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2013 STOCKHOLM STATEMENT: ADVOCATING WATER

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The Stockholm Statement advocates on key issues and governance priorities from the water community to stakeholders worldwide. Coordinated and steered by SIWI, the Stockholm Statement aims to raise water higher up on the political agenda, both as a human right and as an essential productive resource. SIWI intends to elevate the status of water issues on the Post-2015 development agenda.

In September 2013, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 68) will convene and discuss initial findings from the Open Working Group on the SDGs and Post-2015 Development Agenda consultative processes. SIWI believes that this assembly presents a critical opportunity to champion and safeguard the unique role played by water towards sustainable global development. With the aim of encouraging deeper and clearer integration into sustainable development, SIWI will be submitting the 2013 Stockholm Statement to the UNGA 68.

Contribute to this paper on our new digital forum

In the spirit of wide collaboration, during the UN International Year of Water Cooperation, SIWI is collecting views and opinions from all sectors and disciplines to contribute to the content of the 2013 Stockholm Statement paper. An interactive digital forum has been purpose built for this activity and organised into the five different themes that we believe are necessary in guiding sustainable development; *Sanitation and Drinking Water, Productivity, Vulnerability, Quality and Governance.*

The forum is formally open until July 14 and we want to hear what stakeholders of all types think and feel about these subjects. Users are able to login and take part in discussions via a simple registration process or by using existing google, facebook or twitter accounts. As we aim to build an open platform for debate and the opportunity to air all views, it will be possible to post anonymously.

In late July, all comments will be reviewed and considered whilst SIWI writes the first draft Stockholm Statement. This draft statement will be available online for review and comment by forum users during the month of August. The final Stockholm Statement will be presented to participants at World Water Week in Stockholm during September 1-6 before being submitted to UNGA 68 in September.

Through the Stockholm Statement online forum, we hope to create a head start in forming constructive, candid and continuous collaboration towards the realisation of water wise global goals. We look forward to hearing from you and the diverse voices throughout the water community. ■

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