

## Press release

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### **International DNP: Award-winning cooperation for a sustainable future**

Wilo presents award to German-Jordanian water partnership

**Düsseldorf.** With the International German Sustainability Award (IDNP), Wilo and the German Sustainability Award Foundation have recognised innovative business partnership for a second time. The award honours partnerships between organisations of the Global North and South which make a significant contribution to sustainability with environmental and efficiency technology. The award was presented under the auspices of the German Sustainability Award, Europe's most important distinction for ecological and social commitment.

"From a geo-economical standpoint and with respect to global sustainability goals, partnerships between the Global North and South are of vital importance", says Oliver Hermes. [In a recent essay, the President & CEO of the Wilo Group advocates adopting a new perspective on the countries of the South.](#) "As a multinational technology group, Wilo bears global responsibility and has therefore set itself the task of supporting international cooperation." According to Hermes, this is firmly anchored in Wilo's overarching sustainability strategy. "We are consistently aligning ourselves with the three impact areas: Creating, Caring and Connecting", says Georg Weber, Member of the Executive Board and CTO of the Wilo Group. "Connecting thereby stands for Wilo's sustainable impact through its commitment to strong partnerships."

This year, the Water Operators' Partnership between Hamburg's waterworks and the Jordanian water supplier Miyahuna was honoured. The goal of the cooperation is to improve water supply and wastewater services in Jordan, one of the most arid countries on the planet. To this end, waterworks processes were optimised to increase water production, water quality was improved by means of enhanced lab work and energy savings measures were implemented in the wastewater treatment plants.

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The International German Sustainability Award was presented to this partnership on 29 November by the General Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and former German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Dr Gerd Müller, along with Wilo CTO Georg Weber.

"The award-winning water partnership impressively exhibits the potential inherent in international cooperation", Oliver Hermes highlights. "In an increasingly networked world, we can only master the challenges of our times – from climate change to the scarcity of resources – together. Technological and knowledge transfer between North and South plays a vital role here."

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**Image caption:** Presenting the International German Sustainability Award (from left): Moderator Stefan Schulze-Hausmann, Dr Gerd Müller, General Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and former German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, as well as Wilo CTO Georg Weber. Image: Schuchrat Kurbanov

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**Image caption:** This year, the Water Operators' Partnership between Hamburg's waterworks and the Jordanian water supplier Miyahuna was honoured. Image: Christian Köster

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