



# Why this stuff really matters .....and is inescapable!

## Scale, urgency and connectedness

Or....



**NHS** Sustainable Development Unit

# *ÉPrediction is very difficult, especially about the future.*

## Niels Bohr, Danish physicist (1885 - 1962)





#### New Scientist 2008 from Steffen et al 2004









## Scarce resources



All the water and air in the world. On the left, all the world's water (some 1.41 billion cubic kilometers) is shown as a ball covering central Europe. On the right, the entire atmosphere (5140 trillion tonnes) at sea level pressure is a slightly larger ball. Composed by Dr Adam Nieman from topographical data

## The world's water

### saltwater: 97.5%



SOURCE : UNEP

### How much?

- 1 pound of lettuce
- 1 pound of tomatoes
- 1 pound of potatoes
- 1 pound of wheat
- 1 pound of carrots
- 1 pound of apples

- 23 gallons
- 23 gallons
- 24 gallons
- 25 gallons
- 33 gallons
- 49 gallons

1 pound of chicken815 gallons1 pound of pork1,630 gallons1 pound of grain fed beefat least 3,000 gallons

To meet the increasing demand from a growing population we will need to produce more food in the next 40 years than has been produced in the previous 8,000 years.

Jason Clay, Senior Vice President WWF

## Regional virtual water balances and net interregional virtual water flows related to the trade in agricultural products.

Period: 1997-2001.





## Food security in Asia

Medium agricultural input scenario





#### soils.usda.gov/.../food-security-asia.html

#### **Global land grabs**









## Answer:

# Between 30% and 80%

#### Past and projected overweight rates in selected OECD countries





## Country population past, present, future

This interactive visualisation depicts dramatic population changes, based on data released by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs/Population Division for 1950-2010 and a projection for 2100.



slick on countries to select, click again to deselect:



created 6 Dec 2003 by Securiger from data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau.

## Life Expectancy at Birth 2004



Employment ratios for OECD countries



- Percentage share of total population in employment
- Numer of employees for one person aged 65 and over



#### EMERGING AND RE-EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES: 1996-2004



- Ebola and Crimean Congo haemorrhagic fever
- Influenza H5N1
- Hantavirus
- Lassa fever
- Monkeypox
- 🔷 Nipah Hendra

- New variant Creutzfeld- V Cryptosporidiosis Jakob disease
- Riftvalley fever
- SARS coronavirus
- Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis
- Yellow fever
- West Nile fever

- Leptospirosis
- Lyme borreliosis
- 🚖 Escherichia coli 0157
- Multidrug-resistant Salmonella
- 🛧 Plague

#### SOURCE: WHO

## **Projected impacts of climate change**



#### Global natural disasters 2011 – a record year for insurance claims



## Excess mortality – Summer 2003





## Potential Climate Change Health Effects

- Heat related morbidity and mortality
- Asthma, respiratory allergies and airway diseases
- Vectorborne and zoonotic diseases
- Cardiovascular disease and stroke
- Weather related morbidity and mortality
- Foodborne diseases and nutrition
- Waterborne diseases
- Human developmental effects
- Mental health and stress related disorders
- Neurological disorders and diseases
- Cancers

## Impact of temperature rise on robusta coffee in Uganda



Source: Otto Simonett, Potential impacts of global warming, GRID-Geneva, case studies on climatic change. Geneva, 1989.

#### The impact of a one metre sea-level rise – displaced people in Asia





#### Fossil fuel reserves-to-production (R/P) ratios at end 2010



Years

http://www.bp.com/sectiongenericarticle800.do?categoryId=9037154&contentId=7068655



Adapted from Richard Heinberg's Powerdown: Option and Actions for a Post-carbon World

#### Years left at sustained 2% annual primary production growth, based on reserves



### The big debate

#### Human Development Index, 2010 and ecological footprints, by country, 2007



Sources: Human Development Report 2011; Global Footprint Network; United Nations Population Division; Finance, Biodiversity and Ecosystems, Dr Genevieve Patenaud, 2011; PwC analysis

### UK Life Satisfaction and GDP: 1973-2002



Eurobarometer survey



# Making the connections





our way of life is being threatened by a dark force.

we must defend our way of life.





WHAT IS THIS DARK FORCE WHICH THREATENS OUR WAY OF LIFE ?





it's our way of life...











Health & Wellness Trends Report

Same March

THE HEALTH PRACTITIONER'S GUIDE TO CLIMATE CHANGE DIAGNOSIS AND CURE

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#### Trust in institutions to operate in society's best interest A Lot/Some Trust Little/No Trust Net ratings ± 100 100 0 26 69 +43 NGOs 59 +27 32 Education System 62 +26 36 55 +21 UN 34 **Religious Institutions** 38 57 +19 57 +17 Police 40 57 +17 40 Government 50 +3 47 Press/Media +2 47 49 +2 Trade Unions/Labour 45 47 -2 -9 Legal Systems 49 47 48 39 -10 42 52 38 -13 51 \* % trust minus % distrust = net rating

Source: WEF - - Voice of the People, 2002





Doctors should take the lead in practical steps to reduce the carbon footprints associated with obesity, chronic disease and population growth....

Prof Robyn McDermott, Professor of Public Health at the University of South Australia, writes that ageing, obesity and associated conditions account for the greatest proportion of disability and accelerating health care use, and that the health sector itself has a significant and expanding carbon footprint.

#### **Climate Change Effects on Human Health**



Illness, Injury

#### Image by ClimateCommunication.org adapted from Boroswki

# How effective is OECD health expenditure?



