In many parts of the world, freshwater is in short supply. Water is often pumped for miles, streams diverted and reservoirs and dams are constructed to provide for the growing populations in dry areas. As water levels drop and aquifers decline, people become more concerned about preserving their water resources. More than 2 billion people lack access to safe drinking water services, and more than 4 billion lack safely managed sanitation services. Differing governmental and commercial demands must be balanced so that communities have enough safe water for their needs. As available water supplies deplete, adjacent areas begin to battle with water contracts and water rights. How might the right to access clean water be achieved? How will regulations shape the future of access to water? How will water scarcity shape society?

### Theme 1: Freshwater is a Limited Resource

**A Water Crisis Looms for 270 Million People as South Asia’s Glaciers Shrink**

**The 4 Liters Challenge: Can You Use Just 4 Liters of Water a Day?**

### Theme 2: Access to Clean Water & Sanitation

**Millions of Americans Drink Potentially Unsafe Tap Water**

**Toilet Paper Startup Donates Millions to Global Sanitation Projects**

### Theme 3: Water Conflicts

**Water fight!**

**Egypt–Ethiopia Row: The Trouble over a Giant Nile Dam**

### Theme 4: The Future of Water Access

**Water Fix!**

**Turkey’s Action Plan to Fight Drought Focuses on Saving Water Sources**