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Tourism is a significant contributor to a country's GDP

- According to the annual Economic Impact Report 2016 by the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC), the tourism sector added 7.2 million jobs to the global economy and contributed over US\$ 7.2 trillion to worldwide GDP last year, or 9.8 per cent of global GDP.
- Regionally, tourism accounts for roughly 4.6% of ASEAN GDP and 10.9% when taking into account all indirect contributions. It provides jobs for 9.3 million people, 3.2% of total employment, and indirectly supports approximately 25 million jobs (World Economic Forum, 2012). With 9.7% growth from 2012 to 2013 in international tourism receipts, and 10.5% growth in international tourist arrivals, the South-East Asian region achieved the highest tourism growth rate in the world, above Europe and America (UNWTO, 2014).



Tourism growth:

- Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) finds that the tourism sector in the Asia-Pacific region is projected to sustain its momentum and grow more than 40 per cent or around 657 million arrivals in the next five years.
- Based on the latest Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Visitor Forecasts, the region is poised to grow at an average rate of 4.6 percent per year.



More tourists in the face of dwindling and threatened water resources

News articles highlight the need to tackle water scarcity from 2014 -2016:

- Phuket (Thailand) Prays for Rain: Water Crisis Looms
- Bali's (Indonesia) Looming Water Crisis Threatens Tourism and Livelihoods
- Langkawi (Malaysia) to face critical water shortage by 2020, says deputy minister – Bernama
- Boracay (Philippines) Island News: COMING SOON: WATER CRISIS
- Galle (Sri Lanka) villages hit by water shortage
- Goa (India): Water scarcity forces guest houses to shut shop temporarily DNA
- Water crisis developing in drought-hit Viet Nam: UN
- Acute Water Shortage Leads to State of Emergency in the Maldives...



 Current situation: On the ground, how resorts supply water to guests and maintain resort esthetics can be fragile





Maybe it is time to reduce reliance on such methods of supplying water.





- For today we will learn about best practices;
- And tomorrow learn about some innovation ideas and technologies to address water scarcity applicable to hotels and resorts;
- Further how we can more forward discussion for tomorrow afternoon



- Addressing issues as a block, pressing other sectors to address problems via RBP
- A powerful voice
- Example: The Roundtable for Sustainable Palm oil
- What the UN brings to the table: Our convening

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