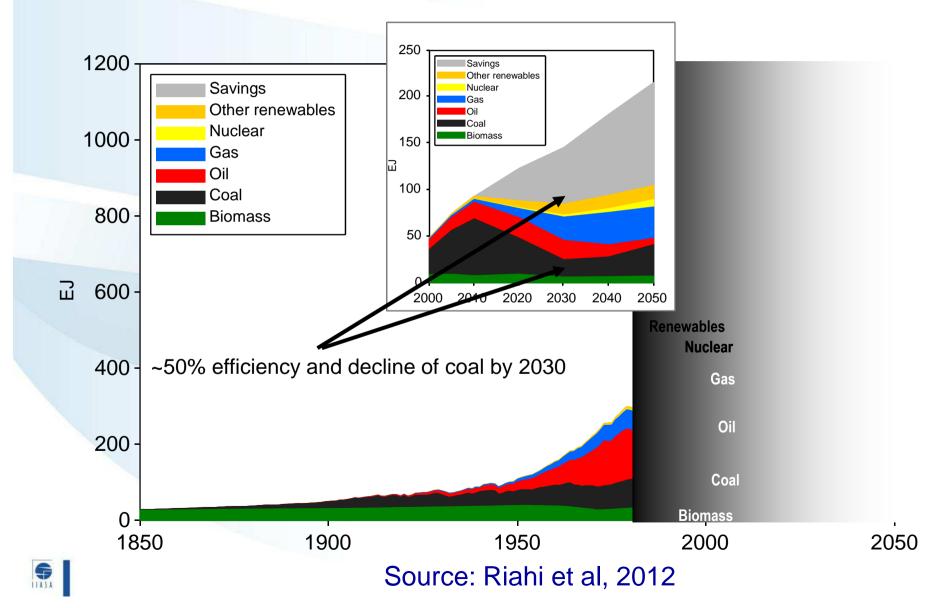


## **Global Primary Energy Sub-Saharan Africa**

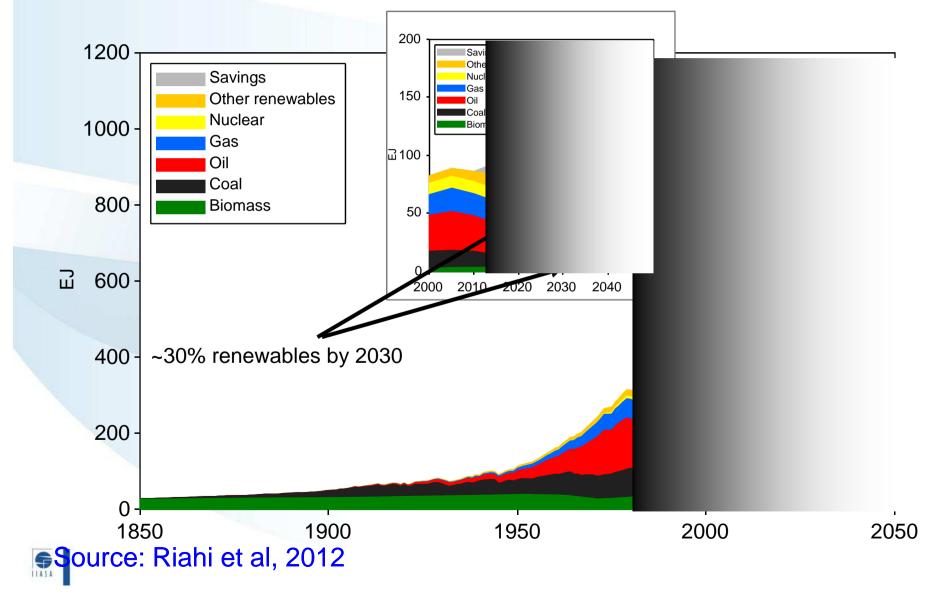


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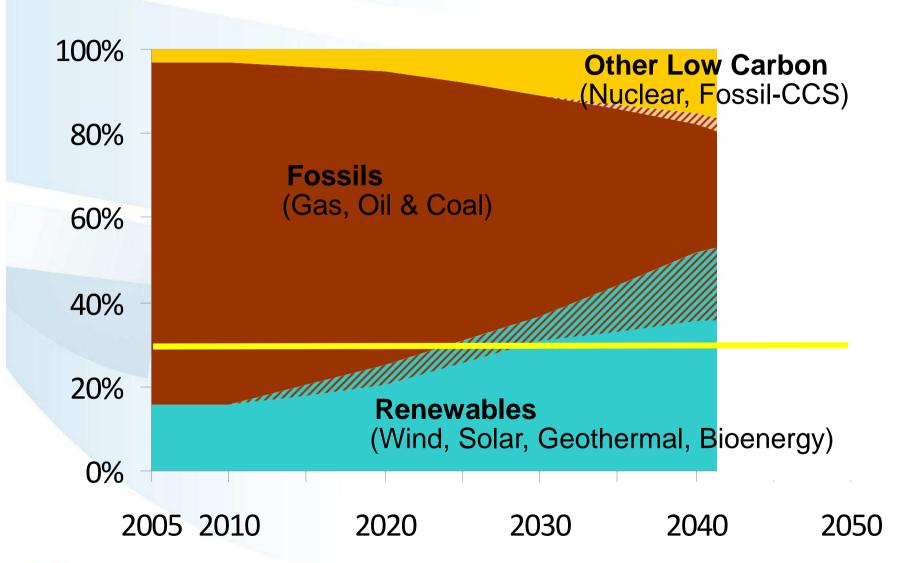
#### China



## Global Primary Energy Europe



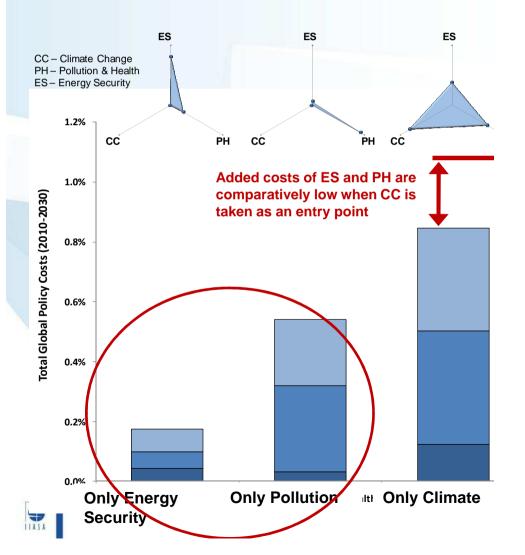
## **Final Energy Transformations**



www.GlobalEnergyAssessment.org Towards a more Sustainable Future

- Universal access is a pre-condition for overcoming poverty and feasible if all stake-holders work together.
- Energy transformation will bring multiple co-benefits for health, security, climate change
- Financing requirements are huge but achievable with right and sustained policies

# SYNERGIES OF MULTIPLE ENERGY OBJECTIVES

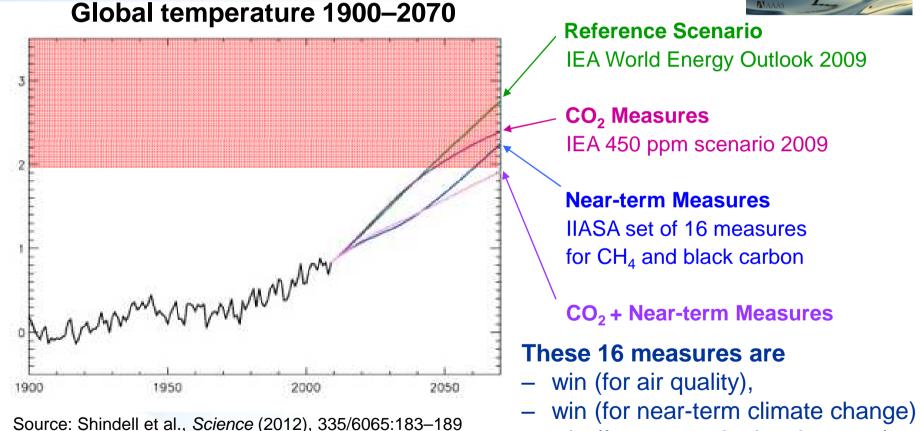




#### Integrated Climate-Pollution-Security Policies

"Single minded" approaches for multiple challenges GAINS identified 16 key air quality measures that, together with CO<sub>2</sub> mitigation, increase chances to stay below the 2° target

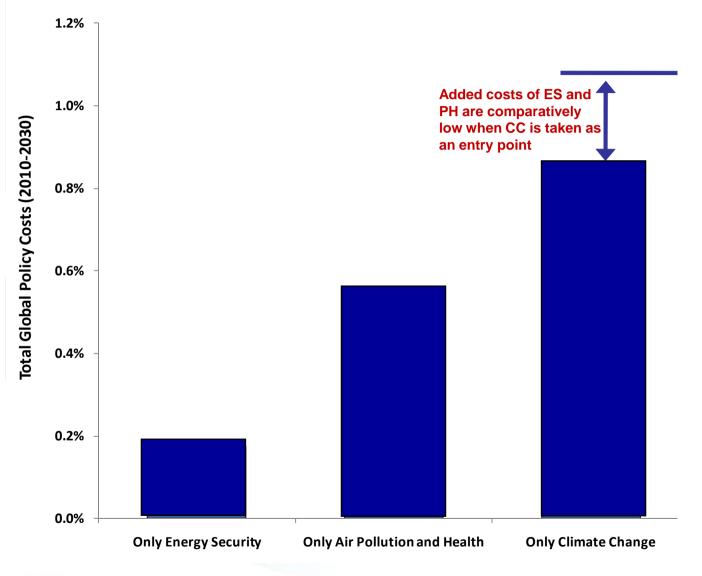




win (for economic development)

http://gains.iiasa.ac.at

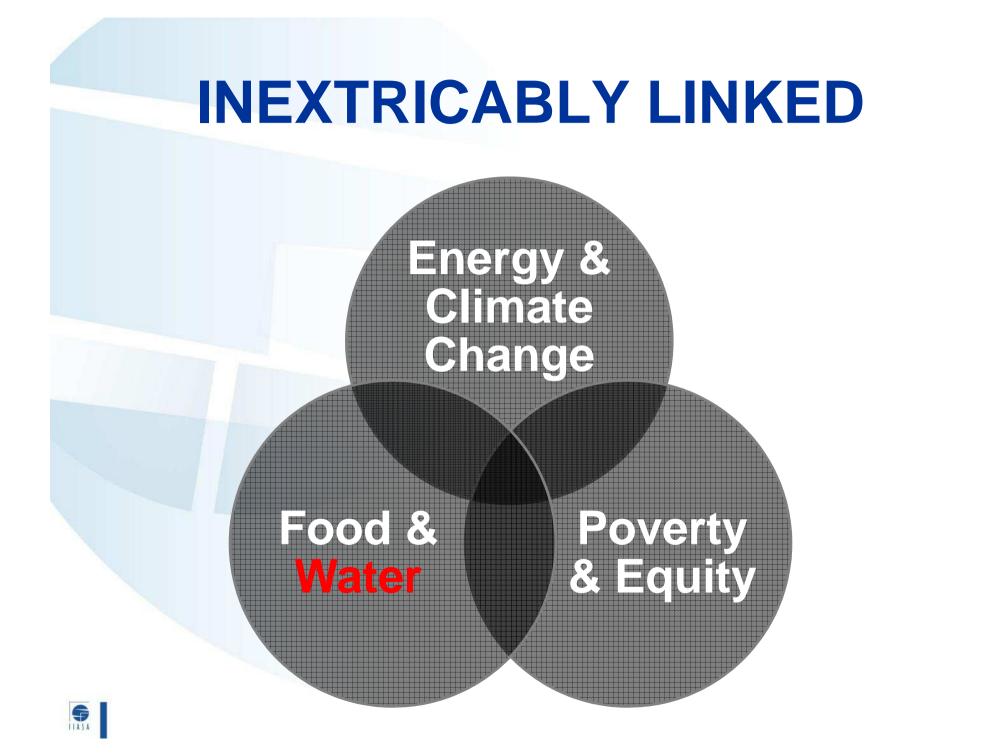
## Energy Policy C



Source: McCollum, Krey, Riahi, 2012

## **Global Energy Assessment**





## FOOD & WATER: BUILDING ON PAST SUCCESSES



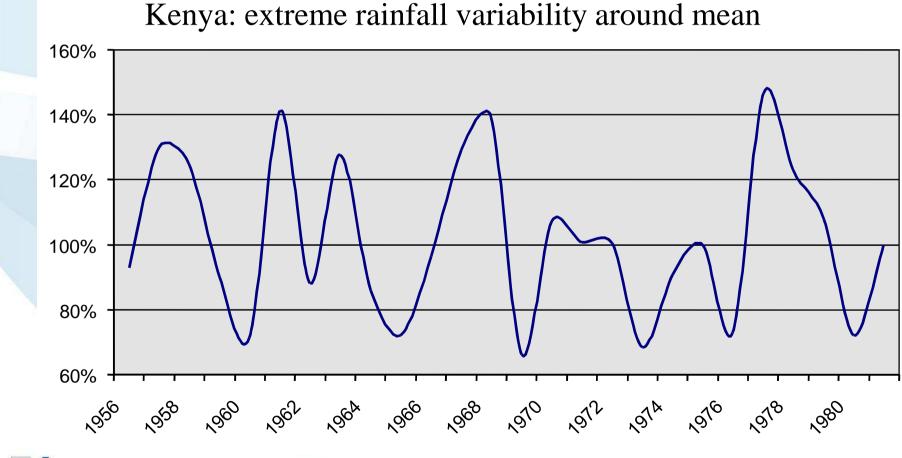
#### 1975 1986

2002

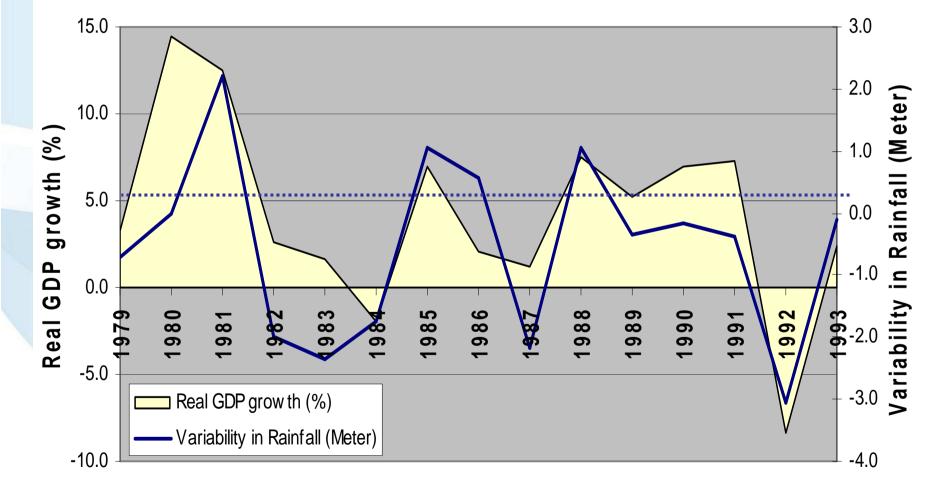
2004

2002

## System: Water – Climate – Poverty – Equity Nexus

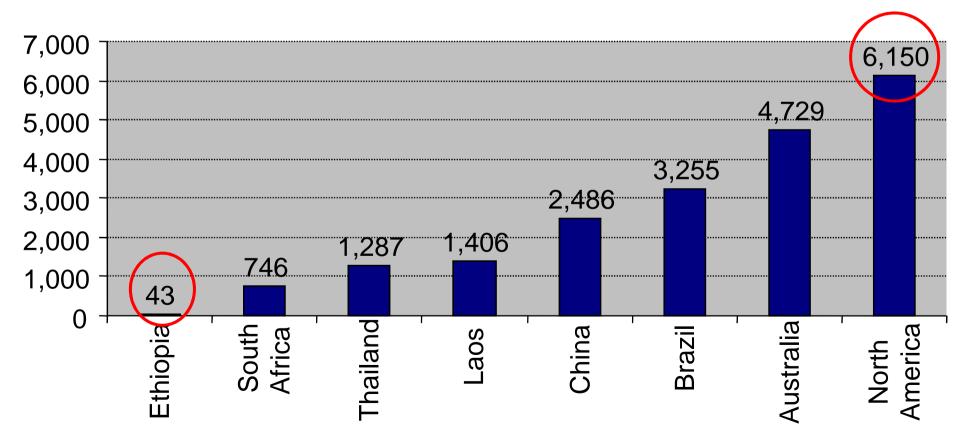


## rainfall affects growth.... the case of Zimbabwe



#### Water – Climate - Poverty – Equity - Nexus Infrastructure gap in water storage

#### Water storage per person (m3)



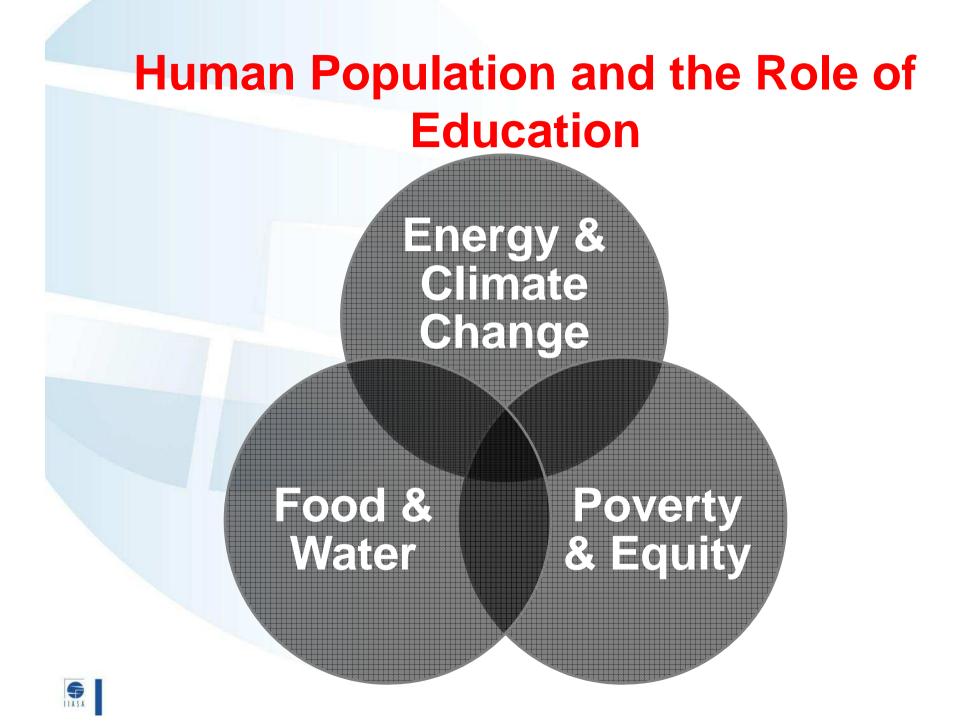
#### The cost of water security

	Country	Additional Storage needed per person (m <sup>3</sup> )	Storage investments required per person (US\$)	Storage Investments Required (US\$ Billion)	Period needed at 5% current GDP investment per year (no pop. inc.) (Years)
	Lesotho	751	939	1.7	44
	Namibia	542	678	1	8
	Nigeria	402	503	67.3	32
	Ethiopia	555	694	46.2	144
	Kenya	307	384	12.1	24
	Tanzania	610	763	27.4	60
	Uganda	511	639	17.9	58
	Burkina Faso	152	190	2.5	22
	Senegal	683	854	9.9	40
	Algeria	239	299	9.8	4
4	Morocco	128	160	5.1	4

# Water Futures and Solutions Initiative

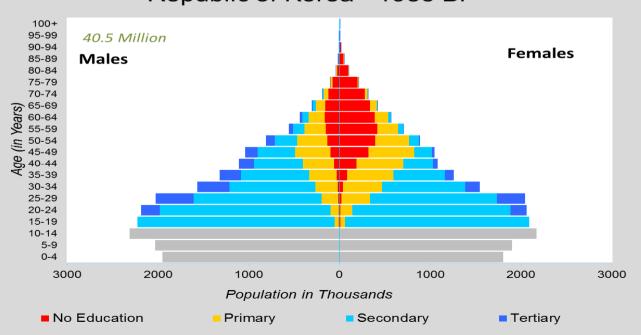




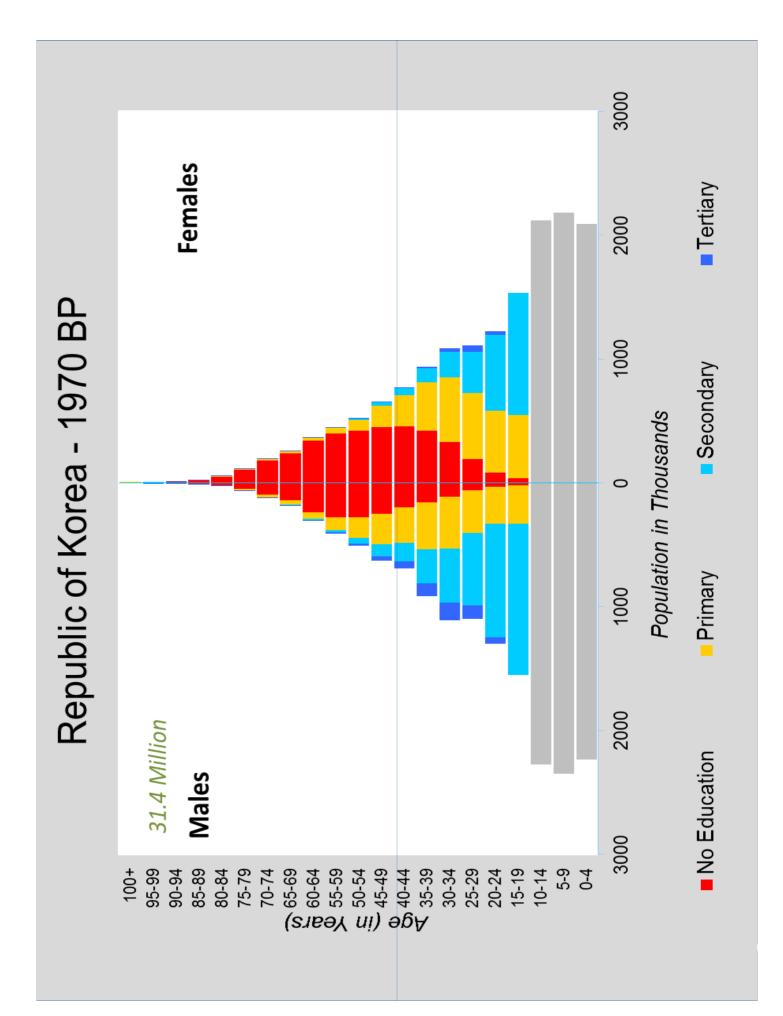


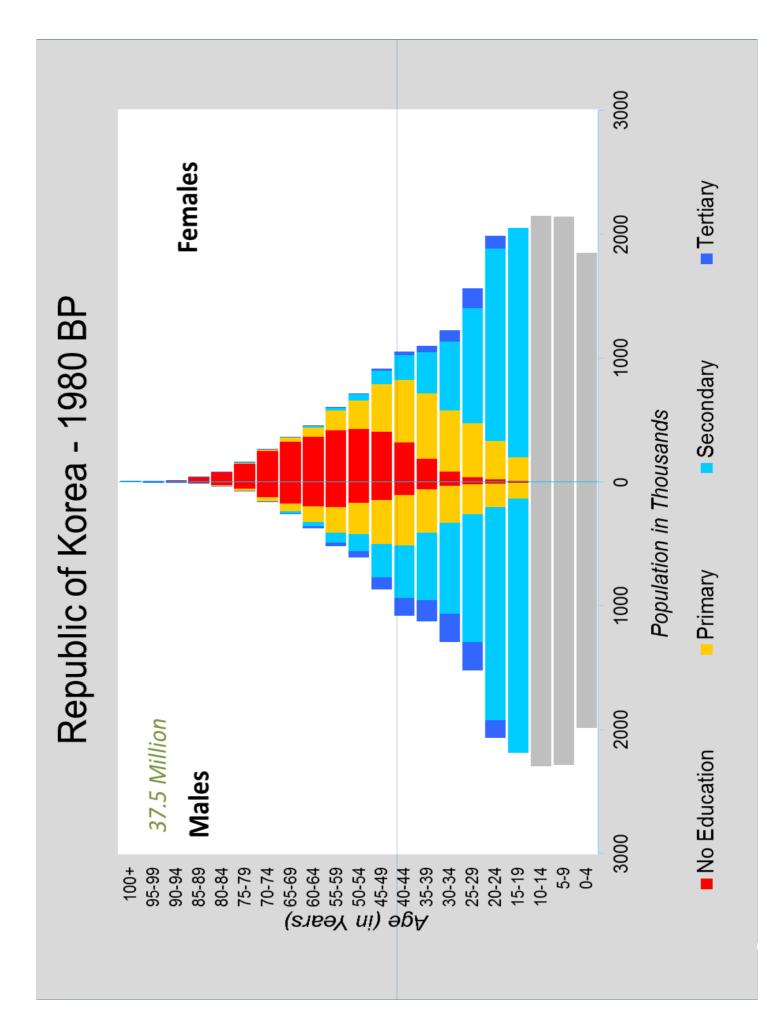
#### Population Dynamics by Age, Sex and Level of Education

- Inter-generational equity versus intra-generational equity.
- Does the future well-being depend on current inequality?
- At the core of IIASA's equity and poverty theme.
- The demographic foundations of social and economic change



Republic of Korea - 1985 BP

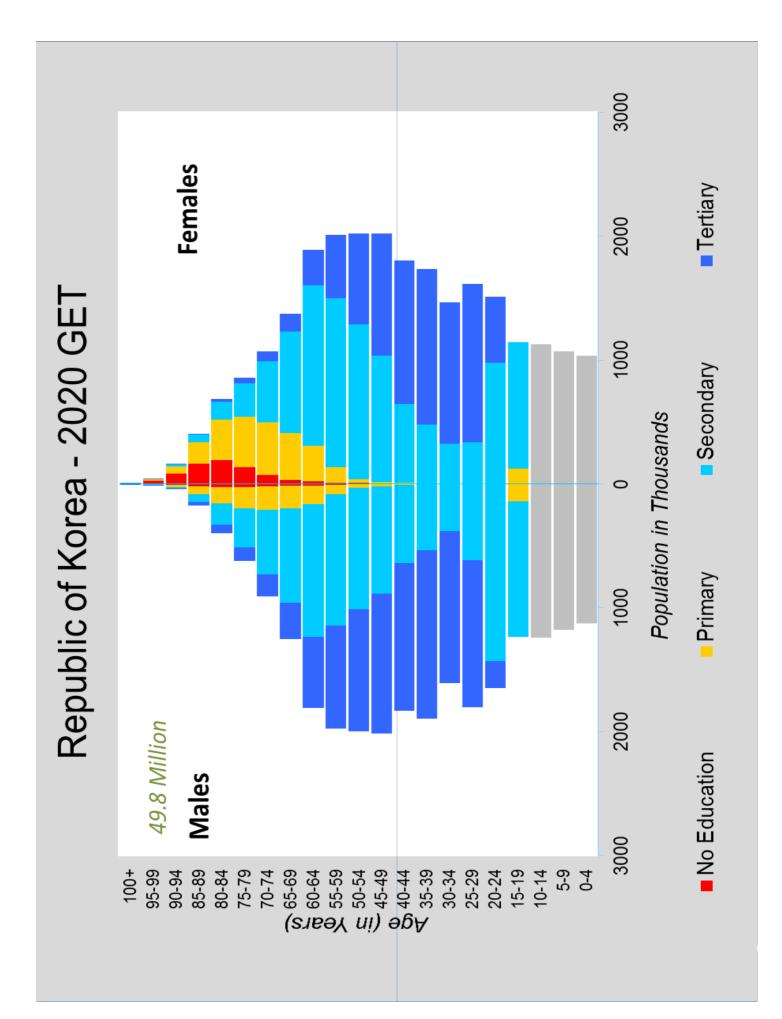


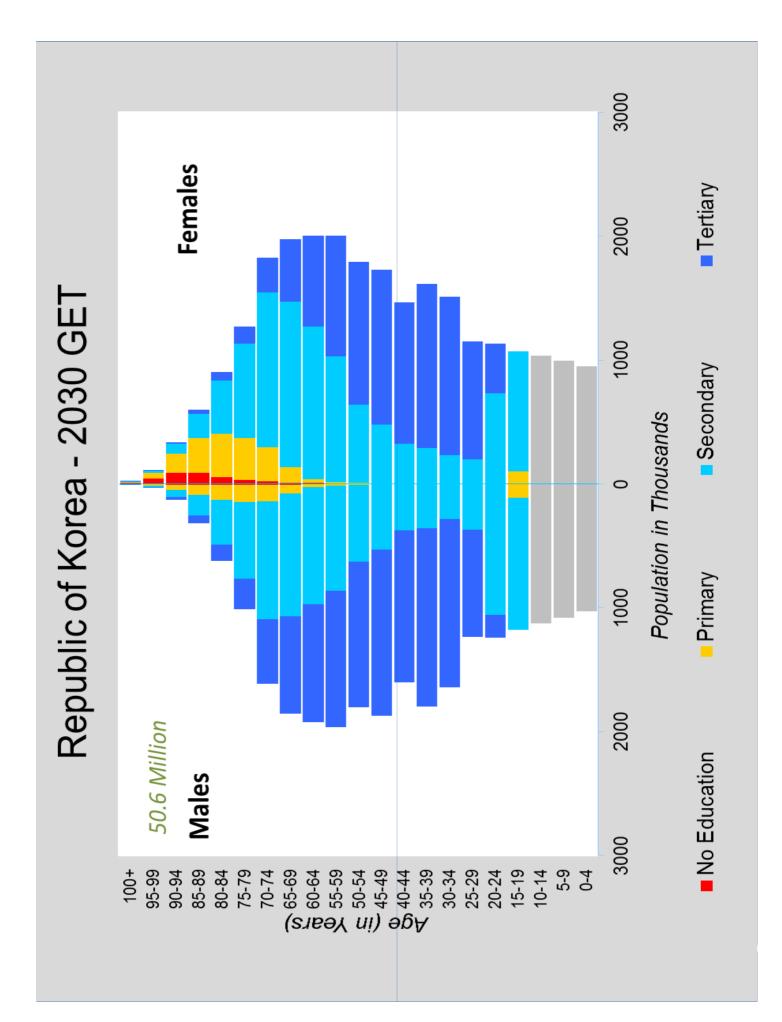


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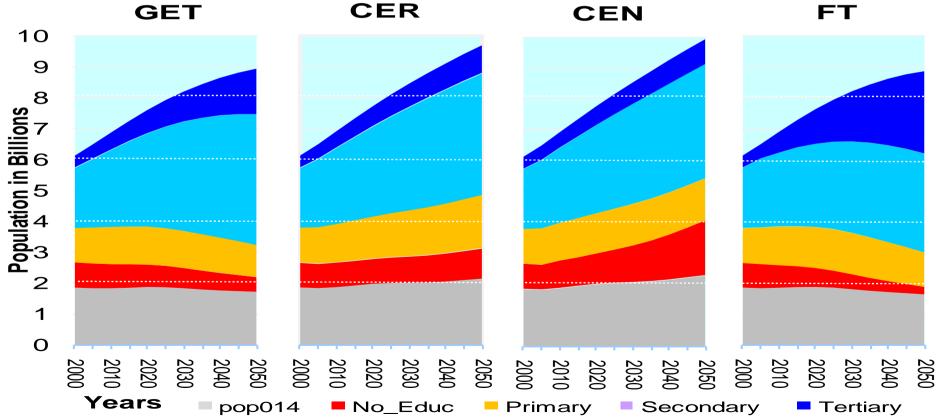


REVIEW

#### **Global Human Capital: Integrating Education and Population**

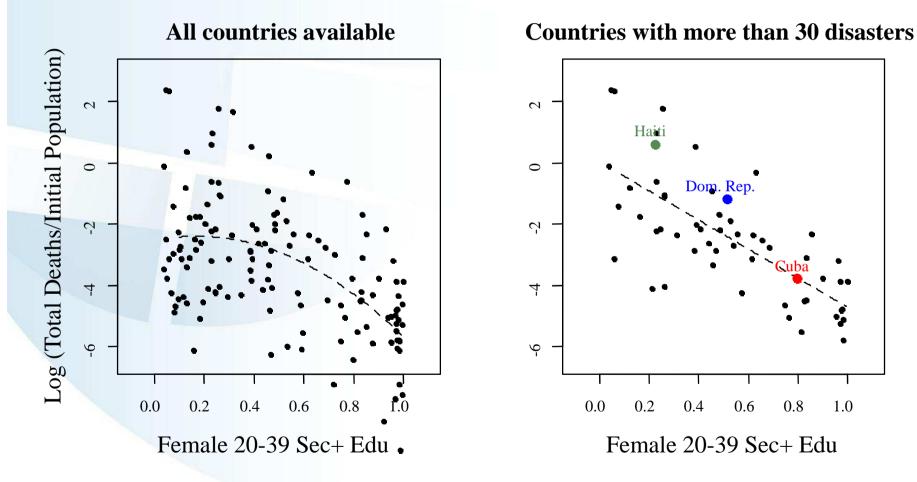
Wolfgang Lutz  $^{1,2,3,4_{\ast}}$  and Samir  $\mathrm{KC}^{1,2}$ 

Almost universally, women with higher levels of education have fewer children. Better education is associated with lower mortality, better health, and different migration patterns. Hence, the global population outlook depends greatly on further progress in education, particularly of young women.



www.sciencemag.org SCIENCE	www.sciencemag.org SCIENCE VOL319 22 FEBRUARY 2008 POLICY FORUM	POLICYFORUM
ECONOMICS The Demography of Educational Attainment and Economic Growth	of Educational conomic Growth	Complementing primary education with secondary education in broad segments of the population is likely to give a strong boost to economic growth.
Wolfgang Lutz, <sup>1*</sup> Jesus Crespo Cuaresma, <sup>2</sup> Warren Sanderson <sup>3</sup>	ırren Sanderson <sup>3</sup>	
Human capital, age structure	and economic	growth
<ul> <li>The age distribution of e human capital on growth.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The age distribution of educational attainment plays a key role on the effects of human capital on growth.</li> </ul>	a key role on the effects of
<ul> <li>Strong effects of secondary education.</li> </ul>	ary education.	
<ul> <li>A small simulation exercise for</li> </ul>	ise for a stereotype African developing country:	veloping country:
	50% no education 40% primary 10% secondary	
	90% primary 2 10% secondary 2	
	50% primary 3 50% secondary 3	
	50% no education 30% primary 15% secondary 5% tertiary 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 Annual GDP growth rate (%)	

# Education and Deaths from Natural Disaster



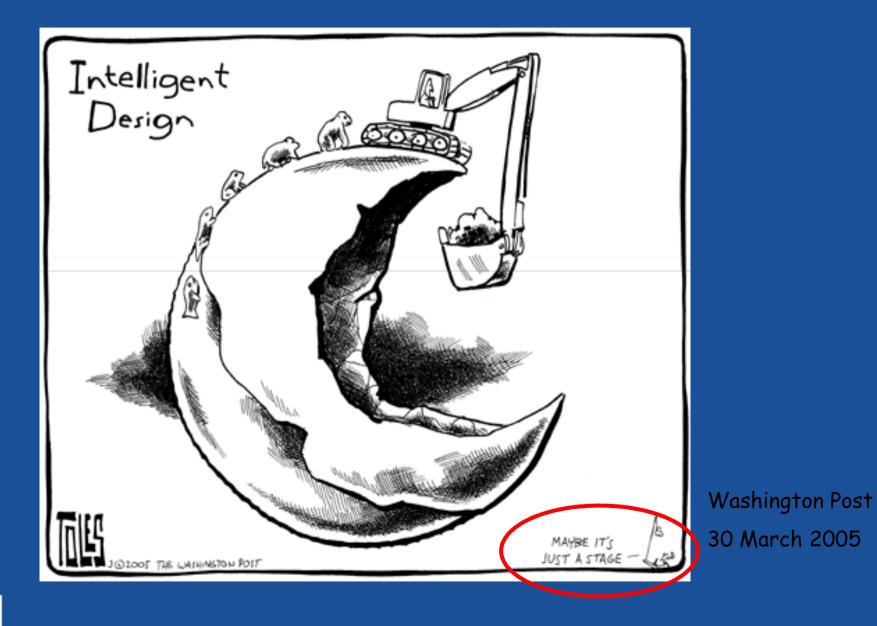
Source: Total number of deaths (1980 – 2010) is from the Emergency Events Database (EM-DAT) at the Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED).



	Rough winds summer hot hot	fair nature summer fair time life		<ul> <li>Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?</li> <li>Thou art more lovely and more temperate.</li> <li>Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, And summer's lease hath all too short a date.</li> <li>Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines, And often is his gold complexion dimmyd;</li> <li>By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;</li> <li>But thy eternal summer shall not fade</li> <li>Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;</li> <li>Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade, When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:</li> <li>So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.</li> </ul>
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#### The UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment



# Systems Science and Effective Science to Policy Interface

### What is needed in order to get out of our "silos" ? *and* To fully benefit from Systems Approaches?

#### VISION.....

If one does not know to which port one is sailing, no wind is favorable

Seneca (c. 4 BC-AD 65)





Photo: David McGrath

## **Positive Narratives**

...global transformation challenges presents opportunities for social,economic and bussines innovations rather than merely a threat....





#### ACADEMIC TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

New paradigms towards trans-and inter-disciplinarity New curricula New funding architecture Revised academic carrier incentives

#### Political, Societal and Economic Governance

Trans-sectoral (nexus) policies Trans- sectoral budgeting & investments Long term policies & investments Re-definition of governmental subsidies Revival of trans-boundary regional cooperation

### **NEW PARTNERSHIPS**

### **New Partnerships**



- New Global Think Tank announced by IIASA and European Alpbach Forum in Sept 2013
  - To initiate a new dialogue and partnership between **top**academia, governments, businesses and civil society for an integrated systematic approach to fair globalization 57



# Thank you and welcome soon at IIASA !





