

#### Israel - the "BACK TO THE FUTURE" opportunity for the Global Water Arena

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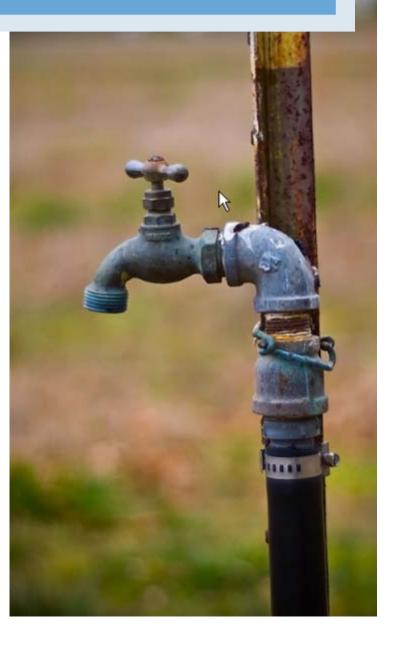
## Water - Growing Quantity and Quality Demands & Decreasing supply

- The world population is expected to increase by almost 400% in one century
- The Urbanization Revolution
  - 2007 was the first year in history in which more people lived in cities than in rural areas
- Higher standard of living leads to growing quality demands
- Consequences of climate change: Drought and lack of fresh drinking water
- The aging water infrastructure can't cope with the growing quantity and quality needs



#### The Challenge

The challenge of supplying fresh water to the population is constantly increasing



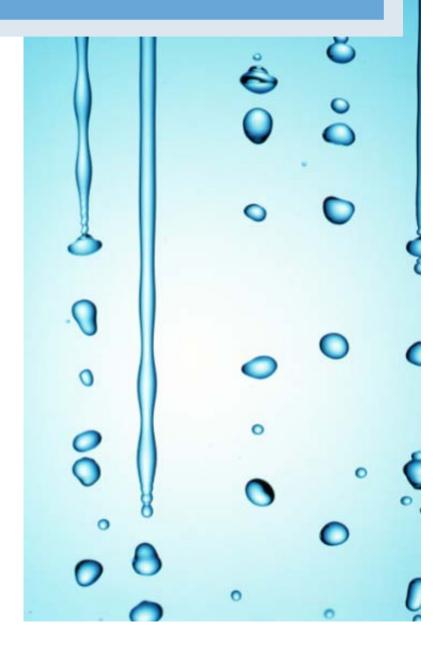
Do we want to be part of the problem?

# Or, do we want to be part of the solution?



#### The Solution

- The Key to Supplying the Increasing Demand is (like in the IT arena)
  Technological Innovation.
- Increasing the Efficiency of the system :
  - Irrigation
  - Distribution and Maintenance (including NRW)
  - Interactive network solutions
  - Desalination
  - Water reuse



#### Israel - a "BACK TO TE FUTURE " water solutions hub



#### **Continues Need**

Water has always been a survival issue. Israel's water industry has already achieved critical mass

#### Climate

With the full range of climactic conditions, Israel is an excellent beta site for all types of water technology innovations



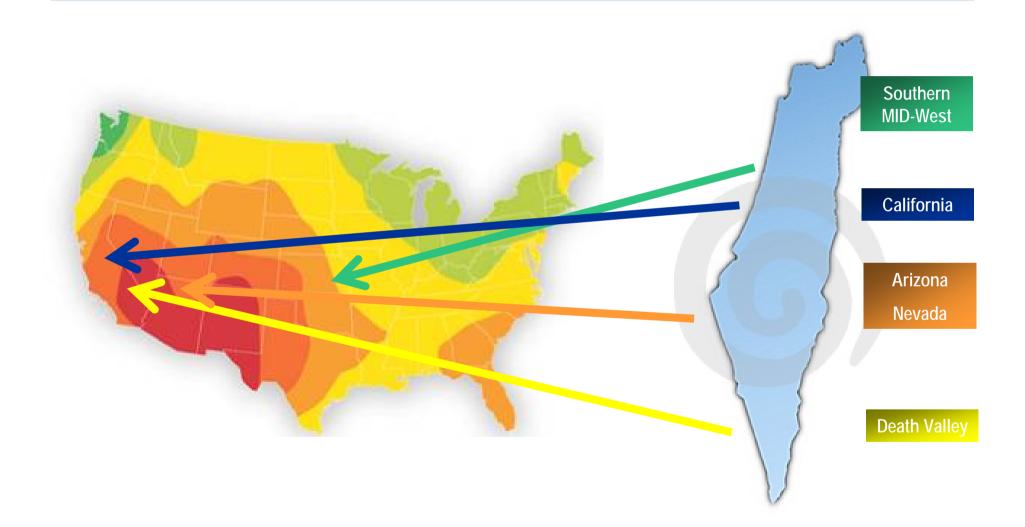
Hi-tech is a way of life in Israel, and startup eco-systems are well developed.



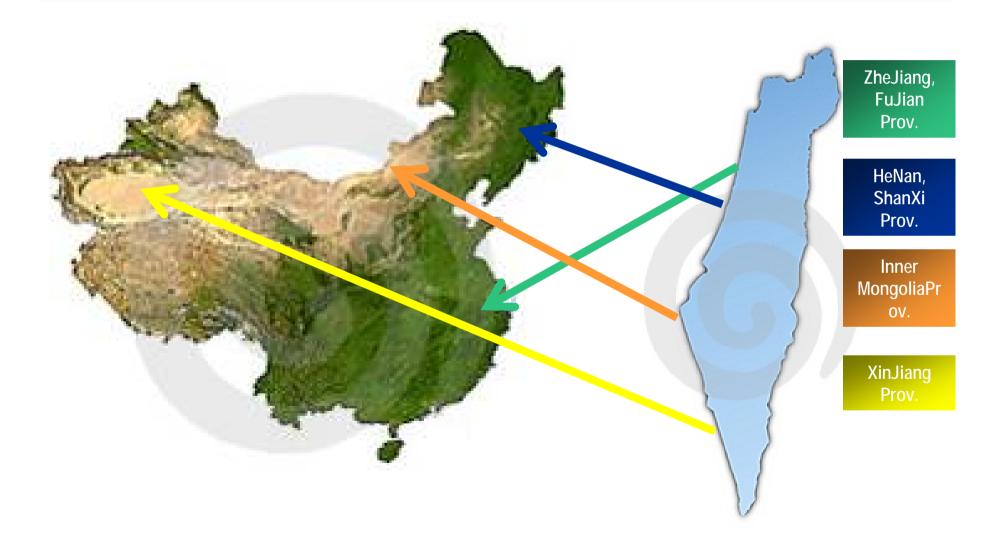




#### Comparison between US & Israeli climates



#### Comparison between Chinese & Israeli climates



#### Israel: In the forefront of the technological water innovation market

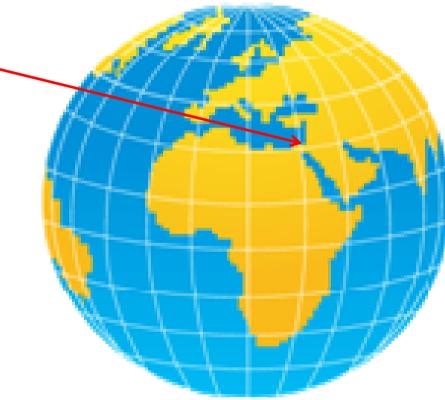
- ✓ Water efficiency management
- ✓ Water reuse
- ✓ Desalination
- ✓ Irrigation



#### The Global Water Market is huge for any single player

- Israel's Population : 7M people
- World Population : 7B people
- Israel Total area : 20,770 sq km
- World Total area :148,354,000 sq km

Partnership is essential for Israel in order to successfully leverage its capabilities.



#### WATEC 2007 - 2011- The Arena for Creating Partnerships

- WATEC 2009 event attended by more than a 150 foreign delegations and 25,000 visitors from 5 continents.
- WATEC 2009 featured an international problem-solving forum for water, energy, and environmental technology issues
- WATEC 2009 was 35% larger than WATEC 2007
- We plan that WATEC 2011 will be even better!





#### The "Water Innovation Catch"

#### Sufficient Know How & Technologies Exist in the Water Arena (IWA Methodology, Israeli Technologies etc)



#### So...

Why is the world still coping with water shortage challenges?

Is there any global mechanism to overcome the Diversification, Conservatism & Localization of the industry?



#### The "Catch"

Although technological innovation is the solution for the growing water market... The water market is

#### extremely conservative

- There are only a few significant technological Innovation implementation examples that were successfully commercialized in the water arena in the last decades (for example - AMR / MBR technologies)
- Water companies are risk-averse: prefer not to be the first to implement new technologies



### How to overcome the " i 2 i " challenge?

Innovation To Implementation

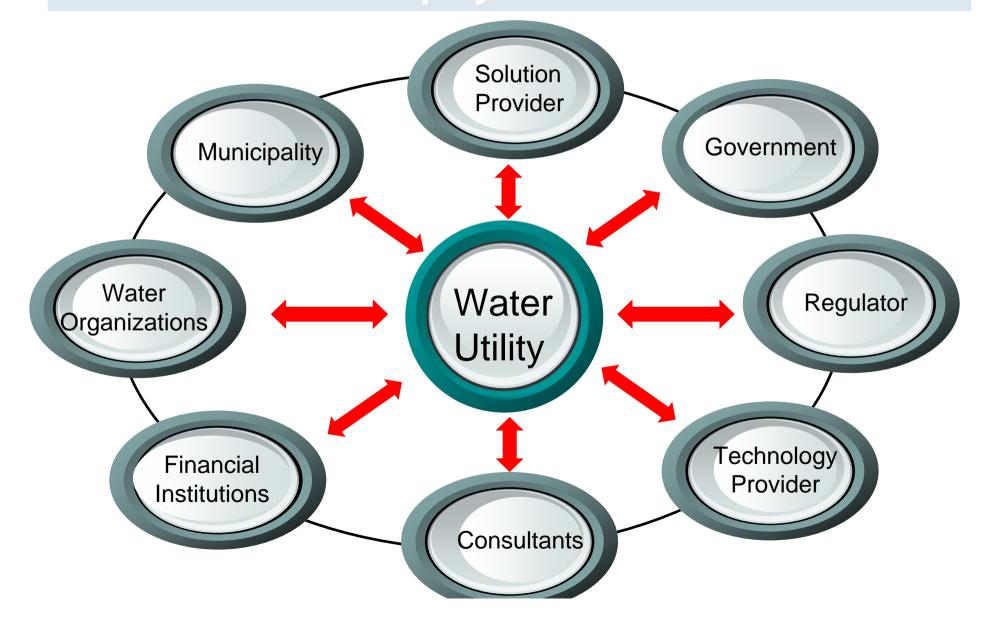
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is one of the global water arena's most significant challenges, as it can improve the situation for billions.

Partnering in this effort can create attractive business opportunities to all involves.



### Dealing with the water arena, involves many players



Water is not Rocket Science...

### ...but it is complex



#### And it differs from one place to another

Success in Israel does not ensure success in North America or Asia...





#### Proposed Solutions To The "i2i" Challenges Through Partnerships

#### It takes a Joint Effort to Address the Complexity

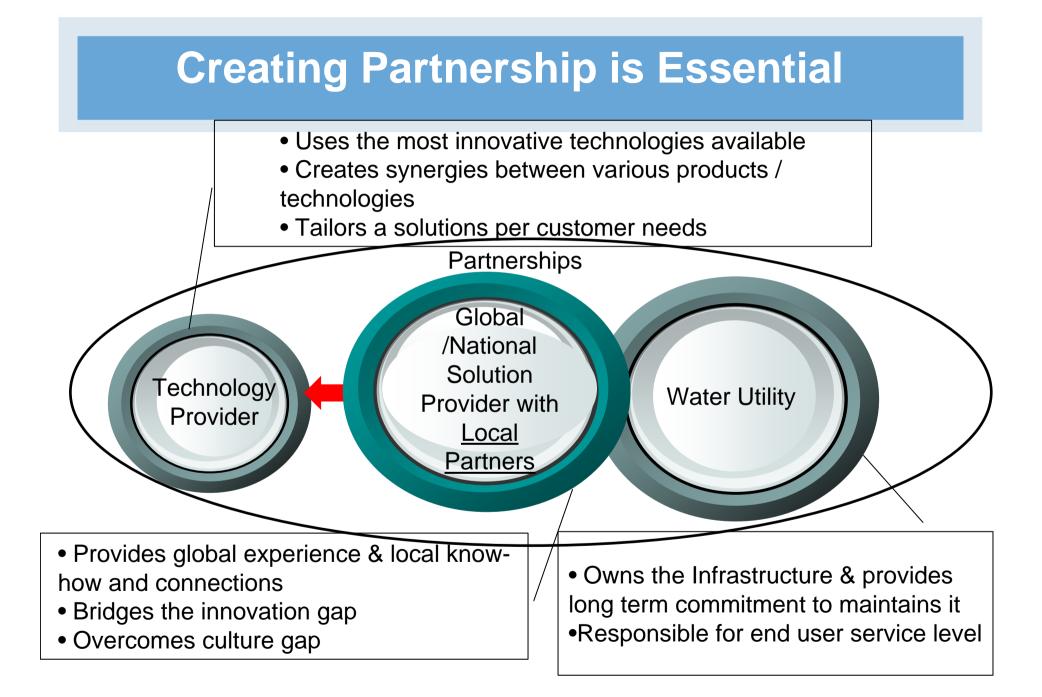


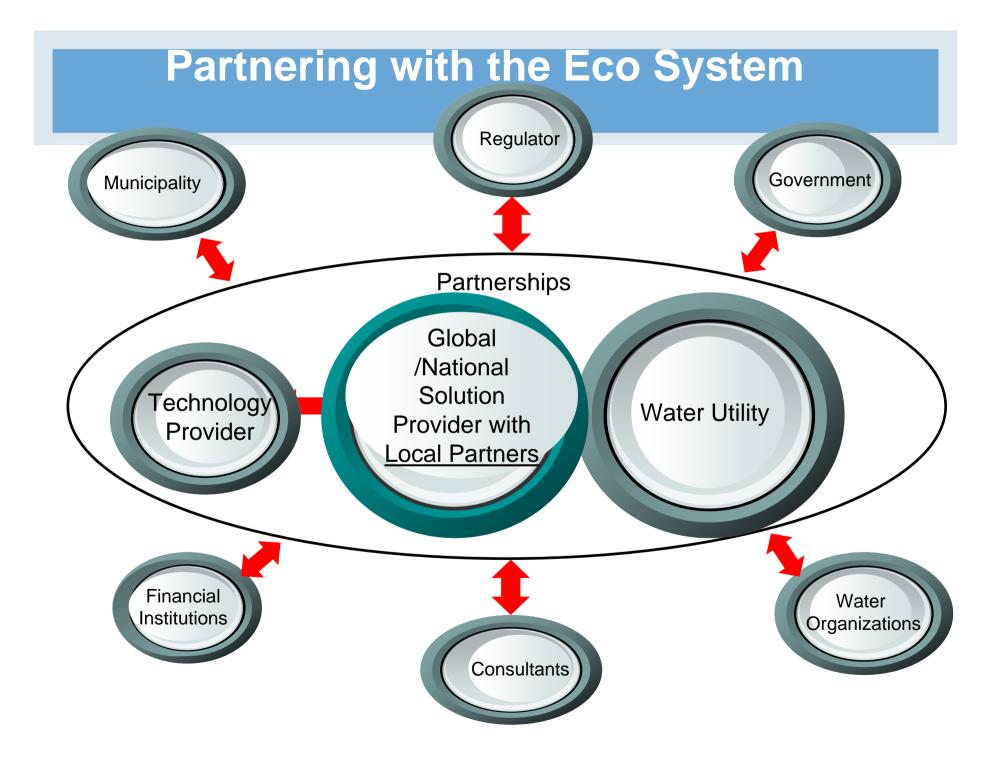
### Who can assist in bridging between all the key stakeholders?

### leveraging all the existing capabilities?

While

fulfilling the needs of the water utility?





# Partnership is the preferred way to overcome successfully the "21" challenges

Partnership will

- Complement continuous Innovative Water Solutions by providing
  - Know How in the local markets
  - Credibility
  - Local experience
  - Financial leverage
- It is the definition of a "Win-Win Solutions" between the Global Water Arena - The Partner.



#### **Partnership Basic Principles**

- Self Confidence There are no "Free Meals" You must bring unique & continuous value
- Humbleness Do not force your partner to do it your way, take the culture gap into consideration - listen, influence, implement
- Awareness No one can do it alone, everyone needs to be aware to the essential necessity of creating partnership

### What can be done in order to enhance partnership opportunities ?

Identifying leading institutions/ companies/ people / government officials within the region/ state with high commitment to the issue

Collaboration agreements ----> Collaboration programs

Building and promoting the partnership concept: From terminology to practical activities

Expanding Israel's positioning from an "Innovation Hub" to a "Partnership Hub"



#### Thank you