# NEWSLETTER 01/2025

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## RESEARCH/RENEWABLE ENERGY/CAPACITY BUILDING/ DOCUMENTATION/COUNSELLING/INTEGRATION

During the first half of 2025, ANSOLE e.V. carried out a range of impactful activities at both the international and local levels. These activities align with ANSOLE e.V.'s core mission to promote sustainable energy, education, research collaboration, counselling, and support across Africa and locally in Germany. The international events, ranged from high-level international conferences and stakeholder engagements to grassroots workshops and cultural initiatives. ANSOLE continues to serve as a vital platform for advancing solar energy and climate action through inclusive, interdisciplinary efforts.

In Jena and other parts of Thuringia, ANSOLE intensified its counselling and support activities to African migrants based on the AMAH-Project (Focal Point for People of African Origin). ANSOLE published the 2nd edition of the 3rd issue of the MIGRANTh magazine, which focuses on socially and politically engaged women. The issue was released on the March 8th, marking International Women's Day. Moreover, four interviews were carried out for the 6th and 7th issues of the magazine.

The chairperson and CEO of ANSOLE, Prof. Daniel A. M. Egbe, was elected on the lst of April 2025, to the council of migrants of Jena for a 5 year mandate representing the African Continent.

At the end of March 2025, the local court of Jena confirmed the newly elected board of ANSOLE e.V. consisting of Prof. Daniel A. M. Egbe (Chairperson), Ms Assumpta Chidinma Ezeh (Vice-Chairperson), Cynthia Muthoni Weis (Treasurer), and Gebreleul Tekleweyni.

**Executive Board of ANSOLE e.V.**



Prof. Daniel A. M. Egbe, Chairperson



Assumpta Ezeh, Vice-Chairperson



Cynthia Muthoni Weis, Treasurer



Gebreleul Tekleweyni, Board member

This newsletter provides a snapshot of our key activities and achievements from January to June 2025.

# ANSOLE ATTENDED THE TEA@SUNRISE NETWORK LAUNCH HELD FROM 19–24 JANUARY 2025 AT SALT ROCK BEACH HOTEL DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA



ANSOLE participated in the official launch of the TEA@SUNRISE Network held from 19–24 January 2025 at Salt Rock Beach Hotel, Durban, South Africa. Prof. Dr. Daniel A. M. Egbe, CEO, delivered a talk under the "Cross-cutting" theme, presenting ANSOLE's interdisciplinary efforts in solar education and capacity building.

Ms. Cynthia Muthoni Weis, Treasurer, engaged in discussions on financial sustainability and inclusive renewable energy programs for rural and youth communities.

The event created space for more partnerships and collaboration.

# ANSOLE CELEBRATES 14 YEARS OF IMPACT

The 4th of February 2025 marked 14 years of ANSOLE e.V. driving progress in renewable energy education, research, and collaboration across Africa and the Global South. Since its founding in 2011, ANSOLE has grown into a dynamic network of scientists, practitioners, and advocates committed to bridging knowledge, fostering innovation, and empowering communities. As we celebrate this milestone, we reflect on the journey so far and reaffirm our commitment to advancing inclusive, sustainable energy solutions for generations to come.




## championed

- Capacity building
- Research and Education
- Clean Energy Advocacy
- Counseling and Support
- Integration of migrants
- Documentation of life stories

Over the years, ANSOLE has organized and supported numerous conferences, training workshops, and academic exchanges in countries including Algeria, Austria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, DRCongo, Egypt, Germany, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, and others. These events have provided platforms for knowledge sharing, technical training, and interdisciplinary dialogue, directly contributing to the development of a skilled workforce and informed energy policy landscape in the region.

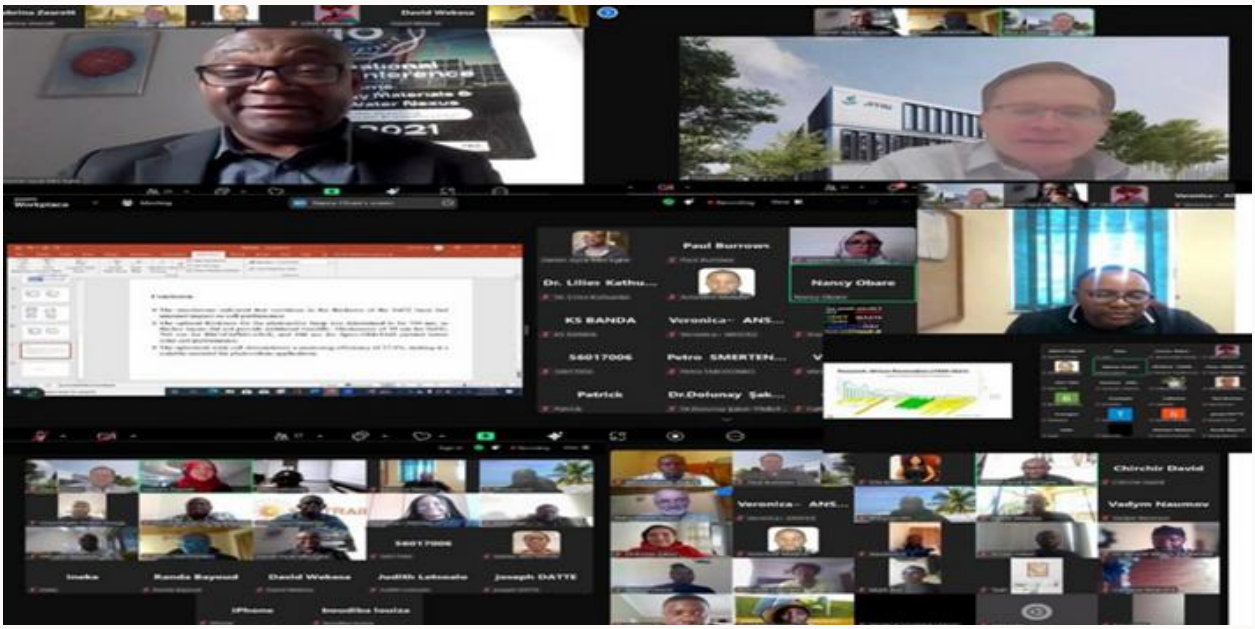




As we celebrate this important milestone, we look forward to many more years of meaningful impact empowering communities, advancing clean energy solutions, locally facilitating the integration of African migrants, and documenting life stories of migrants in Thuringia.

# ANSOLE-WAITRO INTERNATIONAL ONLINE CONFERENCE (A²IOC 2025) DATE: 21–22 FEBRUARY 2025

## ANSOLE´s 14th Anniversary International Online Conference (A²IOC 2025) & 1st WAITRO SDG7 Working Group Online Conference (WAITRO-WG7-25)



The Conference, held on February 21-22 2025, brought together experts, researchers, industry leaders, and policymakers from across the world to discuss key developments in sustainable energy, scientific innovation, and policy advancements. The event was cohosted by North-West University, Mahikeng Campus, South Africa, and Multimedia University of Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya. It was partnered by Riga Photonics Centre, Riga, Latvia, the Institute of Polymeric Materials and Testing (IPMT) of Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria, the TEA@SUNRISE Network of Swansea University, Wales, UK, the Impulsouth Community of Practice (www.impulsouth.org), and the World Conference on Photovoltaic Energy Conversion (https://www.wcpec9-korea.com).

The conference featured over 50 presentations from 21 countries covering general topics, ethical issues, diverse renewable energy topics (solar thermals, photovoltaics, electrochemical processes) and topics out of the box. Participants represented institutions from Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Americas, reinforcing the global significance of the discussions.

The conference served as a platform for collaborative dialogue, networking, and knowledge exchange to advance renewable energy research, innovation and more.

# CELEBRATING WOMEN IN ACTION: MIGRANTh MAGAZINE'S Latest Release

On March 8, in celebration of International Women's Day, ANSOLE proudly released the 2nd edition of the 3rd issue of MIGRANTh Magazine, spotlighting socially and politically engaged women.

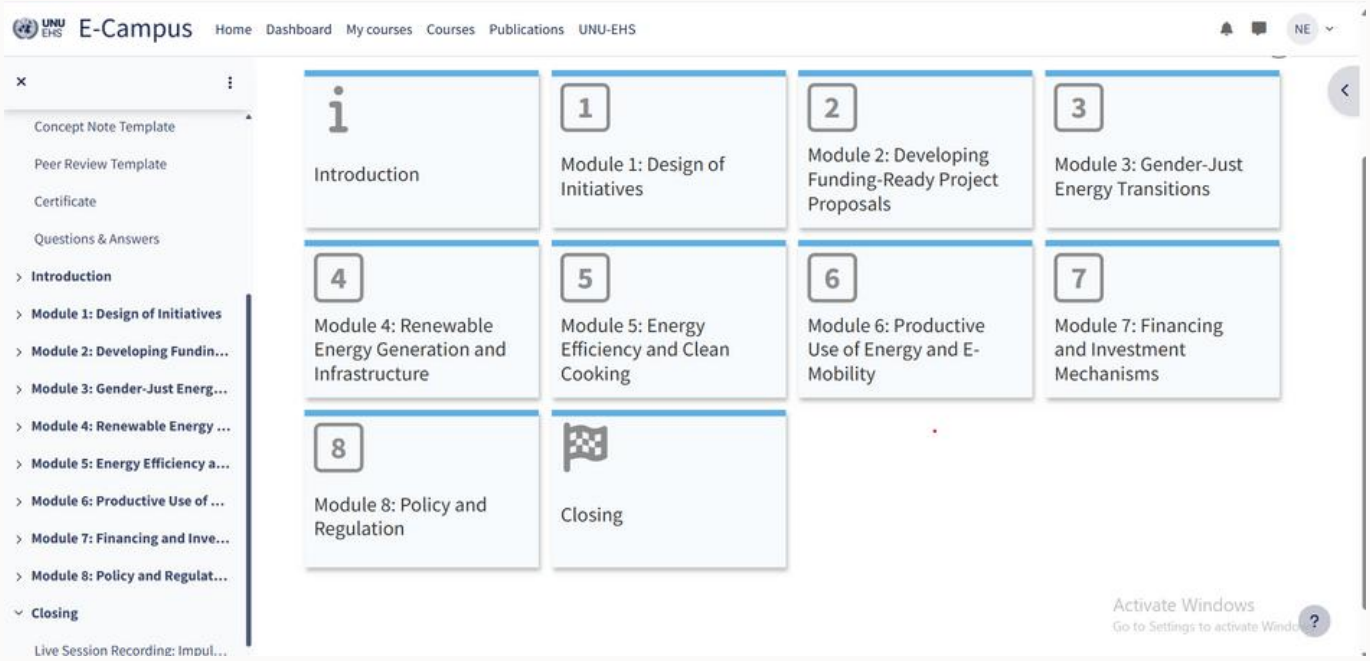



This powerful edition honors the voices, stories, and impact of women driving change in their communities—highlighting their resilience, leadership, and unwavering commitment to justice and sustainability.

# IMPULSOUTH TRAINING OF TRAINERS COURSE

22nd April to 7th of May

The Impulsouth Community of Practice in Partnership with The United Nations University (UNU) institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) held a three weeks intensive course for its members on Training of Trainers: Accelerating Just Energy Transition.




The program explored critical themes such as energy justice, climate resilience, policy frameworks, and community-driven energy solutions. The course emphasized practical tools and strategies for empowering local actors to lead equitable transitions toward clean energy systems.

Participants of the training developed individual project concepts aligned with just energy transition goals and were awarded certificates of completion at the end of the three-week program, recognizing their commitment and readiness to drive inclusive, community-based solutions in the global energy transition.




**We encourage all ANSOLE members and partners to participate in the next cohort of this impactful program to strengthen their knowledge, expand their networks, and contribute meaningfully to a just energy transition.**

# EVENTS

## SATURDAY FOR FUTURE- ERFURT GERMANY, 17 MAY 2025

ANSOLE participated in the Saturday for Future network meeting, which was organized by Heinrich Böll Foundation.



ANSOLE showcased its activities and emphasized their importance to the society. The event provided a platform for interactions between scientists and people involved in initiatives from urban and rural areas as well as an opportunity to exchange ideas and forge alliances.






## DIVERSITY DAY! @FSU Jena, 27 May 2025

Diversity is not just about inclusion, it's about embracing every voice, every culture, and every perspective to build a better, more connected world.






As part of our ongoing efforts to foster academic collaboration and cultural dialogue, the ANSOLE-team met with the Vice-President for University Community and Engagement of Friedrich-Schiller University Jena and Professor of Educational Psychology, Prof. Dr. Bärbel Kracke. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss a range of important topics, including the MIGRANTh Magazine and the diverse cultural and academic backgrounds of students within the ANSOLE network. The conversation highlighted the importance of inclusive education, intercultural understanding, and the role of student-led initiatives in shaping global academic communities.

# AFRICA DAY 2025 JENA, GERMANY

**31 May 2025**

On May 31st, 2025, ANSOLE e.V. hosted a vibrant Africa Day celebration in Jena, bringing together over 400 participants from diverse backgrounds. The day featured a dynamic conference, a spirited Mini Africa Cup football tournament, and a colorful Evening Gala. The event served as a powerful platform for dialogue, cultural exchange, and community celebration—honoring Africa's diversity, resilience, and global contributions.




A full-day celebration featuring:

- Africa Day Conference: Engaging panels on youth, energy, diaspora, and innovation
- Football Mini Cup: Community tournament celebrating unity and culture
- Evening Gala: A festive cultural dinner hosted by ANSOLE, with cuisine, music, and dance from across Africa. Prof. Egbe opened the gala with a speech on unity and heritage.




## Conference



- Education and Digital Inclusion: Addressing barriers to access, the importance of local languages, and digital infrastructure for inclusive learning.
- Youth and the Energy Transition: Showcasing youth-led innovation in clean energy and their influence on policy and entrepreneurship.
- Tourism and Development: Exploring the intersection of sustainable tourism, infrastructure, and local economic empowerment in Africa.
- Decolonization and Cultural Identity: Challenging Eurocentric education systems and advocating for knowledge sovereignty and cultural pride.

These discussions reinforced ANSOLE's commitment to promoting inclusive, locally-driven solutions for Africa's sustainable development.

## Mini Africa Football Tournament

The competing teams were Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, Eritrea, Ghana, India, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, and Young Boys.



The Africa Mini Cup Tournament brought together 9 vibrant teams in a spirited celebration of unity, culture, and community through football. After a series of thrilling matches, Young Boys emerged as champions, claiming lst place. Team Algeria secured 2nd place, while Team Ivory Coast proudly took 3rd place. The tournament was a highlight of the Africa Day celebrations, showcasing not only athletic talent but also the rich diversity of the African diaspora.

# AFRICA DAY 2025 JENA, GERMANY

**31 May 2025**

## Evening Gala – Culture, Food, Fashion, and Music

The evening session transformed the venue into a vibrant celebration of African culture. The gala opened with a showcase traditional attire and shared reflections on cultural identity.



Guests were treated to a diverse buffet of African cuisine, featuring dishes such as jollof rice, puff-puff, injera, plantains, fufu & eru, yam, stew, and couscous lovingly prepared by community volunteers from various countries.



The African community in Jena played a vital role in the success of Africa Day 2025 through their donations, volunteering, and active involvement in planning and preparation. Their commitment and solidarity truly reflected the spirit of unity and cultural pride that the day represents. We thank FSU Jena for providing the lecture rooms and the hall for the gala evening, and Emils Ecke for music instruments.

# EVENTS

## IRENA Innovation Week 2025

### Renewables and Digitalization for a Sustainable Energy Future

### - ANSOLE in Bonn

ANSOLE had a good representation at IRENA Innovation Week where our CEO met with diverse stakeholders and equally presented ANSOLE activities. A highlight of the event was the reception at the City Hall of Bonn. The evening was filled with warm connections and shared visions for innovation and sustainability.






With Nicole Unterseh, lst Deputy Mayor of Bonn, proudly holding the 2nd issue of MIGRANTh magazine.



With Norela Constantinescu, Acting Director, IRENA Innovation and Technology Centre Bonn, holding the 4th issue of MIGRANTh.



With Dorothea Odtemba, GIZ Representative, with the lst issue of MIGRANTh in hand.

***We're proud to bring migrant perspectives to the global energy conversation!***

# EVENTS

## The Biology Didactic Workshop

The biology didactic workshop, which focused on presenting the Jena Declaration 2019 on 'The concept of race is a result of racism, not its prerequisite' using images.



This was a joint event organised by the Phyletisches Museum of FSU Jena, led by Dr Sabrina Hug; ANSOLE e.V., led by its CEO Prof. Daniel A. M. Egbe; and the University of Münster, represented by Dr Harald Kullmann and Dr Roman Asshoff.

Sixteen students participated in the workshop, which took place on Friday, 13 June 2025, from 9 am to 12 pm.

The exchange focused on how best to communicate the message of the Jena Declaration (2019) to young learners:

"It is racism that creates races, not the other way around."

As part of ANSOLE's ongoing anti-racism educational project, the session explored inclusive teaching strategies and the vital role of science in challenging racial prejudice.

## FSU Jena 'Telling Hope: Biographical Perspectives and Engagement'.

ANSOLE e.V., through its CEO Prof. Daniel A. M. Egbe, was invited by Dr Sungsoo Hong, of the Theological Faculty of FSU Jena, to conduct a 1 hour 30 minute workshop titled 'Telling Hope: Biographical Perspectives and Engagement'.




Prof. Egbe seized the opportunity to present ANSOLE e.V.'s two main local activities: the AMAH and MIGRANTh projects. He discussed the 'Principle of Passing it on' by relating biblical verses to the Second Law of Thermodynamics. Based on the Jena Declaration on Racism (2019), he demonstrated the necessity of decolonising educational content worldwide, shifting the focus from a Eurocentric perspective to a more balanced global approach.



Consequently, he proposed a new definition of a 'global citizen'. At the end of the interactive workshop, the five participants received a copy of the MIGRANTh magazine.

# EVENTS

## ANSOLE at the 2025 Verano International Summer Festival

From 27 to 29 June, Jena transformed into a stage of cultural diversity, creativity and encounters for three days. The International Summer Festival VERANO, organized by Iberoamérica e.V., celebrates the contributions of migrant communities, promotes social cohesion and invites all people to dance, eat, discover and exchange ideas together.





ANSOLE hosted an information stand featuring its MIGRANTh magazine series and a vibrant display of African jewelry, attracting visitors interested in energy, culture, and migration. The event provided a valuable opportunity to engage with the public, share our mission, and celebrate cultural diversity in a relaxed and festive atmosphere.




Participants experienced a colorful program filled with music, dance, workshops, children's activities, and information booths—open, inclusive, and right in the heart of the city. It was the perfect way to start the summer holidays!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Africa-Asia Joint PV Symposium: lst September; Daejeon, Korea.
- Science Summit at the United Nations General Assembly (SSUNGA80): 9th - 26th September 2025; Hybrid/NYC, USA.
- End of summer grill party: 20th September 2025; Paradies Park.
- ANSOLE 15th Anniversary Conference: 4th - 7th February 2026; Naivasha, Kenya.

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