

AREA PHONE CONFERENCE

6th Conference Call in 2011 on October 27th

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Next AREA Conference Call will be announced in advance.

Topics discussed:

1) Communication

a. AREA website now offers information in English, French & Portuguese

I'm looking forward receiving interesting information (documents, reports, studies, web-links, etc.) from you that will be made available in the <http://www.area-net.org/index.php?id=library0>

b. AREA now has it's **Twitter** channel to share information **@area_network**

c. Engaging with AREA members via our online communication platform (intranet):

The AREA Steering Committee is cautious in sharing personal e-mail addresses of AREA members with the network. The communication should be made using our website, hence motivating members to access the web platform more frequently.

If you would like, for example, to invite AREA members from Lagos, Nigeria to a meeting you have the option to select: <http://area-network.ning.com/profiles/members/?q=lagos> and get in touch with them.

We are as well a bit reluctant to enable every one to share something with the whole network by sending an e-mail notification to now around 600 persons. AREA members are sensitive towards receiving too many e-mails. On the other hand it's true that it remains a challenge to alert members on interesting postings on the website.

2) Import duties and taxes for renewable energy equipment

Please contribute to this interesting and important documentation at:

<http://area-network.ning.com/profiles/blogs/eliminating-import-duties-and-tax-on-solar-products>

3) The AREA Steering Committee is going to meet end of November in Casablanca, Morocco

Your thoughts on "membership fees & benefits" to be introduced in 2012 are highly appreciated. AREA is not someone, it's YOU, everyone of you are to decide and take action!

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