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**KATHY SPAHN, PRESIDENT & CEO OF HELEN KELLER INTERNATIONAL
ELECTED CHAIR OF INTERACTION'S BOARD**

June 7, 2010, New York, NY - Kathy Spahn, President and CEO of Helen Keller International, was recently elected Chair of InterAction's Board of Directors. She succeeds Jo Luck, president of Heifer International.

InterAction is a 190-member alliance of U.S.-based international nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) that works to focus U.S. development and humanitarian assistance on improving the conditions of the world's poor and most vulnerable. It is a forum where prominent NGOs, global thought leaders, and policymakers work collectively to advance poverty alleviation and humanitarian relief efforts, working in close collaboration with the United States government.

In her new role, Kathy Spahn will lead the 22-person Board of Directors, which is comprised of CEOs of prominent International NGOs.

"It is an incredible honor to be elected as InterAction's Chair," said Kathy Spahn. "InterAction is a powerful and unifying voice in our community, and a great vehicle to further the mission of member organizations, including HKI."

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Founded in 1915, Helen Keller International's (HKI) mission is to save the sight and lives of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged. HKI combats the causes and consequences of blindness and malnutrition by establishing programs based on evidence and research in vision, health and nutrition. The organization is known for sustainability, reliability, efficiency, and the highest level of technical expertise in preventing blindness and reducing malnutrition. HKI is headquartered in New York City, and has programs in 21 countries in Africa and Asia as well as in the United States, addressing malnutrition (including vitamin A deficiency), cataract, trachoma, onchocerciasis (river blindness) and refractive error. HKI receives support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and other national and local governments as well as from private and corporate foundations and individuals.