"Research Policy Approaches to meet Demands of Green Growth, Food Security and Management of the Environment"

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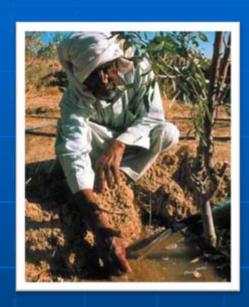


# Global challenges

- Population growth
- Pandemies/zoonoses
- Food crisis
- Land use
- Water
- Energy
- Genetic resources
- **-** Urbanisation



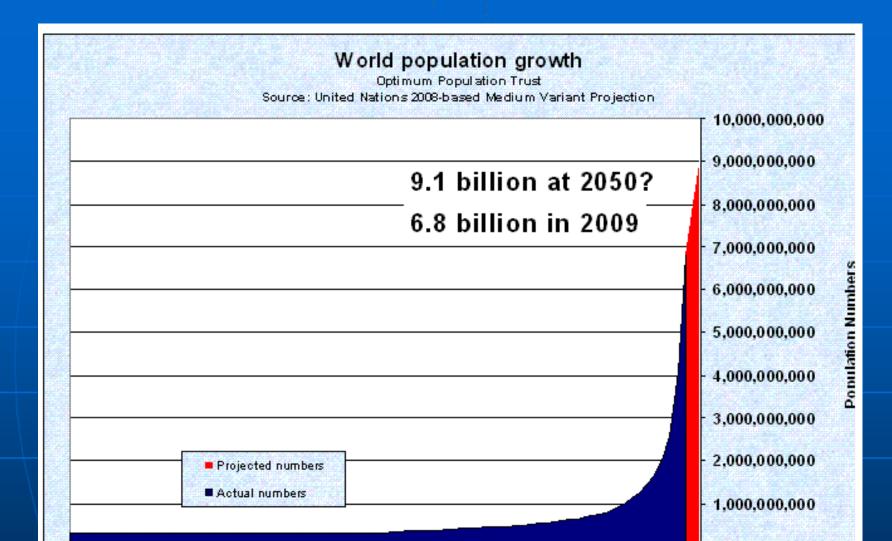
- Consequences for production and environment
- Adaptation and mitigation







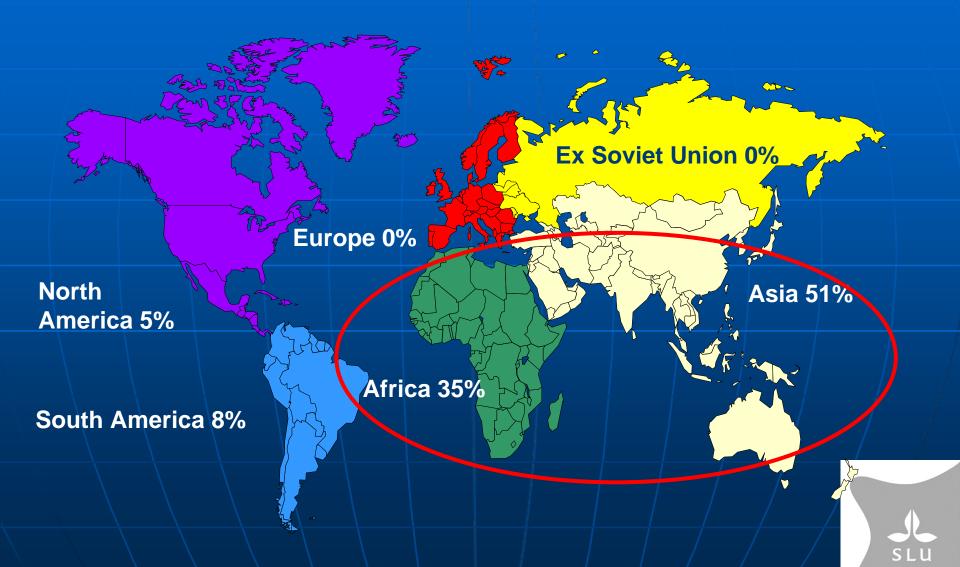




(Some details - e.g. Black Death effects - are not represented.)

Year (AD)

# Distribution of Population Growth during the Next Ten Years



### Paths to Green Growth

- Sustainable consumption and production
- Greening business and market
- Sustainable infrastructure
- Green tax and budget reform
- Investment in natural capital
- Eco-efficient indicators



## Green Growth in Europe

Smart, Sustainable, Inclusive



The European Council is discussing the future growth strategy for Europe, EU2020. June 2010



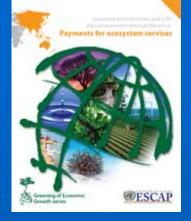
# Green Growth - Key element of Europe 2020 Strategy

- The European Commission has launched a new comprehensive strategy for green growth, innovation and jobs.
- The objective is to get Europe out of crisis and prepare the EU economy for the next decade and the long-term challenges of sustainable growth, resources efficiency and aging.
- Green growth is an important element of the 2020 Strategy.



## Green Growth in Asia





# Green Growth Initiatives in and Beyond the Region

Green Growth is a policy focus for the Asia and Pacific region that emphasizes environmentally sustainable economic progress to foster low-carbon, socially inclusive development.

In light of the recent fuel, food and financial crisis it is now imperative for countries in the region to reassess their development paths.





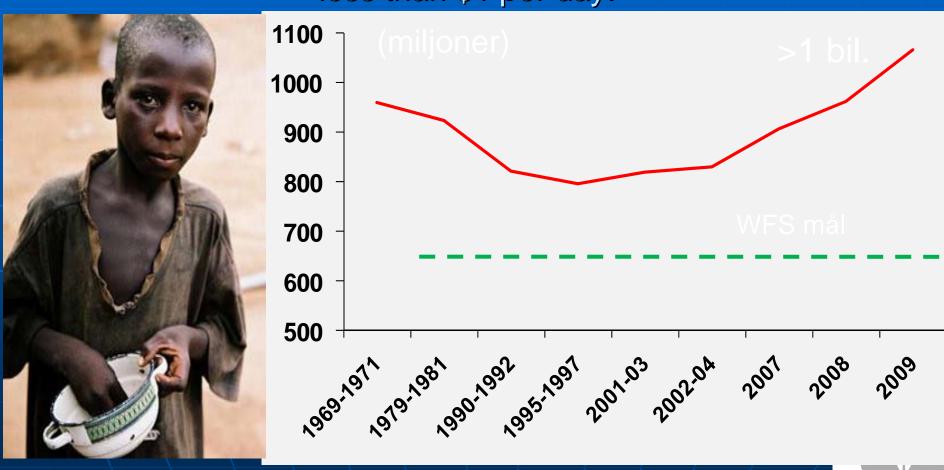




# Food security

More people are hungry: an increase of 100 miljoner, 2003-05.

MDG – Goal 1: Half, to 2015, the number of people living on less than \$1 per day.



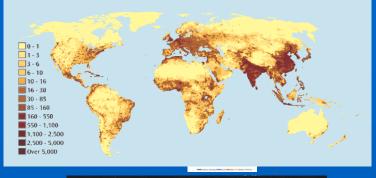
# A growing middle class.....



- Growing economies asks for more and better food
- Young people from the country side move to the cities to get a better life with good income and more demands
- Cao Zhen Hui, young real estate agent in Beijing, belongs to the winners of the new China





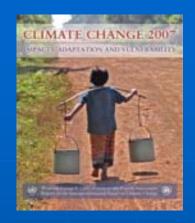


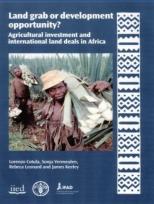


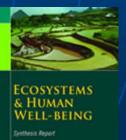
















### More food is needed



- By 2050 a 70% increase of food production is needed
- 80% of food must be produced on land already in use, limited potential for expansion of agricultural land
- Major proportion of food should be produced where it is consumed
- Irrigation in agriculture is needed in many areas



#### Land use

- In total ca 1,5 billion ha under cultivation in the world
- About 3 billion ha is used for animal husbandry, grazing and fodder production
- 10,5 billion ha forests, impediments and other related ecosystems
- 10-15 million ha is used for production of bioenergy, corresponding to 0,7-1,0 percent of the total agricultural area.













# The major challenge is to increase productivity per ha!

With less water and a safe environment! How?



World agriculture cannot be sustainable without science-based technology...'

-Per Pinstrup-Anderson, Professor of Food, Nutrition and Public Policy, Cornell University



## Environment

Changes in land use and land cover are central issues in the study of global environmental change

Projected anthropogenic and climate pressures may specifically impact agro-ecosystems

In addition, land management and land-use changes affect emissions and sequestration potential of the major greenhouse gases

Future decisions concerning land use and change clearly play a major role in the strategies for adaptation and mitigation of climate change





# Forests are one of the greatest Environmental challenges—and opportunities—facing the world in the 21st century.

#### **Key Driving Forces**

Economic growth; population growth and changes in demographic attributes

Land-use particularly deforestation

Evolution of political orientations and policies, and

Increasing concerns over pollution, climate change, soil and water degradation and deforestation, as well as visual/aesthetic pollution







# New Worlds – New Solutions The Lund Declaration

#### EUROPE MUST FOCUS ON THE GRAND CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME

- European research must focus on the Grand Challenges of our time moving beyond current rigid thematic approaches. This calls for a new deal among European institutions and Member States, in which European and national instruments are well aligned and cooperation builds on transparency and trust.
- Identifying and responding to Grand Challenges should involve stakeholders from both public and private sectors in transparent processes taking into account the global dimension.
- The Lund conference has started a new phase in a process on how to respond to the Grand Challenges. It calls upon the Council and the European Parliament to take this process forward in partnership with the Commission.

# A New Approach for Research and Innovation in Europe

- Focus on our greatest societal challenges
- Encourage new networks, institutions and policies for open innovation
- Spend more on research, education and innovation, in part through bolder coinvestment schemes
- Coordinate and plan R&D programmes better within Brussels and among the member-states
- Open competition should be standard in EU programmes



# Alignment of Research and Development

#### Broader alliances

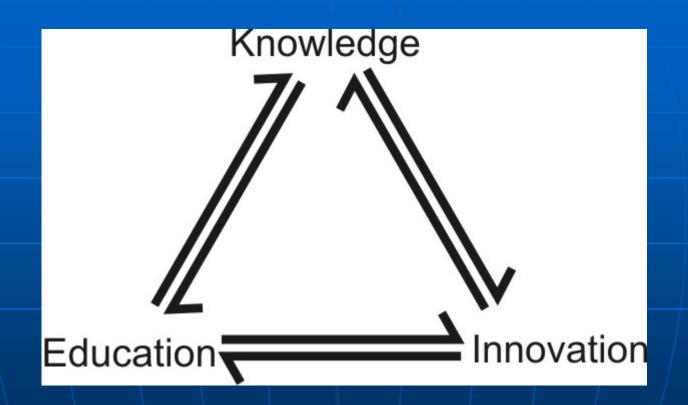
- Participatory research
- Research partnership public/private
- Promotion of industry—academic link
- Collaboration among research councils and other funding bodies

# Encouragement of more interdisciplinary approaches

- Transdisciplinary approaches
- Multi-scale synthesis
- Non-linear theory



# The Knowledge Triangle





# To enhance Green Growth, secure Food production and consumption and save the Environment we need....

- Political reforms and governance: clear and long term regulations
- Stimulate the private sector; green infrastructure for energy, industry and society
- Secure the environment: sustainable management and use of natural resources, crop production systems and livestock-management
- Education and training: support Research and Innovation, the Knowledge Triangle
- A global perspective of research collaboration





Thank you for your attention!

