

Press release

50.000 \$: atmosfair awards climate price 2008 to efficient cooking stoves project in Nigeria

Nigerian Association DARE and German Organisation LHL e.V. receive award for the introduction of efficient fuel wood stoves

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“The atmosfair climate award supports projects with high impact on local sustainable development, which are not only beneficial to the climate, but also to the people”, says atmosfair-Director Dietrich Brockhagen. “The population in the Northern parts of Nigeria is suffering from increasing deforestation. The awarded project creates a new perspective - good for the climate, and good for the people, as they will save money by using the improved cooking stoves”

Besides saving greenhouse gases, the efficient cooking stoves reduce indoor pollution and thus health problems of the users. Less money is spent for firewood and fossil fuels: The cooker saves up to 80% of the firewood. The technology, coming from Germany, is assembled in Nigeria. Once there is a reasonable market created in Nigeria, production shall take place there, leading to qualified jobs in the region.

The project, selected out of 30 project proposals screened for the award, is developed by atmosfair as CDM Gold Standard project.

About atmosfair:

Atmosfair is a German non-profit organisation, under the auspices of Klaus Töpfer, former executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Atmosfair offsets emissions from air travel in climate protection projects in developing countries. Atmosfair currently supports projects in Asia, South America, and Africa. All atmosfair projects have to fulfil CDM Gold Standard.

About DARE/LHL

D.A.R.E (Development Association for Renewable Energies) is a Nigerian non-profit organisation aiming at promoting the sustainable management of natural resources in the Northern States of Nigeria. Their mission is to create awareness among the populace on the hazards of wood logging and desert encroachment. Their activities include the introduction of renewable energy and appropriate technologies.

Leben Helfen Lernen e.V. (LHL) is a German non-profit organisation founded in 1988 by former development workers to support private development projects in the field of education and environment. Their activities also include development education in Germany.

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Award ceremony, atmosfair office

Left to right: Yahaya Ahmed, Chairman DARE, Dr. Dietrich Brockhagen, Executive Director atmosfair gGmbH, Bernd Blaschke, Board Member LHL e.V.



Presentation of the efficient fuel wood stove in Nigeria