



**GOETHE-INSTITUT
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Renewable Energies in Practice

During the past years, there has been some encouraging development in Nigeria in the area of renewable energies, such as wind and solar power. The Renewable Energy Master Plan and the Renewable Electricity Action Program set ambitious goals for the coming years. The number of fairs, initiatives and organisations which promote and further develop renewables is in the increase. Nigerian and international partners work closely together in this direction. There is a rising number of companies which offer marketable renewable energy solutions.

In 2006, Goethe-Institut Lagos organized a 3-day workshop symposium with leading experts and activists from Nigeria and Germany. The event focused on the general conditions for renewable energies in Nigeria, such as economics and financing, capacity building, renewable energy advocacy and community-based initiatives. The results of this workshop symposium are published in the internet: <http://www.goethe.de/ins/ng/lag/en2487195.htm>.

This year, Goethe-Institut Lagos will approach the topic from the practical side with the following programmes, which are funded by the Ministry of Economic Co-operation and Development, Bonn/Berlin.

Environment Seminar

With kind support of
SolarKonzept, Berlin

**Thu, Nov 22 &
Fri, Nov 23**

Participation is on invitation only. Interested experts are requested to contact Mr Sunday Umweni at Goethe-Institut Lagos:
progr@lagos.goethe.org

Installation of a Renewable Energy System

A two-room house with uninterrupted power supply for a fridge, a TV set, a radio, fans and light? Independent of the public energy supply and without noisy, expensive and stinking generators? Renewable energies make it possible. In November, Goethe-Institut Lagos will build a small renewable energy demonstration house, which receives its electric power supply to 100% from a wind turbine and solar panels. But what exactly does one need for such a wind and solar energy system? From where can one get advise and purchase the necessary equipment? How and where can it be installed? Can renewables be a business? Target group of this seminar will be experts and entrepreneurs in the area of renewable energies who have already solid knowledge and experience but still need a specific and intensive training, familiarizing them with the practical aspect of the design and installation. The seminar will be conducted by Odutola O. Odubela (solar station, Lagos) and Kehinde Stephen Awoyele, two Nigerian experts, who acquired through studies, training and work experience in Germany extensive experience in designing and installing RE-systems.

Environment Round table

**Sat, Nov 24
2:00pm (prompt)**

Renewable Energies in Practice

More and more private households and communities are interested in a reliable and eco-friendly electric power supply through wind, solar power or biogas. But putting this into practice raises many questions: What are the necessary conditions? How can one get advice and purchase the necessary equipment? How and where can it be installed? Can renewables be a business? Target group of this seminar will be experts and entrepreneurs in the area of renewable energies who have already solid knowledge and experience but still need a specific and intensive training, familiarizing them with the practical aspect of the design and installation. The seminar will be conducted by Odutola O. Odubela (solar station, Lagos) and Kehinde Stephen Awoyele, two Nigerian experts, who acquired through studies, training and work experience in Germany extensive experience in designing and installing RE-systems.

renewable energy system for a whole community? What are the economic benefits which an uninterrupted RE power supply offers to small scale enterprises such as restaurants, barber shops, viewing- and internet centres or small scale production. During the round table at Goethe-Institut Lagos, prominent experts from NGOs and initiatives, research agencies, government and the business community will discuss and answer these questions. Distributors of RE systems will inform about their products. In order to have a broader perspective, renowned experts will summarize the current state of the implementation of renewable energies in Nigeria and will try to give a realistic outlook on the future development.



Bantu & Afro Beat Academy Band, Germany: workshops and concert at Goethe-Institut Lagos, Oct. 07.

Fine Arts Exhibition

**Sat, Dec 1 -
Fri, Dec 21**

Opening hours:

Mon - Thu 8:00am - 7:00pm

Fri 8:00am - 4:00pm

Sat, Dec 8: 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Uwa Ndukwo Ali: "Life More Abundant"

Over the years, Goethe-Institut Lagos has invited prominent artists from Germany, Nigeria and other countries to present their work to the public and to interact with their fellow-artists. At the same time, it has always been a platform where outstanding, still undiscovered young artists introduce new approaches and fresh ideas to their colleagues, the media and the public. With Uwa Ndukwo Ali, Goethe-Institut Lagos presents a promising young painter from Ajegunle. Born in 1973 in Abia State, he followed his elder brother, who was an artist, to Lagos in 1983. He sustained himself hawking paintings in Bar Beach and other places. Without a formal artistic education, he started painting in 1996. His paintings illustrate once more the close link between African art and the European "Expressionist" art movement in the early 20th century. Uwa Ndukwo Ali interweaves traditional African myths, stories and figures with the dense, abundant, sometimes violent and frantic life in AJ City. Without romanticising and far from the conventional artistic pattern, his paintings captivate the viewer through their vibrant energy, their expressiveness, their skilful composition and their abundance of irritating details.

Sat, Dec 1, 4:00pm

Opening, "Meet the Artist" and Get Together

Education Round table

A programme of
Accessure Educational
and
Goethe-Institut Lagos

Wed, Dec 5, 10:00am

Reporting Education

Education is at the heart of Nigeria's quest to build up a diversified and internationally competitive economy. The educational system and the current reforms in this area are an indispensable prerequisite for a sustainable economic development. The education beat in journalism has evolved as a powerful partner in advancing and providing an understanding of the Nigerian education system and the reform process. The roundtable will provide insights into the challenges of covering the education system. It will also look into how education journalists can be mobilized by stakeholders to shape policy debates and gain strategic advantages to promote radical reform policies in the sector. More importantly, the roundtable will generate discussions on how the education beat can be elevated within journalism and

**A programme of the
Danse Meets Dance
Festival**

competing pedagogical theories that struggle for dominance in education. Participants will include education journalists from leading print and electronic media, government agencies, international organizations, NGOs and policy makers in the education sector.

The *Danse Meets Dance Festival*, initiated by the Centre Culturel Français and the Alliance Française in Lagos, has become a prominent and international platform of contemporary dance. In this year's edition, six dance companies from Nigeria, France, Chad and Congo Brazzaville present their latest choreographies to the Lagos dance scene and the public. The performances will take place from Nov 2 to Nov 4, 2007 at the Alliance Française (4c Ruxton Street, Ikoyi) beginning at 7:30pm each day. Goethe-Institut Lagos has the pleasure to host a film show and discussion as part of the DMD Festival. The programme examines current tendencies in the contemporary dance scene, in Africa and world-wide. For more information, please contact 0802 3199047 or 09-5135510)

**A programme of the
Directors' Guild of Nigeria
in association with
Goethe-Institut Lagos**

Making an Impact. Nollywood in the International Film Market

The *Directors' Guild of Nigeria* recently elected a new executive. In a bid to reposition Nollywood to meet the growing challenges of a competitive and dynamic international movie market, the Guild in association with Goethe-Institut Lagos is organizing a two-day workshop followed by a one-day discussion. Key industry practitioners will look at current issues affecting Nollywood and emerging opportunities in the global film industry in relation to funding, distribution and co-productions. The result of the experts' seminar will be presented to the public and discussed during a round table discussion on Sat. Nov 10.

Film Club

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For students of Goethe-Institut Lagos and all other film lovers, outstanding films will be featured on Wednesdays. Discover German movies, life and culture! All films are with English sub-titles.

Wed, Dec 12, 2:30pm

Im Juli / In July, by Faith Akin, Germany 2000

Berlin Is in Germany, by Hannes Stöhr, Germany 2001

Sperling und der brennende Arm / Sperling and the Burning Arm, by Dominik Graf, Germany 1998

Vergiss Amerika / Forget America, by Vanessa Joop, Germany 2000

Sat, Dec 8, 2:00pm

End of the Year Celebration and Film Screening

"Good Bye Lenin!", directed by Wolfgang Becker

This brilliant and touching political comedy belongs to the most successful German films ever made. East Berlin, 1989: Protesting against the dictatorial regime, a young man gets arrested. His mother, who watches this scene, suffers a heart attack and falls into a coma. When she awakes a few months later, her beloved country - the communist German Democratic Republic (GDR) - doesn't exist any more. In order to save his mother from this shock and another heart attack, the young man must pretend by all means that the GDR still exists ... Germany 2003, 121 min., English sub-titles

Sat, Dec 8, 4:00pm

End of the Year Celebration

Nigerian and international partners, to the media, to the Lagos arts & culture scene and to the numerous visitors. Thank you for a year of successful collaboration, thank you for the interest, for inspiring encounters and for good vibes. We want to end the year's activities with a get together, with snacks, drinks and music.

Information

Wed, Nov 28, 2:30pm

Approaching Germany through the Internet: Women in Germany

For a long time, a woman's role in German society was summed up by the 3 "K" words: Kinder (children), Kirche (church), and Küche (kitchen). Although the German woman today has come a long way from being totally dependent and generally regarded as the weaker sex, women in Germany are yet to define their position in the home, in their profession and in the society. In this session, we will provide you with information and internet sites on the issues concerning women in Germany and Europe.

Information

For the exact dates, please contact our information centre

Information Centre & Library

Mon & Wed
10:00am - 5:00pm
Tue & Thu
10:00am - 6:00pm
Fri
10:00am - 2:00pm

German Language Courses

Consultation: Studying in Germany How do I apply for admission at German universities? What are the basic admission requirements to study in Germany? What are the chances for a scholarship? The DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) and Goethe-Institut Lagos offer individual consultation concerning questions of studying in Germany.

In approximately 4.000 German and English books from various sectors all kind of information about Germany is available. German dailies and magazines keep the readers abreast on German and international topics. More than 800 recent feature films and documentaries (mostly with English subtitles) convey a realistic and comprehensive picture about today's life in Germany. Individual questions and enquiries - be it on day-to-day life, tourism or economy - will be gladly answered by Ms. Funmi Oni, head of the information centre.

New German Language Classes for beginners and advanced learners will start on January 7, 2008. The registration has started. For further information, please contact our language course office: phone 01-4613416 or 01-7746888, e-mail spr@lagos.goethe.org.

Summary of Events

Nov 3, 2:00pm

Screening & Discussion: Contemporary Dance (as part of Danse Meets Dance Festival)

Nov 5 & Nov 6
(9:00am - 4:00pm)

Seminar: Nollywood and the int. Film Market

Nov 7, 2:30pm
Nov 10, 4:00pm
Nov 14, 2:30pm
Nov 22 & Nov 23

Screening: In July
Round table: Nollywood and the int. Film Market
Screening: Berlin Is in Germany
Seminar: Installation of a Renewable Energy System (prior registration required)

Nov 24, 2:00pm
Nov 26, 2:30pm
Nov 28, 2:30pm
Dec 1, 4:00pm

Round table: Renewable Energies in Practice
Screening: Sperling and the Burning Arm
Seminar: Discovering Germany thr. the Internet
Art Exhibition: Uwa Ndukwo Ali - "Life More Abundant". Opening and Get Together
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Dec 1 - Dec 21

Round table: Reporting Education
Screening: Good Bye Lenin!
End of the Year Celebration at Goethe-Institut
Screening: Forget America

Dec 5, 10:00am
Dec 8, 2:00pm
Dec 8, 4:00pm
Dec 12, 2:30pm

Dates are subject to change.