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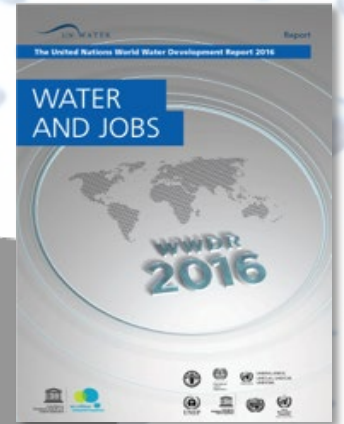
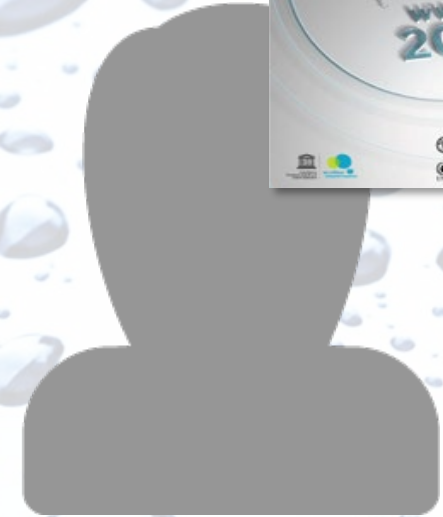


WATER: A KEY-DRIVER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

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WITH KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS: ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY BY MANAGING WATER WELL

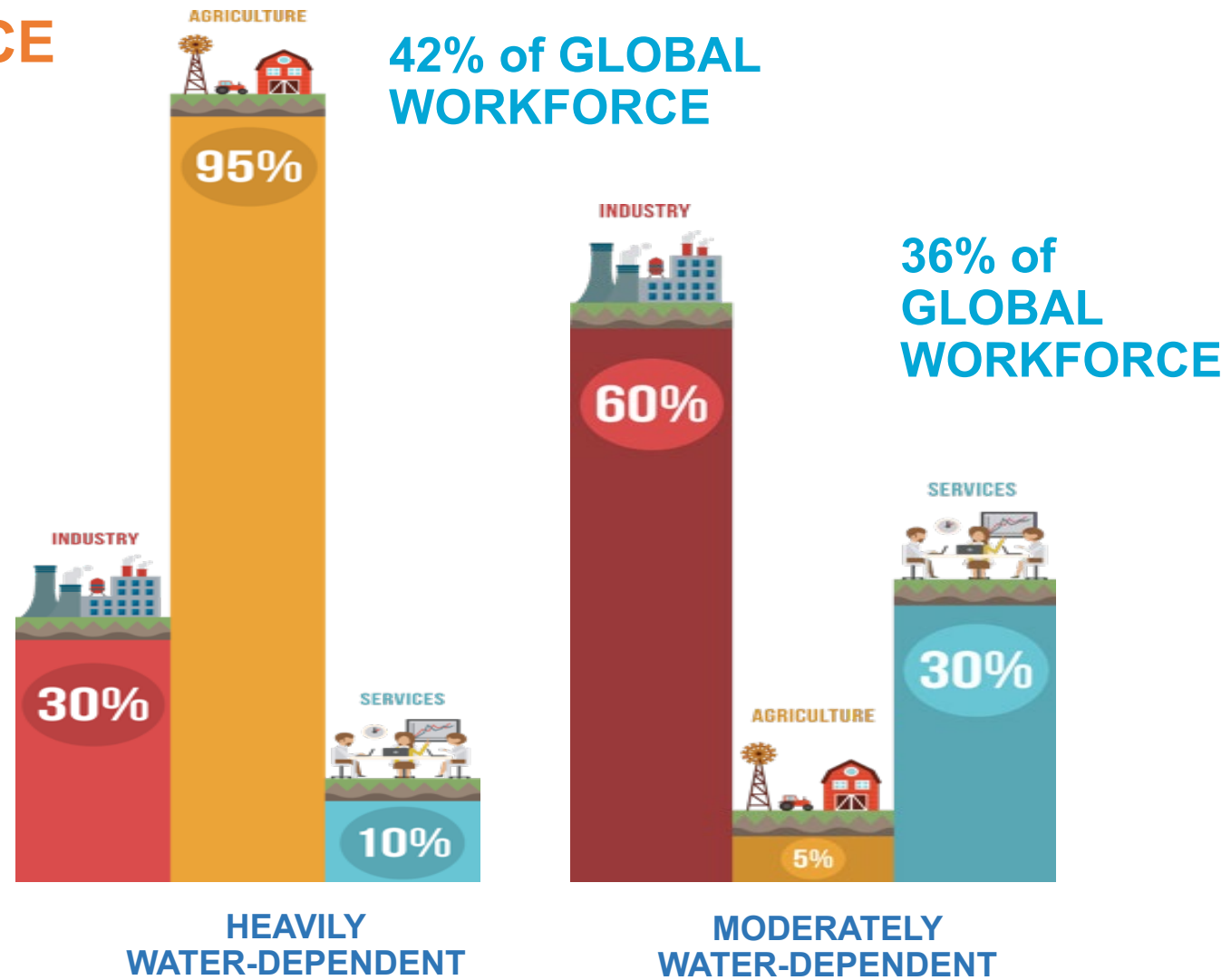
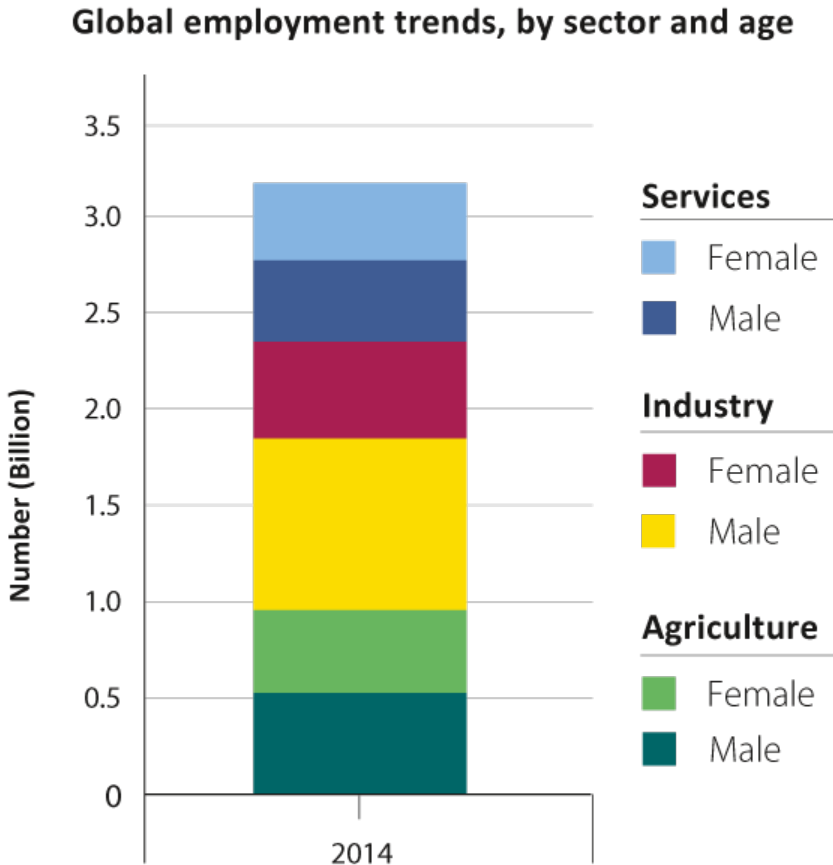




Three out of four jobs that make up the entire global workforce are water-dependent

HEAVILY/MODERATELY WATER-DEPENDENT JOBS:

78% OF THE GLOBAL WORKFORCE



WATER STRESS – UNEMPLOYMENT - MIGRATION



Economic instability sometimes accelerated by rapid population growth

Increased water-related risks due to Climate Change and variability (water availability and water quality; natural disasters)

Growing Unemployment

Environmental degradation and lack of job opportunities contribute to a discouraging scenario especially for young people, who eventually decide to migrate.

Migration becomes therefore an option and can be seen as an adaptive measure or as the consequence of failed environmental stress adaptation

FACING THE CHALLENGES



Addressing gaps and inequalities:

- addressing the human resources gap and developing capacity
- fighting inequalities for women/youth empowerment and have decent jobs



THE MULTIPLIER EFFECT OF INVESTING IN WATER

Investing **US\$1 million** in water supply and sanitation infrastructure



10-26 jobs
in the USA



100 jobs
in Latin America



Investments in infrastructure and operations of water-related services can provide **high returns for economic growth** and for **direct and indirect job creation**



Opportunities for employment growth and decent jobs are contingent upon the sustainable management of water resources and the provision of water-related services (UN-WWDR 2016).

The allocation of water resources to economic sectors, will largely dictate the growth potential for jobs.

Investing in water is key.

Adaptation to climate change can generate new employment opportunities. *Developing capacity is key.*

Innovation in Green Economy can create new jobs.

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Thank you!

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