

Registration

International Symposium on Sustainable Ecosystems

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Terms of registration/cancellation:

Registration deadline is 31st of May 2009. Registration is effective with invoice of the registration fees and invitation by the organisers.

For cancellations later than 22nd of June 2009, the registration fees can not be returned. A handling charge of 75 € will be kept in any case of cancellation.

Registration and bank account:

In case you are an African participant, register via fax: +233-(0)21-258-252 or to Valley View University, P.O. Box AF 595, Adentan-Accra, Ghana and by paying the registration fees via:

Prudential Bank Limited, Madina-Branch,
Account: 0052502390017

In case you are a Non-African participant, register

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Organisation

Place: Valley View University (VVU)
Dodowa Road
Adentan-Accra (Ghana), West Africa
30 km north of Accra
1 hour drive from Accra Airport

Fees including workshop materials and drinks and 2 meals per person per day (transport in accommodation fees included):

Participants from Non-African countries:
€ 140,00 for students
€ 395,00

Participants from African countries:
€ 120,00 for students
€ 265,00

Accommodation:

at or near VVU, ca. 20-100 €/day including transfers VVU-Hotel-VVU
Booking via Valley View University.

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Program

Sunday, 19th July 2009

Arrival, registration

Monday, 20th July 2009

Late registration

Opening ceremony

Highlights of successful ecosystem solutions
Joint discovering of existing positive solutions

Ghanaian Cultural Performance

Tuesday, 21st July 2009

Joint dreaming of harmonious ecosystems
Joint designing of harmonious ecosystems and
evaluation of the key factors for success

Open Market

Wednesday, 22nd July 2009

Excursion to positive showcases (Valley View
University and others)

Thursday, 23rd July 2009

Joint defining of first real steps together
Celebration and Closing Ceremony
Leave

Short Tour (optional) to Volta dam and lake;

Friday, 24th July 2009 (morning till afternoon, ca.
55 Euros incl meal.

Post-Conference Tour (optional) to Elmina Castle, Kakum-National Park, Beach Resort;

Sunday, 26th to Monday, 27th July 2009 (Return:
27th late afternoon, stop at Accra Airport). ca.
125 Euros incl. accommodation and meals.

Background

Our time is the time of a great turning: Climate change, crisis of the world economy, endless expansion of urban areas and slums and rural exodus, depletion of land and water resources being only some of the signs, which are forcing us to reconsider traditional approaches and to look for existing and future alternatives.

The question is: Are there successful sustainable solutions, that really integrate ecology, economy, sociology? Which are intentionally intended to be long-term-solutions and to integrate deep mutual understanding, different traditions, life-styles, cultural backgrounds and technologies. Integrate into a new system, which is in harmony with the surrounding eco-systems and the global ecosystem Gaia.

The answer is: yes, there are successful holistic solutions, for human settlements, for water treatment and cycles, for harmonious cooperation, for real dialogue. Like that of Valley View University itself, which will be part of the Symposium-program.

We are convinced that by sharing our know-how and collective wisdom in dialogue we will create visions and ways to the implementation of more and more successful sustainable solutions. Thus we are co-creating a better world in harmony between man and nature to the benefit of both.

That is what is actually meant by ecological engineering. This approach of engineering systems in a holistic way not only encompasses appropriate technologies like solar energy, constructed wetlands, eco-buildings, but also socio-cultural methods like appreciative enquiry, dialogue, world-cafe, circle etc.

The Symposium is a part of the joint research & development program "Ecological development of Valley View University, Accra, Ghana" from 2003-2009, financed by the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). It will encompass the final experiences and results of the implemented measures that additionally can be seen during the excursion of the Symposium.

For more information see:

www.ioev.de and www.vvu.edu.gh

What you can expect

The symposium will offer you opportunities to show your positive solutions and to get to know those of others. Ecology-oriented summerschools, trainings and studies, for example, that will be presented and hopefully will add to some new and integrated international courses and studies of ecological engineering and integral development. Other positive examples will stem from holistic spatial and town planning, like Integrated Water Resources Management and ecocity and ecovillage planning, that strongly incorporate quality and mass flow management.

And there will be highlights of new forms of cooperation, participation and communication and newly integrated approaches, involving all stakeholders with all their heart and spirit.

All the positive examples and experiences and the enthusiasm involved will vice versa help you to uphold your enthusiasm in your field of activities and will enable you to connect to those persons and organisations for information, support or joint projects as part of an international network.

The symposium itself will be a kind of market of possibilities, the fruits all participants will help to harvest by their sharing experiences, recommendations, insights, positive energy and excitement.

The participants will come from different fields and will represent the various stakeholders in the processes of establishing sustainable ecosystems. The following fields are covered among others: architecture, civil services, education, renewable resources, research & development, social-science, spatial planning, watershed management. Participating stakeholders will be architects and engineers, pastors, politicians, researchers, teachers and students, workers. People from authorities and NGOs will be included.

We all together will hereby have a deeper look in the necessary preconditions for the sustainability of ecosystems and for the real success of our human endeavors. The harvest will be made available for the participants in a manual for design and operation of successful and sustainable ecosystems for the practitioner.