

#### UNFCCC COP22 Side Event, November 11, 2016

Improving NDCs: Ecovillage Development, Energy Access, & Zero Carbon Societies in Africa, Asia & EU





## THE GLOBAL ECOVILLAGE NETWORK...

- Was set up in 1995 and has consultative status with the UN (ECOSOC). ,
- Is a growing network of ecovillages (sustainable communities) and concerned individuals on all continents.
- Reaches out to around 10,000 communities worldwide.



# ECOVILLAGE

An intentional, traditional, or urban community that

- uses local participatory processes
- integrates ecological, economic, social and cultural dimensions of sustainability
- regenerates social and natural environments



### Ecovillages ...

pioneer innovative solutions that enable villages, regions and nation states to fulfil the promise of the SDGs and Paris Climate Agreement.

We put communities at the centre of the development processes.



GEN Traditional Ecovillages Mbackombel, Guédé Chantier, Dakar, Senegal



GEN Gibbol Ecoviliage Network

#### DIMENSIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY





Regenerate Soils – biochar CO2 sequestering at The Farm, Tennessee, USA



**Replenishing sources of water** Retention landscapes, Tamera, Portugal



Organic Agriculture Otepic Ecovillage, Kenya

### **Renewable energy** Ecovillage 7Linden, Germany



Over 2,000,000 trees planted, Auroville, India



Green Building/ Waste Recycling Bafut Ecovillage, Cameroon



### Solidarity and sharing Eco-organic community, Nepal



Reconnect to nature and embrace low-impact lifestyles

**Celebrate our culture** Kartong Ecovillage, The Gambia

Traditional AND innovative solutions Eco-campus, Kibbutz Lotan, Israel





Low impact, high quality lifestyles Ecovillage at Ithaca, USA

Social Entrepreneurship Sekem, Egypt

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1. Identify demonstration villages





2. Run ecovillage introduction trainings





3. Build community and identify leverage points



#### 4. Develop Design for Ecovillage – Phase 1







5. Implement, involving all stakeholders



6. Monitor and evaluate outcomes







7. Refine Design for Ecovillage – Phase 2





9. Identify next round of demonstration villages





8. Ecovillage Open Event: share inspiration





10. Ongoing ecovillage development programme





#### We can take care of our climate!







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