

# EMPOWERMENT FOR CLIMATE LEADERSHIP

## THE NEWSLETTER (05)

Dear all,

We are slowly approaching ECL's finish line. It is well over a year since our exchange in Germany. As we heard from you and some of you also involved in applying your ECL-knowledge. Currently CAN Tanzania and Germanwatch are fighting in Katowice for higher ambition in mitigation, more climate finance and the decision about a good rulebook for the Paris Agreement. Good luck to our folks there!

In this newsletter, we want to give you a short summary of our work and the last months of the first (maybe) ECL.

Best wishes!

Your ECL-Team

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **Final deadline for things to hand in for ECL: 15.12.18. Official End of ECL: 31.12.18**
- COP 24 in Katowice: Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Dec.

### ECL – NEWS

- Engagement Global did not allow us to hand in a new project application in 2018 – until the ongoing ECL is fully finished and report and financial statement are professionally audited certified and accepted. Therefore, we give our best and plan for the next deadline in Sept. 2019.
- Weltwärts-Begegnung – our ECL funding line: Next deadlines are online available until September 2020. Projects under 50.000,-€ can apply every three month, above 50.000,-€ end of September each year. ([Link](#)).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS GERMANWATCH

#### What are we working on now?

- ECL: We are very busy concerning the publications, which will come out of ECL: These are at firsts the SDG-Sheets, which are finalised by our long-term intern Helene. Second, we will publish a 10 pages collection of worksheets, in which we want to present methods and games we used in our ECL-training. Therefore, if you were still missing a very important method or game on our Trello ECL-Methods board it would be very helpful if you could add it as soon as possible. Please have a look! Third Stefan is working on a brochure with the working title "ECL- Lessons learned". Comments are welcome! All publications will be in German and English.

We hope you will like all of it in the end and help us distribute them.

- Meeting of the AGYI Sounding Board On Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> was the first meeting of the (only for the German side) AGYI sounding board. The board consists of around 25 participants from EG, AGYI and civil society. The board advises the AGYI office team in questions related to “quality of exchange projects” and “how to increase the number of participants from African countries”. From Germanwatch the weak mentioning of SDG/Agenda 2030 and sustainable development as a core value of AGYI, *weltwärts Begegnung* and SDGs as an integral part of AGYI exchange projects was emphasised. The ongoing pilot phase will end in 2019 and the sounding board should help to improve the existing programme and develop new ideas to improve *weltwärts* extracurricular exchanges. It seems that they are planning for a much longer future! Besides Tanzania and South Africa, Benin is the third partner of AGYI. A new civil society network has been established ([Link](#), see photo below)



- Call closed – but maybe a new call in 2019: Funding opportunity for innovative projects for African civil society ([Link](#))

## Climate News

- Germanwatch at COP 24 in Katowice: Most of our policy advisors are now actively taking part in the climate negotiations at COP 24 as observers. You can follow our colleagues live on twitter ([Link](#)). The three main topics in Katowice are: More

ambition for mitigation, more ambition for climate finance and the resolution of the rulebook for the implementation of the Paris agreement.

- Brown to Green report: The *Brown to Green Report* is the world's most comprehensive annual review of G20 climate action, assessing progress on decarbonisation, climate policies, finance, and vulnerability to the impacts of climate change. The report is published annually by Climate Transparency, a global partnership of 14 climate research organisations and NGOs from the majority of G20 countries, many from emerging economies. Germanwatch is one of the main authors. The key findings show many challenges for the G20: In 15 of the G20 countries, energy-related CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions increased again in 2017, and 82% of the G20 energy supply still comes from fossil fuels. G20 countries still provide 147 billion US-\$ in fossil fuel subsidies although they have promised since 2009 to phase-out these subsidies. You can download the full report [here](#)

- New Climate Risk Index (CRI): Germanwatch published the new Climate Risk Index. Calculated from data from NatCatSERVICE database of the reinsurance company Munich Re, as well as the socio-economic data of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Our yearly evaluation of the rising damages and fatalities do not allow for simple conclusions on the influence of climate change on these events, but it shows the increase of heavy disasters and gives a good impression of the vulnerability of





nations. Tropical cyclones have heavy impacts on an increasing number of countries. In 2017, the hurricane season in the Caribbean Sea was particularly strong and left several islands destroyed. Furthermore, some developing countries have difficulties to recover as they are hit regularly by extreme weather catastrophes. Especially poorer countries like Sri Lanka, Nepal or Vietnam are facing great challenges. Overall, in 2017 11.500 people died because of extreme weather events. Economic damages amounted to approximately US\$ 375 billion (calculated in purchasing-power parity, PPP). Therefore, it was the year with the highest weather-related losses ever recorded.

- The IPCC published its new special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C. It has alarming findings, which tell us (again) to act now and that every tenth of temperature rise avoided will help us to prevent a severe climate crisis. Still this IPCC report is like all the others from a language point of view: It is very scientific and not easy to understand. Therefore, Marie is developing a story in plain language that aims at making the topic accessible for people who have difficulties reading regular texts on complex concepts. Moreover, she is developing posters with infographics, for example on climate justice. If you want to know more about plain language and what it means exactly, have a look [here](#)
- Check <https://germanwatch.org/de/cop24> for all COP 24 updates from Germanwatch.

### **What is important for the German Participants?**

- Please set your personal deadlines and communicate it to us. We recognized that you are all very busy now and most of you could not catch up with the ECL-deadlines for the modules and some blog-articles, too. This is why we want you now to set your own deadlines and communicate them to us. On our

final meetings in Germany and Tanzania, we will also talk about the final deadline for everything.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN TANZANIA**

A lot is in motion at CAN Tanzania and we would like to update you on the changes. First, we moved into new offices in the beginning of October and are excited to have a new place to work and think forward in a positive environment. You now find us at Mbezi Juu, opposite of the National Examination Centre, Dar es Salaam. See: <http://cantz.or.tz/>

- On other great news: ECL-Participant Lameck won the high-profile Nairobi 2018 Global Landscape Forum (GLF) as best



Source: Lameck Kiula

photographer among over 400 candidates who submitted their work from all over Africa. The competition aims at portraying African landscapes through the eyes of youth and wants to highlight their significance to African youth. He took the picture during our field trip to Tarangiri-National Park. This shows yet another great outcome of the ECL-Program. Congratulations!

- A new project, “Participatory and Inclusive Planning and Implementation: A Capacity Enhancement Approach for Community resilience & sustainable development in Longido District”, just started in cooperation with UNDP. Therefore,

Jacquiline and Tondelo joined our Team to implement it over the next year. Their background is in Meteorology (Jacqui) and Environmental Planning and Management as well as the Nexus of Climate and Society (Tondelo).

- Unfortunately, Kelvin left our CAN Tanzania Team. We wish him all the best for his upcoming projects and the next chapter of his professional and private life.
- Our two long-term volunteers, Anna and Lennart from Germany, arrived in the end of August as participants of the “weltwärts”-volunteer service. They will stay for one year to assist in various projects. Another current team member is Judith, who spends three months with us as part of her master studies in International relations and development politics in Duisburg, Germany.
- In the beginning of September, CAN Tanzania held a workshop on “The role of renewable energy towards Industrialization in Tanzania in the Context of Climate Change” with over 50 participants and key stakeholders from local and national government authorities, academia, civil society, private sector, grass root level and international development partners. Within the workshop, the participants identified barriers towards RE-deployment and possible strategies to foster the development of the sector in line with the SDGs. You can find the workshop report on the CAN Tanzania website. A follow up workshop on RE-financing is planned for next year.
- Also, in September, we held a capacitation workshop for the whole team, that lasted for four days. There, we focused on team building, organizational development, fundraising strategies and capacitation on reporting and planning which was supported by external training by Mr. Henry Mbuya from DESUNE.

- In October, a field trip to Chalinze and Lushoto took place to investigate the progress in rural communities on their projects within the work on “Aligning Climate Resilience, Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction”.

- CAN Tanzania’s work has continued to inspire the world; since July we received full funded invitations from Abidjan to New York City, Nairobi to Delhi, AREI-Cairo, Dar es salaam, Dodoma always with the intention to share our experiences on how RE can contribute to SDGs and in an inclusive manner. We are proud that Lydia, Judith, Lennart, Anna, Kelvin and Sixbert represented us successfully.

- This October, CAN Tanzania also takes part in a study trip to Bangladesh. As we start to move forward on the realization of our Climate and Livelihood Research Centre (CLRC), we are very much looking forward to the insight gathered there to avoid mistakes and learn from successes and experiences on the ground.

- We took part in a workshop in Morogoro 29th of October to 2nd of November on Climate Change Adaptation (CCA), facilitated by Bread for the World. The core of the workshop program was the exchange and learning among participants about climate change adaptation methods that they successfully applied within their work in communities. We presented on our experiences with PACDR and learned about other approaches and methods.

### **What is important for the Tanzanian Participants?**

Because of restructuring the ECL-Team, the evaluation and final meeting for the Tanzanian participants will take place mid-December. We kindly ask you to communicate your availability for the last two weekends before Christmas. Also, please let us know your interests for the workshop and what you would like to see



covered with our last meeting. We will let you know the final date as soon as we can. Meanwhile, please finish the last two modules on the working platform before the meeting. Also, please get back to Sixbert immediately with your project proposals and blog entries. Anyone with problems on project development, please contact us to move forward together.

### **What are we working on now?**

- The UNDP-project mentioned above is taking off full speed. Currently, we are preparing the first field trip for baseline-studies in Longido District. At the end of this year, the second phase will start with training workshops in two villages of the district.
- Following the RE-workshop in September, CAN Tanzania is mapping ongoing pilot projects and existing policies on the issue of strengthening renewable energy in Tanzania in cooperation with the Ministry of Energy. This process shall provide the basis for strong policy formulation on the topic and create synergies between actors and existing frameworks.
- Within the “Aligning Climate Resilience, Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction”- project, we proceeded on identifying challenges in the villages plans and finding suitable RE-solutions for them. Based on the previous training workshops, the communities are now proceeding with practical application on the ground as training output. Therefore, RE-planning is integrated into the village plan, which affects district planning and by that aims to influence the formulation of strong RE-policies on national level.
- At CAN TZ, we want to increase the impact of our valuable work and research insights. Therefore, we are working on a Social Media Strategy as well as on capacitation our team on fundraising and communication with the help of CAN international. While this process takes energy and time, we think it is

highly necessary and important to proceed forward with our work and mission.

## **ARTICLES**

### **Europe goes to court for climate justice.**

*by Cornelius*

If you are following the news around Europe now it seems as if jurisdiction as an institution is getting more and more important for the fight for climate justice. As you know, we at Germanwatch are also actively involved in two legal cases in this area. We support [Saúl in his case to get compensation from RWE](#) for protective measure against a potential glacial lake outburst flood. We also support the [people's climate case](#) as you read in our last newsletter. Our colleagues of the Dutch NGO “Urgenda” even took successfully their government to court to improve the Dutch climate targets from 17% up to 25% emission



reduction by 2020.

Moreover, [Greenpeace is taking the German government to court](#) together with three families impacted by climate change.

It is no accident that we see these events around justice growing. On the one side, citizens and CSOs recognize a desperate need for action to protect young people and future generation from the today already visible and in the future incisive effects of climate change. On the other side, their governments proceed to slowly and unambitious in climate change

legislation, or even plan not to meet their emission goals.

In all these cases the UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, usually known as the Aarhus Convention, is very helpful for citizens and CSOs. It grants the public rights regarding access to information, public participation and access to justice, in governmental decision-making processes on matters concerning the local, national and transboundary environment. It focuses on interactions between the public and public authorities.

### **Hello from the weltwärts volunteers at CAN Tanzania!**

We arrived well at CAN Tanzania and directly started to be acquainted with the projects here. So of course, ECL was waiting for us! One of our tasks for the next year will be to maintain all social media channels and the website of CAN TZ, where content is crucial for a successful and sustainable development in growing our audience and increase visibility. Within the ECL-program, you all created so much content, which provided great opportunities for us to learn and proceed with. For example, we got to know some of you already, and were able to work on your success stories to share with a wider audience, such as Lameck's award winning picture. Over the next weeks, we will contact many of you for short interviews to highlight the project outcome and we are much looking forward to that. Naturally, the SDGs are appearing everywhere in our work here. We had the chance to attend the workshop on the Role of RE in Tanzania (see above) with a special focus on SDG 7 clean energy. Editing your SDG-Sheets made us focus on them even more. This way, we really got into the content of the different goals, targets, and indicators, of which we will certainly benefit for the coming year and beyond.

In addition, the ECL project also helped us to “really arrive” here in Dar es Salaam. By getting to know two participants (Linda and Benvalla) we had two people and friends who were happy to show us around the city and helped us to meet new people. Thus, it shows the great additional impact of ECL, apart from educational benefits for all the participants: ECL is an important pillar of the bridge, which is built between Tanzania and Germany. It connects people between two countries and supports the exchange of ideas and information even beyond the program itself - not only in the subject of environment and climate change.



Source: [cantz.or.tz/our-team](http://cantz.or.tz/our-team)

Peace,  
Anna & Lennart

### **Good stuff to read for COP24**

- CARE: [CARE's Key Demands for COP24](#)
- <http://climatenetwork.org/> with detailed CAN reports from Katowice in ECO: <http://climatenetwork.org/eco-newsletters>
- Germanwatch: Die 1,5-Grad-Herausforderung angehen: Höhere Klimaziele, verlässliche Finanzierung, starke Regeln ([Link](#); only in German)
- Paper for COP 24 Katowice from the German climate alliance ([Link](#), only in German)