

# Collective Action for a Water Resilient World



Global companies and their CEOs joining forces to accelerate progress against the global water crisis **Our Origin** 





Identify and accelerate investments in solutions to the water-climate crisis



**Collective action** to build water security and resilience at scale in stressed regions

Aligned **quantifiable and timebound** enterprise-level water **commitments** 

2010s Several leading CEOs saw the scale of water action did not meet the scale of the water crisis 2020 7 companies partner to found the WRC, growing 4x in 2 years 2030 Commitments half fulfilled

2050 All commitments fulfilled



A CEO-driven coalition ensuring a purposeful mission and sharply defined priorities







"We recognize that the permanent availability of safe water resources is essential to human well-being and eco-system heath, as well as future economic growth. We must all increase the level of our ambition to create water security by investing jointly in the critical watershed."

James Quincey, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, The Coca-Cola Company.

"We all need to pay more attention to water. It is a precious, but undervalued, resource. We hope that companies from all sectors will join the Water Resilience Coalition and sign the pledge. It is important to increase water security so that people, nature and economies can continue to thrive."

Dolf Van Den Brink, Chief Executive Officer, Heineken





### OUR CEO LEADERSHIP

The CEO Circle meets twice per year to discuss the most strategic WRC plans, actions and next steps



#### WRC CO-CHAIRS



Sanda Ojiambo UNGC, Assistant Secretary-General & CEO Christophe Beck

Ecolab, CEO



Brian Sikes Cargill, CEO



**Debra Crew** Diageo, CEO



Laxman Narasimhan Starbucks, CEO



Michel Doukeris ABInBev, CEO



Mike Roman 3M, CEO



Accelerating and scaling collective action to drive change in water-stressed basins





## **Collective Actions**

No amount of operational efficiency can address severe water stress. Systemlevel shocks remain a threat to business.



Truly mitigating water risk at the site level ultimately **necessitates building resilience at the basin level.** 

Scaling positive impact to the basin level **requires collective action and shared vision.** 



A global network of leading businesses and partners with expertise on water





## **COLLECTIVE AMBITION**

Time-bound goals and clear measures, aligned with SDG ambitions, with periodic evaluation

### 2030

d goals and ures, aligned ambitions,

2050

2030 & 2050 Ambitions

positive water impact in over 100 water stressed basins that support **over 3 billionpeople.** 

enable equitable and resilient water access and sanitation for **at least 300 millionpeople.**  3 Billion Beneficiaries

300 Million with WASH

we will achieve **NetPositive Water Impact** in 150 water stressed basins worldwide.

150 Basins



The WRC has four key strategies for achieving our 2030 collective ambition



# Our 2030 Roadmap



SCALING UP PROVEN SOLUTIONS VIA BEST-IN-CLASS TECHNOLOGIES & COLLECTIVE ACTIONS



MULTIPLYING OUR IMPACT BY BRINGING THE UNIQUE EXPERTISE OF OUR MEMBERS TO WATER



LEVERAGING OUR INVESTMENTS IN WATER THROUGH THE WRC INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO



MEASURING OUR IMPACT AND ADVANCING INDUSTRY STANDARDS WITH DATA



### WATER ACCESS AND SANITATION (WASH) INITIATIVES

How to achieve 300 million people in a climate crisis world

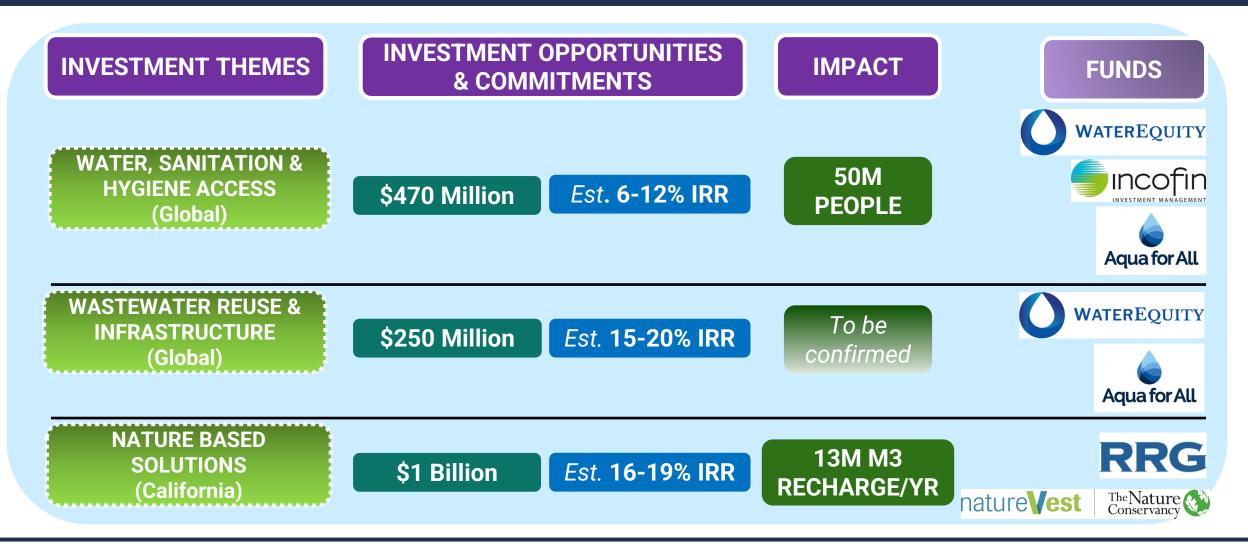
- **1. WRC Investment Portfolio**
- 2. Multiplying impact of WRC members' individual WASH initiatives
- **3. Leveraging Financial Institutions' funding with matching programs**

4. WASH4WORK





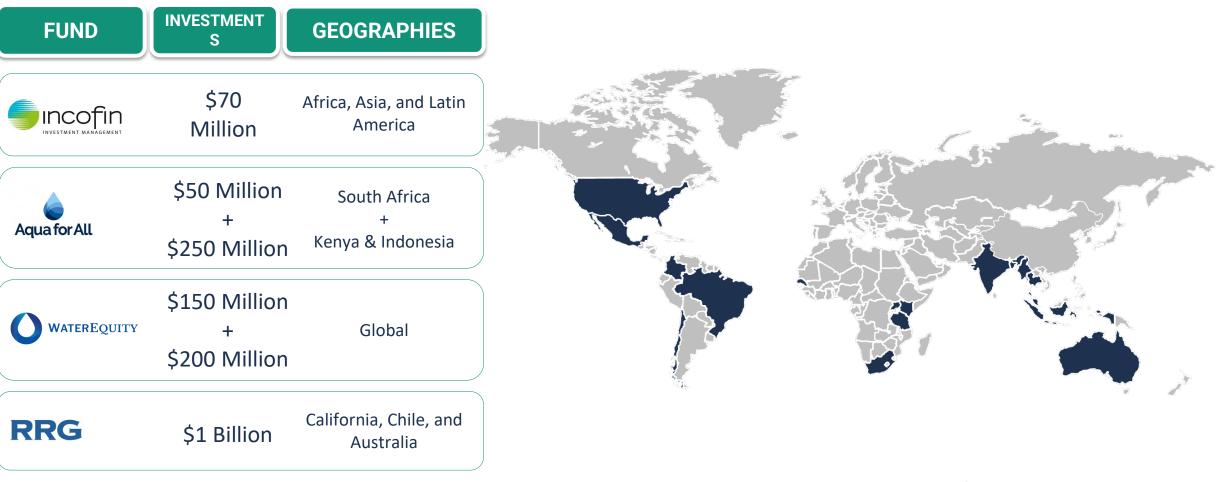
### WRC INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO - \$1.7 BILLION in 2024





## 2024: WRC INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO & 100 Priority Basins

#### \$1.7 Billion in Investment Opportunities aligned with Priority Basins





The WRC has pioneered the NPWI concept as an impactoriented goal



## **Net Positive Water Impact**



**Enterprise ambition** for water-stressed basins



Reducing water stress in three dimensions: availability (quantity), quality, and access.



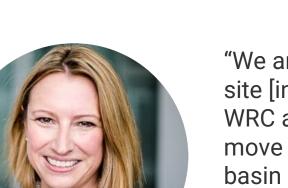
Company **contributions exceed impacts** on water stress in the same region.

**Quantifiable and measured** via both short-term outputs and long-term outcomes.



NPWI and collective action are key to the water strategies of WRC member companies





"We are running a water reduction programme on site [in Cape Town], while also working with the WRC and partners on community projects to move towards Net Positive Water Impact in this basin as part of our corporate water strategy."

Claire Lund, VP Sustainability, GSK

**NPWI as Water Strategy** 

"Positive water impact at water-stressed areas is the ambition we have in place to work towards healthy watersheds. Each watershed is unique and we have learnt that collective action is key to reduce shared risks."

Prithi Sharma, Water Stewardship Lead, Corporate Affairs, HEINEKEN





NPWI is a cornerstone concept for accelerating progress on SDG6



# **SDG 6 Alignment**

6.3







Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all



Quantity

Quality







Realizing NPWI is contextual to each basin based on local water conditions



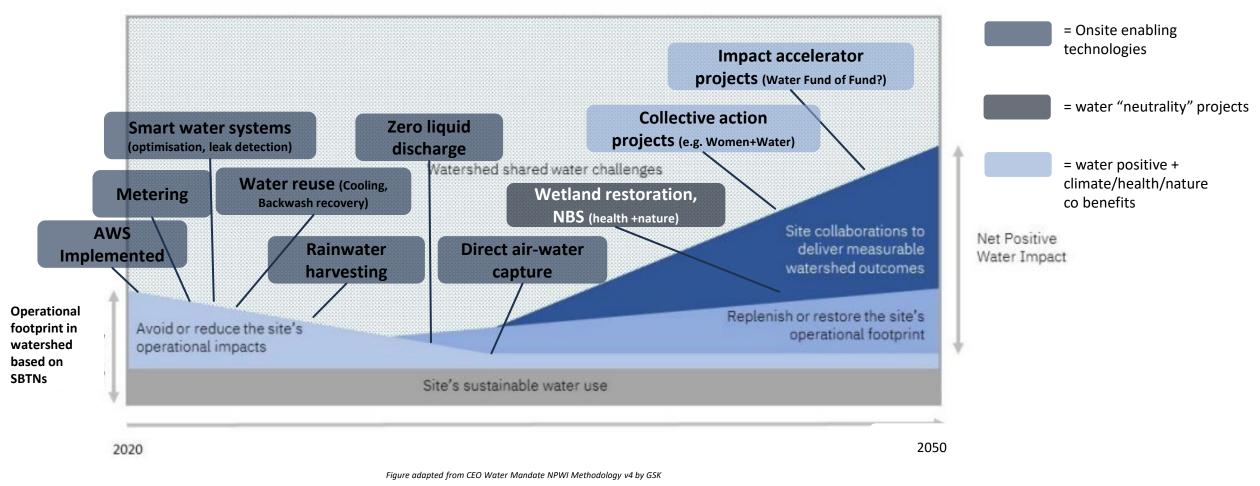
# **Achieving NPWI in Practice**

NPWI dimensions in three sample basins		Achieving SDG 6			
		Accessibility	Quality	Availability	
Water- Stressed Basins		~	✓	~	
		N/A	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
		$\checkmark$	✓	N/A	
Non-Stressed Basin(s)		N/A	N/A	N/A	



### ADDRESSING SHARED WATER CHALLENGES

### Focus is on changing basin outcome and going beyond compensating company footprint





# **The 100 Priority Basins**

### WHAT WE DO

The WRC and partners have analyzed and curated a list of 100 priority basins to scale collective action





### The Water Action Hub + Our 100 Priority Basins



Make a profile to map water projects and connect with other basin partners Utilize our Corporate Water Benchmarking Tool and NBS Benefits Explorer Search our 100 Priority Basins to find projects influencing your operations

Search Projects by Basin



गया

### WATER ACTION HUB & DIGITAL TOOL FUTURE

#### The Premiere Online Destination for Water Stewardship Activities





### OUR CURRENT COLLECTIVE ACTIONS

Priority places for demonstrating impact and leadership



21 Collective Actions 15 River Basins 6 Countries

#### WATER RESILIENCE COALITION

## **Secretariat Facilitated Basins**

**USA** Mississippi (TNC) California/Colorado (3 CWAC + TNC)

#### MEXICO

Country Level (Water.org) Verde (Agua Capital) Grande/Bravo (FAMM + TBD) Lerma (BIER – Charco Bendito) California/Colorado (3 CWAC + TNO

#### INDIA

Country Level (Water.org) Ganges (Woman + Water Alliance) Krishna (TNC + Water for People) Cauvery (WWF + WaterAid) Godavari (TBD)

#### 

Java Island (Water.org + TBD)

BRAZIL Country Level (Water.org) São Paulo (TNC)

Rio de Janeiro (TBD)

#### SOUTH AFRICA

Limpopo + Vaal System (TBD) Berg/Breede (TNC + WWF)



### **Basin Champions**

### Ambassadors and engagement leaders at the regional level

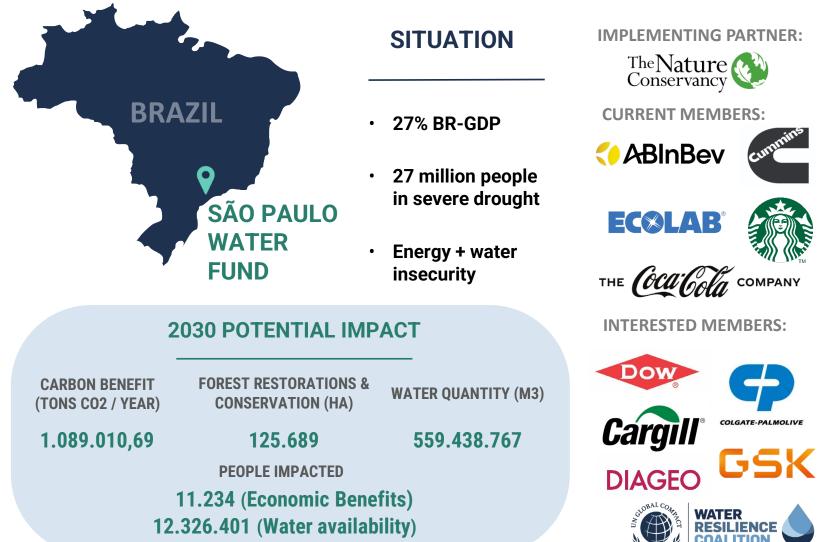
Basin Name	Company	Representative				
California (USA)	Ecolab	Christophe Beck (CEO)				
Godavari (India)	Diageo + GSK	Lisa Martin (CPO) + Debra Crew (CEO) & Local CEO				
Rio Lerma (Mexico)	Diageo	Debra Crew (CEO) & Local CEO				
Upper Tana (Kenya)	Diageo	Debra Crew (CEO) & Jane Karuku (African CEO)				
Mississippi (USA)	3M + 1	Bob Brown (CEO) + Work in progress				
São Paulo (Brazil)	AB InBev	Michel Doukeris (CEO) + Jean Jereissati (Ambev CEO)				
Woman + Water Collaborative (India)	GAP Inc.	Mark Breitbard (GAP Brand CEO)				
Yamuna (India)	HCL Tech	C Vijayakumar (CEO)				
Rio Grande/Bravo (Mexico / USA)	Heineken + Coca- Cola FEMSA	Finalizing				
Java Island (Indonesia)	1	Work in progress				
Guadalquivir (Spain)	1	Work in progress				
PACIFIC	25	CEO WATER MANDATE CEO WATER RESILIENCE COALITION				

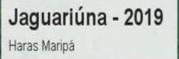


Rejuvenating critical watersheds by working with local partners



# **Collective Action Case Study**



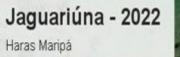


arth

echnologies

## Jaguariúna Watershed 2019





gle Earth

22 Maxar Technologies

## Jaguariúna Watershed 2022



## Business Leaders' Open Call to Accelerate Water Action



Achieve collective positive water impact in 100 global water basins by 2030 in each company's operation and supply chain.



Measure the water impact annually based on improvement in basin-wide conditions



Water availability, quality, and accessibility.

WRC Support to the call:

- Provide and update 100 priority basin list.
- Share a Portfolio of Projects for the 100 basins.
- Track the Collective Action impact of the Open Call.

Call potential support for the WRC:

- Increase no. of Companies
  supporting WRC's CA Portfolio
  - Increase Collective Action Impacts in Basins
  - Increase business and partner potential engagement with WRC

https://wateractionnow.org



## INNOVATION

Multiplying our impact by bringing the unique expertise of our members and partners to water resilience



# **New Partnerships for Innovation**

**Digital Basin Diagnostics Open-Source Data Platform** - Via Water Action Hub Scoping

**Digital Water Benefits Monitoring for** Agriculture - Building water resilience into regenerative agriculture (Cargill) - Scoping

**Digital Monitoring of Water Resilience** in Basins for Companies - Building Service Provider Capabilities (European Space Agency) Launched Nov.2022

Water & Sanitation Technologies **Working Group** - Scaling up proven solutions in basins (Dupont / BMGF) - Ideation







## YOUR ROLE

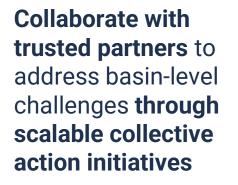
### YOUR ROLE

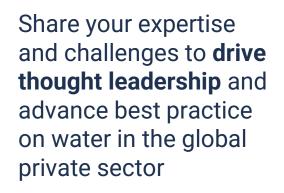
WRC members connect with each other to innovate solutions and take action on water











Join leaders using their company voice to elevate current and future water

challenges and

solutions



### YOUR ROLE

The WRC offers high-level speaking and public engagement opportunities



# **Engage Publicly on Water**

**High Level Venues** 

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM







#### **Profiles in Leadership**

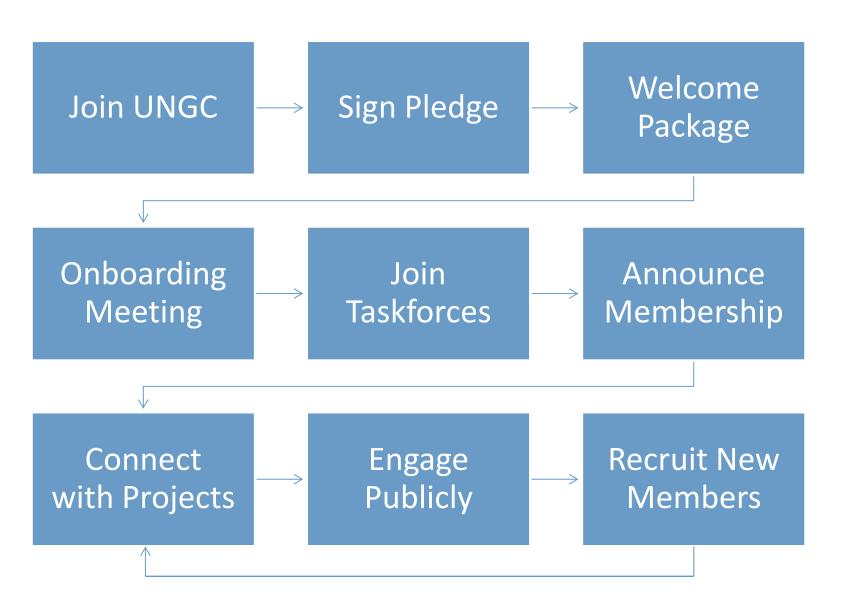


**CEO Circle** 





Signing the Pledge is just the beginning of our partnership





All WRC Members must be signatories of the UN Global Compact



# **UNGC** Membership

Member companies must be signatories of the UN Global Compact and its 10 Principles on Human Rights, Labor, Environment, & Anti-Corruption

<b>UN Global Compact</b> World's largest corporate sustainability initiative	Global Compact
<b>CEO Water Mandate</b> Water stewardship initiative of the UN Global Compact	
Water Resilience Coalition Leadership platform of the CEO Water Mandate	WATER RESILIENCE COALITION



### **WRC Governance**

#### Here is how we are structured

#### LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Composed of up to 20 leading companies + external advisors
- Sets overall strategic vision of the Coalition
- Responsible for tracking the WRC goals and 2030 Roadmap

#### **CEO CIRCLE**

- Senior-level engagement & recruitment instance
- Promote basin champions & flagship actions
- Composed by WRC CEOs & invited-only CEOs

#### **COALITION MEMBER COMPANIES**

- Sign the Water Resilience Pledge, report progress, collaborate in watersheds
- Working Groups convened to address shared barriers & opportunities (a subset of member companies opting in) and

#### **PARTNERSHIP NETWORK**

- · Composed of partners with different expertise that helps us advance the work and increase our impact
- Partners fill different roles collective action implementers; technical expertise; financial expertise; comms & advocacy expertise



## **Operational Commitments**

WRC commitments are specific enough to drive action, but flexible to fit each company

#### **General Members**

- Provide CEO quote upon joining
- Provide locations of interest for collective action projects
- Senior leadership to engage publicly\* about water ONCE per year
- Provide communications point of contact & support WRC campaigns
- Recruit **ONE** new WRC members per year
- Engage in at least one place-based WRC collective action within a year of joining

#### Leadership Committee

- Provide CEO quote upon joining
- Provide locations of interest for collective action projects
- Senior leadership to engage publicly\* about water TWICE per year – one being the CEO
- Provide communications point of contact & support WRC campaigns
- Recruit TWO new WRC members per year
- Engage in at least one place-based WRC collective action within a year of joining
- CEO to join the CEO Circle a strategic board that meets twice per year (90 mins hybrid)

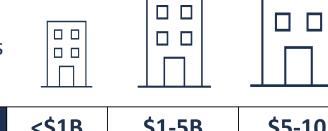


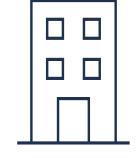
Member contributions make the work of the WRC possible



# **Financial Contribution**

Financial contributions to WRC Secretariat separate from UNGC membership fees or project-specific contributions





Company revenue (\$USD)		<\$1B	\$1-5B	\$5-10B	\$10B+
Annual financial commitment for first 3 years	Leadership Committee Member	N/A	\$50K	\$75K	\$100K
Annual general commitment	Member	\$10K	\$15K	\$20K	\$20K



Raise Your Ambition Make the Commitment Join the Coalition



## **Become a New WRC Member**



