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Water Resources Management in Africa

Berlin, June 6, 2011 – The Roundtable „Water Resources Management in Africa“ took place today in Berlin/Germany. Frank Heinrich, Member of the German Parliament, and Ken Osinde, Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya, invited to the event. A number of ambassadors of African countries, representatives of science and NGOs, such as the Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (German Foundation for World Population) and Institute Water for Africa with its headquarters in Loffenau/Germany, followed the invitation. The Institute Water for Africa was represented by its Founder and President, Juergen Baisch.

Today's Roundtable dealt mainly with population growth in Africa and the increasing need for water on the continent.

As of today, more than 1.1 billion people do not have access to clean water. Africa's population grows by approx. 80 million inhabitants per year. Only Asia shows a stronger population increase.

John Nyaoro (Director Water Resources, Ministry of Water and Development, Kenya) and Caroline Kent (Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung) opened the discussion with their technical lectures. They showed by giving the example of Kenya how water resources management can be implemented to serve the poor. Today, Kenya is the African role model for water resources management.

The experts forecasted that the need for water will increase substantially along with population increase. To avoid conflicts about water it is essential to find ways to manage the water resources across national borders. Repeatedly, there have been dif-

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ferences about water quantities among the neighboring countries of large rivers such as the Nile.

Institute Water for Africa regarded this conference as future-oriented and successful.