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ICENECDEV Reaching People and Environment



Group Photo with Participants and Experts in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Expert brainstorming on the Role of Civil Society in the Statistical Process in Africa

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INTRODUCTION

ICENECDEV-International Centre for Environmental Education and Community Development is at forefront for the education of the environment incorporating our ecological assets well articulated in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Cameroon Development Agenda.

ICENECDEV works closely with a team of volunteers, consultants, community leaders and resource persons to identify environmental problems caused by socio-economic issues and try to support these problems technically, materially and financially with development partners.

At ICENECDEV we believe in joining hands, working together as one of the best approaches to achieve sustainable impact and improving on our collective future.

Our work in ICENECDEV is deeply rooted in the values of people and the imperative of our collective actions. We strongly believe everyone is blessed and endowed with skills and knowledge to contribute to the building blocks of our societies and communities.

We believe so much in education to change attitudes and the perception of people in order to manage sustainably and protect our ecological assets which we all depend on for Political, Economic, Social, Cultural and Spiritual Development.

We urge each and everyone to join us to promote education for the environment in order to acquire information as the first step to protect people and the environment an integral part of our core mission.

1. Empowering Prison Health Staff and Health Professionals in Cameroon



Empowering Prison Health Personnel's and Professionals



Capacity Building Training on First Aid and Medical Ethics for Detainees

ICENECDEV and Partners (Dutch (Nederlands) Albert Scheitzer Foundation (NASF) is building the capacity of Prison health personnel, health professionals and health Non profits in Cameroon. The project provided direction and guidance on health conditions in prisons and push the agenda of research and action to inspire policy change on health care in First Aid

Education, Prisoner Health Rights, Medical Ethics and Water, Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH) in 5 prisons and centres of detention in Cameroon

2. Empowering Smallholders Women Farmers in Cameroon



Cameroon Women Farmer Network



Smallholders Women Farmers in Group Meeting

ICENECDEV and Partners is working closely with women farmers groups in more than 10 village communities in the North West and South West Region, in Cameroon.

ICENECDEV is building the capacity of the rural women farmers in micro-finance, pest and diseases, record keeping, Use of Agrochemicals, Land preparation, Agricultural literacy, Agricultural marketing, E-Commerce,

climate change education, Soil and Forest conservation through women farmers network meetings. ICENECDEV and its partners have been able to empower more than 500 smallholder farmers in Cameroon to increase their household income by 70% alleviating Hunger and Poverty in Cameroon.

3. Celebration of World Wetlands Day 2017



ICENECDEV Team educating the local population on importance of Wetlands

Within the framework of the United Nations Department of Public Information (UNDPI) and ICENECDEV as an accredited organization to UNDPI Commemorated the World Wetlands Day 2017 in collaboration with the (Cameroon Government)-Regional Delegation of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development South West Region, local inhabitants at the car Washing Point at Mile 16 (Bolifamba) Village community on the 2nd February 2017.

4. Celebration of the International Day of the Forest and World Water Day 2017.

ICENECDEV, as an accredited organization to the United Nations Department of Public Information (UNDPI) and within the framework of the UNDPI commemorated the International Day of the Forest and World Water Day 2017.

On the 21st March and 22nd March 2017, ICENECDEV, Cameroon Government and Global Medicare Foundation with materials (Posters, Flyers

and Brochures) support from the RAMSAR Secretariat, celebrated the International Day of the Forest and World Water Day educating the public through a Radio programme on Revival Gospel Radio Station and Christian Broadcasting Station on the Challenges of Forest and Water Resources in Cameroon relating to the theme of the World Water Day (Why Waste Water). ICENECDEV and its local partners (Cameroon Women Farmers Network) engaged in social media promotion campaign and phone text messages for wetlands protection and raise awareness among more than 10,000 people.

5. Fund Raising Strategies and Techniques for Non Profit Organisation

ICENECDEV is empowering non profit on Fundraising techniques and strategies for non profits through workshops and short courses. This project is designed within the framework of the 3rd International conference on financing for development-Addis Ababa Action Agenda 27 July 2015 which is an integral part of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

More than 40 Non profits were advised to align their activities, projects and programmes to the financial and capital market especially with investment projects/programme to better actualize and realize the sustainability parameters and paradigms within the context of the 2030 agenda for sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This project provided networking and multi-stakeholder partnership as better approaches and best practices to engage positively and constructively with donor, funders and supporters.

ICENECDEV exchanged and shared information on its past projects and donors, and encouraged other organizations to exchange experiences adding more impetus and value to the seminar.

The outcome of the project culminated to the establishment of an informal network on resource mobilization with more than 40 non profits platform

6. Regional Consultation Meeting for Africa Major Groups and Stakeholders prior to the 16th African Ministerial Conference for Environment (AMCEN-UN Environment/UNEP)



Group Photo of Participants



Cross –Section of the Participants at the Conference

ICENECDEV as an accredited organization to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), participated in the pre meeting Regional Consultation Meeting for Africa Major Groups and Stakeholders prior to the

16th African Ministerial Conference for Environment which took place 10th-11th June 2017.

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Climate Policy and Energy Programme for sub-Saharan Africa, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), the Government of Morocco and the host government of Gabon partnered to support the representatives of the African Civil Society as Major Groups and Stakeholders, having met in Libreville and Gabon on 10-11th June 2017 for the Regional Consultation Meeting to prepare for the 16th session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) and the 3rd session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA). The statement and key messages was officially presented to AMCEN during the Ministerial Conference on 15 June 2017 at the Radisson Blu Conference Centre, Libreville, Gabon.

The Theme of the meeting was: "Investing in Innovative Environmental Solutions to accelerate implementation of Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063 in Africa"

ICENECDEV Participation and Contribution

ICENECDEV suggested a holistic and integrated approach of government agencies (Environment, Agriculture, Water, Energy, Forestry and Tourism etc) in addressing the environmental dimensions of the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We provide the key messages and outcome of Consultation Meeting for Africa Major Groups and Stakeholders/AMCEN to our national and international Partners to add and contribute to their strategic planning for the Africa Continent, within the framework of the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

7. WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2017



Participants Launching of World Environment Day 2017

ICENECDEV as an accredited organization to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). On the 5th June 2017, ICENECDEV launched World Environment Day in collaboration with local partners and Cameroon Government (Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development) South West Region, Cameroon.

ICENECDEV presented fact sheets and flyers on connecting People to Nature and linkages to natural capital, ecotourism and the transition towards Green Sustainable Economy in the context of the 2030 agenda to sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

ICENECDEV join the Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development) South West Region, Cameroon on the 5th of June to commemorate the World Environment Day. ICENECDEV actively participated in exhibition of environmental projects on Cook clean stoves, solar energy and access to renewable energy by it local partners and collaborators.

ICENECDEV and it local partners engaged in social media promotion campaign and phone text messages stickers on environmental protection and raise awareness among more than 15,000 people.

8. Sustainable Sanitation Alliance (SuSanA) Cameroon



Group Photo at SuSanA Meeting



Participants at SuSanA Meeting

ICENECDEV and Partners organize the Sustainable Sanitation Alliance (SuSanA) meeting in Cameroon in conjunction with the Sweden Stockholm World Water Week. The Goal of the meeting was to:

- Engage local and national actors of Water, Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH) on the SuaSanA platform (strengthening the Capacities of WASH partners and Means of Implementation).
- Promote the movement of the upcoming United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment with the Theme:

Towards a Pollution Free Planet

- To Contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 3, 6 and 17) contextualizing pointing to Relevant local and National indicators and priorities.

Recommendation

The participants collectively highlighted The need of SuSanA Cameroon to engage and connect local and national actors on Water, Hygiene and sanitation projects/Programmes in Communities

9. International Day to Combat Desertification June 17th 2017

ICENECDEV, Environmental non profits andpartners planted more than 500 tree species at the Muea Water Catchment area to restore the water catchment and improve on water quality and the degradation of farmland as a result of human and economic activities such as Deforestation, Urbanisation and Agricultural practices.

ICENECDEV shared more than 300 flyers to raise awareness on the International Day to Combat Desertification

10. 13th Sessions of conference of parties(COP13) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification(UNCCD) Ordos China



Youths Delegates Sharing Experiences

ICENECDEV participated in the youth forum of 13th Sessions of conference of parties (COP13) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) between the 8 – 10 September 2017 in Inner Mongolia China.

It is the first time at the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Conference of Parties meeting that the Youth Forum is taken place in conjunction with different other side events in Ordos Inner Mongolia, China between the 6th and 16th September 2017.

The 13th Sessions of conference of parties (COP 13) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) incorporated the youths perspectives and actions in tackling desertification, poverty, climate change and sustainable land Management sharing success experiences and best practices among more than 23 youths delegates, UNCCD Secretariat, Government of China and other civil society organisations from different part of the world.

The executive secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification(UNCCD), Monique Barbut, The representatives of United nations Environment, All China Youth Federation, and State Forestry Administration lauded the vital contribution youths play in combating desertification and sustainable land management highlighting the state of play and key facts on desertification and sustainable land management as one of our ecological assets, promoting economic growth, and job opportunities for the youths and future generation.

The youth delegates in their working groups and shared experiences on the perspective of Government, businesses, civil society organizations, research institutes and individuals to better engage youths in combating desertification and improving sustainable Land Management.

The following suggestions were put forwards by the youths to actively involve in combating desertification and improving sustainable land management.

- Promote research grants, scholarship and awards on sustainable land and control desertification strategies among research institutes, civil society organizations and academic institutions.
- Encourage long term sustainable and action orientated projects on control desertification techniques which can be incentivize and scale up to have multiplier effects.
- Introduce issues related to desertification and sustainable land management in school curricular at the basic level to activate and stimulate interest among children and youths across the world.
- UNCCD and Government to provide legal frame work to support holistic, integrated multi stakeholder approach and partnerships in combating desertification and improve sustainable land management
- To encourage networking formal or informal to better exchange information and share experiences on best Practices on combating desertification and improving sustainable land management.
- Promote the use of social media platform and apps as tool box and tool kits to share success stories, gain experience and build capacity of relevant stakeholders and affected communities and regions on desertification and sustainable land management.

Youth delegates participated in field trip exercise visiting of the Desert zones in Ordos inner Mongolia and the adoption of the youth declaration collectively by the Youth Delegates, UNCCD secretariat, All China Youth Federation, and State Forestry Administration Team culminated youth forum of the 13th Sessions of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification(UNCCD).

11. Expert Meeting on the Role of Civil Society Organisations in the Statistical Process in Africa



Experts at Group Work

ICENECDEV participated in an expert meeting on the role of civil society organisations in the Statistical Process in Africa organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia between the 24th to 26th October 2017.

The recommendations from the experts and handbook produced by the consultant were as follows:

- Review the statistical legislation of most African countries in order to create the conditions that favor the production of official statistics by CSOs. Where a solution to the SSN law is not possible, which is not always easy, an alternative solution would be through the NSDS, following the example of Uganda.
- Apply the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the African Charter of Statistics in the different phases of data production.
- Advocacy work with countries, showing the importance of having CSOs as important axes of SSNs.

- Greater awareness among CSOs of the importance of producing and using official statistics.
- CSOs should work closely with the NSOs at all stages of statistical production.
- Strengthening the technical and financial capacity of CSOs to meet the demanding task of producing statistics.
- To have human resources properly trained to produce evidence, useful in the foundation of their projects.
- Fundamental work in CSO awareness, but also with its partners, on the importance of using statistical data in their activities.
- To have a permanent dialogue between CSOs and NSOs, so that the data produced is useful to data users and that there is an effective complementarity in the process of producing statistics.
- Strong investment in the training of CSO staff in the fields of methodology, data collection, production, analysis and dissemination, in accordance with best international practice.
- Greater synergies between CSOs, NSOs, International Organizations and other government agencies
- Revise data collection model and questionnaires to facilitate its completion and to be supported by the NSO.
- Have a closer and more effective partnership between CSOs and NSOs covering all stages of data production and including awareness raising.
- CSOs need to improve the information system so that they can share their data.
- NSOs need to improve their requests for data by introducing a rationale, or explanatory note, and giving feedback on the quality of the information received.
- Improve coordination of activities executed by all producers, including CSOs in order to avoid overlap and waste of time and resources.
- CSOs should invest heavily in the production of data in order to translate their actions into evidence, in numbers, and thus to measure the real contribution of CSOs to the economy at the level of countries, region and continent.

- Invest in ICT, with emphasis on the technological infrastructures, servers, softwares and hardware required to produce statistics.
- CSOs should improve the use of the data generated mainly by administrative records, thus taking full advantage of the great opportunities of Big Data have at their disposal for the production of more and better data.
- Create the conditions for mapping CSOs, in order to have a well-organized and structured register, fundamental for the management of the different actions undertaken. It will be an opportunity to set up a database and at any time to draw representative samples for studies that quantify and qualify CSOs on particular phenomena.

12. International Mountain Day 11th December 2017



ICENECDEV in collaboration with Food Agricultural Organisations (FAO), HADY Tour Guiding Services, Safe the Nature for Heaven, YAPCEC, Connect Lives Cameroon commemorated the international mountain day 2017 with the aim to Raise Awareness on International Mountain Day in Cameroon to contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Agreement.

Impact of International Mountain Day December 2017

- More than 20,000 people educated and sensitized on the importance of mountain resources and International Mountain Day 2017 in Cameroon
- 5 Local partners and 50 stakeholders engaged in the celebration of the International Mountain Day 2017 in Cameroon.
- Improvement on knowledge and increase awareness on mountain resources and their link to sustainable livelihood in Cameroon among the local population in Cameroon.
- 5 partners established an Informal Network/Coalition on the future Celebration of the International Mountain Day in Cameroon.

13. PARTNERS

- World Connect USA
- XminusY Netherlands
- Dutch Albert Foundation
- MIVA Switzerland
- Feed the Minds UK
- Global Fund International
- CTA Netherlands

14. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Join ICENECDEV in the following upcoming activities:

- ICENECDEV Clean Seas Campaign and Combating Marine Plastic Litter and Micro Plastic Along the West Coast of Cameroon, January 2018
- Production and Distribution of Improved Cook Stoves to Mitigating Indoor Air Quality among Rural Women in Cameroon, January 2018.
- Lecture and Discussions on 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and Sustainable development Goal in Local Government Training Centre(CEFAM) and Catholic Teacher Training Centre(JOHNBOSCO) and Universities in Cameroon, February 2018.
- Ocean Governance and Sustainability Conference, March 2018.
- Empowering Small Holders Farmers in Cameroon, March 2018.
- World Water Day March 2018.
- Green Finance Initiative and Green Economy in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development April 2018

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