

Workshop on “One for the Climate” hosted by EPR and EAR Churches

with an exposure visit to RDIS's Stove project in EAR Church, Shyogwe Diocese

In Rwanda, on 29th/Sept, 30th/Sept and 1st Oct/2016

SUMMARY REPORT



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1. Purpose, Objectives and Background & Contents:

29/09/2016: Exposure visit to RDIS's Stove project in EAR Church, Shyogwe Diocese

30/09/2016: International Workshop in Kigali

The morning devotion on Friday morning was led by Rev Juvenal Rwamunyana from EPR church in Kigali and was based on the topic of creation and the responsibility for human beings to care for the creation.

Afterwards, the president of EPR Church in Rwanda, Dr Pascal Batarigaya opened this international workshop on “One for the Climate” by welcoming the guests -- Church leaders, Development and Climate experts from DR-Congo, Tanzania, Rwanda and Germany as well as Climate experts from One Climate Club (1CC) from South Africa, Germany, India and Rwanda -- by emphasising on the importance of working together in addressing Climate Change.

He said, “To address Climate Change, we need an international cooperation. There is a need for us to demonstrate our unity in addressing Climate Change: ‘One for the Climate’ means also together we are capable.” The three African countries, which were represented in this conference, are among six countries on the African continent with Church members in the international organisation called the United Evangelical Mission (UEM).



“Let us act together as ONE FOR THE CLIMATE”

Rev Dr Batarigaya from EPR Church - one of the hosting churches said further in his opening speech, “Climate Change is one of our most urgent and complex challenge. We are experiencing now and today the consequences of Climate Change. It is now affecting every country from every continent. It has negative impact on people’s life. The greenhouse gas emissions from human activities are at their highest level in history. “

The poorest and the most vulnerable people are being affected at most, but Climate Change is a global challenge that does not respect national borders. **“Emissions everywhere affect people everywhere and emissions anywhere affect people anywhere”**, he added.

This was also reiterated by OKR Rev Dr Ulrich Möller from the Evangelical Church of Westphalia and coordinator of One Climate Club(1CC), when he was asked to say a word of greeting from UEM’s German region and to introduce the campaign “One for the Climate”. He briefly presented the opportunity for the “One for the Climate” in general combined with the particularities of different contexts of India, South Africa, Germany and other countries in Africa.

The introduction of “One for the Climate” was later on complemented later by other members and coordinators of the not-for-profit association “One Climate Club - 1CC”, which is officially registered in Germany.

Mr Edgar Boes-Wenner (1CC project coordinator) said in his presentation that, “The aim of the aim of this campaign is to make a contribution to achieve Climate goals, where the annual CO2 emissions have to be cut down to Zero between 2050 and 2070.” He added that, “for the first time ever in the history of mankind we share one common goal which can only be achieved by joint actions”.

It is therefore a call to work together with banks and financial institutions on globally fair financing and participative concepts that are based on the principles of equity and justice, which enable the majority of world society to join and to participate. 1CC believes that ONE FOR THE CLIMATE can be a very suitable instrument to connect people to a joint action. 1CC is therefore ready to collaborate with different partners in the campaign that says „**Let us act together as ONE FOR THE CLIMATE**”.

This vision was augmented by two more presentations (see appendices) from other coordinators of One for the Climate in a form of “Climate Protection Experiences” from India by Dr Gopal Sarangi and “Climate Protection Experiences” from South Africa by Dr Paul Hendler.

In the view of the 1CC’s campaign, “if from 2020 onwards, every year 1% of the global GDP would be invested in sustainable energy, shared equitably between the Global North and the Global South, three goals could be achieved: (i) 100% renewable energies worldwide; (ii) 100% mitigation of human caused climate gases and (iii) 100% eradication of energy poverty.”



Energy Saving Stoves in the EAR Church Rwanda





Ceramic Water Filters in the EAR Church Rwanda



As part of the introduction part of this workshop, the UEM's consultant for Climate Protection for the African region, Mr Richard Madete presented the UEM's Climate Protection Programme. He outlined the objectives of the programme and showed examples of successfully implemented adaptation and mitigation interventions for climate protection in the past 6 years in the African region. He ended his presentation with an outline of the results of the last **"International Workshop on the Role of Churches in Addressing Climate Change – Nyamata, Rwanda 16-18/March 2016"**, whose aim was to figure out how UEM member Churches should carry on further the work of UEM Climate Protection Programme. The results of this workshop were shared in this conference as a publication of results of the workshop in form of conclusions and recommendations.

The conclusion reads in part: "As stewards of God's creation in accordance with Genesis 2:15, we understand that it is our responsibility to take care of all creatures, including human beings, animals and especially nature, without which no other creature can live. We appreciate the efforts done by the churches to address the issue of climate change as we heard from the reports of the churches and encourage them to keep it up. However, we heard also about the challenges they are facing in their endeavours, including Low community awareness, lack of knowledge and skills among community and church members in relation to climate protection, difficult cooperation between environment actors (churches, civil society, foreign agencies and government services and lack of resources to implement projects for addressing climate change."

In order to overcome those challenges, member churches made among others the following recommendations and commitments to: Include and strengthen climate justice and environment protection in our church Agenda to make it a crosscutting issue and mainstream it in all church programmes; Co-operate with other Churches and Institutions (NGOS, Government.) in addressing climate change issues wherever possible; Create a network of churches in the Great Lakes Region to promote climate justice and environmental protection, mainstream of climate justice in our churches, facilitate exchange and dissemination of relevant materials and network on youth action plan and environmental projects. etc.

UEM member Churches were asked to see how these recommendations and commitments could be realised in context on the campaign "One for the Climate".

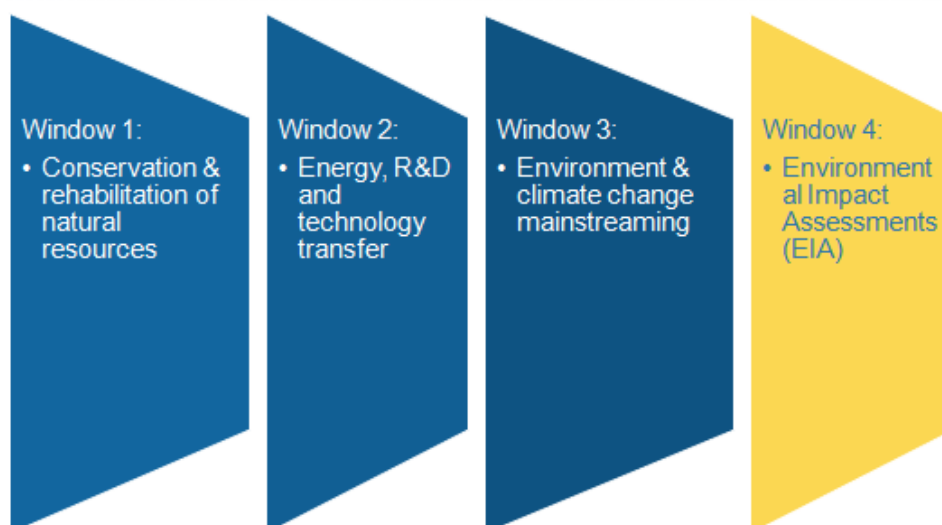


Solar PV installation at EAR Church in Shyogwe diocese

The introduction part was followed by the speech from the minister of Natural Resources, Honourable Dr Vincent Biruta, who in the first place commended the initiatives of Churches in looking for solutions against Climate Change.

He said, **“The country’s constitution states that all Rwandan citizens have the duty to protect, to safeguard and to promote the environment.** So, by distributing Energy Saving Stoves and Ceramic Water Filters you are already fulfilling this responsibility”.

He then elaborated the Rwandan Green Growth and Climate Resilience National Strategy for Climate Change and Low Carbon Development from October 2011. The Strategy aims to build upon work that is already being done in Rwanda on climate change, focusing the various projects and policies in a holistic way. The focus of the Strategy is on climate resilience and low carbon development, addressing both adaptation and mitigation, whilst focusing on economic growth and poverty reduction. He elaborated at length that the strategy includes a long-term vision for Rwanda to be a developed, a climate-resilient and a low-carbon economy by 2050 – a policy that is supported by financing frameworks such as the country’s GreenFund - Rwanda Environment and Climate Change Fund (FONERWA), which is investing close to 100 million US dollars in climate resilience initiatives/projects across the country. Owing to the importance of this fund, Honourable Dr Biruta, said, he would assist in making arrangements for the responsible institution REMA to come over to make a short presentation on how FONERWA is organised and how it is working in supporting climate protection projects so that the faith bases organisation in the country could make use of it.



There were other high ranking officials from Rwandan government, who also attended and contributed to this international workshop. For example the representative from Rwanda Development Board, Mr Fred Karemera, who is in charge of One Stop Centre. He shared about the link between Investments and Environmental Protection in Rwanda, where he said from their experience, there is in general a problem of lack of public awareness for environment issues in relation to investments. He said, people are not aware of the environment they are working on.

So, their role as Rwandan Development Board is also to raise this awareness through public campaigns. In addition, RDB is charged with operational aspects of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) for investments. Some years back this responsibility was under Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA), but they found out that, it was challenging to let investors go to REMA get EIA certificate and then come back to RDB for registration and monitoring. For the sake of streamlining the process, REMA is now entrusted with policy and regulatory aspects of EIA only.

Also the director general of National Development Planning and Research in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Mr Godfrey Kabera, shared about environmental protection and Investment opportunities in Rwanda.

In addition, the director of Microfinance Supervision Department Mr Kevin Shyamba talked about the status opportunities that are presented through Microfinance Institutions in the country.



As a contribution of Climate Protection Experiences from Rwanda, the head of Corporate sales from Mobisol Rwanda, Mr Louis Rwagaju shared about the products of his company. He said, Mobisol is Rwanda is a leading supplier of affordable, high quality Solar Home Systems (SHS) with a rent-to-own payment schemes – all starting at only 399 rwf per day. Rent-to-own means a customer will own the Solar Home System and appliances after having paid it off completely, say after 3 years.

He also added that, Mobisol offers a 3 year warranty, free customer care, maintenance and various payment options. Mobisol systems are available in four different sizes ranging from 80, 100, 120 to 200 W. The BASIC FAMILY PACKAGE starts at 399 rwf (about 0.50 USD) a day, featuring a solar home system, three LED light sets, one mobile charger and a torch, while the PREMIUM PACKAGE includes a 19" Solar television, two additional LED light sets and a solar radio.



30/09/2016: Meeting of the Management of "ONE CLIMATE CLUB" and invited guests

2. List of participants:

Workshop ONE FOR THE CLIMATE Kigali 30th Sept. 2016

1. OKR Rev Dr Ulrich Möller, EkvW, UEM-Member Church Germany and 1CC
2. Rev Dr Jochen Motte, UEM Vice General Secretary
3. Mr Richard Madete, UEM Climate Consultant
4. Rev John Wesley Kabango, UEM Ex. Secretary Africa
5. Rev Chediel Sendoro, UEM Regional Office, Daressalam
6. Mr David Wafo, UEM Climate Consultant
7. Dr Paul Hendler, 1CC, South Africa
8. Dr Gopal K Sarangi, TERI University, India
9. Mr Louis Rwagaju, Head of Corporate sales, Mobisol, Rwanda
10. Mr Edgar Boes-Wenner, 1CC Project Coordinator, Germany

Government of Rwanda:

11. Ministry of Environment, Rwanda, key speaker
12. Ministry of Finance, Rwanda,
13. National Bank
Rwanda Development Board

ELCT Tanzania:

14. Bishop Dr Alex Malasusa
15. Dr Victoria Kisyombe, Entrepreneur
16. Bishop Dr Bagonza Benson
17. Ms Lillian Lwakatare

Baptist Church in East Congo (CBCA):

18. President Rev Dr Kakule Molo
19. Rev Badesire Baleke
20. Rev Jacob Lipandasi
21. Mr Joel Vwira

Presbyterian Church of Rwanda (EPR):

22. President Rev Dr Pascal Bataringaya, EPR
23. Rev Muhozi Emmanuel, EPR
24. Prof Dr Elisee Musemakweli
25. Mr Innocent Semaringa
26. Mr Felix Ngirabakunzi
27. Mr Munyankiko Froduald, AEE Bank, EPR
28. Mr Rugenera Marc, CEO Radiant Insurance Co.
29. Mr Mubiligi Paul, Entrepreneur, EPR

Anglican Church in Rwanda (EAR):

30. Bishop Dr Jered Kalimba
31. Bishop Nathan Gasatura
32. Bishop Mvunabandi Augustin
33. Bishop Nathan Amooti
34. Mr Kayitaba Michel, Private Entrepreneur
35. Mr Viateur Ntarindwa, RDIS
36. Mr Fulgence Mpayimana, RDIS

3. Conclusion and recommendations:

Statement of the International Conference on "One for the Climate"

The International *One for the Climate Conference* gathered from 30th of September to 1st of October 2016 at the Golden Tulip Hotel in Nyamata District, Kigali/Rwanda, facilitated jointly by the *One for the Climate Club*, the *United Evangelical Mission Africa Desk* and *JPIC Desk* together with the Presbyterian and Anglican Churches in Rwanda (EPR + EAR). After an impressive exposure program, visiting best practice grass root projects of the Rwandan Churches with the aim of reducing CO2 emission and increasing clean energy, the Conference focused on the question how joint actions could be achieved in the *One for the Climate* framework nationally, internationally and cross continentally among stakeholders in Africa, Asia and Europe.

The Conference brought together Church Leaders and Development and Climate experts from Tanzania, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Germany related to the *United Evangelical Mission* and members of the *One Climate Club* from India, South Africa, Tanzania, Rwanda and Germany.

In addition to inputs of the above mentioned stakeholders, the conference was enriched by the contributions of

- The Minister of Natural Resources of the Government of Rwanda His Excellency Dr Vincent Biruta
- The Director General of the Rwandan National Development Planning and Research Mr Godfrey Kabera
- The Head of the One Stop Centre of the Rwanda Development Board Mr Fred Karemera
- The Representative of the National Bank of Rwanda Mr Kevin
- The Representative of MOBISOL Rwanda Mr Louis Rwagaju

At the conclusion of the Conference the following church leaders, experts and resource persons from

Tanzania

Bishop Dr Alex Malasusa, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) Eastern Coastal Diocese (ELCT/ECD)

Bishop Dr Abednego Keshomshahara, ELCT, North-Western Diocese (ELCT/NWD)

Bishop Dr Benson Bagonza, ELCT, Karagwe Diocese (ELCT/KAD)

Dr Victoria Kisyombe, Entrepreneur

Mr Richard Madete, Climate Expert, former UEM Climate Consultant

Democratic Republic of Congo

President Rev Dr Kakule Molo, Baptist Church in East Congo (CBCA)

Rev Jacob Lipandas (CBCA)

Rwanda

President Rev Dr Pascal Batarigaya, Presbyterian Church in Rwanda (EPR)

Vice-President Rev Julie Kandema, Presbyterian Church in Rwanda

Bishop Jered Kalimba, Anglican Church in Rwanda (EAR), Shyogwe Diocese

Bishop Nathan Amooti, Anglican Church in Rwanda, Cyangugu Diocese

Prof Dr Elisee Musamakweli, PIASS University, Huye,

Rev Emmanuel Muhozi, Vice-President Kigali Presbytery EPR

Mr Froduald Munyankiko, ACB-Bank, EPR

Mr Innocent Semaringa, Development Department, EPR

South Africa

Dr Paul Hendler, *One Climate Club*, Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch University, *One Climate Club*

India

Dr Gopal Sarangi, *The Energy Resource Institute* (TERI) University, New Delhi, *One Climate Club*

Germany

Oberkirchenrat Rev Dr Ulrich Moeller, Evangelical Church of Westfalia (EKvW) and *One Climate Club*

Mr Edgar Boes-Wenner, Climate Expert, *One Climate Club*

Have come to the following commitment:

1. We commit ourselves to work together in the framework of *One for the Climate* in actions that foster the aims of climate justice.
2. For this we engage ourselves to explore how to strengthen existing projects which are in line with the objectives of *One for the Climate* and to explore ways of scaling up and to make them assessable for investment strategies in this context.
3. We agree to assess new areas of investment, preferably giving access to clean energy to all people in urban and rural areas. We also commit to raising the awareness of suburbanites, companies and organisations and to implementing projects to reduce their carbon footprint and energy costs through renewable energy.
4. To this end we will explore possibilities for co-operation with stakeholders like: local credit unions, SACCOS, further microfinance institutions, church banks, banks, business partners (eg Mobisol), governments and international organisations.
5. We agree to make use of existing structures to pursue these objectives, namely the UEM-JPIC-desk, the UEM-regional office Africa, APRED and the respective church structures in co-operation with One for the Climate.
6. We ask UEM to support this enterprise, namely in making available resources (funding and resource persons) in order to materialise this co-operation. We specifically ask UEM to make available the former UEM-consultant for climate protection in the African Region of UEM, Mr Richard Madete, to assess the existing projects and to explore new areas of co-operation.

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 Mr Innocent Semaringa	 Mr Dr Paul Hendler	 Mr Dr Gopal Sarangi
 Oberkirchenrat Rev Dr Ulrich Moeller	 Mr Edgar Boes-Wenner	

Nyamata, October 1st, 2016

4. Appendices:

The presentations and other materials from this workshop are available for download for a limited period under this web address: www.uem-climate-africa.info/workshop2/

Here is a brief list of downloadable documents:

Introduction to Climate Protection activities in UEM member Churches in Africa:

1. [UEM Environmental Programmes](#) (J. Motte UEM)
2. [UEM Climate Protection Programme](#) / [Recommendations](#) (R. Madete UEM)

Main part:

1. Environmental Initiatives in African region (Rwandan Ministry of Natural Resources, Hon Dr Vincent Biruta)
 2. [Investments and Environmental Protection in Rwanda](#) (Rwanda Development Board, Mr Fred Karemera - in charge of One Stop Centre)
 3. [Presentation of "One for the Climate"](#): (Members/ Mr Edgar Boes-Wenner, 1CC Project Coordinator)
 4. Climate Protection Experiences from:
 - i) [India](#): Dr Gopal Sarangi, 1CC
 - ii) [South Africa](#): Dr Paul Hendler, 1CC
 - iii) [Rwanda](#): Mr Louis Rwangaju - Mobisol Rwanda, Head of Corporate Sales and Government Partnerships
 5. Environmental protection Vs Investment opportunities (Rwandan Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Mr Godfrey Kabera)
 6. Environmental protection Vs Microfinance Institutions - [Rwanda GreenFund FONERWA](#) (National Bank of Rwanda, Mr Kevin Shyamba - director of Microfinance dept)
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