# Gathering Place by the Waters

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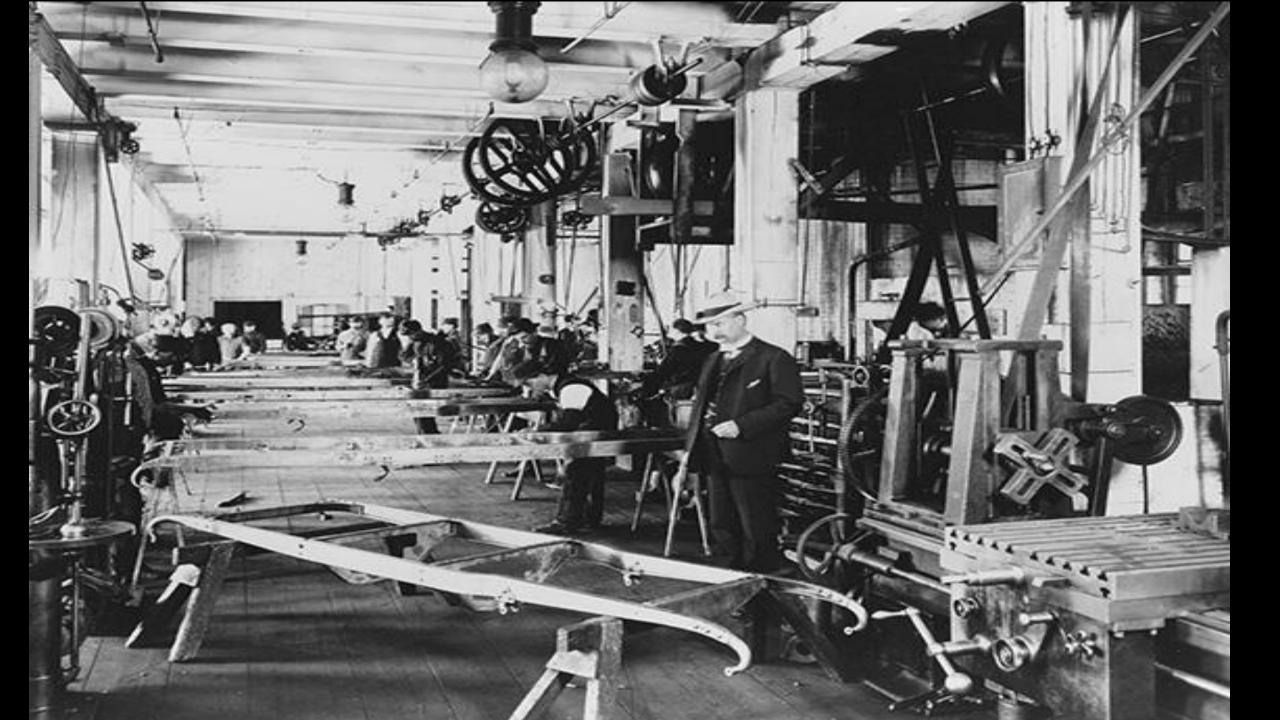






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#### Water Academic Partners





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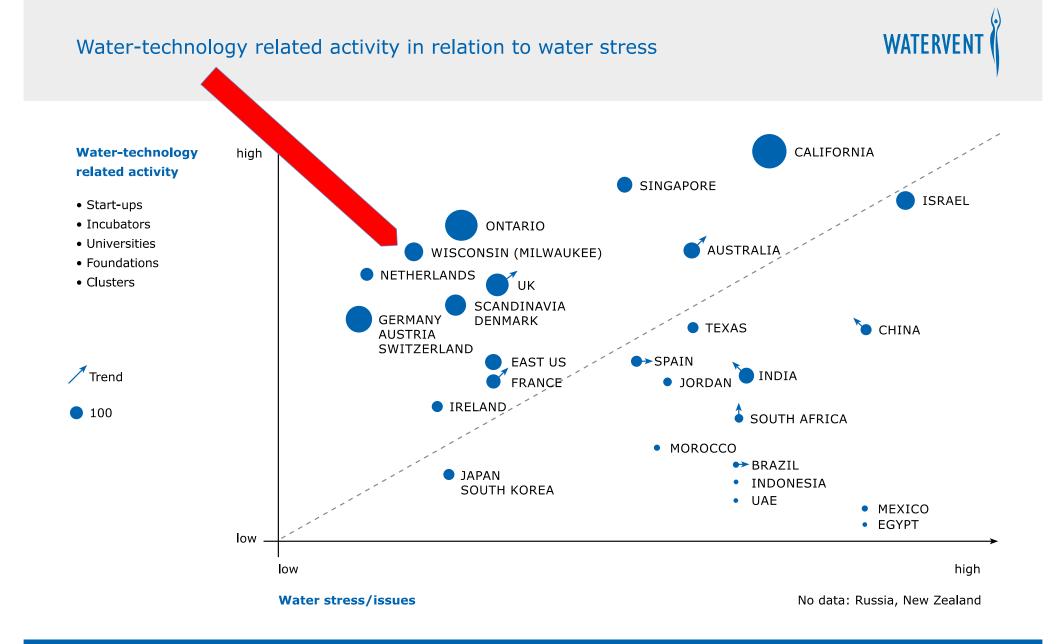
## Who is The Water Council?

Dedicated to solving critical global water challenges by supporting innovation in freshwater technology and driving new solutions to the industries that need them.

- Expanding Cluster and Global Influence
- Advancing Innovation
- Leading Stewardship Excellence

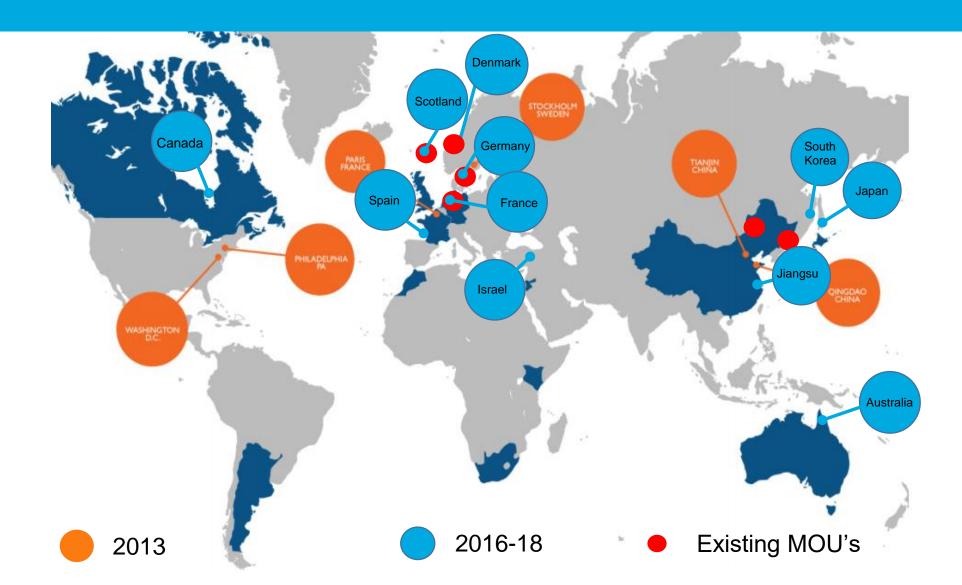






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#### Growth of International Activity



### Strategic Programs – Entrepreneurs

- BREW Accelerator and BREW Corporate
- Pilot Program for technology demonstration
- Talent/Workforce partnerships
  - Jobs
  - Internships
  - Student Water Council Chapters
- Investment support and matchmaking (coaching and pitch assistance)





#### Strategic Programs – Corporate Innovation

- Matching industry needs to existing and emerging technologies
- Tech Challenge Competitions
- Evaluation by corporate sponsors
- Monetary award and/or other engagement





#### Alliance for Water Stewardship Partner Program of The Water Council



Matt Howard, Vice President Water Stewardship, The Water Council & Director for the Alliance for Water Stewardship North America

#### Strategic Programs – Corporate Water Stewardship

- Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS)
- International Water Stewardship Standard (AWS Standard)
  - Strategic framework for companies to mitigate waterrelated risk and create value from water-related opportunities
- Multi-sectoral: industry, agriculture, commercial
- Helps the bottom-line
- Farm and factory certification program





# Alliance for Water Stewardship-North America

- AWS based in the UK; The Water Council runs AWS in North America
- Private sector informed, NGO endorsed process to mitigate water-related risks
- Market-based, voluntary solution to water challenges
- Third-party certification provides recognition and credibility for companies' waterrelated actions
- 150+ sites using the standard, certified sites in the US, Canada and Mexico
- FaB, petrochemical, high-tech and consumer products









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## AWS in Wisconsin

- MillerCoors MKE Brewery and Global Water Center are AWS certified
- Clear Water Farms
  - 2 farms including Miltrim (CAFO) to be certified
- Fund for Lake Michigan
  - 2 SMEs in Milwaukee forge and chemical manufacturer
- UWM School of Freshwater Sciences
  - Semester course + facility working toward certification



## AWS & Water Quality

- AWS Standard addresses water quality and quantity; improves WI water sources
- Companies optimize water use, improve efficiencies and productivity = social license to operate
- Moves farms and factories beyond regulatory compliance = <u>state-level "credit" for AWS actions?</u>
- Overall = <u>competitive advantage for WI businesses</u>



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