



1st Strategic Meeting

ANSOLE - UGANDA

Minutes of February 18th, 2018 Meeting

Agenda

1. Arrival and Registration: 5:30 – 6 pm
2. Open meeting: 6pm
3. Facilitator - Lukia Nabawanuka
4. Introduction - by participants: 6:10 - 6:20 pm
5. Welcoming and Introduction of our guest Mr. Daniel Ayuk Mbi Egbe: 6:20 pm
6. Speech from Mr. Daniel A. M. Egbe: 6:20 - 6:40 pm
7. Committee elections 7:00 - 7:10 pm
 - Country representative - Uganda
 - University program coordinator
 - General program coordinator
 - Secretary
 - Other posts
8. Going through General Organisation's items: 7:10- 7:15 pm
9. Discussion topics 7:15 - 7:40 pm
10. Closing meeting by Daniel A. M. Egbe 7:40 pm
11. Networking 7:40 – 8 pm
12. Departure for those who would love to leave: 8 pm

Minutes

ANSOLE –Uganda Members 1st Strategic Meeting was chaired by the ANSOLE country representative Ms. Lukia Nabawanuka at Urban City Blue Hotel, who financially sponsored the meeting. The minutes were written by Ms Joan Talibawo

A. Attendance

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1. Opening Remarks

The meeting was opened by the chairperson who welcomed and thanked members for having turned up at short notice for the in the interest of ANSOLE activities. She specially appreciated and welcomed Prof. Daniel Ayuk Mbi Egbe – founder and international coordinator of ANSOLE to the same event as was visiting Uganda for a first time.

2. Introduction of members

Members present made self-introductions and shared brief profiles of themselves to colleagues.

Prof. Daniel congratulated members for having joined ANSOLE. He shared about successes and opportunities that the ANSOLE network is celebrating seven years down the road that include among others:

- 13 PhD and Masters Scholarships
- Organised 17 Conferences plus 2 more planned for 2018.
- 3 Summer Schools
- Proud to have over a thousand members including personal, institutional and organisation memberships.

Here was re-emphasized the purpose of ANSOLE as that of sharing to keep growing with reflections from Genesis 12:2-3. A practical example of life and blessings that come with giving was given based on a comparison between the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee. The Sea of Galilee receives and gives out its waters while the Dead Sea only receives. Members were encouraged thus to give more and be more of a blessing to the ANSOLE family and its initiatives, as we reach out to a wider community. And sure! One way members were encouraged to share of their fruits was to become active members by committing to always pay their yearly membership fee of 20 euros.

3. ANSOLE Committee election

To get ANSOLE –Uganda organised and fruitful, members discussed and agreed to have a specific leadership structure. The following were the agreed positions with specific roles outlined.

- **National Representative, Uganda**



- Accounting officer for ANSOLE –Uganda
- Media support and internet web page within ANSOLE web site

- **General Program Coordinator**

- Raise funds for ANSOLE university projects
- Work with other organisations to form collaborative partnerships
- Spread information about ANSOLE
- Implement new curriculum programs in universities or other academic institutions
- Work hand in hand with the national representative.

- **University Coordinators**

- Introduce ANSOLE in their specific universities.
- Work to recruit faculty and students to ANSOLE activity programs through creation of ANSOLE clubs for example.
- Appoint student and lecturer/professors on ANSOLE –Uganda committee that assists in running ANSOLE activities and represent ANSOLE Uganda during ANSOLE international programs.
- Collaborate with other departments concerning ANSOLE days/activities.
- Communicate with the national representative and international coordinator.
- Form partnerships with communities businesses, working with them to fund ANSOLE program initiatives at your university.
- Work with the general program coordinator on implementing new curriculum programs in academic institutions.
- Share a quarterly report with the national representative.

- **General Secretary**

- Obtains appropriate facilities for organisation activities
- Keeps a record of all members of the organisation
- Keep a record of all activities of the organisation
- Prepares an agenda with the national representative for all meetings
- Notifies all members of meetings and general ANSOLE communications
- Prepares organization calendar of events
- Keeps the organisation informed of both organisational and university business
- Keeps and distributes minutes of each meeting of the organisation
- Creates and distributes agendas for each meeting of the organisation.



The following members were voted and appointed to the different specific positions:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country Representative 	Ms . Lukia Nabawanuka
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Program Coordinator 	Mr. Jimmy Chaciga
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Secretary 	Ms. Joan Talibawo
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Coordinators -Gulu University -Kyambogo University -Kisubi University -Makerere University 	Mr. Tabu Benard Ms. Nasejje Stella Ms. Nasejje Stella Members Suggested Dr. Okello Denis who, one day later, accepted the position.

4. ANSOLE General Organisation’s Items

For guidance and effective service expectations of all members, the chairperson highlighted some key information about ANSOLE. This included:
Values: Getting results, integrity, showing commitment, building inspiring projects, and putting partnerships first, willingness and ability to learn.

Goals: The three main goals of ANSOLE are:

- Foster technical and Vocational education and training (TVET) in renewable energies at various esill levels (capacity building)
- Foster research activities in renewable energies among African scientists and non-African scientists who are directly involved in the training and education of African –students and experts (capacity building)
- Promote and encourage the use of renewable energies in Africa (sustainable development and economy, environmental protection, etc)

ANSOLE Members were also encouraged to do further reading about purpose and objectives of the organisation. These were outlined in a shared document as copied and presented below for reflective purposes.

ANSOLE promotes research, education and vocational training in renewable energy (RE) among Africans and non – Africans with a special focus and relationship with Africa. It endorses the use of RE to the benefit of social and economic development of Africa as well as environmental protection through.

- Education and vocational training of African technicians, scientists, experts and student.
- Exchange of students and visiting scientists.
- Mutual research work with various funding institutions.
- Joint publications
- Organising workshops, conferences and meetings in Africa.
- Organising and implementing programs on RE for post-graduate students.
- Promoting capacity building in use of Rein Africa for all.

- Supporting the creation of national renewable energy associations/networks.
- Setting up of a database on scientists, scientific institutions and businesses operating in RE sector in Africa.
- Supporting the establishment of regional vocational training and education centers on Rein various regions of Africa.

Members who can afford, were encouraged to consider paying up membership fees as they recruit more members in support of the organisation activities towards attaining the shared objectives.

The chairperson and Prof. Daniel A. M. Egbe found it important for members to note that any individual or corporate person supporting the goals of the network can become a member, either by downloading, filling and then sending the membership application form to the coordinator (Daniel.egbe@ansole.org) or by contacting the secretary for the form, who then sends the fully filled in form to the national representative (lukienab@gmail.com) for submission to the coordinator.

5. Other discussions

Ms. Lukia informed members about the willingness for GIZ to support ANSOLE activities if only a bigger community is involved. Members from the focused group discussion potted out the business people, researchers and students as possible reach out groups within bounds of ANSOLE objectives. From the group discussions members pointed out the possibility of some companies offering both or either financial and physical support.

National Institute of Solar energy in India was reported as willing to support ANSOLE activities as well.

One member, cautioned though for the need to be careful when it comes to networking and creating collaborations with specific organisations to protect the values and objectives of ANSOLE.

Prof. Daniel A. M. Egbe shared the bigger vision of ANSOLE as working towards becoming a unique and specialised consultancy entity in renewable energy technologies and solutions.

➤ **When to meet?**

As part of the ANSOLE – Uganda working strategy, members shared opinions about when and how to meet to share and follow up on ANSOLE activities. It was agreed to that members would meet at least four times a year. They agreed to have the next meeting in about a months time (18th March) to focus more on planning and identifying activities that may bring members together and how best to introduce ANSOLE in Universities.

➤ **How to get Renewable/Solar companies on board?**

The administrative committee was tasked by members present to identify and document the competent and potential trainers in various areas among members who can ably support practical skills development when trainings or workshops are organised.

The same idea of documentation of company/NGO profiles and their contacts that may be supportive and reached out to was also shared and noted.

Technicians also need to be mobilised.

➤ **How to make ANSOLE more attractive to employees in renewable /solar energy sector?**

- Engage companies and other stakeholders in training especially for University students and staff.
- Organise trade exhibitions. This was identified as part of workable strategy for next years planned event in Uganda. The committee was tasked to distribute tasks in the interest of its success.
- Reach out to the companies and share with them about ANSOLE network goals and objectives, and in turn find out their needs.
- Create a platform for information sharing probably a space within the ANSOLE website.
- Organising continuous professional development courses.
- Talk to the press about workshops.
- Follow up with installations and provide support to the final consumers.

➤ **More Institutional involvement:**

One member suggested that at least one vocational institution and probably other universities be brought on board. Ndejje University and Nakawa Vocational Institute were suggested.

Dr.Stefan Skupien promised to share a link for where proposals can be shared for financial support as well as a list of collaborative working tools that may be of help to the ANSOLE group.

Prof. Daniel A. M. Egbe encouraged members to remain focused and not to give up.

➤ **Closure**

The chairperson thanked members for having turned up for the meeting and closed the meeting at 19:40 pm and networking went on till 9 pm.



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