

#BonnFiji announces GROWING Partners of the Citizen-driven SDGs Action Network

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Bonn, Germany, 22 March 2018 – **#BonnFiji announces GROWING Partners of the Citizen-driven SDGs Action Network today during the Global Festival of Action for Sustainable Development**.

On the second day of the Global Festival of Action for Sustainable Development held in Bonn, Germany, #BonnFiji, a Citizen-driven SDGs Action Network, has officially announced its seventeen (17) GROWING Partners. These partners represent a range of local, national and international organizations from all around the globe, including from regions such as Africa, Asia, Europe, the Pacific and the Middle East. They bring into the network a variety of knowledge, local experiences, expertise, generated learning and know-how to advance the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in their own communities and cities across the world.

#BonnFiji aims to unite citizens worldwide to take concrete action towards achieving the SDGs on the local level. Started from the strong desire to communicate on the SDGs with people and communities in their own language, #BonnFiji exists to continue the momentum created during the 23rd United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 23) held in November 2017 in Bonn, Germany. The initiative already mobilizes citizens from the city of Bonn by informing them about the goals, and engaging them in related activities, social and business events, local initiatives and opportunities which are organized by and hosted at BonnLAB, a public co-working and living room. In the near future more citizens will start acting on the SDGs in their roles as citizen-drivers in the GROWING partner organizations worldwide. Every citizen has to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs on the local level otherwise the goals will not be reached by 2030.

Partner organizations will have core capacities in playing a key role in the SDGs' implementation on the local level. #BonnFiji will give them more visibility on social media and also connect them together and with other organizations. A number of significant initiatives and local projects on the SDGs are already being carried out by these partners, hence allowing #BonnFiji to build up on that towards strong collaboration and networking locally among partners.

"I am glad that we have successfully mobilized ambitious partners which demonstrate a clear commitment to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals. This is an important step towards realizing the world we want. All the partners are looking forward to join forces, to support each other, make impacts more visible and interconnected and to collaborate so that we achieve our goals together faster and easier." stated Johanna Schäfer, Initiator and Co-founder of #BonnFiji.

Co-founder as well, <u>Jean Paul Brice Affana</u> added: "#BonnFiji creates digital and collaborative opportunities using social media interactions, an exchange platform, gamification, information sharing, communication and online networking about the SDGs. Through social media it gives power to citizens and uses this powerful tool to create more equality, social justice, reduces

inequalities and empowers women, youth and everybody else to raise awareness about the SDGs and take action to advance them."

In addition to the newly announced GROWING Partners, #BonnFiji will soon identify seventeen (17) FLOURISHING Partners which will closely collaborate with the growing ones and enable them to access necessary resources and existing opportunities to enhance their work around the SDGs' implementation. Besides organizations, #BonnFiji also welcomes all citizens to join the network by becoming "Citizen-drivers" of each of the SDGs" as a crucial step to realize them all.

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17 #BonnFiji GROWING PARTNERS from around the world 🐼 🖜 🕄

- 01: **BonnLAB**, GERMANY
- 02: Actions Vitales pour le Développement durable (AVD), CAMEROON
- 03: GlobalMatch, GERMANY
- 04: StartHub Africa, GERMANY
- 05: **TOOKLee**, POLAND
- 06: **Unity Effect**, GERMANY
- 07: **Earthlanka**, SRI LANKA
- 08: Care About Climate, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- 09: <u>**TU:GU**</u>, MALAYSIA
- 10: CliMates, FRANCE
- 11: Alliance for Future Generations, FIJI
- 12: Project Survival Pacific, FIJI
- 13: Générations Climat Jeunesse pour l'Eau et le Climat, FRANCE
- 14: <u>Abibiman Foundation</u>, GHANA
- 15: Climate Wednesday, NIGERIA
- 16: **Tomorrow is Now**, GERMANY
- 17: <u>Sadeem Technology</u>, SAUDI ARABIA

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