

The Green and Inclusive Energy Program



The Green and Inclusive Energy program is a partnership which focuses on lobby and advocacy that will influence the public and political debate on energy, with the ultimate aim of transitioning toward greener and more inclusive energy systems. The understanding is that only then, will renewable energy become

more available and widespread, so that the energy needs of women and men are met for their daily activities, livelihoods, education and health, creating economic opportunities and growth whilst mitigating climate change.

The programme's nucleus is built on cooperation with and capacity strengthening of national civil society to effectively advocate in favour of green and inclusive policies. It will link and influence the energy policies at international, regional and national level. Its strong focus on lobby seeks to influence 'citizen agency' and public debate to help push the transition from centralised energy production based on fossil fuels towards more decentralized and inclusive energy systems in which citizens take central stage. The inclusive component of the partnership is geared toward improving family health, food supplies and income, and increasing opportunities for youth and women that will allow them greater and more productive participation in politics, society and the economy.

In this partnership, Hivos works together with ENERGIA, International Institute for Environment and Development (iied) and national civil society organisations in Indonesia, Nepal, Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Nicaragua and Guatemala. The programme is the product of the Citizen Agency Consortium formed by Hivos, iied and Article 19 in January 2015 that aims to strengthen civil society through capacity development of their lobby and advocacy skills. The consortium is funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign

Affairs' Dialogue and Dissent programme, and by extension, the Dutch embassies in the countries in which the consortium is active.

The programme also mobilises local civil society to execute their own effective lobby strategies. For Zimbabwe, Action 24, Development Reality Institute (DRI), Zero Regional Environment Organisation, Women Resource Center and Network (ZWRCN), Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) are the local partners.

Role of Action 24 In the Strategic Partnerships

Action 24 being an organisation that works with youth and young people in its programming, seek to improve active involvement and participation of youth and young people in GIE Initiatives. Africa Development Bank (AfDB) has developed keen interest on issues around Youth and Energy Jobs because the assumption is that by 2030 the youth population in Africa will be around 70%, hence it is becoming unavoidable for national economic plans not to confront with this reality. Therefore, packaging of appropriate messages is critical in unlocking the full potential of RE initiatives in creating sustainable employment opportunities. Issues of establishing inclusive funding mechanisms in green energy cannot simply be ignored now if sustainable green jobs and entrepreneurship is to be achieved and aid Africa's unemployment woes. Hence, it is Action 24's endeavor through this partnership to initiate dialogue among youth, private sector, policy makers, CSOs, Corporate Institutes and Banks to advocate and lobby energy, developmental and economic policies to confront with this reality.

Specific activities that the institution will undertake under this program will include;

- Monthly Green Discussion Meetings
- Public Awareness and Educative initiatives including Road Shows
- University Mass Lectures to promote student research around renewable energy solutions.
- Establishment of GIE Youth Advocacy Network

THE GREEN DISCUSSIONS FORUM?



Green Discussions Forum is a friendly platform to discuss solar, wind, and micro hydroelectricity, home energy efficiency, solar hot water systems, green building materials and home design, and much, much more. The discussion platform offers an opportunity to youth to meet and dialogue with energy experts and enthusiasts from the private sector, media, government and CSOs. The ultimate goal of these monthly meeting discussions is to influence policies to promote active youth participation in leading and living sustainable green lifestyles.

The discussions may also be followed using virtual platform of our Green Discussion Forum online. Registration is fast, simple and absolutely free so please join our community today!

To gain full access you must register for a free account using the following address: www.action24regional.org/greendiscussions

After registration, you will be able to:

- Participate fully in all the forums, post messages, upload images and more
- Communicate privately with other RE enthusiasts (through the PM system)
- Search all forums and posts
- Post on our free classifieds marketplace to buy, sell, and trade gear
- Your help will make this forum even better than it is now!

Green Discussions Forum Calendar 2017

DISCUSSION TOPIC	MONTH
“Youth and Green & Inclusive Energy”- A Clean and Sustainable Development Pathway: Launch of the Initiative.	JAN
Unlocking finance mechanisms for youth's Green and Inclusive Energy Entrepreneurship: Lessons from the Private Sector and Micro-Financing Institutions.	FEB
The role of academia in stimulating active youth participation in Green and Inclusive Energy agenda	MAR
“Raising public awareness on Green and Inclusive Energy”; The role of radio, Tv, print and social media.	APR
The GIE & NDCs Nexus- Towards Zimbabwe's achievement of a low carbon economy and green entrepreneurship.	MAY
Understanding and Unlocking economic opportunities for the youth from the national RE Policies and Strategies (RE Draft Policy, NDCs Document, National Climate Change Response Strategy and Policy).	JUN
“A Million dollar Green and Inclusive Energy Entrepreneurship Market for Zimbabwe”- Lessons from across Africa; “Pay-As-You Go Solar Project in Ghana”	JUL
Youth Indigenization and Economic Empowerment- Opportunities for Green and Inclusive Energy in accelerating the youth empowerment drive.	AUG
Paris Agreement- issues at stake and GIE opportunities for Zimbabwe as we focus towards 2020.	SEP
COP 22- Integrating and Consolidating GIE issues into the country's position paper for Bonn	OCT
Clean Energy Week; Harnessing youth's sustainable energy solutions towards achieving Zimbabwe's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) targets.	NOV
Reflection and Evaluation of the Green Discussion Forum	DEC

ABOUT ACTION 24

Action 24 is a youth oriented organisation working towards empowering young people by practically engaging them in environment and development related projects and initiatives. The mandate of the institution is to create an interface between marginalized and non-marginalized youths in communities through programs in employment creation, climate change, renewable energy and policy advocacy & lobbying. The organisation realizes the importance of learning and hence undertakes activities in information and knowledge sharing through fostering spaces and platforms for young people to network and dialogue.

ACTION 24 OPERATIONAL STRATEGY “2016-2020” OBJECTIVES:

1. To sensitize youths on issues of climate change, environment and renewable energy.
2. To establish platforms for dialoguing on issues of sustainable development amongst youths from different backgrounds.
3. To create livelihoods' options and economic opportunities for marginalized youth.
4. To build a critical mass of conscious and tolerant youths who are able to actively participate in climate change, environmental conservation and energy issues