

Science for Impact

the sanitation challenge

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Relevant trends

- Increasing population and prosperity
 - reducing poverty
 - demand for food (quantity, quality, safety)
 - public health
 - deforestation and land degradation
 - scarcity of fresh water and energy
- Effects of climate change



Competing claims: on water

- Excessive water use by agriculture
- Industrial use of water
- Water use in urban areas
- Climate change - drought



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- > 6000 faculty and staff
- One of the Largest Dutch research institutes
- Exploitation and valorization of research
- International orientation



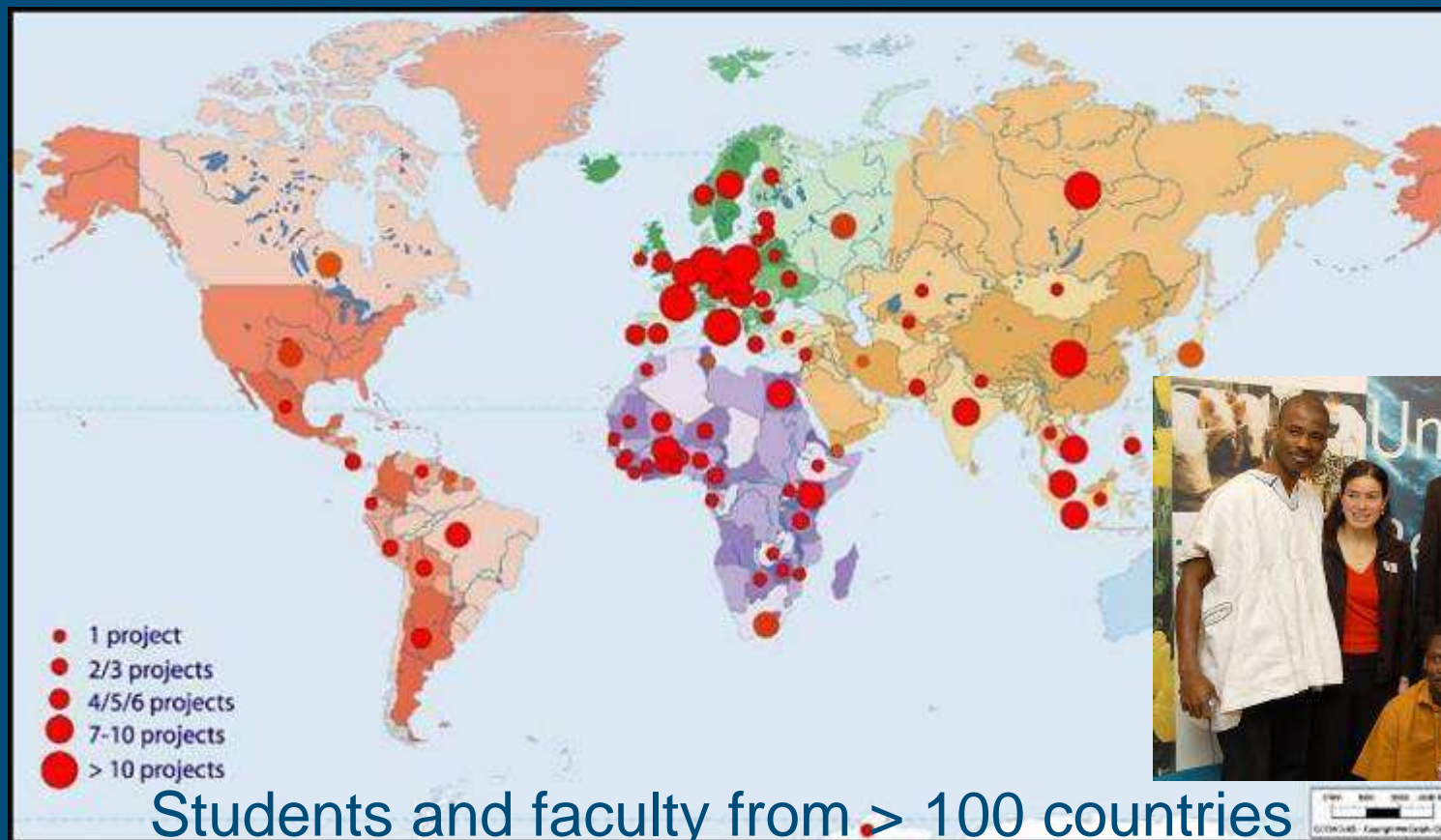
Three partners in research and education

	Wageningen University	DLO	Van Hall Larenstein University for prof. education
Location	Wageningen	Wageningen, Lelystad, IJmuiden, Den Haag + 40 other locations	Wageningen, Velp, Leeuwarden
Employees	2239 fte	2845 fte	416 fte
Turn over	€ 222 mll	€ 322 mll	€ 49 mll
Students	4525 >1200 PhD		4342

Co-operation and synergy

Source: year report 2006

Strong international orientation



mission

*...To explore the potential of nature,
to improve the quality of life...*

Our domain: Healthy Food and Environment

- Sustainable agriculture
- Nutrition and health
- Sustainable fishery
- Biomass
- Chains

**Food
& Food Production**



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**Food
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**Living
Environment**

- Marine resource management
- Landscape and land use
- Nature & Biodiversity
- Water management
- Competing claims



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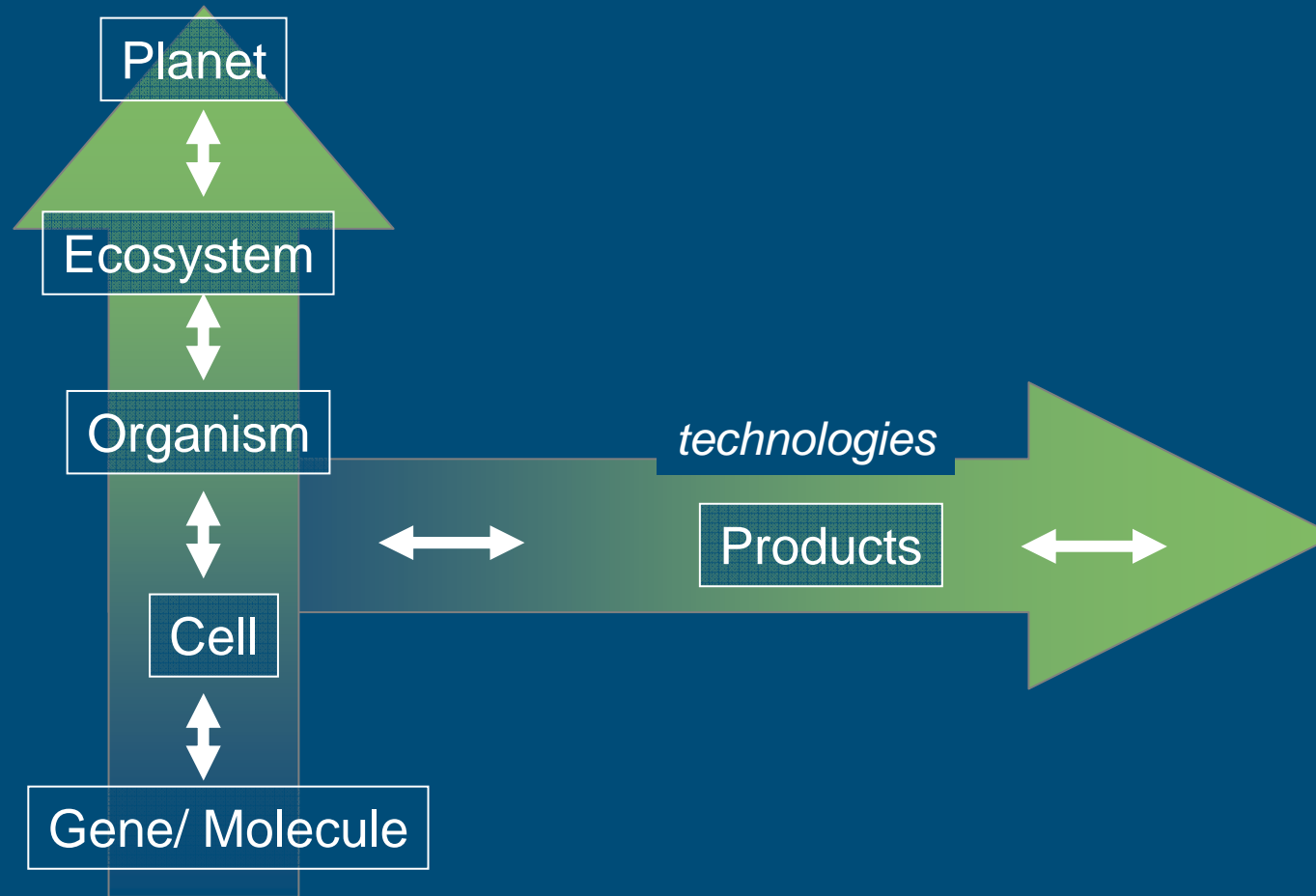
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Strategy Wageningen UR

- **Top** Science for Impact
- Integrating natural and social sciences
- Focus and mass
- Connecting the entire chain
- Co- innovation
- Large initiatives/new coalitions
 - e.g. TI Watertechnology/Wetsus

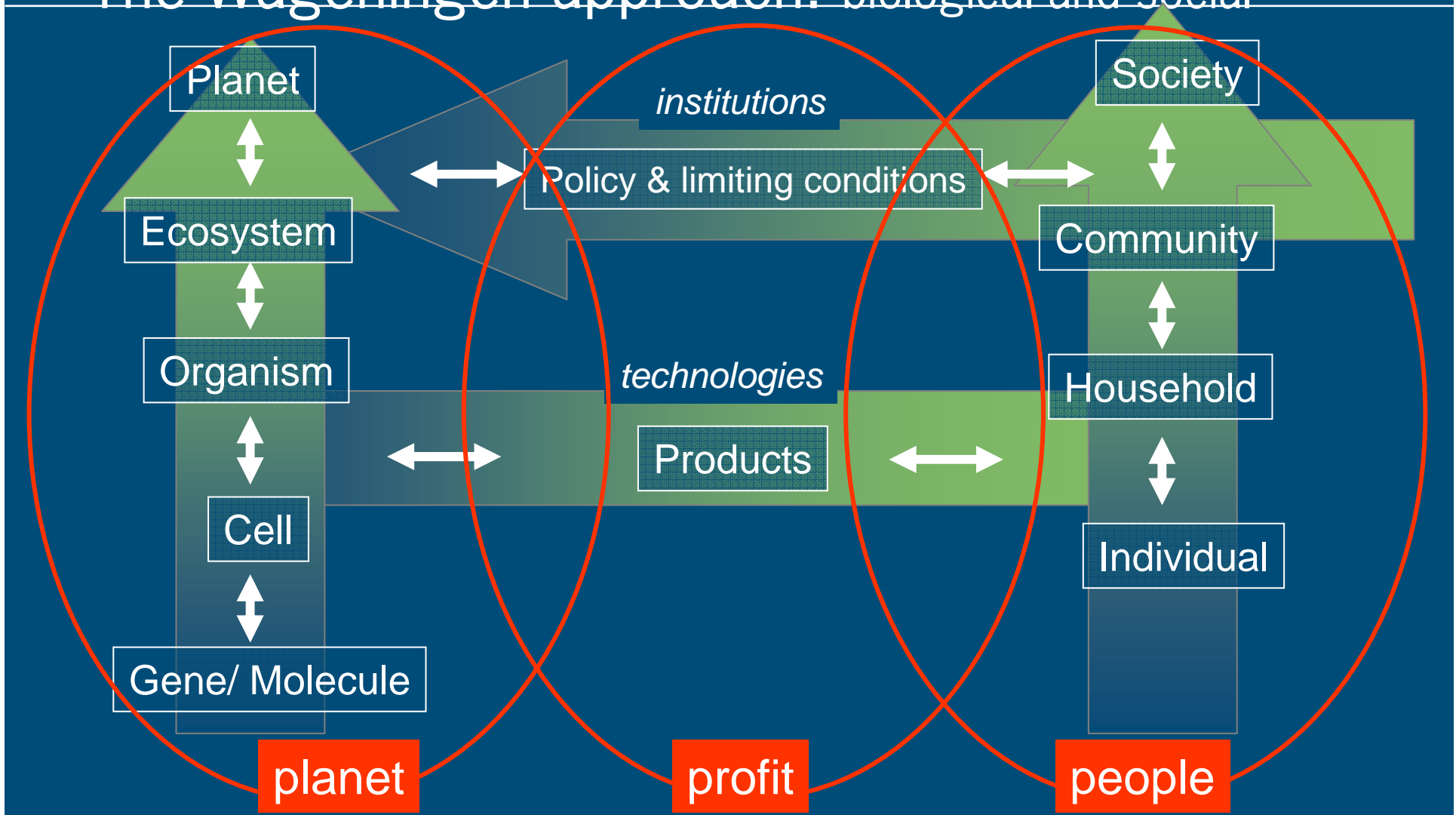
The Wageningen approach: biological



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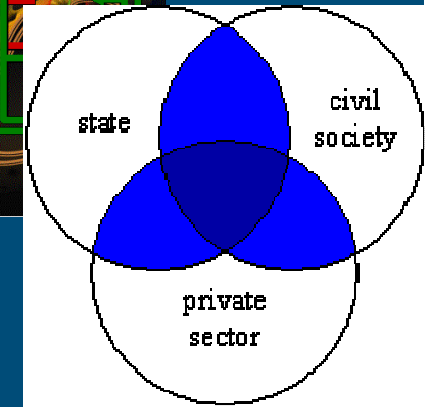
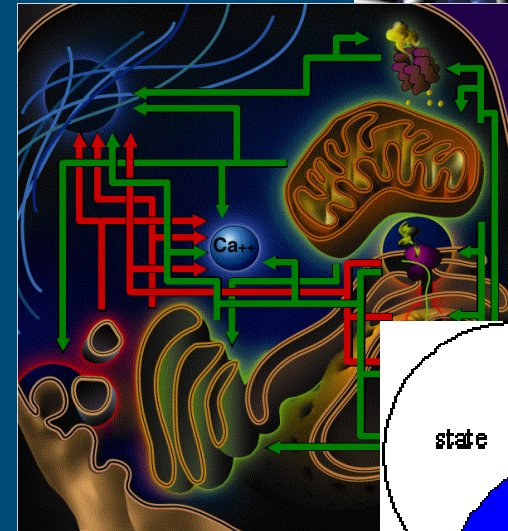
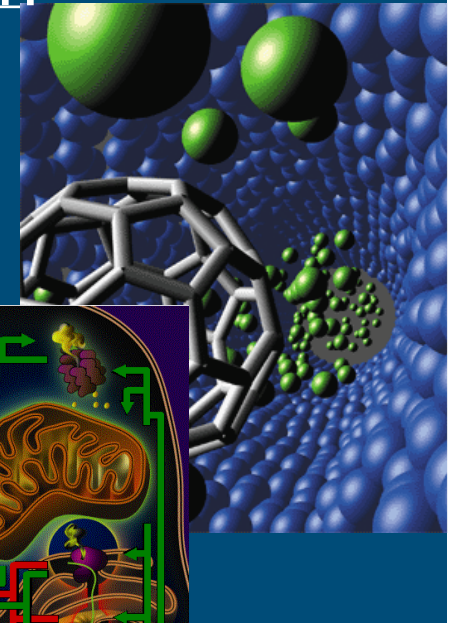
The Wageningen approach: biological and social



New themes in research and education

- Food, Health Behaviour
- Climate resistant coastal zones
- Biobased economy

- Bio-nanotechnology
- Systems Biology
- Scaling and Governance



Wageningen and water

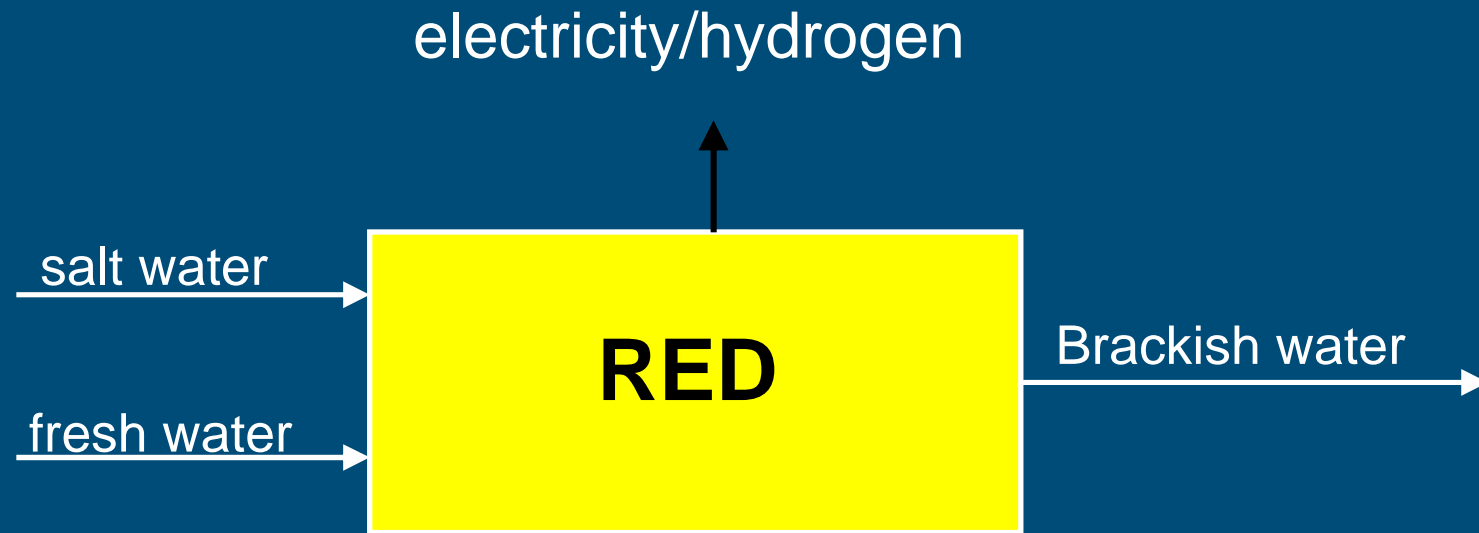
- Water and ...
 - Economy
 - Energy
 - Climate
 - Coastal zones
 - Land use
 - Nature
 - Inconvenience
 - Food and Health

Water and economy

- Climate change and co-operation between neighbouring countries
- Risk management in using waste water in irrigation



Water and energy



Reversed Electro Dialysis



Lock in northern dutch dike: 200 MW



Fryslân

Waddenzee

IJsselmeer

Noord-Holland



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First demo in Netherlands: 50 kW in Harlingen



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Climate and coastal zones

1976–1999:

- Southern Europe: decrease
- Mid and northern Europe: increase



Oxford, January, 2003



Wageningen, 1995

Projections:

- Likely more frequent droughts and intense precipitation events

Large projects: The PROVIDE PROJECT

- Contributing to MDG's by enhancing access to sustainable sanitation infrastructures
- Cooperation technical and socio-economic scientists of WUR
- Co-operation WUR and East-African Counterparts (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda)
- Research on different levels of scale:
 - household - neighbourhood- municipality - national - international
- 10 PhD's, MSc's, Post-doc



UASB and biological waste water treatment



Fight against pollution

THE PEOPLE of Accra, Ghana's capital, are equally grateful to Taylor Woodrow Construction for the city's new waste project. The Accra Metropolitan co-ordinating director, I.T. Adjivo, says: "Environmental and public health benefits derived from the project will have long-term benefits for the people."

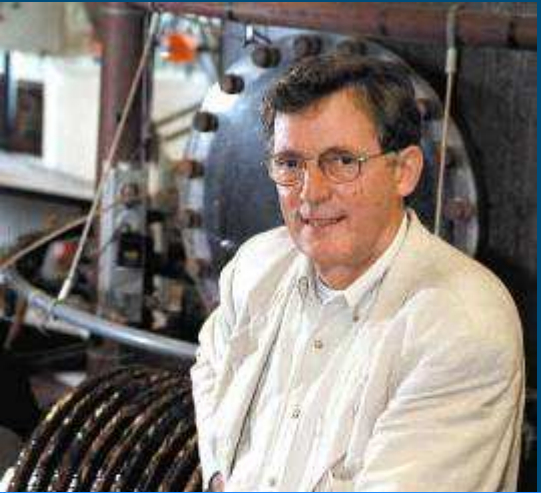
The city was struggling to cope with liquid and solid waste and beaches were becoming polluted when the government approached the British High Commission in Accra for advice. Years of hard work, involving consultations, technical visits, proposals, preliminary design and decisions on the scope of the work, resulted in the award of the contract to Taylor Woodrow Construction in 1997.

Work began the following year on several

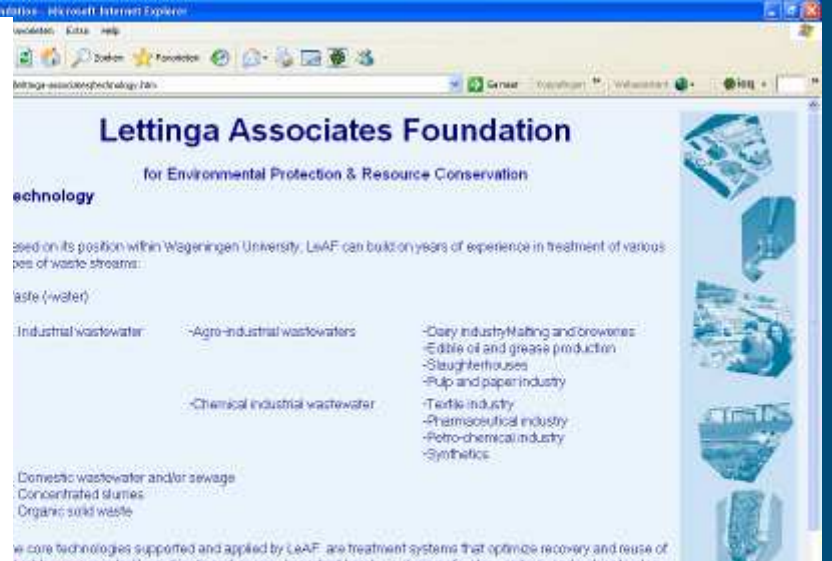
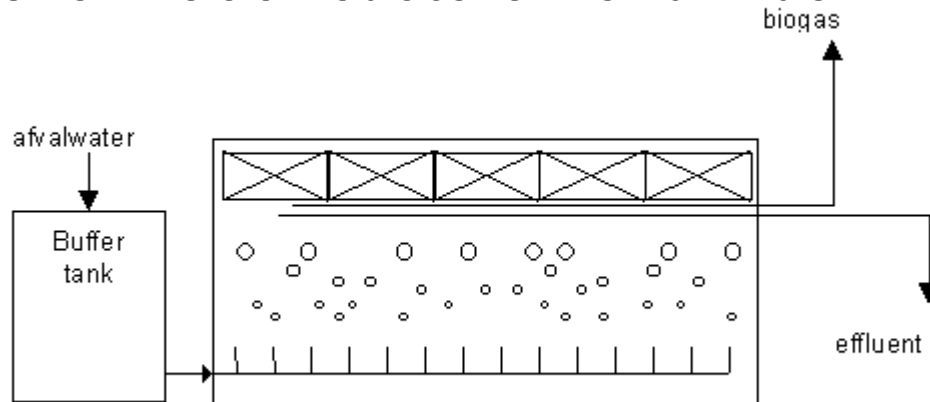
Designs were finalised by Taylor teams in the UK and the Netherlands and e-mailed to locally trained technicians in Ghana to facilitate.

The principal challenge was to build treatment works in the heart of the city. It was economic to operate, easy to maintain and required relatively little land and energy. Taylor Woodrow chose a process known as the Anaerobic Sludge Blanket. It was the first time it had been used in sub-Saharan Africa.

"This was just one of several firsts," says Arwyn Evans, Taylor Woodrow's Ghana manager. "This is the first major sewerage treatment plant, the first fixed-price design-build contract of its size or type in Ghana."



Over 2500 reactors world wide



WU is changing sanitation concepts



Sneek: Energy out of your toilet



Stroom uit poep en pies van de hele buurt

Volgende week betrekken zestien gezinnen hun nieuwe woning in Sneek. Dat is geen nieuws, maar wel dat het kleinste kamertje in de huizen is uitgerust met een vacuümtoilet. Dit toilet, bekend van vliegtuigen en schepen, verbruikt maar liefst 85 procent

De energieproductie en terugwinning van nutriënten, ziet Buisman het als voordeel dat de gangbare rioolwaterzuiveringsinstallaties worden ontlast. 'Daar wordt met veel energie, zuurstof en chemie sterk verdund afvalwater ontdaan van de menselijke vervuiling. De decentrale zuivering in Sneek kan laten zien dat twintig tot dertig keer geconcentreerd afvalwater energie oplevert in plaats van vreet.'

Daar komt nog bij dat Nederland volgens de Kader Richtlijn Water, een Brusselse verordening, gehouden is medicijnresten, hormoonresiduen en bestrijdingsmiddelen uit het afvalwater te halen. Buisman: 'Als je het afvalwater niet verdund, maar geconcentreerd houdt, is het economisch aantrekkelijk om geavanceerde oxidatieve technieken in te zetten.'

Hij doelt op technieken die met ozon of uv-licht de organische micro-verontreinigingen afdoende afbreken. Bij een schaal van vijfhonderd woningen wordt dit alles economisch aantrekkelijk.

Sneek heeft grootsse plannen. Op stapel staat namelijk de bouw van de grote nieuwbouwwijk Harinxmaland met 1200 tot 1500 woningen. 'De gemeenteraad streeft ernaar ook deze huizen met zo'n vliegtuigtoilet uit te rusten', zegt Barghoer.

Ook het ziekenhuis en andere openbare gebouwen zouden kunnen worden afgekoppeld van het riool om deze vergaande energie, water- en nutriëntenbesparing te bewerkstelligen.

Past dat allemaal? 'De garage is groot genoeg', zegt Zeeman, 'bovendien is de betreffende huurder werknemer van het Friese waterbedrijf Landustrie dat de installaties bouwde. De man is aanspreekpunt voor andere bewoners.'

Het demonstratieproject in Sneek is een door de overheid gesubsidieerd Economie, Ecologie en Technologie (EET-)project. Een bonte stoet deelnemers werkt samen in het Friese project. Installatiebedrijf Landustrie, toilet-pottenproducent Roediger, gemeente, waterschap, twee woningcorporaties en kennisinstituut Wetsus in Leeuwarden. 'Friesland profileert zich steeds meer op water', zegt Wetsus-directeur prof. Cees Buisman vergerend. 'Wetsus wil samen-

Volkskrant, Saturday, April 29, 2006:

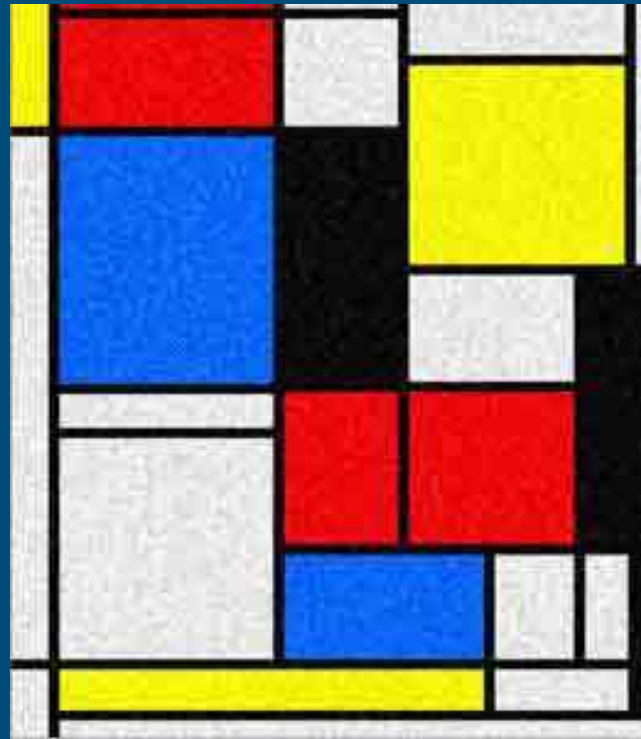
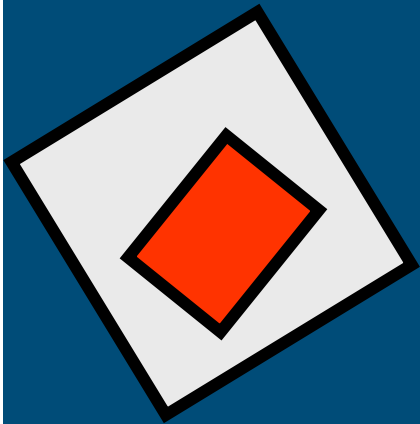
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Sanitation blocks for energy recovery in Nairobi slums



Adequate sanitation +
Renewable energy
supply

Co-operation on water: The Sanitation Challenge



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