

EMPOWERMENT FOR CLIMATE LEADERSHIP

THE NEWSLETTER (04)

Dear all,

It is World Overshoot Day today. Just a reminder that the western lifestyle model is consuming too much energy and resources or a breaking point towards transformation? For us it is a motivation to continue our work.

Here in Germany we have a heavy summer heat wave now, but we want to send you a small newsletter. Are you still living on all the good experience from the exchange? Our thoughts are still with you and our days in Arusha and Dar Es Salaam. We hope that you all found a good way back into your daily life in the last three weeks. We are busy working with your feedback, protocols and inputs to get forward gradually.

Welcome to Daines Nyangalima on the ECL-Team!
More information you will find in this newsletter.

Best wishes!
Your ECL-Team



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Finish Blog articles Module 1-9: 31st July**
- **Deadline for sending us your project proposals if you want to hand them in and are interested in our feedback: 30th August**
- **Module 10: 27th August – 7th September** (Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) – and the Germanwatch Hand Print)
- **Final Meeting Germany: 2nd – 4th November**
- **Final Meeting Tanzania: 1st – 2nd November**

NEWS

African German Youth Initiative

The AGYI has partly new staff. We are in contact with Ulrike Mann, Clara Hörmann, Joyce Rupia-Bergstermann and Ute Harres to share our ECL experiences. A first ECL-report is on the Germanwatch webpages: www.germanwatch.org/en/15573

Another report will be coming soon on the Engagement Globale webpages. The next deadline for weltwärts -Begegnung applications is September 30th!

New Climate Litigation on its way: People's Climate Case: The Right to climate protection

Families from different European countries, as well as from Kenia and Fiji and a Samish youth association take the European Union (EU) to court. They criticize that the European climate protection targets are too low and that the EU abuses their fundamental rights to life, health, occupational liberty and ownership.

Germanwatch helps those people to have a vote in public and before the court.

The plaintiffs are all affected in a different way by climate change. Exemplary effects are for instance:

- Ownership and professional development of two families, both in Germany (island Langeoog) and in Fiji, are in danger because of **rise in sea level and storm tides**.
- **Heat waves, periods of drought, forest fires and desertification** endanger the life of families in Portugal, Kenya and southern France and the basis of one's livelihood.
- **Less snow and ice**, as well as **changed temperature and rainfall development** disturb the professional development

and the basis of one's livelihood of families in the Italian Alps and Romania.

- **Hotter summer and winter** in Sweden influence in a negative way the traditional reindeer husbandry and the cultural inheritance of the Sami.



The families are supported by environmental associations (e.g. CAN Europe, Germanwatch), lawyers and scientists. All of them are sure that **the EU is able to act more ambitious with regard to their climate targets**.

You can find more information about the People's Climate Case online at their web page. www.peoplesclimatecase.caneurope.org/

If you want to support this case, please sign the petition on the website!

ECL in East-African Press

You have probably all seen the videos of the televisions interviews taken during our stay in Tanzania. Moreover, there was a long article on the "SDGs & Youth" conference you organized yourselves in Dar es Salaam that was published by the Tanzanian guardian. We attached a scan of the article at the end of this newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS GERMANWATCH

What are we working on now?

- **Bits und Bäume (bits and trees):** We will take part in one of the biggest German conferences dealing with digitalisation and sustainability in November in Berlin. Focal points are “Resources for digitalisation”, “alternative economies”, “environmental and network policy”, “Digital infrastructure” and fundamental issues. If you want to have more information on the program you can find it here: www.bits-und-baeume.org/en
- **Visit of another wwB-project on SDG 13:** Currently, people from the Kolping Youth foundation Paderborn have their exchange in Germany together with their Mexican partners. They visited our offices this week to learn about the work of Germanwatch and ECL. They also focus on SDG 13 and exchange on common challenges and solutions regarding Climate Change. The project is financed by the same funding line as ECL. If you want to follow their progress you can find it here: www.facebook.com/klimadialoge/
- **Call for proposals: Designs for poster- and postcard designs wanted!**
We are searching for three poster- and postcard designs highlighting and illustrating the topics fossil fuels, climate change and flight. Transmittals should include all three designs and be realized by an illustrator (or a team), so that the designs suit each other and ideally be interwoven.

Deadline for the transmittals is October 1, 2018.
Please send an e-mail to bildung@germanwatch.org (big files can be sent as download link) or on a data carrier by mail:
Germanwatch e.V.
keyword: Wettbewerb
Kaiserstraße 201
53113 Bonn

A jury will select the winner and notify the artist. The winning pictures will be awarded with 500 Euro. More information (in German – please contact us if you need an English text!):
www.germanwatch.org/de/15632

Contact for questions or more information regarding the call for proposals:
bildung@germanwatch.org,
Tel: 0228/6049241

- **New brochure: "Globale Klimakrise: Aufbruch in eine neue Zukunft":**
The background paper shows causes and effects of climate change and explains why we are already in the middle of a climate crisis. To overcome the crisis, there is a need of worldwide social and political strategic solutions being developed and implemented. Especially in times of dynamic changes and social developments it is key to strengthen democratic, cooperative and multilateral perspectives of action. The publication lists numerous transformative strategies for the end of climate crisis. Besides, it emphasizes the necessity of a change of culture and value, climate and environment protection, solidarity and justice, as well as common welfare, frugality and human rights.

More information (only german):
www.germanwatch.org/de/14231

Free download of the complete background paper (only german, sorry...):
www.germanwatch.org/de/download/22255.pdf

What is important for the German Participants?

- Evaluation and Final Meeting: We will meet 2nd to 4th November. We are currently looking for a central place to meet. If you have recommendations for seminar houses, we are still open for suggestions!
- For those of you who extended their trip in Tanzania: Please do not forget to send your boarding passes from the inbound flights to our office. This is essential for the settlement of our account!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN TANZANIA

What are we working on now?

- We would like to present our **new practical trainee** who will assist on ECL coordination for Tanzania side; Her name is Daines Nyangalima and she will be with us for two months.
- Currently CAN Tanzania is reviewing relevant national policies to **identify technical gaps in renewable energy, climate resilience and poverty reduction initiatives**. This review is associated with the review of local governments' (Three Districts and Villages) periodic plans and strategies and looking their alignment with the national documents for the aforementioned working streams
- On 8th August CAN Tanzania will be leaving for the **practical dissemination of the policy and strategy reviews** to the three districts (Chalinze, Pangani and Lushoto) and villages (Kihangaiko, Pangani Mashariki and Mwangoi) respectively. This will be associated with technical backstopping of the village plans to integrate/mainstream renewable energy, climate resilience and poverty reduction and/or creating Village strategic plans to capture the three working streams.
- CAN Tanzania is expecting to host a **facilitation workshop on scaling up the role of renewable energy towards climate action and national industrialization in Tanzania** on 4th and 5th September 2018 and it is expected to converge local, national and international stakeholders on energy sector to discuss on how to achieve 100% renewable energies in Tanzania.
- We are **hosting two German students**. One is Leonie Arendt who is staying with CAN Tanzania for 6 weeks doing her masters research. She studies a master in Geography and Development Studies in Berlin, Germany with focus on environment. In collaboration with ZALF (German research institution for Agriculture Landscape Research), Bred for the World and locally CAN Tanzania, her research focuses on **performance of sustainable energy practices in Tanzania** and her sampling unit was organizations dealing with energy including CAN Tanzania's members. Another student is Tabea Schiffer who will stay with CAN Tanzania for two weeks. She studies masters in Geography at Bonn University. Her study focus is on globalization and sustainable development and with CAN Tanzania she is joining our project on **"Aligning Climate Resilience, Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction"**. After her two weeks with CAN Tanzania she will join her university research project in Morogoro town.
- In this August, CAN Tanzania is also expecting to host another two **Weltwärts exchange volunteers** (Anna and Lenart) from Germany who will be staying for one year working on several CAN projects. Parallel to that it is also expecting to host one intern (Judith Petersen) from Germany as well.

- The meeting with **National Economic Empowerment Commission under Prime Minister's Office (PMO)** has yielded good cooperation between the PMO and CAN Tanzania. The collaboration streams include accessing potential youths who are activists and opportunistic in different sectors; sharing experiences on exchange projects they are collaborating with TYC, the way CAN Tanzania can collaborate with TYC, sharing other information concerning youths, and setting a slot in which the PMO can be included in CAN Tanzania's committees.
- CAN Tanzania has been meeting with **TYC** and looked on the possibilities of collaboration on the issues of global learning and extracurricular exchange programs.
- CAN Tanzania was well presented in the **East African Summer Camp** by Linda Kavishe in Kilimanjaro on 16th to 20th July 2018. She showcased the multiplying effect obtained through ECL exchange projects.

What is important for the Tanzanian Participants?

- The evaluation and final meeting in Tanzania will be conducted on 1st and 2nd November 2018 and in case of any changes it will be communicated accordingly.
- We invite the participants who have started developing a project idea to share it with our ECL team for comments and guidance.
- For those who did not come up with a project idea yet, should do that as soon as possible. Anyone who has problems with developing project ideas, please get in contact with the ECL project team to let us help you advance the concept note.



Articles

The band begins to play.

by Marie Heitfeld

This time, I think it is worth it to start this passage by citing Jim: “Gosh, isn’t that amazing?”. If you, Jim, are reading these lines, you need to know that this expression of yours has become a well-known and frequently used saying to appreciate things in our ECL-group since you left us in Tanzania.

What I am talking about is the collection of topics and soon-to-be project proposals we have so far. I had the task to bother and ask each one of you what you would like to work on. Even though we barely had time to discuss our own project ideas in Tanzania, almost every one of you has now a group and a first idea for a project proposal (see list below). The ideas are super interesting and diverse and range from journalists’ empowerment over renewable energy systems and sustainable cities to gender equality, activism and more. Moreover, more groups than we had expected at first are thinking about handing in a project proposal at Engagement Global or are thinking about really implementing their project ideas.

We are very happy to see and hear that because this is the best that can happen at the end of such a programme like the ECL-exchange: That more new programmes develop out of the synergies and networks established during our time together. Therefore, we want to thank you for coming up with these diverse ideas already and to encourage you to further work on the concepts.

Moreover, we would be happy if from time to time you inform us about the further steps and decisions you are taking. More importantly, let us know, if you need any kind of assistance or if you have questions in the process of planning and developing your project idea.

Under [this link](#) on trello we stored one of Anna Hans' documents on the different steps in the project design process as well as some project planning tools (templates developed by PHINEO) that you might find helpful in starting your planning. You can also download more information from their well-structured website: <http://www.social-impact-navigator.org/>. We hope you will be having fun in planning your projects!

Overview of current Project Proposal Ideas (as of July 16th, 2018):

N°	Topics
1	Empowerment for journalists in an international exchange
2	International Activist exchange program
3	Youth exchange program on SDG 12: Sustainable Production & Consumption
4	Education & Gender Equality → maybe a project related to WASH
5	SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities
6	Plastic (Waste)
7	Gender Equality/ Sexual Health Education
8	Vocational alumni exchange on the energy sector
9	International Climate Academy (core working group of young Tanzanians & Germans for learning and sharing on CC; in cooperation with FES Tanzania)

Earth Overshoot Day 2018

by Christiane Meyer-Habighorst

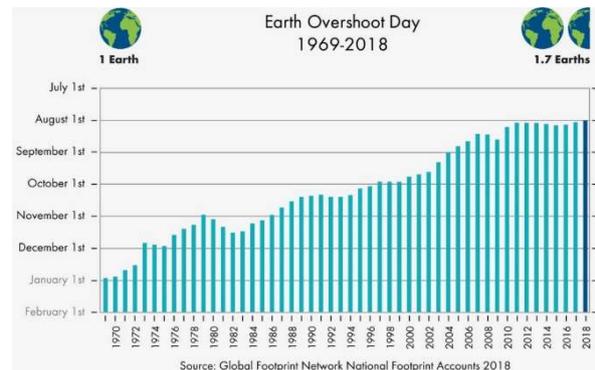
01. August 2018: A special day?

YES! Today is the Earth Overshoot Day. From now until December 31st, 2018 we are living on tick! We have already used all the natural resources our planet earth can renew! To continue with our lifestyle everlasting and to keep the same amount of ecological resources and services we are using right now for further generations, we would have to stop now ALL our activities worldwide until the end of this year. No more traffic, food, breathing, industrial and agricultural activities... No option, because the earth would end up in a big chaos and probably everybody will die? Then we have to act NOW! Let's stop talking but start acting to care for an earth which is able to take our load and where we have and will have enough space and resources for everybody.

Background

Every year, the Global Footprint Network calculates the Earth Overshoot Day. This day marks the date when people worldwide have already used more natural resources than the earth can renew in one year. Altogether, we are currently using 1.7 Earths a year. In comparison to that: If every nation would act like Germany we would need 3 earths (USA: 5 earths, China: 2.2 earths). This overuse happens through overfishing, overharvesting forests, and by emitting more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than ecosystems can absorb (EARTH OVERSHOOT DAY 2018). By the way: 2017 the Earth Overshoot Day was two days later.

The web page "Earth Overshoot Day" gives a very good and breve explanation about the calculation of the Earth Overshoot Day. On the web page you can also find solutions to create a better future and to extend the global overshoot day.



The four key areas cities, energy, food and population should define the long-term trends most forcefully and are shaped by individual choices. Under the hashtag #MoveTheDate everybody can show their own ideas and activities to create a more sustainable and long-lasting future.

More information online at:

www.overshootday.org/

NOT enough

by Pascal Kimmich

The International Peer Report Group chaired by Helen Clark wrote a Report on the German Sustainability Strategy – we summarized it for you.

Germany's role in the implementation of Agenda 2030/SDGs is, according to the 2018 Peer Review on the German Sustainability Strategy, ambivalent.

On one side, Germany's efforts put into a sustainable economic system is getting acknowledgement. The political, social and economic resources to reach the goals of Agenda 2030 are already given. Besides, the willingness of an external checking (Peer Review) has been appreciated.

On the other side, the pioneering role that Germany could have because of the mentioned regulatory framework, is not implemented inside the country. Only a very limited transformation of consumer habits, production and ethical principles for a sustainable future took place. More fundamental changes are necessary.

Insights from the Review

For Germany, opportunities lie in leading and managing transformational changes at home and with its European and global partners as well as to provide the funding and design of technologies required for the transition to sustainability. Preparedness, resilience, and competence are all required. A sound sustainable development strategy is fundamental.

Germany has one, and it has institutions capable of advancing it. Now the challenge is to demonstrate that the German Sustainable Development Strategy (GSDS) matters for the future well-being of people, including for jobs, prosperity, and shared values (p. 16).

Quotes from Helen Clark's lecture

"At this relatively early stage of the Government's term in office, we believe it is important for its leading figures to send strong signals of commitment to advancing the Strategy, and to consider anchoring sustainable development principles in the German Constitution."

"While recognising that progress on the majority of the Strategy's targets is currently off-track, the Peer Review Group feels that the Strategy needs to be more ambitious."

"Among those to whom we spoke, however, there was some concern expressed that more people are being left behind in Germany itself. Sensitive policy responses which engage communities will be needed to ensure ongoing social cohesion and solidarity amidst the growing diversity of the Population."

"With 29 of the 63 Sustainable Development Strategy indicators off-track, the practical results are not as good as they could be. That calls for a redoubling of efforts."

"To build a broader understanding of the challenge, education about sustainable development needs to be incorporated at all levels of the education system and through life-long learning. It is particularly important that politicians and officials grasp the opportunities, the risks, and the changes needed in order to be able to participate in informed debate and decision-making."

"The Peer Review Group believes that Germany needs to **address the issues of sustainable production and consumption more directly.** It notes that Germany's trade patterns have an impact for better or worse on value chains in many developing and emerging economies."

"Our Group believes that Germany's Sustainable Development Strategy provides a sound basis for a transformational sustainability agenda. The challenge now is to demonstrate that that matters for jobs, prosperity, and shared values. Germany has the capacity to define its identity as a nation dedicated to sustainable development, including by drawing on its strengths in social dialogue to engage all citizens in the quest to achieve that and take great pride in it."

Source:

www.forum-csr.net/News/12147/StandpaukefrDeutschland.html

Obamas's lecture on the 'politics of fear and resentment'

by Christiane Meyer-Habighorst

On 17th July 2018, former US President Barack Obama delivered a lecture at the *2018 Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture* in Johannesburg, South Africa. As an honour to Nelson Mandela's (Mabida) centenary birthday, the lecture theme was "Renewing the Mandela Legacy and Promoting Active Citizenship in a Changing World". Here, we provide you a summary of it:

Obama appreciates the rapid development of humanity in the last decades: "People were lifted out of poverty, and once-starving nations were able to feed themselves, and infant mortality rates plummeted" (p. 4). Although this positive development is a sign of hope, "for far too many people, the more things have changed, the more things stayed the same" (OBAMA 2018, p.4). He sees the 'politics of fear and resentment' as a consequence of the global, political and economic developments in the last years.

Nevertheless, Obama believes that "those of us who believe in democracy and civil rights and a common humanity have a better story to tell. And I believe this not just based on sentiment, I believe it based on hard evidence" (OBAMA 2018, p. 6). Therefore, he refers to Mabida's most important principles as a guideline for our current society; He underlines, that we are still able to create better futures than we are having now.

1. We have to "believe in freedom and democracy [...] and] we are going to have to fight harder to reduce inequality and promote lasting economic opportunity for all people" (OBAMA 2018, p. 7).

Obama sees the SDGs as a tool to follow an inclusive economy within and between nations. He points out that every nation and everybody,

regardless of religion, race, skin colour, nationality, ethics or gender, can play a role on our way to a more free and united world.

2. "We are bound together by a common humanity and [...] each individual has inherent dignity and worth" (OBAMA 2018, p. 8).

3. "Democracy is about more than just election" (OBAMA 2018, p. 9).

Obama emphasizes the importance of minority rights and the direct contact with "life as it's lived in our communities" (OBAMA 2018, p. 10) in a democracy. The big task of a good working democracy was already showed by Mabida: "To engage with people not only who look different but who hold different views" (OBAMA 2018, p. 10). Regarding climate change, Obama appeals in his lecture that we "have to believe in facts" (OBAMA 2018, p. 11). But he also advises that we have to debate with critics and take them seriously, if they for example prioritize cheap energy for everybody, even if that means more pollution.

Obama makes clear that "we have to follow Madibas's example of persistence and of hope" (OBAMA 2018, p. 11). Madiba showed us during his life, that if "you know what's in your heart, and you're willing to sacrifice for it, even in the face of overwhelming odds [...] the better story can win out" (OBAMA 2018, p. 11).

A statement that summarizes Obamas lecture:

"So if we're truly to continue Madiba's long walk towards freedom, we're going to have to work harder and we're going to have to be smarter. We're going to have to learn from the mistakes of the recent past" (OBAMA 2018, p. 11).

Watch or read the whole speech here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkHjrKDrhig

<https://edition.cnn.com/2018/07/17/politics/barack-obama-mandela-speech-transcript/index.html>