

## FACTS ON WATER USE

- The world's population is growing by about 80 million people a year, implying increased freshwater demand of about 64 billion cubic metres a year.

*Source: WWDR, 2012*

- Water use has been growing at more than twice the rate of population increase in the last century.

*Source: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and UN-Water*

- Water withdrawals are predicted to increase by 50 percent by 2025 in developing countries, and 18 percent in developed countries.

*Source: Global Environment Outlook: environment for development (GEO-4)*

- Over 1.4 billion people currently live in river basins where the use of water exceeds minimum recharge levels, leading to the desiccation of rivers and depletion of groundwater.

*Source: Human Development Report 2006*

- In 60 percent of European cities with more than 100,000 people, groundwater is being used at a faster rate than it can be replenished.

*Source: World Business Council For Sustainable Development (WBCSD)*

- How the world uses freshwater:
  - about 70 percent for irrigation
  - about 20 percent for industry
  - about 10 percent for domestic use

*Source: World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)*

- Part of the current pressure on water resources comes from increasing demands for animal feed. Meat production requires 8-10 times more water than cereal production.

*Source: WWDR, 2012*