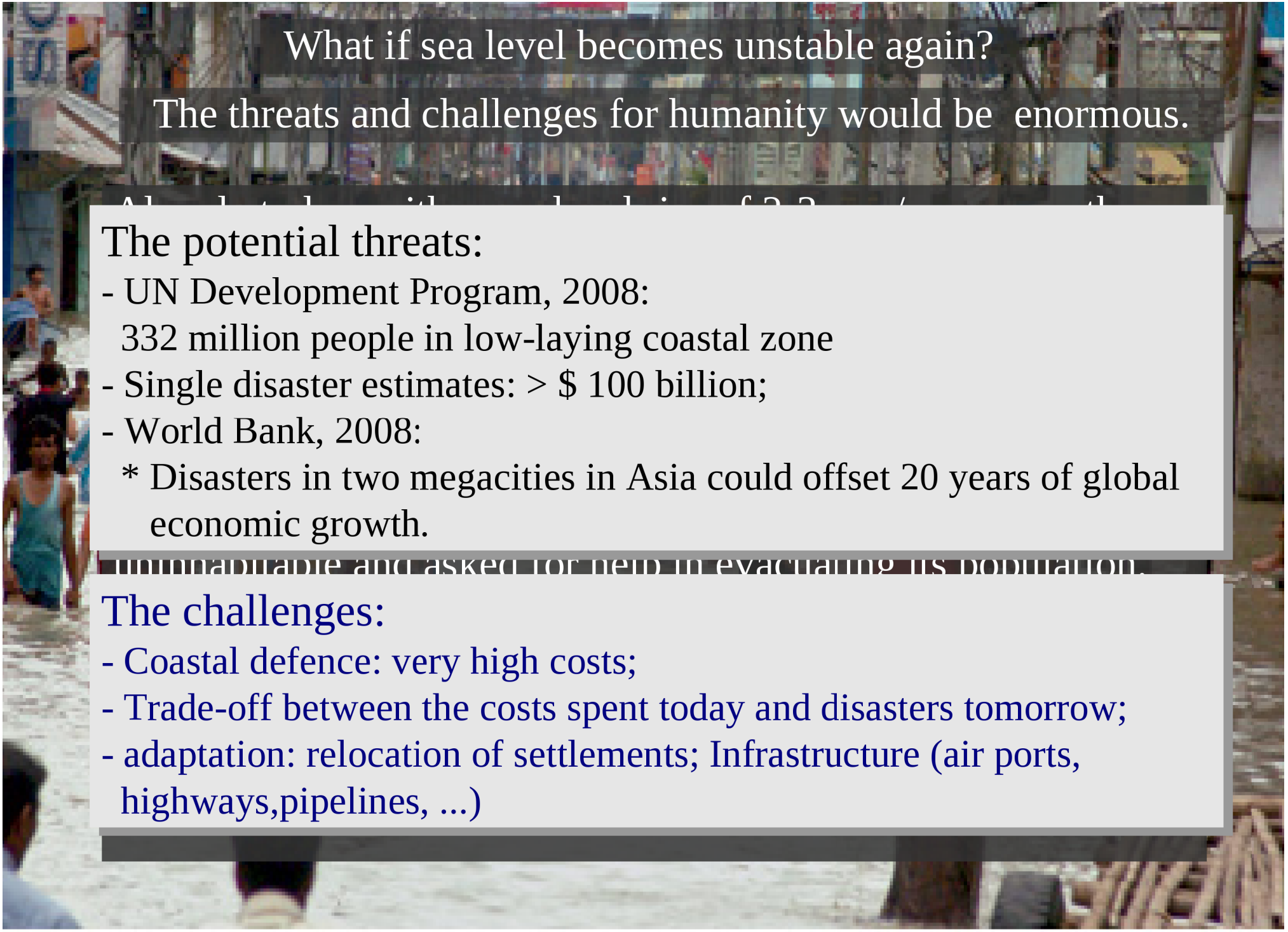

What if sea level becomes unstable again?

The threats and challenges for humanity would be enormous.

The potential threats:

- UN Development Program, 2008:
  332 million people in low-laying coastal zone
- Single disaster estimates: > $ 100 billion;
- World Bank, 2008:
  * Disasters in two megacities in Asia could offset 20 years of global economic growth.

The challenges:

- Coastal defence: very high costs;
- Trade-off between the costs spent today and disasters tomorrow;
- adaptation: relocation of settlements; Infrastructure (air ports, highways,pipelines, ...)

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