

Congress Achievements

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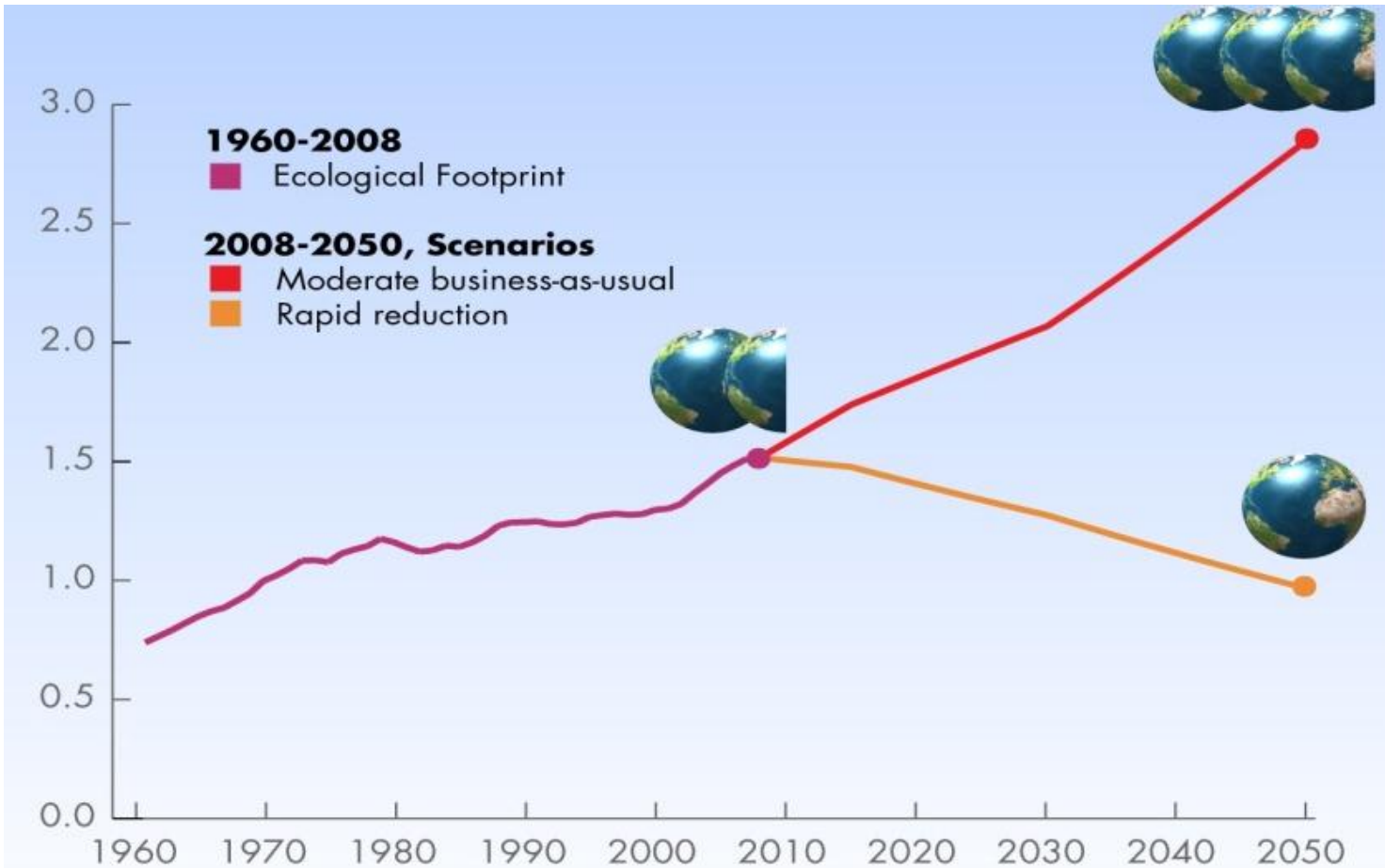
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Encouraging global trend of local action

- Since 1992 local action accelerated and results achieved.
- Many forms of local sustainability processes: local government, civil society, national, international cooperation, and concerted action.
- Local awareness is greater than ever before.
- Local action not happening in isolation.
- Seeing greater recognition of local actors at national and international level.



Current global pathway is endangering the future



y-axis: number of planet earths, x-axis: years

Source: Global Footprint Network 2011



Therefore:

- Sense of urgency to act has been acknowledged.
- Existing economic growth models need to be redesigned.
- Poverty eradication and social inclusion is part of resolving environmental challenges.
- Increasingly realization of the **benefits of sustainable cities**.
 - Cities for people with **healthy and happy** communities (young and old).
- Opportunity to make a contribution to Rio+20 and its outcome.



Processes towards implementation

- Connecting leaders
- Accelerating action
- Advancing solutions



Rising to the challenge: Making the change

- **Need to be even more ambitious and visionary.**
- **Need measurement and reporting framework: “What gets measured gets managed”.**
- **Integration is starting, but needs to be greater – only all agenda items make up a Sustainable City.**
- **More innovation, ideas, action through new alliances between business, youth and local governments.**
- **Requires to continue working together building common knowledge and language (eg. through research-practice platform PANDO).**
- **Requires better enabling and financing frameworks from national and international governments.**
- **Need to keep on asking: Are our actions and models courageous enough?**



Belo Horizonte: Keep the drums loud!

