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He is a global practitioner with more than 30 years of experience at the international level.

## QUOTES

**There is plenty of water on the planet, where increasing uses create scarcity. Strong political will and commitment are needed.**

*“Contrary to what many people believe and say, in the future, mankind on the whole, is not at risk of having no water” We have plenty of water on this planet, but it needs to be managed carefully and better! We have to face a management challenge.”*

*“A historical gathering of all governments in Istanbul with more than 100 Ministers: we expect many decisions, especially on Sanitation.”*

- Governments to allocate water resources equitably between agriculture, industry and population for domestic usages.
- Access to water is not equitably shared: 3 billion people, nearly 1 out of 2, have no access to tap water.
- Pollution transported by wastewater is a threat to populations, economic development and the environment. Governments need to adopt common orientations on waste water management.

**All energies must be mobilized to develop access to water. More projects and more ambition are necessary.**

- 3 billion people do not have access to a tap at home or in the nearby vicinity. This means that nearly 50 % of the population is forced to carry water every day or to buy water at a very high price.
- The private sector has contributed to connecting more than 25 MILLION PEOPLE, mostly poor, in developing countries over the last years.
- Decisions are needed to achieve the water and sanitation MDGs, however, people need a better service than what is targeted by the MDGs.

### The numbers:

- 50 to 200 liters per person per day of drinking water to drink, for hygiene, washing and to avoid illnesses.
- 3000 liters per person per day to feed yourself, in the knowledge that 200 liters are to grow 1 kilo of potatoes, 1000 to 2000 liters for 1 kilo of wheat, 16 000 liters for 1 kilo of beef.
- 900 million people have no direct access to wells that are protected from contamination by animals.
- 3 billion people have no access to tapwater at home or in the immediate vicinity.
- 2,5 billion people have no private hygienic toilets.
- 4,4 billion people are not connected to sewerage networks.
- 1,2 billion people have no other choice than open defecation!