

Co-Willing Economic Development Conference 2018

Africa leading the Way

Summary of Outcomes

1. Co-Willing is growing

- We have individuals and whole organisations who want to partner with us.
- A strong Youth Group was formed: 'Co-Willing Youth' under the lead of Yakub Musa and Guguni Nyabade, who ...
 - ... will form a business entity and will be mentored by Kenyan Co-Willers in regular meetings
 - ... will upskill in business and computer skills – campaigning skills with Peter Metzinger
 - ... will organise a Co-Willing marathon and soccer youth camp in Kwale in April/May – incl. the Street Theatre Group
 - ... are planning agri-production projects in Kwale to ensure local food supply and jobs for youth

2. The next Co-Willing AGM/Conference will be in Kwale County again

We hope to see projects implemented – or at least in process – by the time we meet

Kwale could become a prime pioneer and model area that is not only attractive for the county itself but also for multiplying its projects all over and thus also interesting for tourists.

It would be great, if Kwale could present itself as a highly efficient and pioneer County when Co-Willing meets in Kwale next January 2019.

Potential Projects:

1. **iSDG Model**
 - sustainable and optimal investment strategies for the County
 - training centre for university students re SDGs and systemic thinking and computer models
2. **Solar Energy & e-learning & applications**
 - A10 + e-learning + e-library + computer centres + small business applications (pumps, engines, fridge, ...) -> Micro investment and re-payment systems
 - Solar for industry, business, institutions, hotels, ...
 - solar for agriculture: Aquaponic (maybe with Swiss research institute), mushrooms (Swiss company involvement), shrimp (Swiss company involvement), ...
3. **Natural Water Retention Systems & general Water management**
 - **Natural Water Retention Systems** for the semi-arid back country of Ukunda
 - > self-sustained farming for families: fruit, vegetables, staple crops, cattle, fish, ...
 - > change of microclimate (= more humidity)
 - > Training Centre for Africa, as Kwale would be the first model in Africa!
 - Natural Water Retention
 - Push Pull technique
 - Bee keeping
 - Natural medical herb production
 - seed production
 - re-forestation programmes
 - > tourist attraction

- General Water Management

- > existing dams could be managed in a way that allows more intense agri-production

Be aware that Natural Water Retention is different from the traditional 'dam system'!

- 4. Intense agri-production (and maybe -processing)** as supply for the tourism industry
 - aquaponics (fish and vegetables) -> maybe with Swiss research institute
 - mushrooms -> maybe Swiss company involvement
 - shrimp (prawns) -> maybe Swiss company involvement
- 5. Vocational Training and Job Creation**
 - Hospitality Training Centre – in collaboration with a Swiss Institution
 - CCT for training, mentoring, support for youth in construction
 - Solar: electricians, plumbers, mechanics
 - maintenance for structures of agri-production and – processing
- 6. Myoreflex Therapy**
 - Centre for holistic healing – also for tourists
 - Training Centre as launching base for Africa
- 7. Waste to Energy**
 - Key investment in environment (tourists are sensitive to environmental questions)
 - reliable energy, benefits from metals and minerals
 - steam could be used for heating or cooling (and aquatic park as tourist attraction?)
 - getting rid of waste dumps can be compensated with Carbon Credits (plant produces 22 times less CO₂)

Most of the above projects can be implemented also in other parts of Kenya, as well as South Africa, South Sudan, ...

- Kibra**
- **Solar energy** for Yakub's school – incl. micro-investment plan for re-payment
 - **Gita Goven's building concept for township housing:**
 - Yakub plans to build his school in Kibra according to this
 - Waste management

Campaigning Peter Metzinger from Business Campaigning, Switzerland, lost his heart in Africa
His first campaigning trainings took place in Nairobi after the conference
He will start a special programme in Kenya and in South Africa