

The Year 2008 as International Year of Sanitation

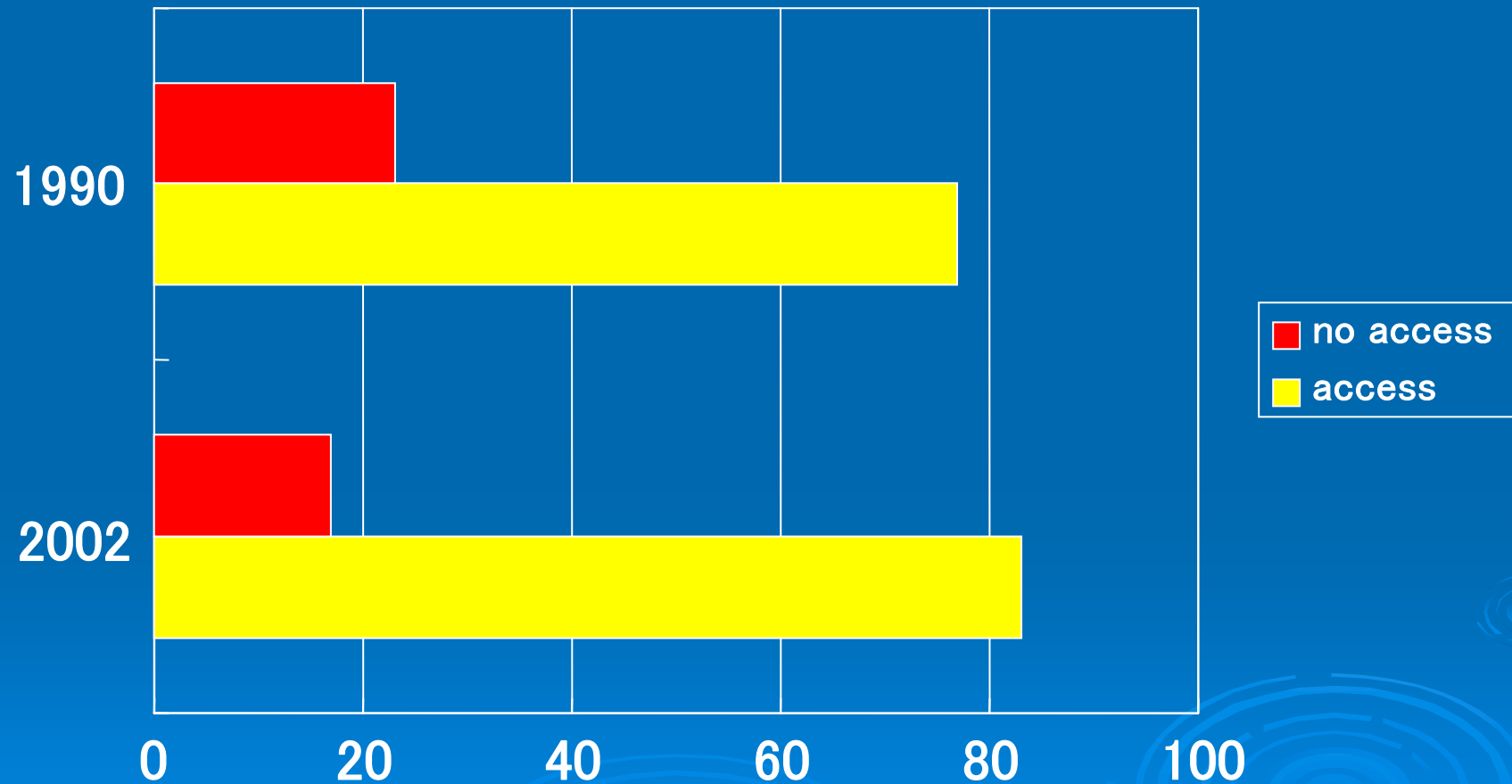
Draft Resolution for
the Sixty-First Session,
UN General Assembly

1. BACKGROUND

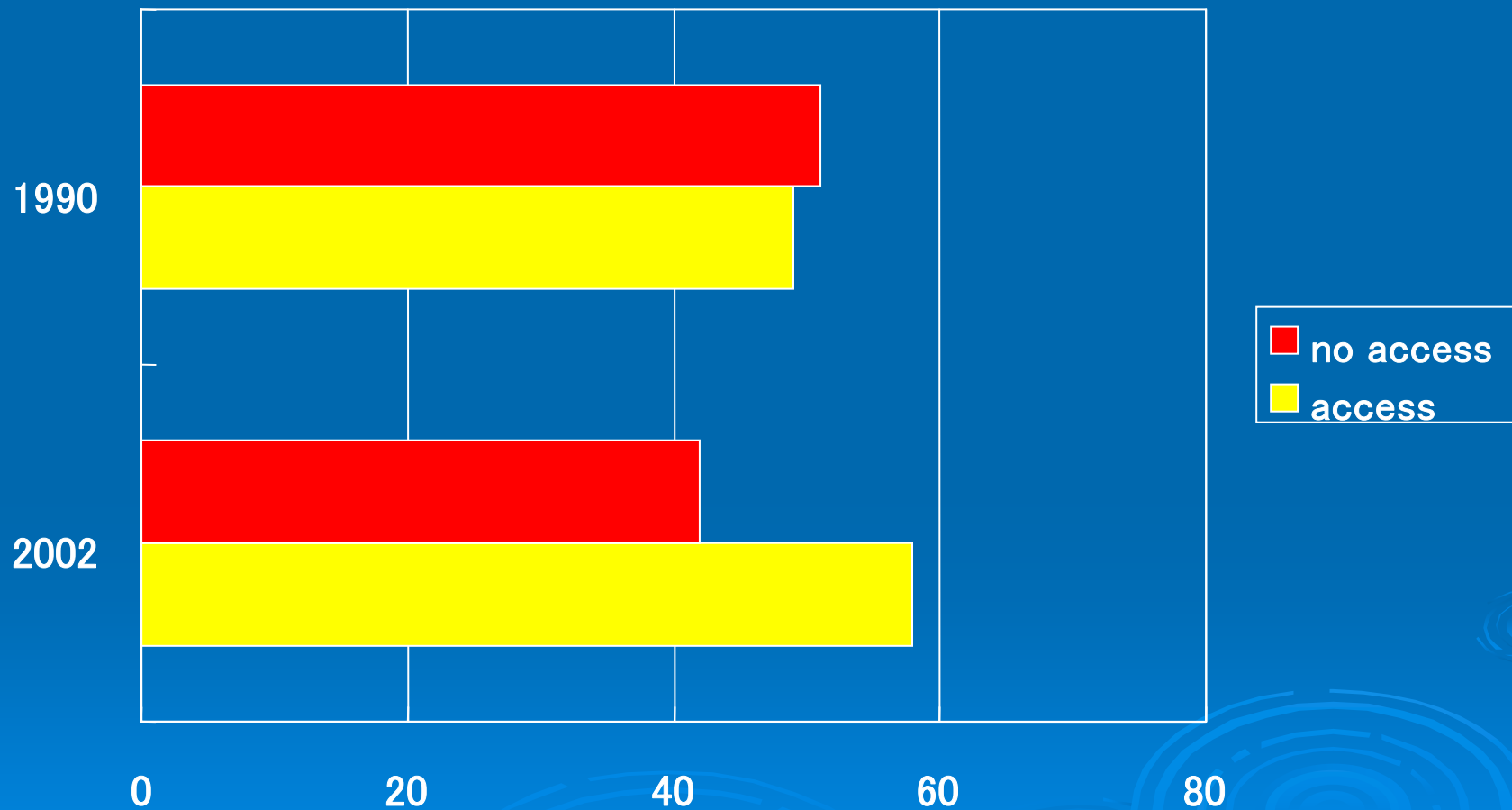
➤ **MDGs** Target on Sanitation
(= halving by 2015 the proportion of people with no access to basic sanitation) :

← very **slow progress** so far,
less attention given

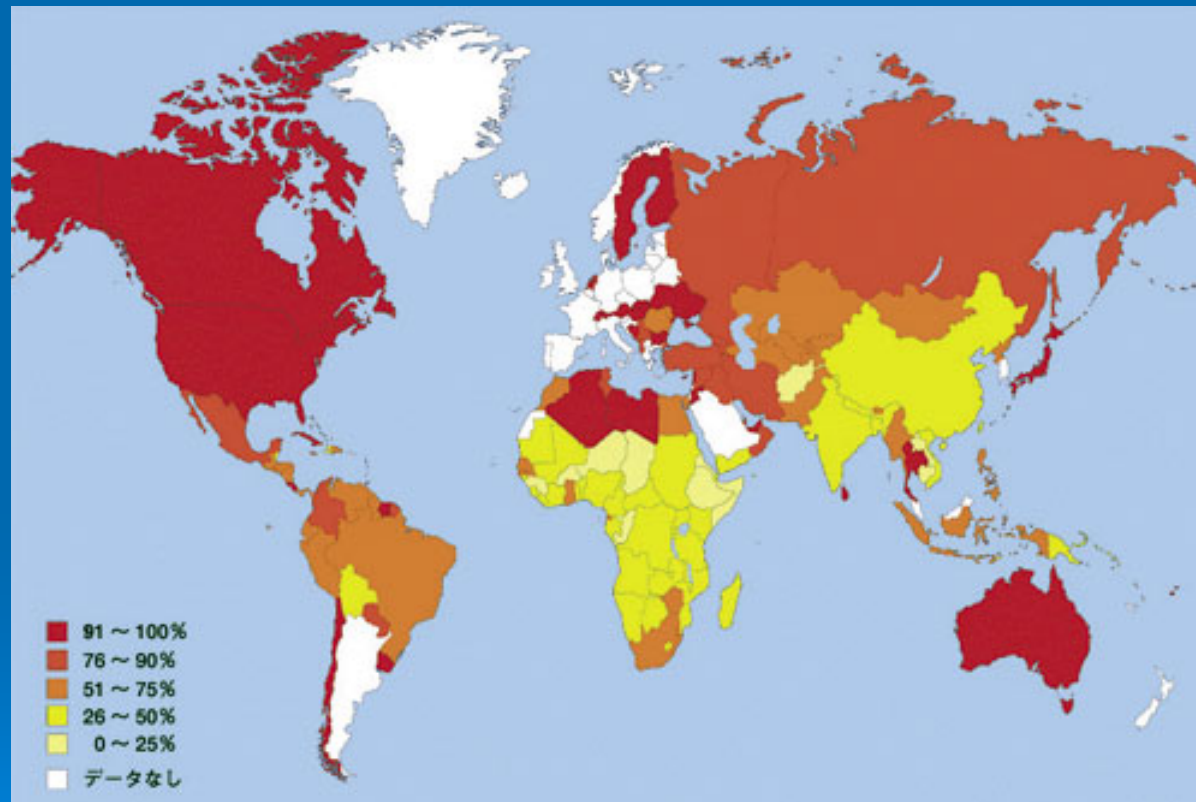
Progress in drinking water ...almost on the track



Progress in sanitation: **not enough** (still 2.6 billion no access)



Slow progress in Africa, Asia



Why sanitation matters ?

- Sanitation critical for Human Security:
 - Preventing **environmental damage**
 - Ensuring **public hygiene and health**
- Essential basis for poverty reduction and **Sustainable Development** of the world:

Relevant to every MDG goal



Slow progress on sanitation

→ **Negative impact** on Goal 7 (S/D), and MDGs as a whole

More action needed **urgently**

- To reach the **MDGs** target,
And
- To properly follow up the Johannesburg
Plan of Implementation (**JPOI**), 2002

UNSG Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation

- Chaired by late fmr PM of Japan,
Mr. Ryutaro HASHIMOTO
- **Hashimoto Action Plan** produced in March,
2006 in WWF4
- **“2008 as IYS”** recommended in the Plan

2008 critical year for WATSAN

Because:

- Comprehensive review of Decisions on Watsan in CSD 13th conducted in **CSD16**
- World Expo on water held in **Zaragoza**
- Lead-up to **5th World Water Forum** in Turkey, 2009

2. OBJECTIVE

Main purpose for IYS twofold:

1. **Raising global awareness at all level,**
incl. political leadership, for better
resource mobilization
2. **Drawing a concrete roadmap**
for each stakeholder,
with specific steps, defined timelines
to be shared and reviewed

Expected actions

For the Roadmap, actions recommended in **Hashimoto Action Plan** taken into account:

- Focus on 3 areas: hygiene, household, sewage
- Funding, Capacity, Technology, IWRM
- RDBs & UN to organize regional capacity workshops
- UN Regional Coms to organize regional H-L meetings in 2008
- UN to organize “Global Sanitation Conference”
- UN to establish “UN Sanitation Prize”

Donors' Assistance Coordinated

- e.g. Japan's "WASABI"
(= Watsan Broad Partnership Initiative)

← Sanitation as priority,

Example: Koshu (public) toilet for school in Zambia



3. IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

- **The UN-Water** invited to coordinate, drawing preliminary proposal for actions
- **The UN DESA**, Secretariat of the UN-WATER, to monitor progress in terms of MDGs and JPOI

4. EXPECTED SCHEDULES

- UN Water and UN DESA to organize in early 2007 a meeting to discuss concrete “**Roadmap**”
- Future occasions of the CSD sessions as possible occasion for **interim review**

THANK YOU !

