The Blue Economy
A Report to the Club of Rome 2009

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one innovative business model each week for 100 weeks

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ZERI The Blue Economy
Background on ZERI
Zero Emissions Research and Initiatives

1994  Design a business model without waste or emissions supported by the Japanese government (until 1997), hosted by United Nations University

1996  Creation of the ZERI Foundation in cooperation with UNDP

2000  Most popular pavilion at the World Expo in Germany Presenting 7 innovative economic development models

2004  Start of 5 year research project on 100 innovations that shift the economic system towards a more competitive and sustainable model responding to needs using what we have
Background on “100 Innovations”

2005-2007  A team of researchers identified +2,200 innovations in peer group reviewed scientific literature, published in international journals

2007-2008  A team of business strategists, journalists, financiers assess the most relevant innovations based on
(1) competitive business model
(2) environmental breakthroughs, cut in energy
(3) major job generator

2008-2009  Meeting all the key scientists and entrepreneurs

2010  Book: “The Blue Economy: 100 innovations 10 years 100 million jobs.”

2010 onwards  Focus on implementation
The Blue Economy

Background on The Blue Economy

A 350 page book backed-up by 10,000 pages of documentation

A Report to the Club of Rome (2009)

Keynote presentation to UNIDO’s General Assembly (December 2009)

Foreword by Achim Steiner, Executive Director UNEP and Ashok Khosla, President of IUCN. Endorsed by UNEP.

34 language editions including braille
Chinese, Russian, Arabic, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Vietnamese, Ukrainian, Serbian, Turkish, Finnish, Hungarian, Romanian, French, Dutch, German, English (US, Australia, South Africa, India), ...

By mid-2011 - creation +100 enterprises inspired by The Blue Economy
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End of Batteries       Cheap Shiitake       Silk Razors       Maggot health
Case Study 1

Substituting batteries with NO batteries

Fraunhofer Institute (Germany) operates the first cell phones without batteries. Dr. Jorge Reynolds (UK and Colombia) operates pacemaker without batteries. This is the end of the green battery.

This leads to a complete redesign of all portable micro-electronic equipment from hearing aids, to MP3 players.

There is more than one technology that permits this breakthrough design, all have been scientifically proven and prototypes exist.

Implementation decreases quest for mining and smelting.
Case Study 2

Cascading Coffee Waste into Shiitake Mushrooms

The Colombia Coffee Federation demonstrated scientifically that coffee waste is ideal for farming mushrooms, and the waste substrate is great animal feed. This is the end of the simple composting or burning agro-waste.

This leads to the provision of food security while farming an export crop. This already generated 15,000 jobs in Colombia. Now Zimbabwe, Kenya, Ghana are following suit. Women spearhead the program.


Widespread implementation decreases methane emissions.
Case Study 3

Silk competes with Titanium

The Silk Group of Oxford University demonstrated that silk can be reconditioned with pressure and water control making it stronger than titanium. This is the end of metals destined for landfill.

There are already 5 companies implementing this technology.

Time has come to expand applications to consumer products. This creates jobs and supports sustainable agriculture.

Implementation requires more silk, only obtained through more reforestation, creating top soil and sequestering carbon massively.
Case Study 4

Converting Offal into Wound Treatment

The University of Bradford (UK) demonstrated that the enzymes of maggots treat leg ulcers better than any other, even those infected by MRSA, the antibiotic resistant bacteria. This is the end of antibiotics.

Maggots are produced by feeding offal to flies. The enzymes, only 0.2% are extracted. The life maggots rich in protein are fed to quails and fish.

This gives value to offal, especially in Africa and generates jobs. Benin pioneers this process at industrial scale. Germany invests €100 mio.

Implementation cleans up abattoirs and offers local health treatments.
Eliminating Combustion Engines

“putting cash in the local economy”
El Hierro Island in Spain
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Wind, hydro and wave power
Total Capacity 12 MegaWatt
## Economics of Electric Vehicles

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