

## Should Africa pay the price for global warming?

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Dear readers,

A warm welcome to the October Newsflash.

In most African traditions, if one commits a crime, he or she is hauled before a traditional court presided over by a chief where the case is heard. Once found guilty the offender is made to pay an admission of guilt fine, which can be in the form of a beast(s) or even crops depending on the severity of the matter.

Now when it comes to global warming which is attributed to both natural and human activity, one wonders who should pay more beasts for polluting the atmosphere. Is it Africa which accounts for 3,6 percent of the carbon dioxide emissions or the industrialised countries with 75 percent? Should industrialised countries be tried under a traditional court somewhere in Africa or at the Hague for crimes against the environment?

The effects of global warming are wide and far reaching. We have seen the weather patterns changing in Africa with most countries experiencing erratic rainfall, floods and unusual heatwaves due to global warming.

Instead of sitting and waiting for industrialised countries to clean up their mess, Africa ought to play a role in reducing its own carbon emissions.

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Pollutants continue to be released into the atmosphere from the continent mainly through industrial waste, fossil fuels, burning of toxic material and vehicle emissions. If unchecked, pollution in Africa could reach alarming levels.

The questions we ought to ask our selves, as Africans are - what are we doing to decelerate the rate of global warming? How are we disposing our chemical waste and electronic gadgets such as computers? Are we doing it the Ghana way of burning them? What about used mercury bulbs - are we doing it the South African way of throwing them into garbage bins? What about the excessive cutting down of trees for firewood and agricultural purposes in Zimbabwe? Is it not contributing towards global warming?

One also wonders why most African governments continue to allow their citizens to buy cheap cars from some developed countries most of which are past their use by date. Why are some countries still using methyl bromide as a fumigant? How many have phased out leaded petrol?



German President Horst Koehler welcomes Midzi Janhi an alumnus who recently completed a one year International Leadership Training in Germany. See page 7 for more. Photo: InWEnt

We really need to do more than just pay a lip service to environmental issues because the effects of climate change are going to hit Africa below the belt.

Happy reading!

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Your suggestions, opinions and recommendations are most welcome!



### Election observation in Zambia

In 2006, Joanna Muenker and Tomáš Lindner observed elections in Zambia as representatives of the Global Education Network of Young Europeans and the InWEnt network for development education - ASA.

The two observers share their experiences including the logistical problems they witnessed during transportation of ballot boxes to the capital, Lusaka.

They also draw interesting comparisons between elections in Zambia, the Czech Republic and Germany.

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### Expel the ghosts of the past



Learning from African history and developing sustainable international relations - Philani Mthembu from Johannesburg teaches about the importance of democratic elections.

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### Subscribe to D + C

Do not miss out the latest issue of the D+C magazine, which talks about the implications of climate change on humankind and the environment.

According to the magazine, if the mean temperature of the atmosphere continues to rise by several degrees centigrade, then by the end of the century the implications of climate change are going to be devastating.

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### InWEnt holds business-to-business meetings at trade fair

by Annamarie Grobler - South Africa

InWEnt held business-to-business (B2B) meetings at a trade fair held in Johannesburg, South Africa at the end of July. The meetings were part of the Trade Africa Intra Regional Export promotion programme.

The fair took place during the South African International Trade Exhibition (SAITEX) and the African Big 7 exhibition.

Twelve participants from Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia were nominated to exhibit. At the end seven companies from three of the participating countries exhibited while Mozambique withdrew.



Some of the items on display at the exhibition

The South African partner, the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry arranged individual B2B meetings. Orders worth US\$ 275 000 were confirmed during the fair while others worth US\$514 000 are still under negotiation.



The Tanzania stand at the fair

This year 401 companies from 39 countries exhibited at SAITEX and African Big 7. At least 12 708 visitors from 44 countries visited the exhibition.

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## Meet your APD community promoters

Following the Alumniportal Deutschland (APD) workshop for Community Promoters held in August in Germany, a group of 21 alumni from Africa, Asia and one from Europe were engaged on a freelance basis to promote the APD in their respective countries.

The promoters were equipped with the requisite skills to support fellow alumni in using the APD website.



*Participants at the Community Promoters' workshop in Germany*

The InWEnt Head of Social Development, Dr Carola Donner-Reichle and the APD Senior Project Manager Gerd Hoenscheid-Gross officiated at the opening ceremony.



*From left: APD team member Christian Poschmann, Dr Donner-Reichle and Gerd Hoenscheid-Gross*

One of the key highlights of the workshop was the formation of the first online groups by Community Promoters namely the APD Green World, Cultural Differences and the Business Forum.

Alumni are invited to register Premium on the APD website at: [www.alumniportal-deutschland.org](http://www.alumniportal-deutschland.org)

Registered members can join and actively participate in online group activities through sending comments on current topics and blogs.

The APD website presents members with networking opportunities as well as job and career offers, training and access to a calendar of events on the local and international scene.



*APD Community Promoters posing for a photograph during an outing*

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### Inaugural food safety training workshop held in South Africa

by George Makore - Botswana

The InWEnt SADC regional office recently hosted its inaugural food safety training of trainers' workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The workshop sought to raise awareness about compliance with international standards within the South African food industry. Another objective was to assist small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) to comply with national and international food safety requirements.

It also sought to enhance the export potential of SMEs by reducing or eliminating risks in food production.

Participants had an opportunity to develop their capacity.

They were also conscientised about the relevant European Union (EU) laws, guidelines and standards. Participants went through the food safety management system principles and ISO 22000. In addition, they learnt the basics about implementing a food safety management system according to the ISO 22000 standard.



Participants at the food safety workshop held in August in South Africa

The workshop consisted of theory, case studies, group work, assignments and presentations.

On the last day participants were asked to choose a Food Safety Management System to implement in their respective organisations.

They would also prepare presentations to be made during a

follow up workshop to be held early next year in Lusaka, Zambia.

It was anticipated that after the workshop, there would be an increase in trade between SADC and the EU and a reduction in rejected exports from the region.

Fourteen participants from Botswana, Malawi, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe attended the workshop, which was co-funded by the Botswana-based USAID Southern Africa Global Competitiveness Hub.

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### ILT Global Trade participants graduate

by Felix Cossa - Mozambique and Dr Judith Hoffmann - Germany

The fourth follow up workshop in the context of the International Leadership Training (ILT) Global Trade - New Challenges for Customs Policy and Customs Administration took place in Maputo, Mozambique at the end of July.

The theme of the workshop was "Challenges for the Formation and Implementation of Customs Unions: The Example of EAC and SADC."

During the workshop 15 participants from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique and Tanzania presented their transfer projects.

Alumni were also conferred with Master of Customs Administration, Law and Policy degrees.

In his welcome remarks Felix Cossa, the InWEnt representative for Mozambique said the ILT Global Trade programme sought to contribute towards the economic

development of SADC and the East African Community (EAC) by offering advanced training to officials from customs and other relevant authorities.



Graduates being conferred with Master's degrees. Photo: InWEnt

Oliver Haensch from the German Embassy urged participants to organise themselves into technical networks.

"Since you know Germany very well as you lived and studied there, you are privileged to act as cultural ambassadors and contact persons between Germany and your home countries," he said.

InWEnt has since 2005 been offering the ILT programme in cooperation with the University of Muenster in Germany.

The programme includes training by experts from various organisations in particular the World Customs Organisation, the European Union and the German Federal Ministry of Finance.

It targets young professionals from customs authorities, ministries of finance and other relevant authorities from SADC and the EAC countries. Since its inception, 93 experts have benefited from the programme.

InWEnt organised the Global Trade workshop in cooperation with the Mozambique Revenue Authority.

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## News

### Businesswomen in South Africa receive training

by Annamarie Grobler - South Africa

The first customized training workshop for Business Women's Associations (BWA) in SADC was held in Johannesburg in August.

Its objectives were to equip the BWA branch coordinators in South Africa with skills to understand the principles of performance management and to enable them to draw up performance agreements.

The group identified the need for additional training in assertiveness and self-esteem, financial skills, communication skills and project management.

The workshop was held under the programme: Chamber and Advisory Network and Cooperation for Women Entrepreneurs (CHANCE)

CHANCE seeks to promote capacity building, regional dialogue and networking for business intermediaries in the SADC and SAARC (South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation) regions as well as international networks from Southern Africa, South Asia, Germany and Europe.



Participants at the workshop for businesswomen posing for a photograph in South Africa recently

This programme, which targets women entrepreneur associations and chambers of commerce, is designed to enhance economic empowerment of women.

Its SADC partners are the Business Women's Association South Africa

(BWASA), Enablis SA, Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry, NEPAD Business Foundation and the SADC Secretariat Gender Unit.

As part of the first international exchange programme, a winter school on Strategic Management of Women's Entrepreneurship Associations will be hosted by SAARC Chamber Women Entrepreneurs Council in Mahabalipuram, India from 22 to 28 November 2009.

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## Alumni Success Stories



Our alumna of the month of October is Thandeka Mcunu (30) from Johannesburg, South Africa.

She holds a Bachelor of Technology degree in Environmental Health from Durban University of Technology and a Quality Management certificate from Hochschule fuer Technik und Wirtschaft, Germany. She has also done various short courses related to occupational health and safety.

Thandeka is the Group Health and Safety Manager for FirstRand Bank.

Her work entails development of strategy, guidelines and procedures to ensure compliance with Occupational Health and Safety legal requirements and related standards. It also involves minimising the Group's EHS Regulatory risks to protect brand and reputation and enhance stakeholder value as well as conducting compliance audits and reporting non-compliance to the FirstRand board.

She got to know about InWent through a friend and later benefited from a year scholarship in 2003 to study Quality Management at the Saarland University in Saarbruecken, Germany.

"The training in Germany opened many doors for me," she said.

Before embarking on the training, Thandeka worked as an Environmental Coordinator for Engen Refinery.

"After the training, within two months of being back in South Africa, I was head-hunted by South African Breweries, where I worked at middle management level for three and a half years," she said.

"I was head-hunted again by FirstRand Bank to be their Group Health and Safety Manager which is a job I really enjoy."

"My line manager is very proud that I studied in Germany where she also studied. She said my CV stood out from the rest because of my exposure to European legislation when I did my practicals at PCK Refinery," she said.

In August Thandeka participated in an Alumniportal Deutschland (APD) workshop after which she was engaged as a Community Promoter for South Africa. Her role is to raise awareness about APD among German trained South Africans.

"There are a number of services being offered on the APD website which alumni must take advantage of such as careers and jobs, networking and finding contacts, events, blogging, sharing and posting files," she said.

Thandeka is the fourth born in a family of three girls and two boys.

She recently studied photography which she said is "a great hobby but very expensive."

Apart from photography, she enjoys designing, making ladies jewellery, belly dancing and networking.

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### 2010 Knowledge Exchange workshop held in South Africa

by Susanne Scholle - South Africa

There are only nine months left before the FIFA World Cup 2010 in South Africa while the dress rehearsal, the Confederations Cup 2009 was successfully hosted in June.

The successes and areas for further improvement have been discussed in various debriefings of the host cities and other involved parties.

Questions have been raised about the implications of these experiences and how non-Confederations Cup cities could benefit from them. Discussions have also centred around changing the implementation strategies for the World Cup (WC). The Knowledge Exchange workshop conducted by InWEnt and its partners in mid-September dealt with these questions.

The workshop agenda covered a wide range of themes including transport, marketing, sustainability and volunteers, which are relevant areas in the preparations of the WC.

It turned out to be the biggest workshop within the scope of our host city support programme with 109 participants in attendance.

Representatives from nine host cities, provinces, ministries and other organisations including the Airports Company South Africa, the Department of Health and the National Disaster Management Center attended the workshop. The five German experts who monitored the Confederations Cup were also present.

The first part of the workshop focused on the lessons learnt and best practices derived from the Confederations Cup.

Commissioner Ben Groenewald from the South African Police Service who attended all debriefings in the host cities gave a realistic overview of the preparations.

He regularly reports to the Inter-ministerial Committee and FIFA.

Commissioner Groenewald said South Africa was satisfied with the outcome of the Confederations Cup. He noted some challenges facing the country in preparations for the tournament especially with regards to handling many foreign fans that will attend the WC. This requires intense preparations unlike the Confederations Cup.



*Jurgens Dyssel from the National Disaster Management Center making a presentation during the workshop*

The Confederations Cup cities (Johannesburg, Tshwane, Rustenburg and Mangaung) presented their concrete experiences.

One challenge that most host cities faced was lack of communication between stakeholders and a clear clarification of roles and responsibilities. The Park and Ride systems implemented in most cities before the Confederations Cup (to cater for soccer and rugby games have) faced challenges relating to signage, communication and lack of updates through the media.

During the second part of the workshop, representatives of national institutions presented on the implementation strategies for the WC and sustainability measures in their particular areas.

Dr Kevin Naidoo from the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs spoke about the

legacy of the WC in general and focused specifically on the stadia.

He highlighted the high monthly costs the cities would incur to maintain the stadia. In order to cope with these expenses, Dr Naidoo called for cooperation between government and the private sector.

The Department of International Relations gave a brief introduction on protocol since all the host cities have to be adequately prepared to receive Heads of State, royal visitors and other VIPs. In the coming months the department will be training multipliers in host cities on protocol.

The German experts presented on observations they made during the Confederations Cup and suggested further areas of improvement. They said the most important legacy of the World Cup 2006 was the new positive image Germany gained abroad and urged South Africa not to miss this unique opportunity.

On the last day of the workshop participants were divided into five working groups on transport, safety, security and protocol, disaster management, communication, media and marketing, infrastructure and sustainability.

Participants discussed in detail issues that had been raised during the first two days of the workshop and mapped up the way forward.

The presentations demonstrated that there were a lot of good concepts that were being implemented. So far a national marketing and tourism strategy has been implemented to ignite anticipation for the World Cup inland and abroad and above all to make South Africa attractive to international fans.

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### Alumni meet German President

It is a rare opportunity for an ordinary citizen to meet a president of a country let alone alumni from as far as Africa.

While this may sound like a fairytale, two Zimbabwean alumni who just completed a one-year training in Germany in International Leadership Training (ILT) through the "Afrika Kommt" programme were among a group of 20 alumni privileged to meet President Horst Koehler.

The meeting took place at the President's official residence in Berlin at the end of October last year where a reception was hosted in honour of the Afrika Kommt group.

Also in attendance were government officials and representatives from 19 companies where the group was attached for practical training.



Participants at the President's reception

Not only did the duo, Itayi Maunganidze and Midzi Janhi shake hands with Mr President, they also got a chance to engage in a conversation with him.

"The President went round talking to each and every one of us. He indicated his passion for Africa," said Maunganidze.

"He stressed the importance of implementing what we learnt in Germany and to create a good network between us and the German business."

InWEnt in collaboration with the German industry runs the ILT programme Afrika-Kommt ([www.afrika-kommt.de](http://www.afrika-kommt.de)), which offers leadership training to young professionals from sub-Saharan Africa.

The idea behind the programme came from President Koehler and the Bosch Foundation.

Participants were drawn from Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Namibia, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Out of over 2000 applications, 45 were shortlisted for interviews.

From January to September this year participants were attached to different companies in Germany.

At the end of the programme, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs presented the group with certificates at a ceremony attended by representatives from the president's office and companies that participated in the programme.



Itayi Maunganidze

Maunganidze and Janhi said the training benefited them tremendously in that they had firsthand German business culture experience and improved on time management.

"Creating networks with German companies to promote trade between Africa and the German industry was another milestone," they said.

Itayi was attached to BMW head office in Munich for nine months in the finance department.

"The stay in Germany improved my planning and analytical skills. I intend to rejoin the banking sector and implement the skills I have acquired," said Maunganidze.

"I also want to create opportunities for German and Zimbabwean companies to do business.

"It will be good to put Zimbabwe back to its previous position of being the second biggest German business partner in the SADC region," he said.

Asked what his most memorable experiences in Germany were, Maunganidze said it was meeting Mr Koehler and working for BMW. His worst experience was the German winter!

Maunganidze (31) holds a Master of Science Degree in Finance and Investments from the National University of Science and Technology (NUST) and a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Zimbabwe. He worked in the banking sector for six years.

Itayi is married to Mavis. His hobbies are travelling, meeting new people, playing and watching soccer.

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Midzi Janhi

Midzi Janhi (29) was attached to ThyssenKrupp AG, one of the biggest companies in the steel and services industry with over 200 000 employees worldwide and 300 subsidiaries.

"I went through all their business departments with the aim of experiencing how German businesses work," said Janhi.

Janhi holds a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from NUST.

After completing his studies he worked for Proplastics, a division on Murray and Roberts as an engineer before moving to South Africa in 2007 where he works for Poynting Antennas in Johannesburg.

"Although I am working and staying in South Africa, my heart is still in Zimbabwe and I hope to use the German experience back in Zimbabwe," he said.

Midzi is single. He comes from a family of five. His hobbies are watching football, cricket and playing tennis.

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## Training Programmes

*InWEnt conducts training activities on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). These activities are planned and developed with partner organisations in respective countries under Development Cooperation.*

*In order to increase the impact of these activities, InWEnt engages participation of suitable partners within the Development Cooperation to implement the programmes.*

*From time to time opportunities for courses and conferences arise.*

*Our programmes also target people active in the field of Development Cooperation.*

*For further information refer to our contact details.*

**Training of trainers courses on offer**

**19 - 30 October 2009  
Mozambique**

The ict@innovation programme will be hosting the last course in a series of four regional training of trainers (ToT) workshops in the Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) Business Models.

The course will take place from 19 - 30 October 2009 in Mozambique.

It targets participants from Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zambia.

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**Economic and Financial Reporting  
Berlin, Germany  
February 1 - April 1, 2010  
Deadline: October 23, 2009**

The course seeks to among others improve the quality of economic and financial reporting in the media.

It targets business and economic writers of newspapers, online editions and news agencies.

The course is open to journalists from China, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

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**Online course: Results Oriented Monitoring  
19 October - 16 November, 2009  
Deadline: 11 October 2009**

This course seeks to among others facilitate the use of appropriate monitoring approaches in development interventions.

It is designed for people with experience in managing, planning and monitoring results of development interventions.

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**Professional certificate in Education, Finance, Economics and Planning  
Johannesburg, South Africa  
January - December 2010  
Deadline: 15 October 2009**

The course is designed to address the challenges facing many developing countries in meeting their educational goals especially their inability to align policy goals with appropriate implementation plans and budgets.

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**Online course: Tutoring for eLearning communities (TeL)  
November 16 - December 18, 2009  
Deadline: 2 November 2009**

This course targets trainers and future online tutors in adult education and academic training who need to acquire theoretical and practical tutoring and support skills.

The programme equips participants with the necessary tools and knowledge to successfully support eLearning participants.

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**International Leadership Training (ILT)  
Red Trade:  
Innovative/Local/Regional Economic Development and Trade Promotion 2010 - 2011  
Deadline: 15 November 2009**

The ILT programme provides a unique innovative and capacity building course for highly motivated junior executives and managerial personnel from among others SMEs and private businesses from the SADC region.

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