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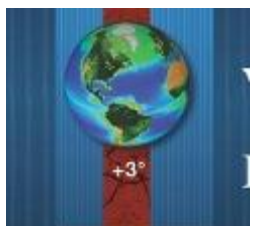
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## NEWS FROM "INSIDE" THE NETWORK

### Cooperation with LMRF

The SA LED Network signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the LED Monitoring and Research Facilitation in Durban for a future cooperation in the field of knowledge exchange and sharing of personal resources.

At the moment LMRF is busy with rebranding since a new strategy for the access of further funding is needed. A joint newsletter was discussed as well as cooperation in terms of sharing news, case studies and research approaches on LED.



### Cooperation with University of Johannesburg: "CENLED"

The University of Johannesburg is setting up a National Center for LED (CENLED) that will focus on a professionalization of the LED practitioners career. The focus lays on an integrated approach that includes all relevant stakeholders in the field of LED. The new board

will consist of representatives from the Department for Trade & Industry, the Industrial Development Cooperation, the South African Local Government Association, the German Technical Cooperation, the Development Bank of South Africa, the Department

for Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs as well as the SA LED Network. The SA LED Network will support the center in terms of knowledge & information exchange. The Center will be launched in 2010 and will support anyone who is interested in the

academic field of LED. There will be information on all LED course offers from South African Universities as well as a variety on own offerings. We will inform you about the latest developments!

### Cooperation with LEDNA

The Local Economic Development Network for Africa (LEDNA) agreed on a cooperation in the field of knowledge exchange as well as the LMRF. Being busy with the same kind of topics only from different angles (African continent vs. South Africa) both parties realized that it is time to join effort to get LED re-

lated information to the right target group. Both networks have the same aim: To document what is going on with LED in South Africa and in other African Countries. Analyse what is already there and figure out what concepts work and which simply doesn't. The mission is to capture those information and make it

available to everyone who is interested. The cooperation will also focus on presenting the South African LED knowledge and experience to the rest of Africa and presenting the knowledge and experience from the rest of Africa to South Africa.

[www.ledna.org](http://www.ledna.org)



### New LED Advisor Britta Ziemann



The DED (German Development Service) will support the SA LED Network with another international advisor: Britta Ziemann.

Britta will start working with the Network from February 2010 on. She has extensive knowledge in the field of

development and has worked for international NGO's in several countries like Cambodia, Denmark and United Kingdom. Britta will support the networks partner SALGA (South African Local Government Association.) within their LED mandate. Welcome!

### Participate in our Survey and win a 500,00 ZAR voucher!

We want to know if you like our new website!

And also if you do not like it.

We want to make it as user friendly as possible and we also want to know what you

think is missing what you'd love to see and find there.

Our little survey takes about 5 minutes and you stand the chance to win a 500,00 ZAR. It's worth the time :-)) and it is anonymous!

To enter the survey simply click on the following link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZHDFVHB>

After you did the survey, please drop us an email with your contact details, so that we can inform you, if you are the lucky one to win the voucher: Send the email to: [Contact@led.co.za](mailto:Contact@led.co.za)



## NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES

### Gauteng SALGA's LED Round Table

On the 13th of November the South African Local Government Association invited to a round table on LED. Almost all stakeholders that are involved in LED activities were invited: COGTA, DBSA, IDC, Vullindlela Academy, the DTI, GTZ, Swiss Contact, DED, University of Johannesburg, LMRF, and a couple of oth-

ers discussed ways forward. Main topics were the information sharing on project activities of all the stakeholders (both successes and failures), the information exchange on the existing partnership activities, the identification of sectoral and geographical focus areas, and the identification of approaches to ensure the im-

proved sharing of useful LED knowledge. It was agreed on that more coordination of the activities is crucial for a more successful local economic development. One main aim will be to create a platform for extensive learning and sharing of knowledge on LED.



### Christian Donor World Vision involves in LED

It is the 12th of October, a hot and humid day in Durban. About 25 Delegates from all over the world flew into town to attend a meeting with a rather new topic for the international donor World Vision: Exchanging experiences on PACA (Participatory Appraisal of Competitive Advantage) exercises that have been conducted over the last 1 1/2 years in several countries.

"It all started on a World Vision summit in Bangkok where the Christian organisation - who is usually focussed on helping children in developing countries- went into a critical review on the work that has been done over the past years" says Anthea Dallimore, development economist of World Vision Australia and organizer of the Indaba in Durban. It was felt, that by focussing on children alone, a lot of potential for further development was lost. A child lives in a family that lives in a household that is situated in a community. A more holistic approach to the livelihood of a child is therefore needed to be able to help in a sustainable

way. As a result of this critical reflection World Vision tried something very new in the history of the organization: Including economic thinking in their so called Area Development Programmes (ADP).

Over 1 1/2 years later, 13 PACA exercises have been kick started in South Africa, Tanzania, Cambodia, India, Haiti and Israel. Anthea Dallimore reminds the participants of the main purpose of this meeting: "To be brutally honest" when it comes to sharing the experiences made during those PACA exercises".

One of the first to be conducted was in Embo, a peri urban informal settlement 45 km west of Durban that suffers from high unemployment, crime and HIV infection rates. 88% of the households are considered poor, drug abuse is a daily issue and there is no clinic for the about 2500 households. Although there have been previous initiatives from almost 40 (!) NGO's, the overall success rates are relatively poor.

The PACA consisted of 4 Phases: Preparation, Mobilisation & Consultation,

Strategy development, Implementation. Over 330 individuals participated in the process (local stakeholders, formal business & government departments)

One main finding was, that Embo is situated right next to the fast developing Hillcrest area and therefore suffers from a lack of "visibility" although Hillcrest's need for labour is intense. A job placement centre was one of the main ideas that came out of the process.

World Vision South Africa is busy to get it in place at the moment.

Although there was quite a difference between the processes & and the different countries, some findings or lessons learned were irritatingly similar:

First of all: One size fits all doesn't exist! Every area is unique and must be treated like that. Involvement of all relevant stakeholders is crucial for the success of the process. As well as a continuous communication between all parties that have been identified. Another factor is the level of skills and personal

engagement: Without the commitment of skilled people who take ownership of the process is quite high. Participation of women is crucial as they tend to take more action and be less politically driven.

The teams also told about the underestimating of the preparation time that is needed to get the process running.

So far nothing new! 1 1/2 years is not much time to evaluate the success of those dedicated initiatives.

One participants summarizes: Identifying projects is one thing, implementation another one. One must review these projects again in some time to see the actual impact they made. Let's hope that all the dedication and hard work of the World Vision staff may lead to fruitful development!



## LED IN THE REST OF AFRICA — presented by:



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NETWORK OF AFRICA



### **EVENT: Africities Summit—16th –20th of December, Marakkesh**



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The Africities Summits organized every three years alternately in the different regions of Africa are a World Event. They constitute a highlight of the impetus given to the decentralization process in Africa, and to the reflection on the place and role of

local governments in the governance and development of African countries.

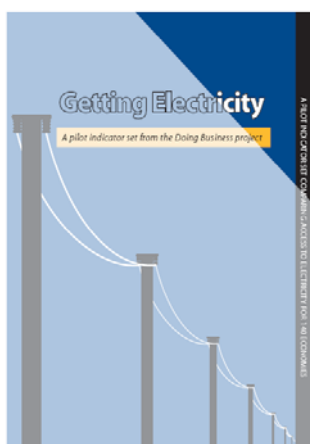
The Central theme of the Marrakesh Africities Summit is: " African Regional and Local Governments' response to the global crisis: promoting

sustainable local development and employment."

To find more information, please click here:

<http://www.africities.org/en/>

### **DOCUMENT: Getting Electricity— A pilot study by the doing business project**



*Getting Electricity* presents findings on the kinds of constraints entrepreneurs around the world face in getting access to electricity and illustrates patterns in connection processes. The study tracks all the procedures, the time, and the cost required for a business to obtain an electricity connection for a newly constructed building. It highlights economies where this process is efficient and

others where it could be made simpler and more efficient.

The *Getting Electricity* pilot study sheds light on the interactions of businesses with distribution utilities. In doing so it covers only a small part of electricity service for the 140 economies surveyed. Yet it provides information on a number of issues for which data previously did not

exist for such a large number of countries. These include the efficiency and cost of the services provided to commercial customers by distribution utilities, the complexity of procedures, and the resources expended by businesses in obtaining a connection. To download the study visit LEDNA's website under:

<http://www.ledna.org/en/documents/getting-electricity-pilot-study-doing-business-project>

### **BLOG: Get involved & discuss!**

This month issue: Governance Competencies & LED

Blogging is a nice way of exchanging views and opinions on various topics. LEDNA invites you to discuss latest ideas & thoughts on LED. Anne, one Blogger in the LEDNA forum triggered a very interesting discussion:

"I am shocked due to the lack of awareness by our leaders on what is needed to promote growth within our boundaries. It is such a sad state of affairs, given the selfish nature of our leaders, yet they are the ones controlling resources and having information

about the available opportunities - especially for women and youth."

The blog is already very active. To comment or post your own thoughts and to enter the discussion please visit:



<http://www.ledna.org/en/blog/governance-competencies-and-led>

## LATEST PUBLICATIONS

### World Development Report—Development and Climate



What does climate change mean for development? What does development mean for climate change? What does all this mean for policy? Climate change threatens all countries, with developing countries being the most vulnerable. The greatest challenge lies with changing behaviors of individuals and policies of institutions.

A climate-smart world is within our reach if we act now, act together, and act differently than we have in the past.

Development goals are threatened by climate change, and severe impacts cannot be avoided unless growth in both rich and poor countries becomes less greenhouse gas intensive. Worsening physical impacts such as sea level rise, severe floods, and droughts have high development costs and threaten infrastructure, human health, food security, and natural resources. To reduce their vulnerability to these impacts, all countries will need to adapt strategically to changing environmental conditions.

World Development Report

2010 uniquely:

- prioritizes development
- examines trade-offs, co-benefits, and physical and policy intersections of adaptation and mitigation
- presents evidence that the elements of a global deal exist
- highlights development opportunities in the changing competitive landscape—and how to seize them
- proposes policy solutions carefully grounded in analytical work and in realistic understanding of the political economy of reform

World Development Report 2010: Development and Climate Change provides a comprehensive overview of the threat posed by climate

change and how we should respond to it. It is essential reading and an invaluable reference for policymakers, scholars, development practitioners, and anyone interested in helping to shape the future of our planet. To get more information or to order a copy click here:

[http://publications.worldbank.org/ecommerce/catalog/product-detail?product\\_id=9148591&cid=EXT\\_WBPubsAlerts\\_P\\_EXT](http://publications.worldbank.org/ecommerce/catalog/product-detail?product_id=9148591&cid=EXT_WBPubsAlerts_P_EXT)

### COGTA: The State of Local Government 2009

“Local Government is everyone’s business” That is the premise of the new report presented by the Department for Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs on their Local Government Indaba on 21st of October in Boksburg. The report provides an analysis of the performance and state of local gov-

ernment and begins to point to key matters that must be attended to. The report derives from the consolidated national report of the nine provincial reports, compiled following assessments jointly conducted across the country between April and August 2009. The assessment process and the consolidated

National Report is the initiative of the Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), Mr Sicelo Shiceka. The assessments were designed to ascertain the root causes of the current state of distress in many of the county’s municipalities in order to inform the National Turn-

Around Strategy for Local Government. To view the complete document visit COGTA’s website:

[http://www.cogta.gov.za/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=cat\\_view&gid=120&Itemid=27](http://www.cogta.gov.za/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=120&Itemid=27)

### IDC: Key Trends in the South African Economy



The global economy appears to be emerging from the worst recession in more than seven decades. A substantial slowdown in economic activity was expected as the financial crisis deepened. And although there may be slight signs of recovery, serious downside risks remain due to an almost exclusive dependency on fiscal and monetary stimuli to propel and sus-

tain the recovery in many parts of the world economy. South Africa could not possibly escape unscathed from the global downturn, considering the openness of its economy.

This publication provides a synopsis of developments in the South African economy, covering numerous local indicators. A brief

overview of select global economic indicators is also provided for comparative purposes. To download the report, click here:

<http://www.idc.co.za/Research%20Reports/Key%20trends%20in%20SA%20economy%204th%20quarter%202709.pdf>



## UPCOMING TRAININGS & EVENTS

### **Sustainable Livelihoods for Development, 1st to 4th February 2010, Johannesburg, South Africa**

Khanya-aicdd and the Centre for Development Support are offering a 4-day Certificate Course called 'Sustainable Livelihood for Development: understanding and applying the Sustainable Livelihoods Approach (SLA).'

This training course aims to share the latest thinking about how the development system must be transformed in order to ensure that livelihoods of the poor are improved, and how the sustainable livelihoods approach (SLA) can be used to achieve impact in improving people's livelihoods. This course is targeted at practitioners, consultants and advisers from development agencies and government departments, wanting to understand the Sustainable Livelihoods Approach (SLA) and how to apply it in their work. No previous experience of SLA is required.

Application Deadline: 22 January 2010

For more information, please go onto: <http://www.khanya-aicdd.org/events/event.2009-06-12.1734637876/>

### **Training: Facilitating Community-Based Planning, 15th to 26th February 2010, Eastern Cape, South Africa**

The overall purpose of this course is to develop a cadre of development practitioners committed to community-based planning processes that ensure planning is responsive to the improvement of community livelihoods and enriching strategic development planning efforts for effective service delivery. By the end of the training, participants (municipal officials and other development agencies) will have a good grasp of the participatory tools for engaging communities in planning for local development; have a clearer understanding of how to give effect to the requirements of the Municipal Systems Act; produce real plans with real communities. Plans will be used by the hosting municipality to enrich the municipal IDP. Participants will plan from outcomes not problems leading to more realistic and creative planning.

Application Deadline: 05 February 2010

For more information, please go onto: <http://www.khanya-aicdd.org/events/training-facilitating-community-based-planning/>

### **Managing for Impact in Development 8th to 19th March 2010, South Africa**

The overall purpose of the workshop is to continue to develop and strengthen the capacity of individual service providers and practitioners within Eastern & Southern Africa to support pro-poor projects/programmes to effectively manage toward impact. The objectives of the event includes, Enhancing the skills and knowledge of service providers and practitioners on what managing for impact means and how to put it into practice; and Identifying service providers and practitioners willing to continue to collaborate with one another and pro-poor initiatives beyond the training workshop through a managing for impact network. The workshop will include theories, methodologies and tools in the managing for impact approach. Some of the topics will include strategic and operational planning as well as participatory monitoring and evaluation with a 'managing for impact' perspective.

Application Deadline: 08 February 2010

For more information please contact: Masebotsa Lesoli (051 430 0712)

### **Donor Committee Conference: Business Environment Reform and the Informal Economy, 13th to 15th April 2010, Cape Town, south Africa**

The conference is intended for donor and development agencies, and their programme partners (i.e. policy-makers, practitioners, business membership organisations, civil society, academia) to investigate the influence that business environment reform has on the size, nature, and in particular, the incentives in terms of constraints and opportunities of the informal economy in developing and transition economies, and to identify lessons learnt and good practices in business environment reform that encourages the formalisation of informal firms and transactions.

Application Deadline: 11 December 2009

For more information, please go onto: [http://www.businessenvironment.org/dyn/be/besearch.details?p\\_lang=en&p\\_phase\\_id=178&p\\_phase\\_type\\_id=6](http://www.businessenvironment.org/dyn/be/besearch.details?p_lang=en&p_phase_id=178&p_phase_type_id=6)



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