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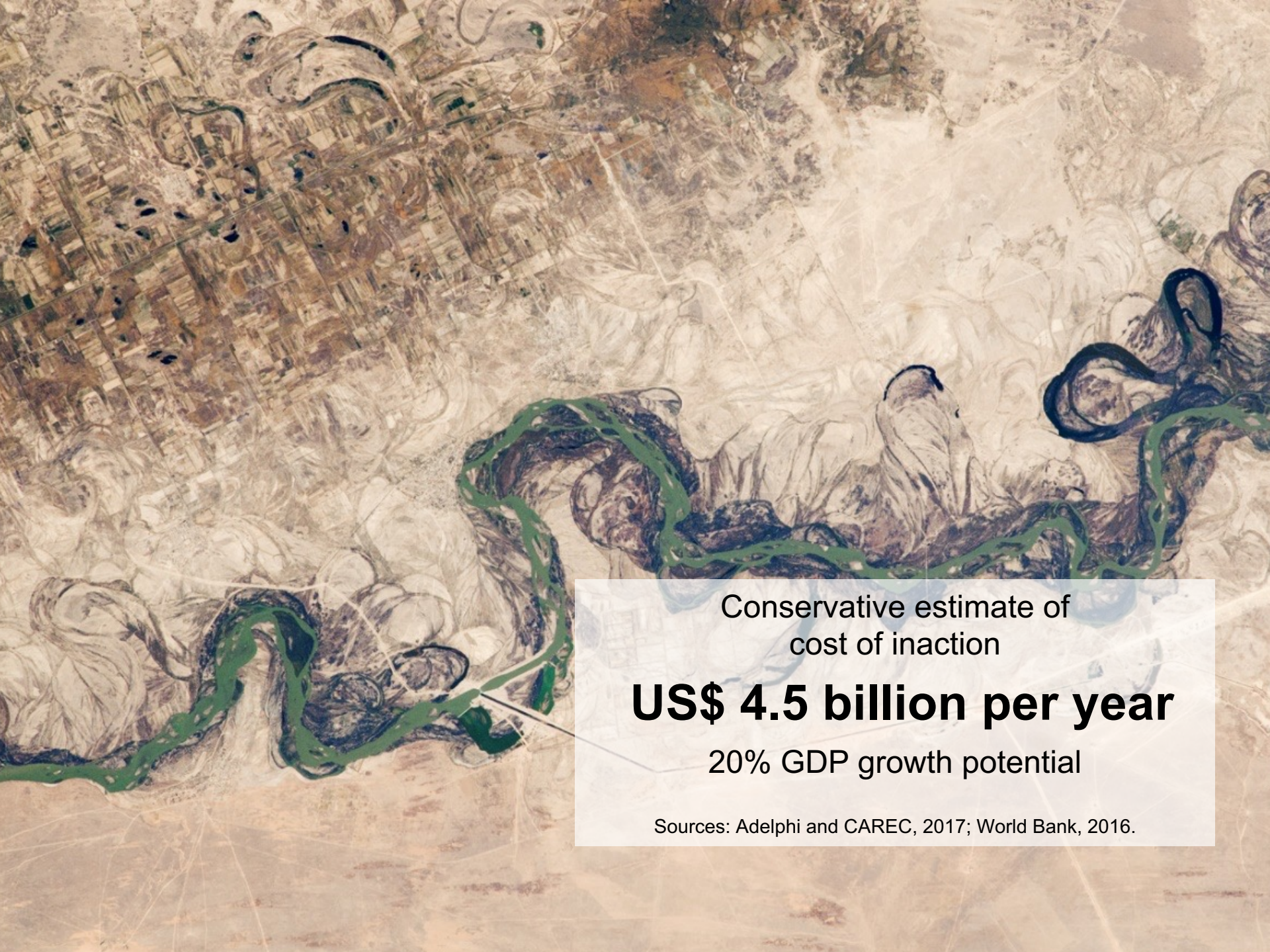
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Joining forces in water cooperation beyond boundaries to enable sustainable investments

Switzerland's long-term commitment in Central Asia



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Conservative estimate of
cost of inaction

US\$ 4.5 billion per year

20% GDP growth potential

Sources: Adelphi and CAREC, 2017; World Bank, 2016.

Switzerland's cooperation programme for Central Asia 2022-2025

- Strong focus on water and climate change (US\$ 108m, 50%)
- Support at *national* and *regional* level
- CAWEP
- Blue Peace Central Asia
- Long-term commitment: 12-15 years

Call to all development stakeholders to join forces for water cooperation and development at regional level