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## Social sciences and sustainability transition in water, energy and environment

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## **Research questions**

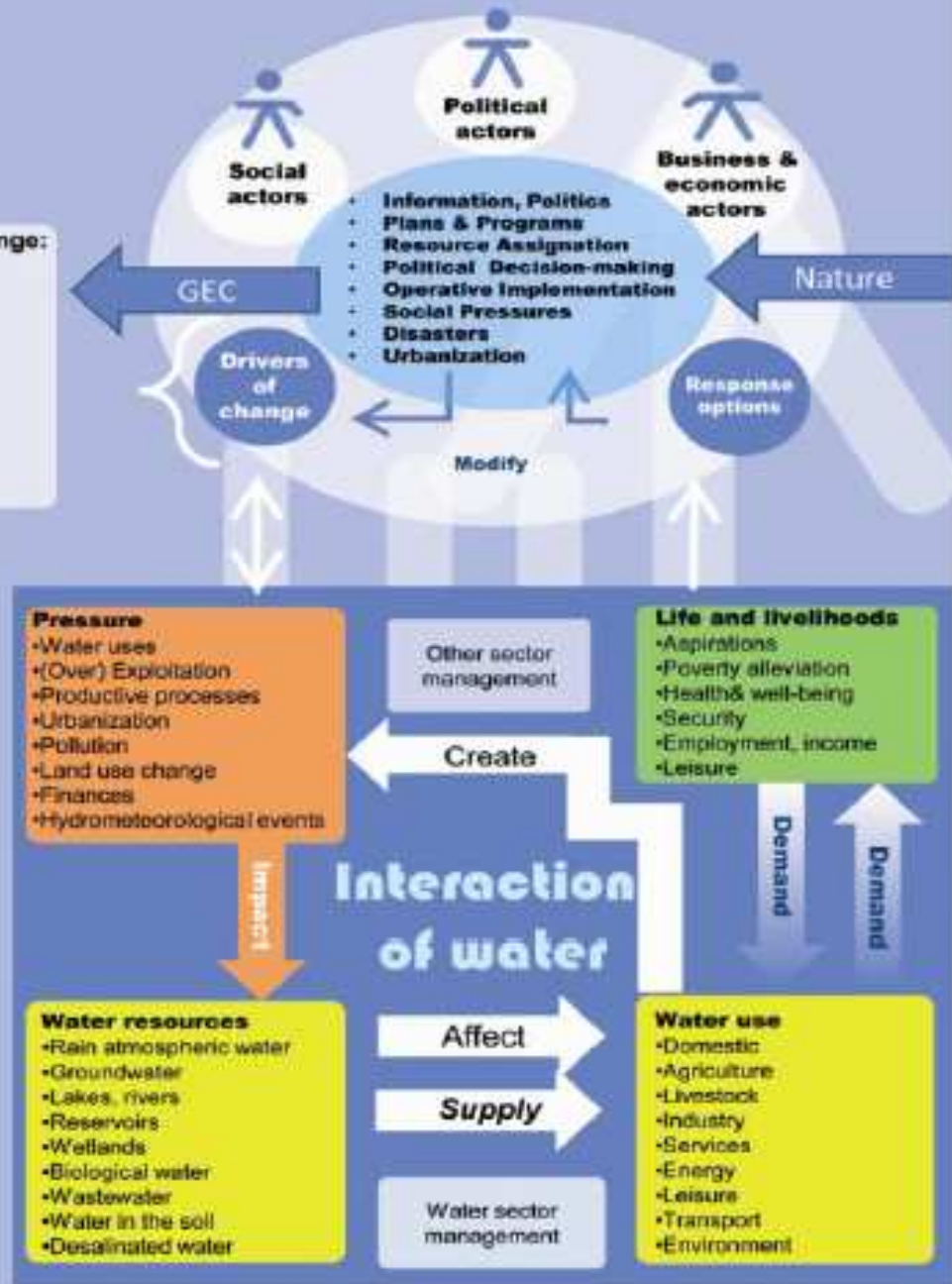
**How can social sciences support a sustainability transition in water, energy and environment in Qatar?**

**What are the deadlocks for a sustainability transition globally and in Qatar?**

# Systemic model of water management:

- Lack of rain water; loss of traditional water harvesting
- Intensive energy use for de-salinization
- Loss of biological water
- Loss of water in the soil and atmosphere
- Population growth
- New hygienic demands for health and wellbeing
- CC variability & impacts
- GEC and urbanization
- New plans, laws and programs to deal with changing situation

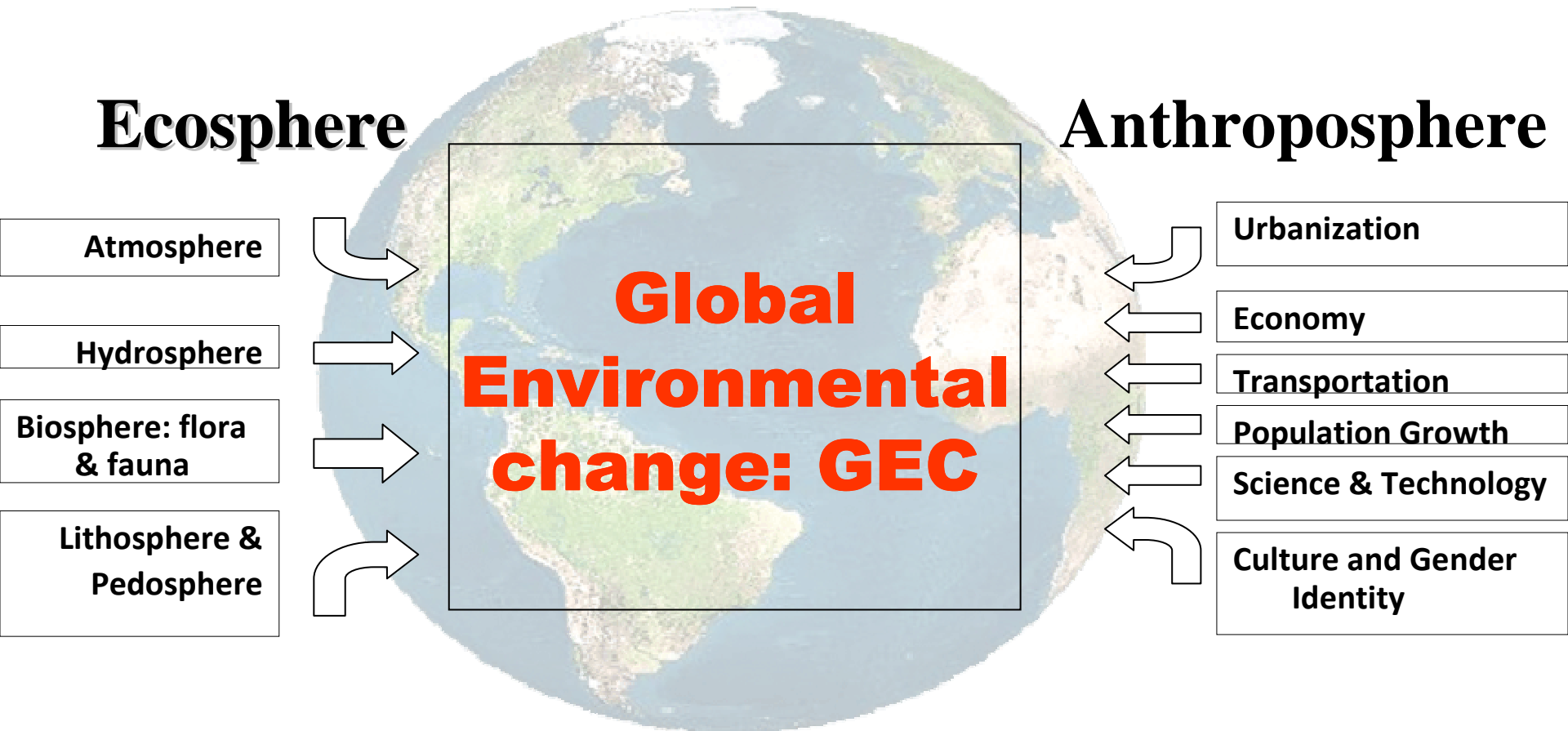
- CEG: Global Environmental Change:**
- Demographic
  - Urbanization
  - Food
  - Social organization
  - Economy and finance
  - Policy & law
  - Technology
  - Environment
  - Hydrometeorological events



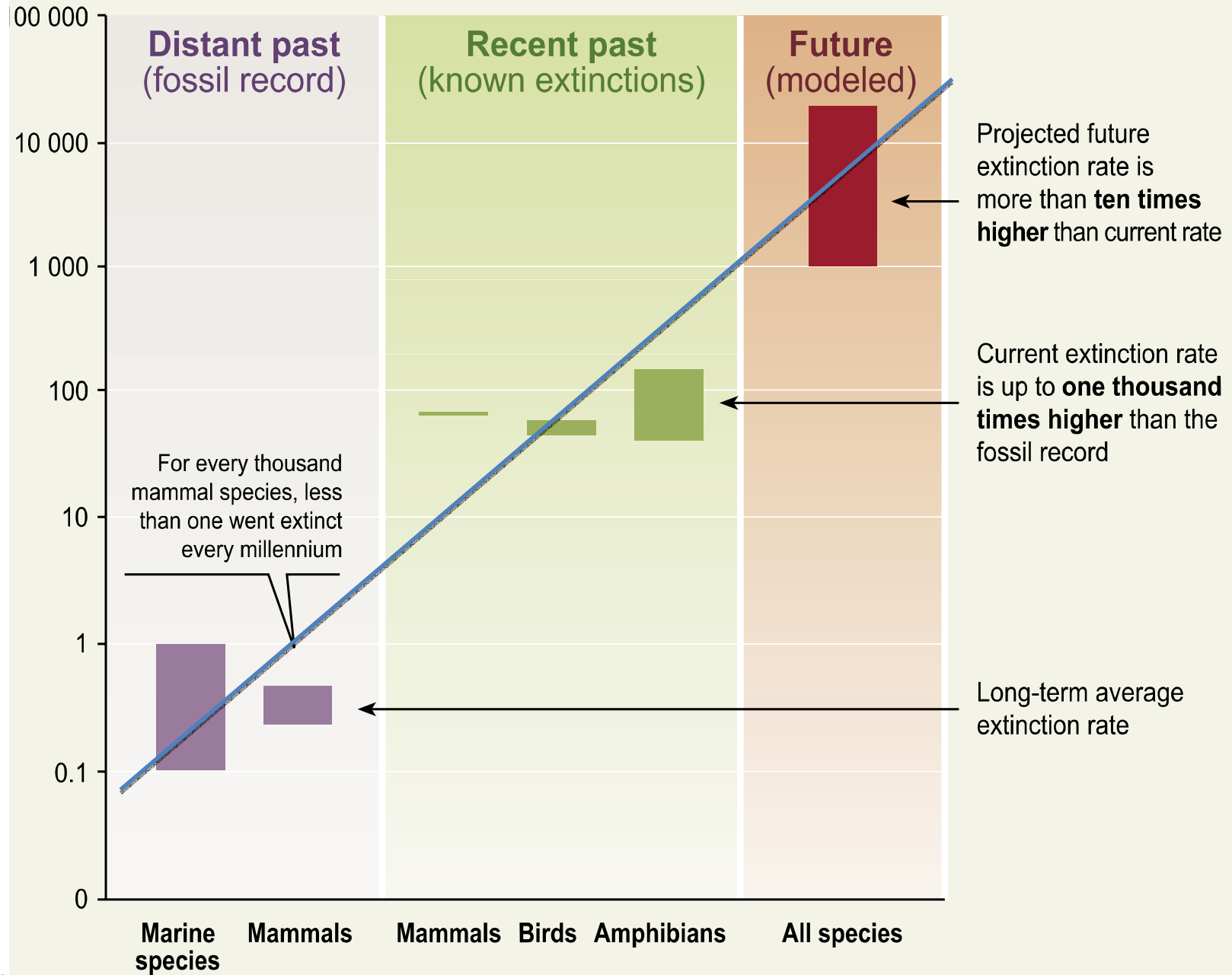
Source: Adapted by Oswald Spring from GWP, 2010: 4



# From the Holocene to the Anthropocene: in only 5 decades 4 billion of Earth history are changed



# Extinctions per thousand species per millennium

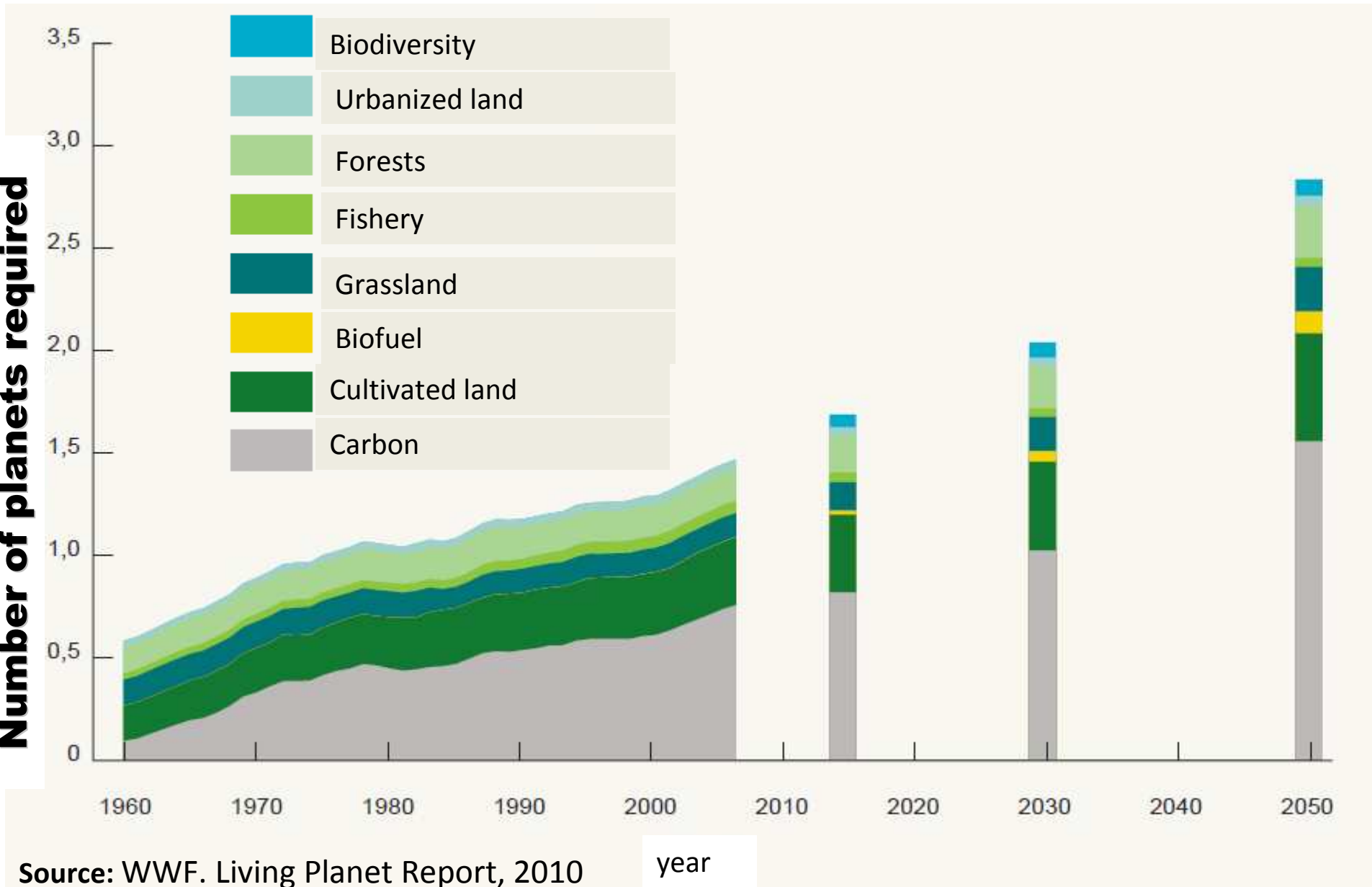


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Source: Millennium Ecosystem Assessment



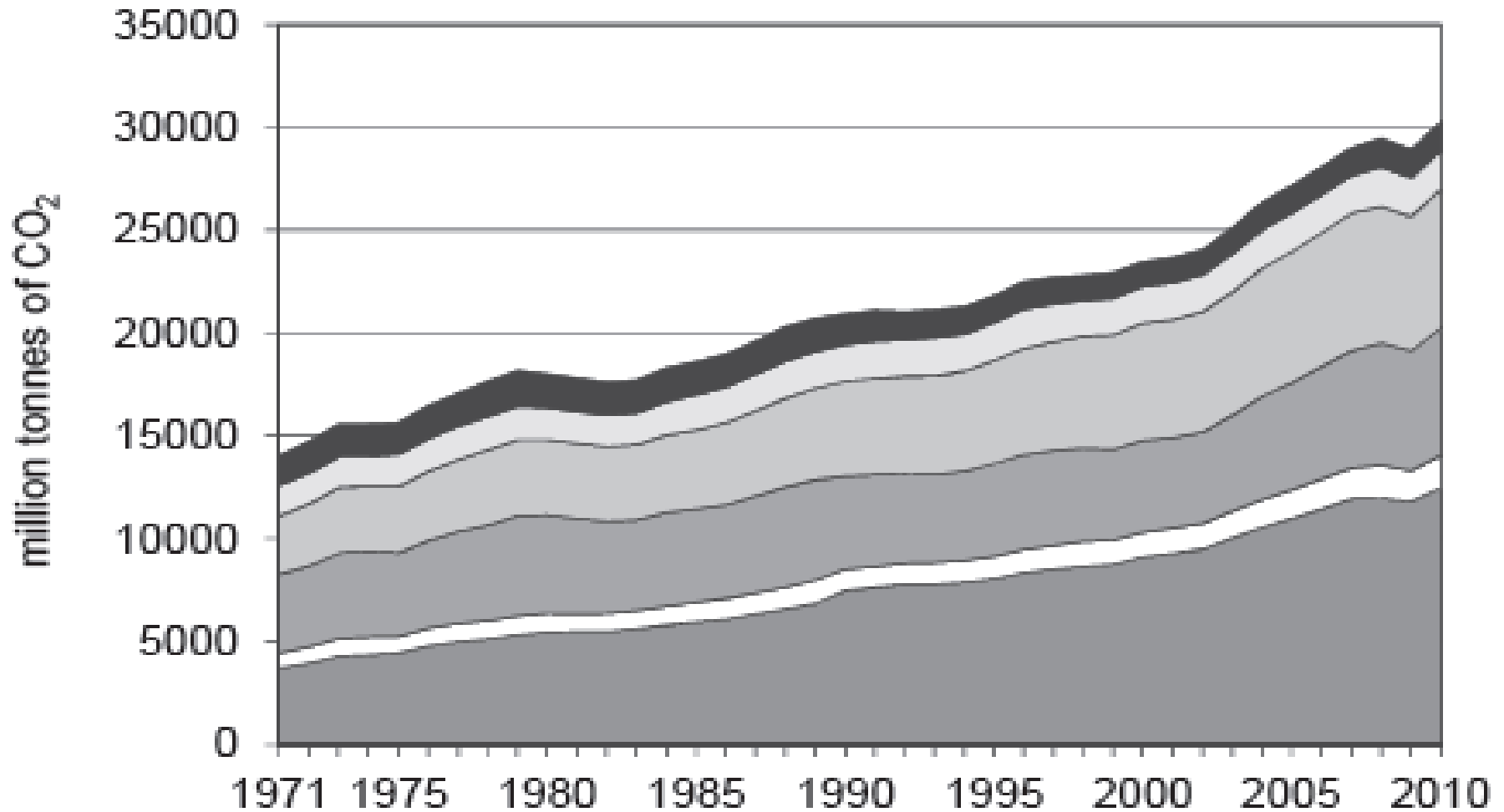
# Projections of anthropogenic impacts on the planet



Source: WWF. Living Planet Report, 2010

year

# Emissions by sector worldwide



■ Electricity and heat  
■ Manuf. ind. and construction  
■ Residential

□ Other energy ind. own use  
■ Transport  
■ Other

# Population growth and growth rate in Qatar

Year	1904	1970	1986	1997	2004	2010	2013
Population	27,000	111,113	369,079	533,023	722,029	1,699,435	1,903,447
Growth rate %	-	2.17	7.79	3.2	5.19	14.76	3.85

## Energy and wellbeing in Qatar

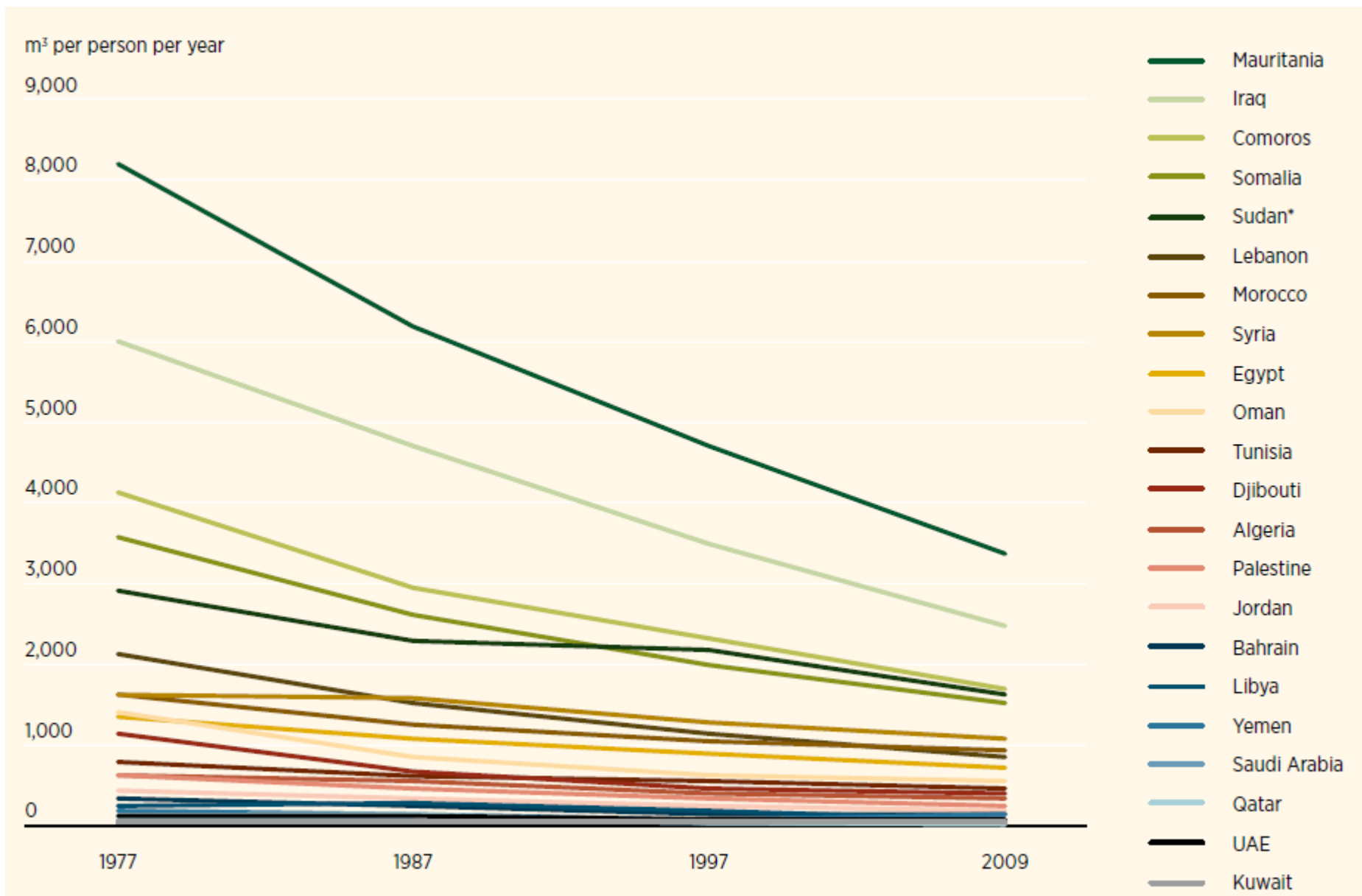
	1971	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2008	2009	2010	% change 1990-2010
CO <sub>2</sub> mio t	2.2	4.9	7.7	12.1	14.1	18.7	23.7	37.6	49.8	56.4	64.9	361.7
Oil, CO <sub>2</sub> mio t	0.3	0.7	1.4	1.6	1.9	2.4	2.8	7.8	9.9	11.5	11.6	510.1
Gas, CO <sub>2</sub> mio t	1.9	4.2	6.3	10.5	12.2	16.2	20.9	29.7	39.9	44.9	53.3	338.5
Tot. en. petaj.	39	87	140	227	258	331	436	709	900	983	1266	389.9
GDP bio US\$	15.1	15.3	17.8	15.0	14.8	16.4	28.9	43.0	81.2	88.2	102.6	594.0
PPP bio US\$	20.0	20.3	23.6	19.9	19.6	21.7	38.3	57.1	107.6	117.0	136.0	594.0
CO <sub>2</sub> /pers,kg	18.87	30.05	34.67	32.9	29.66	37.25	40.05	45.74	35.65	35.32	36.9	24.4

## Total use of energy in Qatar/cap.

CO <sub>2</sub> /Pers.	Total CO <sub>2</sub>	Electricity	Other energy industry own use	Manufacturing industries & construction	Transport on roads	Residential
kg/cap.	36,900	7,904	11,557	12,062	5,224	153

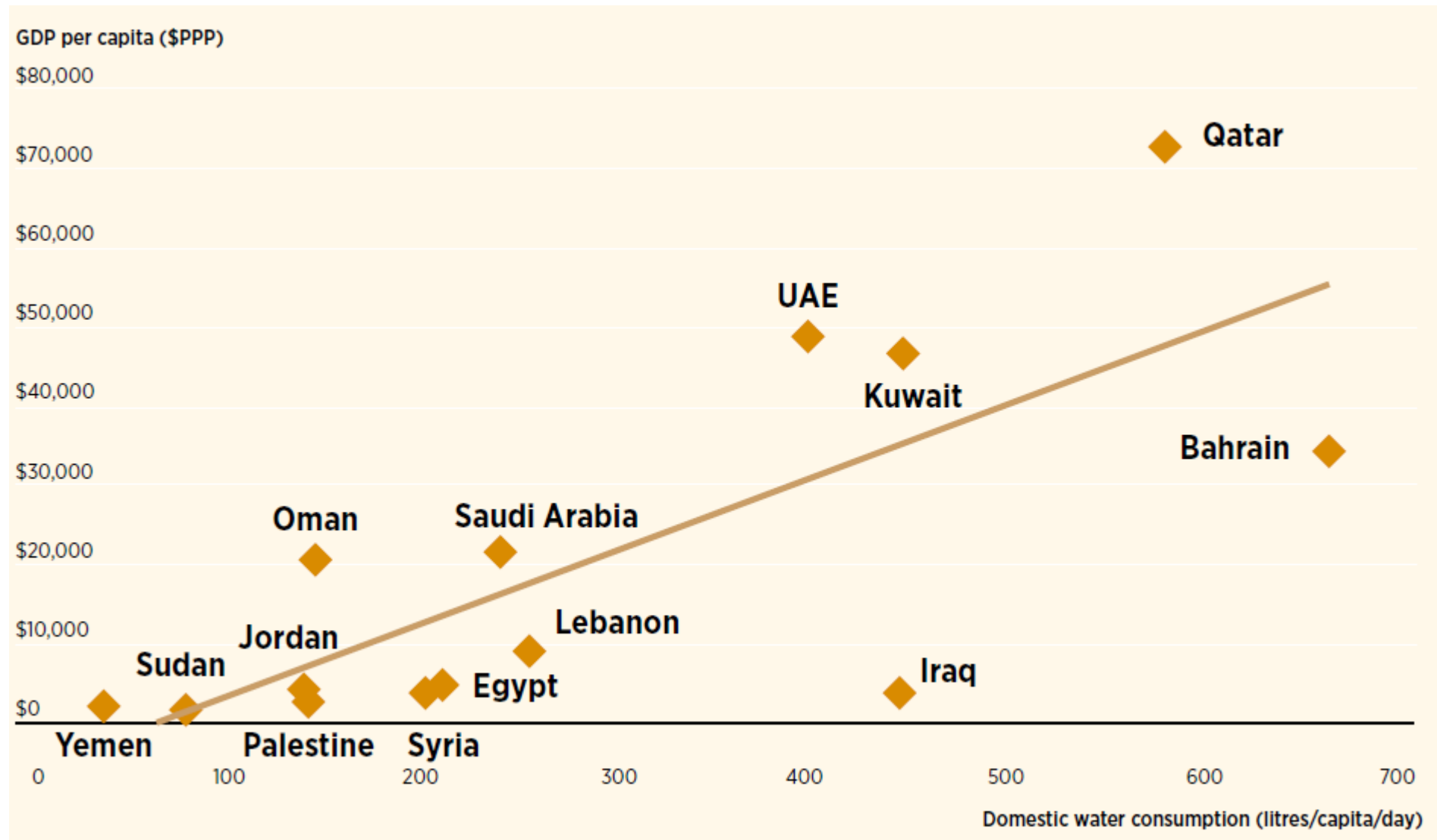


# Decline of renewable water resources in Arabic countries



Source: FAO AQUASTAT

# Water consumption and GDP in Middle East

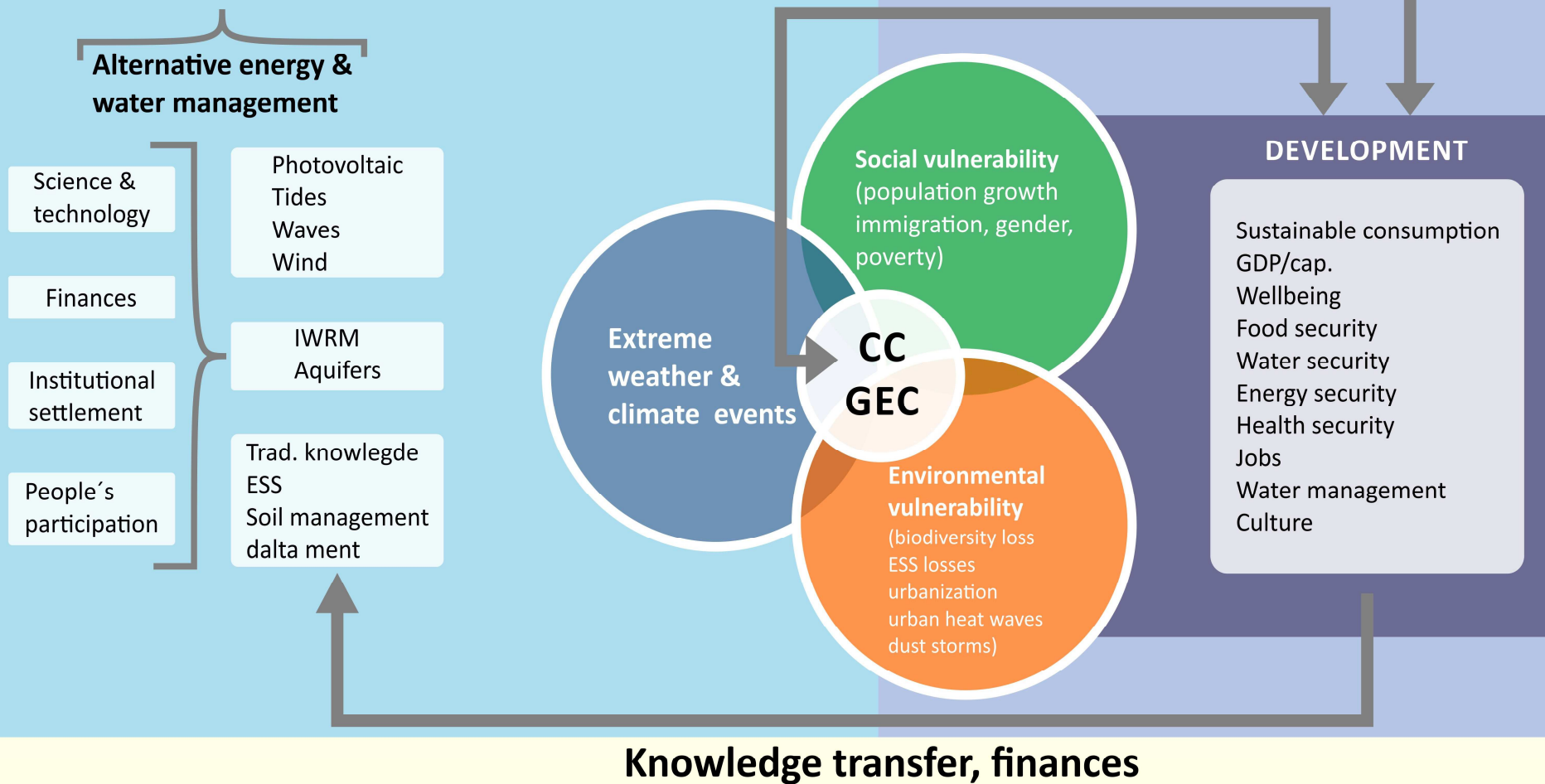


Source: ESCWA (2009c, p. 7).

# Transition to sustainability

Mitigation Adaptation

Resilience



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