



Welcome! Karibu! Bienvenue!

In the framework of the partnership program of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), bfz International Division started a partnership project with the following East African associations in 2015:

- Rwanda Energy Private Developers (EPD)
- Kenya Renewable Energy Association (KEREAA)
- Tanzania Renewable Energy Association (TAREAA)
- Uganda National Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Alliance (UNREEEA)
- Burundi Renewable Energy Association (BUREAA)

The project **EAST AFRICAN RENEWABLE ENERGY PARTNERSHIP - EARE Partnership** aims at strengthening the renewable energy (RE) associations in East Africa in order to represent the concerns of their members in a competent manner and to support know-how transfer within the sector at a national and regional level. This includes the development of the associations as such, the creation and improvement of services for companies as well as active networking with partners from the private and the public sector. Additional strength will be gained by an active exchange with the other partner associations within the East African Community.

Our newsletter keeps you informed about some of the highlights of the projects as well as provide some links to interesting activities of our project partners and our network of like-minded institutions. Please feel free to contact us in case of questions or suggestions!

Project News

Basic training for RE Technicians by BUREAA

Burundi has got its first generation of trained RE technicians due to a series of workshops held in all provinces of the country. Experienced trainers from vocational training schools in Burundi developed a manual for basic modules such as solar PV, improved cooking stoves or biogas installations. Due to the fact that the level of professional specialisation is rather limited as well as the number of RE applications in the country, such a basic course goes a long way of delivering better services to those Burundians who are interested in applying sustainable energy.



Altogether 90 technicians have been trained, using state-of-the-art teaching equipment provided to BUREAA with support from the partnership project (see photo).

The training manual is available for use by the other partner associations as it has been for other types of training before.

Use of Solar PV teaching equipment

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InterSolar 2018 in Munich

Representatives of the partner associations went on a study tour to attend this leading solar fair. Apart from contacting a variety of solar component firms on a global scale, the East African participants represented their associations in a “Global Association Workshop”. Also, community-based energy production sites were visited as well as URBIS Foundation, an NGO that promotes solar PV in African countries. The German Biogas Association with its links to Africa was also included.

The Inter Solar post-show report can be found here:
https://www.intersolar.de/fileadmin/Intersolar-Europe/2_Exhibition_Participation/Post_Show_Report.pdf



Visit to the German Biogas Association near Munich

Project Evaluation Workshop vows for East Africa Renewable Energy Federation

Representatives of the five project partners and the project evaluation team led by the sequa project manager Mr. Matthias Schöneberger gathered in Kigali, Rwanda, on April 26th and 27th for the reflection on past activities and the outlook for a second phase of EAREP.



The first day was used by the partners themselves to work out an MoU for the upcoming “East Africa Renewable Energy Federation” (EAREF) with EAREP experience as a valuable stepping stone.

The second day focused on the lessons learned in the first project phase, especially on functioning secretariats, and on a forward looking perspective highlighting the need for even more regional exchange and harmonisation.

EAREP evaluation workshop with the team from sequa and bfz

Upcoming activities by the partner associations (from mid-2018)

- BUREA: Study on existing RE applications in Burundi (July 2018)
- TAREA: Recognition of professional RE experiences in VET (Vocational Education and Training)
- UNREEEA: Application of the newly developed UNREEEA Strategy paper (from August 2018)
- EPD: Organization of Ruanda Renewable Energy Week (November 2018)
- KEREA: Annual General Meeting in December 2018

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Other project news in brief

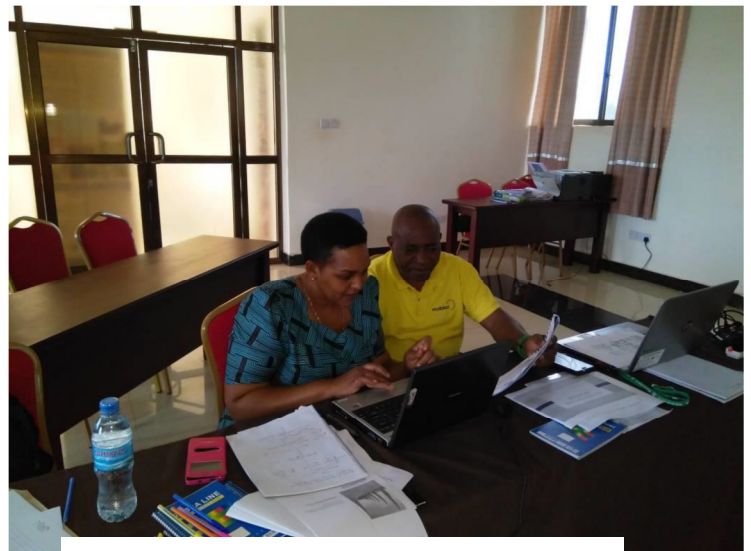
UNREEEA installed a RE demonstration site at Ndejje University near Kampala

TAREA held a training on the bookkeeping software TALLY for its staff members

KERA recruited a marketing and administrative officer for professional PR

EPD developed a solar driven irrigation systems as a transportable demo site

BUREA participated in coordination meetings with EPD and bfz-EAREP in Kigali, Rwanda



TALLY book-keeping software training in Morogoro / Tanzania

bfz-EAREP coordinator Stefan Stumpf joined bfz in Hof/Germany while Alec Kimathi, formerly bfz-SWAP (water) partnership project, took up the position of Regional Project Coordinator now based in Nairobi.

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