

AREA PHONE CONFERENCE

7th Conference Call in 2011 on December 20th

Participants:

Auldridge Chibbwalu, Trainer in organic farming and climate change activist, Livingstone, Zambia

Ansgar Kiene, Director WFC Africa / AREA Coordinator, South Africa

Johan Lewin, The Seeland Community Development Trust / Masibambane Community Project, St. Helena Bay, Western Cape Province, South Africa

Katrin Heeren, Founder, Climate Projects Africa, Berlin, Germany

Yotam Ariel, Managing Director, Bennu Solar, Hong Kong, China

Zev Gross, Former Head of the Energy division of the Israel Ministry of National Infrastructure; Now an independent consultant, Bet Shemesh, Israel

Next AREA Conference Call will be on Thursday, 26 January 2012 at 17:00 South African Time

Topics discussed:

1) Introduction

Participants introduced themselves and shared their background and current activities with each other.

You will get the full picture by looking into the AREA member profiles; you may search for names, country, city or even tags such as cooking, etc. <http://area-network.ning.com/profiles/members/>

2) Connecting points

→ Zev and Katrin are especially interested in an exchange on CDM in Africa. AREA member [Florian Zerzawy](#) of atmosfair will be a good contact in this field

→ Katrin is looking for involvement with **local communities** on capacity building for social benefits.

→ For CDM you may want to get in touch with Hervé Azemtsa (h.azemtsa@s2-gmbh.com) and for domestic biogas connect with his colleague Durando Ndongsok (d.ndongsok@s2-gmbh.com)

→ [Johan](#) would very much like to build upon the positive experience with the Masibambane “Run & Cycle Against climate Change” from the Electra Windturbine in Port Elizabeth to COP17 in Durban. Use renewable energies to reduce poverty! Educate people and make use of the most appropriate combination of sources (small hydro/ biomass/ wind/ sun). Provide communication services (mobile & internet). How to enable the communities? Let’s connect and make things happen in 2012!

→ Microfinance often difficult to obtain from ordinary banks, it’s sometimes easier to convince the financial institutions when organisations such as atmosfair are involved. [Gifty Baaba Asmah](#) is dealing with microfinance for renewable energy (cooking and electricity) in Ghana.

3) AREA

2012 will be a transition year for **AREA to evolve from a network into an organisation**. [The AREA Steering Committee](#) conducted a fruitful meeting in Casablanca and the main results will be shared with all AREA members shortly.

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