

PRESS RELEASE

Water Scarcity in Africa

Berlin, November 11, 2010 – This Monday, November 22, 2010, Frank Heinrich, Member of the German Parliament, and His Excellence, Rachad Bouhlal, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco, invited to a Roundtable.

The Roundtable dealt with water scarcity in Africa. Mr. Günter Nooke, the German Chancellor's Commissary for Africa, 13 Ambassadors of African nations, Members of the German Parliament and representatives of science and development followed the invitation. The Institute Water for Africa was represented by its Founder and President, Juergen Baisch.

As of today, more than 1.1 billion people do not have access to clean water and more than 2.6 billion people suffer from a lack of basic sanitary hygiene. Every day, more than 6,000 children die of illnesses that could be prevented by supply of clean water and better sanitary conditions.

Dr. Philipp Magiera of GTZ (German Association for Technical Collaboration) held a lecture on effective water production and later opened the discussion. Mr. Said Rayhane and Mr. Samir Bensaid, both Moroccan nationals, reported on water production in rural Morocco.

The Roundtable served to create a network environment and to promote exchange of ideas and knowledge about water management. It was agreed to cooperate further in the future.

During the Roundtable, the opinion emerged that reliable meteorological and hydrological data must be collected. Moreover, the climatic change is not

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sufficiently documented. This affects those countries most that already suffer from lack of water.