# MACAO INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CO-OPERATION FORUM & EXHIBITION

CIRCULAR WATER AND WASTE AVOIDANCE SOLUTIONS FOR REGENERATING ECONOMIES

Re-setting our relationship with water



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### Water Challenges..... To be solved!

#### Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink

"The Rime of the Ancient Mariner", Coleridge



TOO LITTLE Poverty & conflict



TOO MUCH
Destroys crops &
businesses



TOO DIRTY Source to sea Persistent pollutants



TOO SALTY Expensive to desalinate



IN THE WRONG PLACE

**WATER MANAGEMENT & POLLUTION CONTROL** 



**TOO COSTLY** 



**HIGH CARBON FOOTPRINT** 



#### Water - the "Cinderella" of the environmental arena





2023 – first UN global water conference in 47 years!

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### "if climate is a shark, water is its the teeth"

(James P Bruce)



Even WEF now sees it as "on trend"



### Largest water users

- Agriculture (70+%)
  - irrigation
- Thermo-electric power
- Industrial
  - cooling & boiler feed







#### **DATA CENTRES & AI Growth**

Clashes with communities & other demands

• Direct: cooling

• Indirect: power generation

Consume 0.1 ~ 2.0 Litres / kWh (WUE)

50 MW centre consumes 10 – 20 MLd

• 50,000 - 100,000 people equivalent

Al rapid growth has huge consequences



### **Traditional Government approach**

More infrastructure - inefficient & expensive

**Desalination plants - damaging to ocean** 



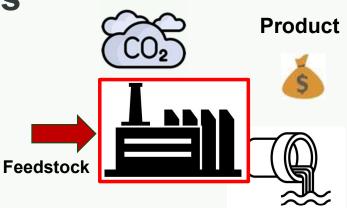
#### Municipalities & industrial parks

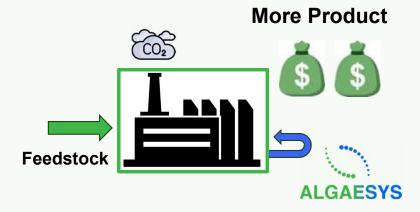
- limited budgets & tariff income
- inappropriate technology
- high O&M burden



### Implement point of use efficiencies

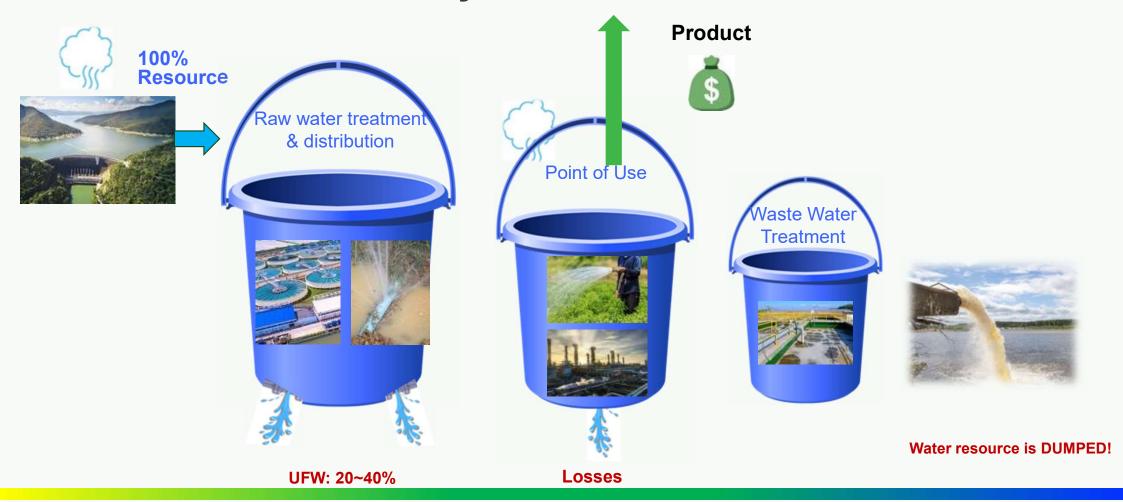
- Philosophy
  - Water & Resource Use Efficiencies
  - Reduce end of pipe volumes & pollution loads
- Hierarchy of interventions
  - Clean production technology
  - Improved practices & asset management
  - Recover & recirculation
- **Decentralisation** opportunities



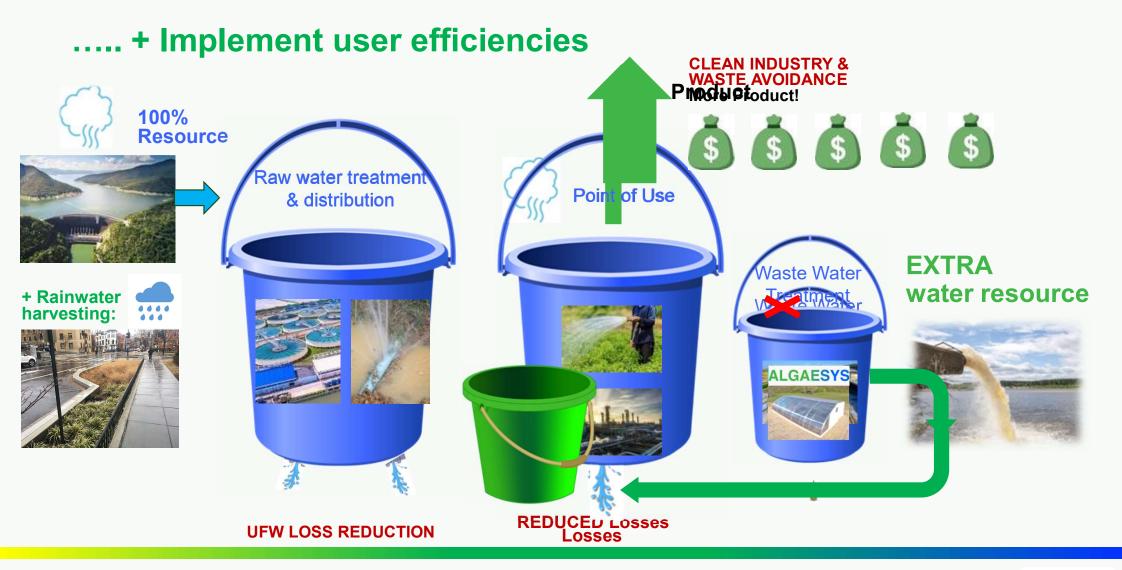




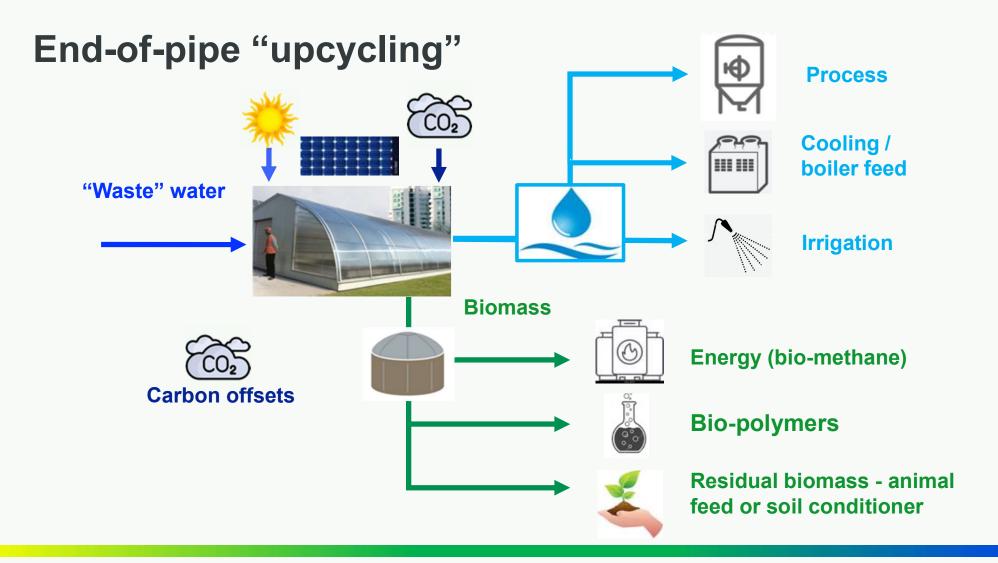
## **Conventional Water Cycle**













#### Affordable solutions are available!

#### Harnessing 3.5 billion year old tech

#### .....natural Algae & the power of the sun

- Algae robust to toxins & shocks reliability
- Intensive process highly oxidative environment
- Destroys persistent organic chemicals & pathogens
- Captures micro-particulates & metals
- Carbon negative: C sequestered to biomass







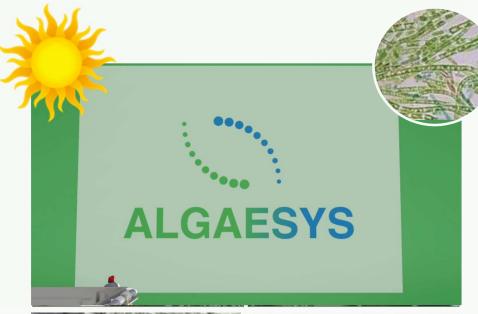


















### New approach

Avoids human – v – nature's conflict

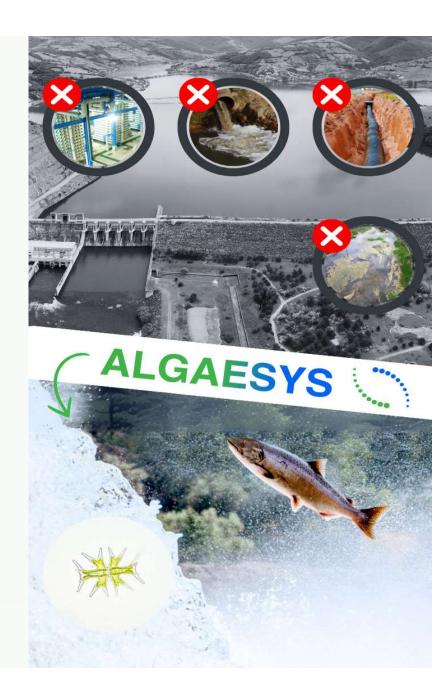
REGENERATIVE resource management / growth

Alternative to large disruptive infrastructure projects

- Avoid transfer Restoring both source & receiving catchments
- Decentralisation faster implementation, lower costs & tailored to local needs greater community engagement

Eliminates pollution & hypoxia in rivers & ocean

- Re-establish plankton
  - o food chain
  - o absorbs CO2
  - o create natural aerosols form clouds
  - o omega 3 oil films, reducing evaporation





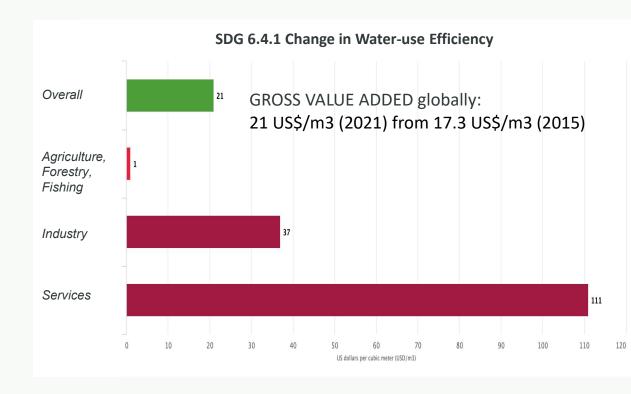
### Unblocking economic growth

#### What revenue does that extra (regenerated) cubic metre of water create?

#### **ECONOMIC VALUE OF WATER**

- Raise value of "waste" water from ZERO / -ve
- Raise GDP / water consumed

Thailand example	Direct GDP US\$	/ m³ usage
Oil & gas	16,000	
Petrochemicals	950	
Breweries	1,160	
Metal fabrication	130	<b>7</b> ~
Concrete & cement	40	
Iron & steel	13	1
Economic value of water (2022): US\$ 7.4 /m <sup>3</sup>		





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### "海納百川 - all rivers lead to the sea"

Regenerate economies & ecosystems with affordable water security



Mine raw sewage & industrial effluents → high quality water

- Fast-tracked affordable, reliable water supply to industry
- Avoids / Replaces inadequate public sewage treatment assets
- Shift from tax-payer liability to water supply income & ROI
- Decarbonising water management

Food, energy & digital security

#### It's time to re-set our relationship with water





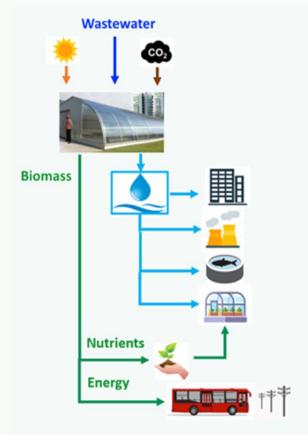
























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