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World Water Week Closes with 'Stockholm Statement' to the Rio+20



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STOCKHOLM, August 26, 2011 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- The 2011 World Water Week in Stockholm closed today with assembled participants supporting a "Stockholm Statement to the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro (Rio+20 Summit)".

The 'Stockholm Statement' calls on leadership at all levels of government that will participate at the Rio+20 Summit (4-6 June 2012) to commit to achieving "universal provisioning of safe drinking water, adequate sanitation and modern energy services by the year 2030" and to adopt concrete intervening targets to increase efficiency in the management of water, energy and food.

The 'Stockholm Statement' has been supported by UN-Water, the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and endorsed by a number of international organisations, including: Conservation International, International Water Management Institute, IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre, Stakeholder Forum, Stockholm International Water Institute, Wateraid and Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF), among others.

Full text of the Stockholm Statement and commentary from World Water Week participants are available at <http://www.worldwaterweek.org/stockholm-statement-rio20>.

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