AFRICA DAY

Saturday, 20.05. 2017

Part I: Mini-Conference on Africa and Photo Exhibition

Time: 13:30 – 17:00

Venue: Haus auf der Mauer, Johannisplatz 26, 07743 Jena

Part II: Evening Gala: Africa Today and Beyond

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"The Invitation"

*The **African student community in Jena**, in collaboration with **ANSOLE e.V.** (www.ansole.org) is inviting everyone to the maiden "Africa Day" celebration on Saturday, 20.05.2017. Experience rich cultures from different African countries, get to know current socio-political events presented by African students, taste varieties of African food, and party the African way!*

About ANSOLE:

The African Network for Solar Energy promotes research, education and training in the field of renewable energies among Africans as well as non-Africans with a special focus on - and relationships with - Africa.

As outlined in its by-laws, ANSOLE supports non-profit activities in the field of development aid and cultural exchange with the aim of strengthening the dialogue between the North and African countries (north-south) and among African countries (south-south) on renewable energy.

It endorses the use of solar energy to the benefit of the social and economic development of Africa as well as environmental protection through:

- Education and training of African scientists, experts and students
- Exchange of students and visiting scientists
- Workshops, conferences and meetings in Africa
- Organising and implementing projects and programmes on renewable energy
- Promoting capacity building in the use of renewable energy in Africa for all

As a non-profit and charitable organization registered in Jena Germany (as ANSOLE e.V.), it is locally involved in educational issues related to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and in arts and culture. In addition, it offers a platform of articulation of students and migrants from Africa with the aim to facilitate their integration and acceptance within the German society.

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How did we get to this point?

Play act 1

Ms **Juliette Essomba,** Master´s student on renewable energy at Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena met in 2016 Dr. med. **Anne Egbe** for medical consultation at Wagnergasse 22, 07743 Jena. Dr Anne Egbe, treasurer of ANSOLE e.V., informed her about the African Network for Solar Energy and its activities. Ms Essomba got interested and was invited to attend ANSOLE e.V. ´s general assembly (GA) meeting on the 5th of November 2016. Ms Essomba came to the meeting bringing along with her some African students, among them **Bismark Appiah**, who is now playing a prominent role in the organisation of the AFRICA DAY. *That was the first contact between ANSOLE e.V. and African students in Jena*. Most of the students later joined the network. **Bismark Appiah** and **Yusif Seidu,** both from Ghana were later invited to attend the VolkswagenStiftung-sponsored Summer School on „Sustainable Energetics for Africa" held from the 27th of February till the 3rd of March 2017 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, which was organised by ANSOLE and partners.



Participants at ANSOLE e.V. General Assembly Meeting on the 5th of Nov 2016

Play act 2

In the course of her Master´s thesis on migrants organisations in Thuringia, **Medine Yilmaz** of Thuringian Ministry of Migration contacted me. She told me that I was linked to her by MigraNetz Thüringen. We made an interview appointment at a cafeteria in the Jena city center towards the end of 2016, during which I mentioned the contact existing between ANSOLE e.V. and African students in Jena. Medine suddenly encouraged ANSOLE e.V. to team up with African students to apply for funds from Erfurt to carry out Integration activities. It was agreed to have a first meeting with African students on the 07.01.2017 to discuss this issue. This was held at the Ebertstr. 14, 07743 Jena, which is the official address of ANSOLE e.V.. We decided from the onset to portray a positive image of Africa through all our prospective activities.




Photo of 8 out of 9 attendees of the first meeting with African students at the Ebertstr. 14, 07743 Jena

Play act 3 and subsequent play acts

The second meeting was held at Lutherplatz 3, 07743 Jena, on the 26.01.2017. We are grateful to Frau **Dörthe Thiele** for putting the big seminar room at our disposal. This meeting was attended by a larger number of students and some representatives of NGO´s in Thuringia (in total 20 attendees). The discussions were finetuned on how African students can effectively act as „bridge builders" within the German society.



Participants at the 2nd Meeting with the African students on the 26.01.2017

For some private reasons we were prohibited to hold the 3rd meeting at the planned venue of Ebertstr. 14, 07743 Jena on the 11.03. 2017. I was forced to quickly improvise a venue at the open… 6 of us met, almost in the dark, at the Cafeteria of Ernst –Abbe Platz. **Janny Guevara** of Migranetz Thüringen, who attended that 3rd meeting offered us the possibility to meet in the future at Iberoamerica e.V. Wagnergasse 25, 07743 Jena. I am extremely grateful to her and **Rea Mausberger** who have been extremely supportive to us from the start of this project.

During the 4th meeting held on the 26.03.2017 and attended by 13 participants, it was agreed to organize the AFRICA DAY on the 20th of May 2017. The subsequent 5th meeting on the 9th of April, was the first preparatory gathering of the event, during which main tasks were distributed. Other preparatory meetings were held on the 23rd of April and on the 14th of May at Bismark Appiah´s place in Lobeda West.

The „pass on" principle

The AFRICA DAY is one of the "bridge building" activities of African students and migrants in Thuringia, which has been prioritized from the onset. The aim is to present a positive image of the African continent, different from the stereotypes heralded in the German and European media. At the same time, we are adopting the „pass on" principle, which means sharing what we have received in order to be a blessing to the people around us. This principle governs the activities of the African Network for Solar Energy (ANSOLE) since its launching in February 2011, which is based on the Biblical Word given to Abraham „I shall bless you… and you shall be a blessing.." (Genesis 12:2) and which is in line with the Second Law of Thermodynamics…



Participants at the 4th meeting held at Iberoamerica e.V., Wagnergasse 25, 07743 Jena, Germany, 26.03.2017



2nd preparatory meeting of the AFRICA DAY in Bismark Appiah´s appartment at Karl Marx-Allee 5, 07747 Jena

The handwriting of the GREAT MAESTRO

As you can notice from my narrative, organising the AFRICA DAY in Thuringia was not an issue on my agenda nor on the agenda of ANSOLE e.V.. However, as a believing christian, I am fully convinced that it is under the full will of God that things

are now enrolling. God created an issue and brought together the different players to have it done! One thing led to the other. A long chain of (from human point of view) unprepared but well orchestrated actions has made this first AFRICA DAY possible. This is the handwriting of the GREAT MAESTRO to whom I am extremely thankful!

Acknowledgements

I want to acknowledge the players who came in action at the right time: Juliette Essomba, Anne Egbe, Janny Guevara & Rea Mausberger (both putting me in contact with Medine Yilmaz and heavily supporting us in each step of the endeavor), Medine Yilmaz (who indirectly triggered the whole endeavor, informed me about sponsorship possibilities from her Ministry and brought me in contact with the media as well as provided me with valuable email addresses, etc), **Kristina Scheder** (our African German sister who has been very supportive in many ways to me and Bismark), **Harald Hoppe** (for putting me in contact with Britta Salheiser), **Britta Salheiser** (for putting me in contact with Frau Claudia Hillinger and showing her readiness to speak during the gala dinner), **Claudia Hillinger** (who agreed to sponsor the event through DAAD funds and also for putting me in contact with Professor **Benno Werlen** of the International Year of Global Understanding (IYGU)), **Joanna Pawlaczek** (linking me to Ekaterina Maruk), **Ekaterina Maruk** (linking me to Ulrike Erfurth of Studierendenwerk Thüringen and Konrad Linke of the Haus auf der Mauer), **Ulrike Erfurth** (linking us to her colleagues Jacqueline Schulz and Julia Brade and offering sponsorship), **Jacqueline Schulz** (for working hard to see the African Menu ready), **Julia Brade** (for her readiness to present the menu line of the Studierendenwerk Thüringen during the gala evening), **Konrad Linke** (for facilitating things at the level of the Haus auf der Mauer), ….

Special heartfelt thanks go to Bismark Appiah who has been coordinating the activities in my absence in addition to a huge work load at his institutes, and to my „daughter" **Christelle Tchentcheu**, who has been very hard working behind the scene to make the event a success. Thank you Bismark and Christelle!

I want to thank all the students who showed their readiness to lecture during the mini-conference,(they are listed on the programme). I am specially honored to see **Simona Fofie** be part of the whole show! I thank **Seun Akintola** for accepting to highlight the gala evening with his music repertoire. My thanks also go to all those active students who contributed in one way or the other in the realization of this first AFRICA DAY. The short biography of some of them is provided in the following pages.

I finally want to thank the whole Studierendenwerk Team for making a lot of effort to give a real "African taste" to the gala evening. Thank you Jacqueline Schulz(especially for the solar beverages!!), Ulrike Erfurth, Julia Brade, Andrea Macioszcyk and Co!

Your mistakes can be a blessing!

Nothing human can be done without mistakes. I am convinced that by writing these lines, I did a lot of mistakes, such as omitting the names of many of you who dedicated their time to see this event happen. I am sorry! At the same I comforted

by the words from Sarah Young´s book „Devotions for Every Day of the Year„ For the 9th of May she wrote:

„DON´T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF, God can bring good even out of your mistakes. Your finite mind tends to look backward, longing to undo decisions you have come to regret. This is a waste of time and energy, leading only to frustration. Instead of floundering in the past, release your mistakes to God. Look to God in trust, anticipating that His infinite creativity can weave both good choices and bad into a lovely design.

Because you are human, you will continue to make mistakes. Thinking that you should live an error-free life is symptomatic of pride. Your failures can be a source of blessing, humbling you and giving you empathy for other people in their weaknesses. Best of all, failure highlights your dependence on God. God is able to bring beauty out of the morass of your mistakes. Trust Him, and watch to see what He will do"

Closing remarks



This first AFRICA DAY is for me in particular a special day: It is my 51st anniversary. While the GREAT MAESTRO was putting the puzzle together, I was and (I am still) at the same time experiencing strong adversities from closest quarters. The GREAT MAESTRO held and still holds His protective Hand over me. He used the **Pröger couple, Eckhard Birckner** and **Harald Hoppe** to provide a stranded person shelter at a time of great need! These persons acted according the Biblical Word from Matthew 25: 31-46: "…I was a stranger and you received me in your homes….When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes,…. The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!'……"

Stay blessed



Daniel A. M. Egbe

Coordinator of ANSOLE & BALEWARE and Main Organiser of AFRICA DAY

Programme

Part I: Mini-Conference on Africa and Photo Exposition

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- **Photo Exhibition**
  Topic: Science meets Arts

- **Mini-Conference**

13.00-13.30	Registration	
	Chairman of Session I:Solawime Dranko Agbonon	
13.30-13.50	*African Network for Solar Energy*: Bridging Africans and non-Africans in Training, Education and Research in Sustainable Energies	Daniel A. M. Egbe/ *Chairman of ANSOLE e.V./JKU Linz, Austria*
13.50-14.15	21st Century Africa: The Ludwicks, Kelvins, and the Chimamandas	Oluwatosin Abdulsalam/*FSU Jena*
14.15-14.35	An Africa Beyond Aid	Bismark Appiah/ FSU Jena
14.35-15.00	The relation between modernization and poverty in Ghana	Simona Fofie / EAH Jena & Gideon Owusu /*FSU Jena*
15.00-15.20	Coffee break /Kaffepause	
	Chairlady of Session II: Kristina R. Scheder	
15.20-15.40	Dictatorship, Democracy, Developement: African Case	Amam Okafor/*FSU Jena*
15.40-16.00	Energy Transition in Morocco	Reda Ihtassine/*FSU Jena*
16.00-16.25	(Renewable) Energy Situation in Africa	Vivian O. Nwadiaru/*PAUWES Tlemcen, Algeria*
16.25-16.50	Climate Change and Migration	Lamin Fatty & Alagie Bojang /*FSU Jena*
16.50-17.00	Closing remarks	Daniel A. M. Egbe

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19.00-19.30	Free entry of guests
19.30-19.35	Welcome : Daniel A.M. Egbe & Bismark Appiah
19.35-20.15	*Brief recap of the lectures content of the mini-conference *Address by Mirjam Kruppa*, Beauftragte für Integration, Migration und Flüchtlinge des Freistaats Thüringens* *Address by Rea Mausberger, *Representative of MigraNetz Thüringen* *Address by Britta Salheiser, *Representative of the International Office of FSU Jena* * Address by José Paca, *Member of Bundeszuwanderungs-und Integrationsrat (BZI)* *Address by Dörthe Thiele*, Beauftragte für Migration und Integration in Jena* *Student life in Jena - Oluwatosin Abdulsalam*, Nigerian Student at FSU Jena* *Presentation of Intercultural Menu Line of the Studierendenwerk Thüringen– Julia Brade*, Kultur und Internationales des Studierendenwerks Thüringen*
20.15-21.15	*Dinner: Serving of African dishes by the Studierendenwerk assisted by African students+ Live Music (African Band from Jena) *Birthday cake cutting (Daniel Egbe)
21.15-22.00	*Najah Baeq from Somalia sings *Reading of the Kiel based book author Dr Hassan Humeida from Sudan
22.00-23.00	*African fashion parade
23.00-2.00am	*DJ music and dancing
	In-between the different allocations there will be an *intermezzo* (musical interlude) from Seun Akintola, Nigerian PhD student at FSU Jena (African Classical Music) and from the Live Band.

African Network for Solar Energy: Bridging Africans and non-Africans in Training, Education and Research in Sustainable Energies

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The African Network for Solar Energy (ANSOLE) is a network of more than 1000 learners, experts and institutions that seek to address Africa's energy problems using environmental-friendly sustainable energy sources. Initiated on 4 November, 2010 in Sousse, Tunisia, and launched on February 4th, 2011 in Linz, Austria, it is headquartered in Jena, Germany, and boasts branches in 44 African countries and 30 non-African countries. The main focus of ANSOLE is CAPACITY BUILDING as reflected by its 3 main goals: (1) Technical and vocational education and training (TVET) at various skill levels, (2) Research activities among African and non-African scientists involved in the training of African students and experts, and (3) Promotion of renewable energies in Africa through public education and awareness raising. The following are the organization's major achievements in figures since its inception. 14 African students have carried out their Master's and PhD studies thanks to ICTP (International Centre for Theoretical Physics)/ANSOLE-sponsored fellowship programs. 16 African and non-African students with own funds were mediated to African and non-African institutions. Over 90 renewable energy related-workshops, meetings, conferences symposia, summer schools have been organized, co-organized and facilitated by ANSOLE throughout the world. At least 30 research works completed by beneficiaries of ICTP/ANSOLE-sponsored fellowship programs have been published in the form of articles in international respected scientific journals. Besides, ANSOLE has published 6 *e-Magazines* + *1 supplement* so far. ANSOLE and partners initiated a platform called Bridging Africa, Latin America and Europe on Water and Renewable Energies Applications (BALEWARE). The ANSOLE is a dynamic and fast-growing organization thanks to its members and will dwell the scientific mouthpiece of Africa on issues related to renewable energy and sustainability. Please join us and/or donate to our capacity building activities!

Biography: Daniel Ayuk Mbi Egbe



Daniel A. M. EGBE was born in Mambanda Cameroon on May 20, 1966. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and Chemistry in 1991 from the University of Yaoundé, Cameroon. In 1992, he moved to Germany where he obtained a Master of Science degree and a PhD in Chemistry in 1995 and 1999, respectively, from the Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena. He completed his Habilitation in organic chemistry at the same institution in 2006.
From 2006 to 2008, he spent postdoctoral stays at the Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research in Mainz, Germany, the Technical University of Eindhoven in Holland, and at the Technical University of

Chemnitz, Germany. Since 2009, he researches and lectures at the Johannes Kepler University Linz. Egbe's main research interest is the design of semiconducting materials for optoelectronic applications.
He is a member of Organic Electronics Association (OE-A), and a board member of the World University Service (WUS). Egbe is the initiator of the German-Cameroonian Coordination Office, initiator and international coordinator of the African Network for Solar Energy (ANSOLE), initiator and chairperson of ANSOLE e.V., and initiator of the Cameroon Renewable Energy Network (CAMREN). In May 2015, he initiated the research platform BALEWARE (Bridging Africa, Latin America and Europe on Water and Renewable Energies Applications), which was officially launched on the 12th of December 2016 at the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST), Arusha, Tanzania.
. In 2015 he was an independent evaluator for the World Bank Group in higher education issues and was appointed member of the scientific council of the newly created "Ecole Supérieure des Métiers des Energies Renouvelables (ESMER), in Benin. He also acted as an independent evaluator of the Association of African Universities in 2016. In the same year, he was appointed the first Distinguished Brian O´Connell Visiting Fellow of the University of the Western Cape, South Africa.
He is the initiator and director of the VolkswagenStiftung-sponsored "Sustainable Energetics for Africa (SE4A)" schools.
He has published more than 120 peer-reviewed articles and speaks more than 5 languages, which enable him to be a good "bridge builder" . Email: Daniel.egbe@ansole.org/ daniel_ayuk_mbi.egbe@jku.at, sykpe: danielegbe1, Tel: 004917620925862 (roaming)

21st Century Africa: The Ludwicks, Kelvins and the Chimamandas

Oluwatosin ABDULSALAM

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Abstract

Until the lions have their own historians, the history of the hunt will always glorify the hunter. The world media have over the years painted a picture of Africa that is perceived newsworthy. The underlying argument in their souls is to bring something different to the news stand. Something new from what is seen on the street of the New Yorks, Londons and Parises. This "noble" idea have robbed Africa the coverage of its beauty, ingenuity, successes and triumphs. It has made Africa synonymous to vices, poverty, drought, war and fraud. The persona of Africa as a continent has been child soldiers being forced to war, starving kids with flies perching on their lips and noses, mutilated and oppressed women, rioting and lawless youths with barbaric culture and religion. We therefore aim to tell an African story by Africans, agreeing to some problems, clearing the doubts on some myths, rumours and lies and ultimately heralding our successes, triumphs and achievements as a continent.

Biography: Oluwatosin Abdulsalam



Oluwatosin Abdulsalam is a Nigerian living in Germany. He was born April 10, 1991 in Offa, Nigeria. He received a Bachelor of Science (Hons.) in Microbiology from the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria-Nigeria in 2011. Due to a prize awarded to him for his Bachelor thesis, he was offered a teaching and research position at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria-Nigeria in 2013 after his compulsory one year service in Nigeria. He moved to Germany while on study leave in his home university in 2014 for MSc. Microbiology program at the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena and completed the said program in 2016. He is currently carrying out doctoral researches on Biological Chemistry and Communication of a fungal species and its plant host also at the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena. He has worked with Fraunhofer IGB BioCat during his stay here in Germany and is currently in the employ of the University of Jena as a doctoral researcher. Email: Oluwatosin.abdulrahman.abdulsalam@uni-jena.de, sykpe: abdulsalambat

An Africa Beyond Aid

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Abstract

Thomas Sankara rightly said, "he who feeds you controls you," and this assertion has proven true over the years, evident by the master-servant relations between almost all African countries and their western "allies." It is no wonder, therefore, that despite years of support in various forms from the West most African countries are still producing raw materials that feed industries in the West and continue wallowing in poverty.

It is in human nature that everyone fights for their own interests, so while pointing accusing fingers at the West, we should know that three of our fingers point back at us. This means the problems of the African continent will be solved to a greater part by Africans. More importantly, we should be aware that any attempt to break this cycle will not go unopposed as has been seen over the years. Interestingly, we do have the capacity to lift ourselves from the ground and rewrite our story. Africa is rising and nothing will bring us down. Rise with us, or watch us rise!

Biography: Bismark Appiah



Bismark Appiah, born on March 27 1989 in Ghana, is currently writing his Master's Thesis in Molecular Medicine where his focus is on cell signaling in cancer. Prior to studying in Germany, he finished his basic and undergraduate studies at the University for Development Studies, Ghana, where he majored in Clinical Biochemistry. Bismark's passion for nature and interest in people drives him to be involved in different social and development related programmes. His life-long mantra has been love and service to mankind and nature. He is

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The relation between modernization and poverty in Ghana

Gideon Owusu, Friedrich-Schiller- University Jena
Simona Fofie, Ernst-Abbe-Hochschule Jena

Abstract

Modernization is the transition of a society from traditional to modern. And is a phenomena going on in Ghana and many other compared to developed countries traditionally organised countries.

In this talk Gideon Owusu and Simone Fofie, both born in Ghana would like to point out why they think modernization has not just developed Ghana but has also made Ghana poor.

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Biography: Gideon Owusu



Gideon Owusu was born and raised in Ghana. He read Sociology and Economics at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. He holds a B.A in Economics. After his Bachelor's degree he served as a Teaching Assistant for a period of 1 year at the Department of Economics, University of Cape Coast, Ghana. He is currently pursuing MSc. Economics at the Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena. Contact: ogideon@rocketmail.com

Biography: Simona Fofie



My name is **Simona Fofie.** I am 25 years old. I was born in Ghana, but left Ghana when I was 9 years to join my mother who left Ghana when I was 5 years. So, since I am 9, I have been living in Germany, but always kept contact with my relatives in Ghana and in Germany. And I put in a lot of efforts to not forget my mother tongue and the great childhood I had in Ghana by for example watching Ghanaian movies and listening to Ghanaian music.

Due to money and time, I could not return to Ghana till last year December (2016) at the age of 24. Because I never

wanted to return back to my home country just for some weeks, but rather wanted to spend as much time as possible there. Furthermore I didn't want to return to Ghana empty handed. So at the age of 24 I felt like now is the perfect time to return to Ghana, because I have saved enough money and also I am only left with writing my Bachelor thesis to become a graduate in social work.

I spent almost 3 months in Ghana with the purpose of visiting all 10 regions in Ghana, each a city and a village to detect and understand social and economic problems. I did that because I wished to settle down and work in Ghana and other part of Africa, because to be honest I have lived in Germany for too long and just want to go back living in my homeland and on my home continent too. Furthermore I believe that Ghana needs good social workers too. Contact: Email: simonafofie@yahoo.de , Facebook: Simona Fofie

Biography : Kristina Ruth Scheder



The German-born **Kristina Ruth Scheder** did a Master degree programme on "Intercultural HR Development and Communication" at Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena (2014-2016). The title of her thesis was „ The Role of Migrant Organisations at Intermediation of Culture" Prior to that she had obtained her Bachelor degree on Social Sciences with Major on „Intercultural Relations" at the Hochschule Fulda (2010-2014). The bachelor thesis was entitled: „The Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and Peru and Colombia as well as the consequences for the Peruvian and Colombian population". Kristina gained international experience through a school exchange programme to Empangeni, South Africa, by spending a Volunteer year in Lima Peru and by spending one study semester abroad in Vina del Mar in Chile. She gained working experience by spending twice 6 months internship in the HR office of BoschRexroth, Santiago de Chile and Lohr am Main, respectively. She has been very supportive to Bismark in the preparatory phase of the AFRICA DAY and acts a the moderator of the second session of the mini-conference. Contact: kristina.ruth.scheder@uni-jena.de

Dictatorship, Democracy, Developement: African Case

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Abstract

There are about 52 countries in Africa with an almost equal split between democracy and dictatorship. Arguably, almost the same level of underdevelopment occur in both systems. Strangely, there is anecdotaly, underground yearning for dictatorships where democracy exists and murmuring for democracy where dictatorship exist. This begs the question; which form of governance is best for fast development in Africa. Here, I shall adapt the arguments of Mancor Olson's 1993 paper on the topic to explore it for Africa.

Biography



Amamchukwu Okafor completed his Master degree in Economics at the FSU Jena. He is a Nigerian and passionate about the African course. Contact: amam.okafor@gmail.com

Energy Transition in Morocco

Reda Ihtassine, Friedrich-Schiller University Jena

Biography



Reda IHTASSINE was born on the 16.05.1986 in Marrakesch, Morocco. He obtained his MSc in informatics of reparted systems from the Ibn Zohr University of Agadir. He is presently doing a Master in Computational and Data Science at FSU Jena
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Energy Situation in Africa

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Abstract

Low energy supply, complete with shortages, high costs and poor access, remains major impediments to Africa's social and economic progress. Many African countries face an energy crisis. Power is inaccessible, unaffordable and unreliable for most people, trapping them in poverty. Despite the fact that Africa has 7.5% of the world's proved gas reserves, 7.6% of its proved oil reserves and 3.6% of global coal reserves (of which South Africa alone accounts for 3.4%) the overall amount of energy utilized remains extremely low. Africa, with 16% of the world population in 2015 had a global primary energy consumption of 3.3%. This energy consumption rate varies from one region to the other in the continent, with North Africa having extremely high electrification rates compared to the rest of the continent. However bleak the situation looks, some progress has been made, power generation from various sources has increased in Africa in recent years. The total primary energy supply (TPES) of Africa has been increasing at an annual rate of about 3%, the highest among all continents, although current production still remains highly insufficient to meet demand. In light of these, there is an urgent need for knowledge and technology transfer, regional

integration and implementation of policies framework that would support small scale innovative solutions that aim to tackle the problem at the grassroots with support from the government through several incentives. This presentation provides an overview of the energy situation in Africa and highlights the role of renewable energy technologies in ensuring equitable access to all whilst also providing some recommendations on the way forward.

Biography



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Biography

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Climate Change and Migration

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Abstract
With the population of just two million, Gambia is consistently ranked among the top countries whose citizens take the route through Libya to Italy. According to UNICEF data, about 0.5 percent of the Gambian population migrate every year- which makes it the highest in Africa. It also has the highest rate of unaccompanied minors arriving in Italy, 13 percent of all unaccompanied minors arriving Italy are from the Gambia.

Climate change has contributed to human migration from the Gambia to Italy through the Mediterranean Sea. The highest number of labor force in the Gambian economy is engaged in farming and about 37 percent of the Gambian population are under the age of 14 years. Climate change has resulted in shorter rainy season. This has a devastating effect on subsistence farming reflected by declining yields, which are no more enough to feed the many mouths. The situation influences individuals to migrate to find jobs that will pay them enough to live and send money back home, since most of the individuals are farmers and farming is no longer working for them.

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