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**10 Years German Water Partnership –
Expertise combined with Vision**



From left to right: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Peter Hartwig (ISAH), Prof. Dr.-Ing.habil. Martin Wagner (TU Darmstadt), Hubertus Soppert (CEO p2m), Robert Binder (CEO BinderGroup), Excellence S.E. Shi Mingde (Ambassador PR China in Germany), Gunda Röstel (CEO Stadtentwässerung Dresden), Julia Braune (CEO German Water Partnership)

10 years ago representatives of German water management and science met and founded the network German Water Partnership, supported by five governmental departments: Federal Foreign Office (AA), Federal Ministry for Economics and Technology (BMWi), Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Since this time the member firms represent themselves together at one joint booth worldwide on international environmental fairs and exhibitions as well as on especially developed GWP-Days. This is a series of events, where German experts of the water industry meet decision-makers in foreign countries, to develop customized solutions for their water industry. GWP offers regularly delegation trips and other events e.g. market development trips supported by the Federal Ministry for Economics and Technology.

End of June in Berlin the 10th anniversary was celebrated with more than 170 guests and representatives of all partner ministries of GWP not only considering all success of the of the past 10 years, but also with a view into the future.

At the beginning during the general meeting a new directory was elected for the next years. Next culmination was the public viewing of the football match-Germany- South Korea, lost by German team followed by elimination from the World Championship.

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The proceeds of the raffle during the anniversary party were donated to the **Neven Subotic Foundation**. They support projects among other things to feed people in Ethiopia with potable water



The second day started with a panel discussion **Water Management 2030: REDUCE – RECYCLE – RETHINK**. The working groups presented their topics followed by the discussion with all members in the worldcafé. The final big highlight was the keynote of the first ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary in PR China, Mr. Shi Mingde.

Robert Binder has been working for many years as the deputy leader of the Country Section China. Furthermore we work in the Country Section Turkey as well as in the Working Group Water and Energy.

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