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## **New Study Highlights Potential for Farmer-Led Irrigation to Transform Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia**

**Sunday, 26 August 2012, 14:00 - 17:30**

**World Water Week, [Stockholmsmässan](#), Room K11**

As food prices escalate globally due to the failed monsoon season in Asia and the “super drought” in the United States, experts will gather in Stockholm on Monday, 27 August to examine the pivotal role smallholder farmers can play in bolstering local and global food security with the use of small-scale, on-farm innovations in irrigation.

A new study, to be released just ahead of Stockholm World Water Week by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), a CGIAR consortium research center, finds that a surprising number of smallholder farmers are taking water management into their own hands—a growing trend that could result in significant yield increases and add tens of billions of US dollars to household revenues across sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

International water experts, together with voices from the public and private sector, will discuss the findings of the report, drawing on experiences from sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. Speakers will highlight the importance of this ongoing, farmer-driven trend; the potential economic benefits of smallholder water management and the investment opportunities to support this thriving sector.

**WHO:** Dr. Meredith Giordano, IWMI  
Prof. Charlotte de Fraiture, UNESCO-IHE, Institute for Water Education  
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Dr. Jennie Barron, Stockholm Environment Institute  
Mr. Ben Nyamadi, Ghana Irrigation Development Authority  
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Mr. Vijay Shankar, Samaji Pragati Sahayog, India  
Dr. Jean-Marc Faures, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**WHAT:** Visit <http://bit.ly/waterweekevent> to review the program.

To receive copies of the press release and background materials in advance, or to request an interview, please contact [mgeis@burnesscommunications.com](mailto:mgeis@burnesscommunications.com).

**WHERE:** [Stockholmsmässan](#), Room K11  
Stockholm, Sweden

**WHEN:** Sunday, 26 August 2012, 14:00 - 17:30

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## **Meet the researchers**

Reception to mark the publication of

### ***Water for Wealth and Food Security: Supporting farmer-driven Investments in agricultural water management***

Monday, 27 August, 15:30, IWMI Booth Exhibition Hall

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The research partners were the Stockholm Environment Institute, the International Food Policy Research Institute, iDE, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations and CH2MHill. In-country collaborative partners included the Direction des Amenagements et du Developpement de l'Irrigation (DADI), Ministry of Agriculture, Burkina Faso; Ghana Irrigation Development Authority; Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development, Ethiopia; Centre for Advanced Research & Development, Bhopal, India; Rajarhat PRASARI, West Bengal, India; Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives, Tanzania; and the Department of Agriculture, Zambia.