

# News about the developments after the FOR Conference

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(see also [www.zafor.org](http://www.zafor.org) )

## 1. Sustainable Development Goals iSDG

### Hans R. Herren's iSDG T21 Model as the key tool for efficient planning and evaluation

can be applied for whole countries, districts, areas, municipalities, villages and single projects.

Once fed with all the key data, it helps finding answers for decisions and investors within seconds.

(see [www.isdgs.org](http://www.isdgs.org) )

The coalition Co-Willing decided to widely use this tool for all its projects.

## 2. Good Governance – Accountability and Transparency

### 2.1 Paul Hoffman, South Africa

Institutes for Accountability – some existing, others planned – are crucial for a successful society, democracy and thriving economy, which enhances the credibility of a country as a global player and attracts investors.

'Institute for Accountability Now' [www.accountabilitynow.org.za](http://www.accountabilitynow.org.za)

'Know your Rights, Claim your Rights' handbook for every citizen

'Hearing the Voice of the Poor' project – int.system for promotion of accountability and transparency

'Pledge for the Public Admin of SA' – accountability in administration

implementation of the 'Resolutions of the Pan African Conference on Combating Corruption'

### 2.2 Bedan Mbugua, Johnson Mwakazi, Kenya

promotion of Ethical Business, Leadership Training, running informative, uplifting and empowering WTV/Radio programmes, magazines – celebrating good news

### 2.3 Ekuru Aukot, Kenya

promotes Good Governance and transformative Leadership in collaboration with 3<sup>rd</sup>Way Alliance and 'Peace for Africa & Economic Development'

### 2.4 Yeah Samaké, Mali

proves that Good Governance is possible with transparency and leadership with integrity

### 2.5 Mbindyo Kimanathi, Kenya

PIN Parliamentary Initiatives Network - Building relationships with strategic partners

## 3. Rural and Urban Empowerment

### 3.1 Wescap – planned Cape Town City Expansion - by Gita Goven and her team

Wescap presents the single largest integrated development opportunity in Africa.

The whole-systems design approach ensures that it is a fully functional, sustainable and regenerative city – a possible model for further cities!

See <http://wescapelife.co.za>

### 3.2 DOMDA (= My Farm) - Acuil Banggol, South Sudan

DOMDA creates opportunities for a self-sustained and healthy life in rural areas:

agriculture, seedling production for re-forestation & log frames, goats for milk, water management

### 3.3 Empower Mali Foundation with focus on rural communities in Mali: education, healthcare, clean water and clean energy. Self-sustainable project. – Yeah Samaké

### 3.4 1 Million Mothers against Drug Abuse and for Transparency – Bedan Mbugua, Johnson Mwakazi

## 4. Environment – Water & Waste Management, renewable Energies

### 4.1 Natural Water Retention Systems and Land Regeneration -

**Sandra & Johnny Peham, Austria, Joss Brooks, Australia**

an inspiring solution for draught stricken areas – decision ‘Desert or Paradise’

By including all aspects of natural water retention and land regeneration it is possible to ensure sustainable water supplies, get arable land, create self-sustainability and thus empower whole areas. Eventually it can improve the whole micro-climate of an area.

### 4.2 Environmental Agents of Change - Bloemfontein

Kwanda Myeni, Phenyso Rakhudu, Margo Fargo and Brigitte Matela

engage in **waste and water management** and with empowering **disadvantaged communities**

They are willing to give substantial support for a next FOR conference in Bloemfontein.

### 4.3 Trees for Birthdays, re-forestation – **Bedan Mbugua, Johnson Mwakazi, Kenya**

### 4.4 Waste Management in the township Kibera, Nairobi - **Bedan Mbugua, Johnson Mwakazi, Kenya**

### 4.5 Waste to Energy – **Rommel Roberts, South Africa**

## 5 Education – Vocational Education – Start Up Businesses

**There is a consensus that ‘we don’t need more degrees, we need skills’ and that it is crucial for the future of any society that there is education also for girls.**

Co-Willing is negotiating with Swiss Vocational Colleges re adapting its Vocational Training System for several African countries

### 5.1 Botshabelo – Empowerment of children and needy

**Letlatsa Chabane** and his people promised at the end of the conference

“We’ll stop talking about our problems - we’ll discuss about solutions”

In the meantime they set up a **tuition system for students** from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to matric, so each child has a real chance to excel at school as part of a better future.

Further they collect groceries at the big shops and **support the needy** people of their community.

### 5.2 IT Development and Implementation in rural areas – **Rommel Roberts**

setting up centers & networking - incl. recycling - for Training, Service and Repair

<http://www.hilltop-centre.org/it-schools.html>

### 5.3 Mali Rising Foundation – **Yeah Samaké**

Improving the educational opportunities of children living in rural Mali, West Africa, by building schools in villages where schools do not exist

as well as providing teacher training and learning resources and materials.

### 5.4 Mali - **Vocational Education College** with Hotel for training of hospitality and other skills

Agriculture and food chain: from crop to marketing

### 5.5 Platfontein Community (remember 4<sup>th</sup> day of the FOR Conference 2014)

**13 young ones** from Platfontein graduated from a 6-months **vocational training**

at the Hilltop Empowerment Centre - under the lead of **Robin and Rommel Roberts** - and the new **computer training & service center** was opened by the Premier of the Northern Cape, the Executive Mayor of Kimberley, the Leadership of the CPA Platfontein and many other dignitaries.

The young ones get support by the Government to run the computer center and their start-up businesses.

<http://zafor.org/platfontein-youth-empowerment-2>

### 5.6 **Sterkspruit, South Africa: Mountain Phomane** and his friends

organized courses with Daya Bhagwandas from Malaysia (Neuro-Education) and

Susi Gubler/Hanna Pestalozzi from Switzerland (Spinal Alignment)

### 5.7 **Free Internet for everyone – Bedan Mbugua, Johnson Kimanathi**

an experiment in the township Kibera, Nairobi – providing access to information for the students and a platform for advertising for business and organisations

## **6. International Coalition Co-Willing (= Commitment of the Willing)**

What evolved during the FOR Conference has now grown into a very active coalition. After two intensive inception meetings in Switzerland (2015) and Nairobi (2016) the coalition is now set to register as an NGO and soon ready for new members and for building partnerships with interest groups that share its goals. For more info please check [www.cowilling.org](http://www.cowilling.org) and the attachments:

### **Future FOR Conference**

Last November we had talks with the Municipality of Bloemfontein and the University of the Free State UFS about a possible next FOR Conference in Bloemfontein.