

A bright future at 5 Eurocent a Day

Energy is a foundation for a future worth living and for economic development. While around 80% of world wide energy demand is consumed in industrialized countries with 20% of the world's population annually, about half of the world population does not have regular access to energy.

So much the worse is the fact that 1.6 billion people have neither energy nor light.

These people have no hope, no future and you find your hope in escaping, as the example of Lampedusa has shown in the most drastic manner.

Now there is a solution, as the nonprofit organization Energy Globe presented to the world public very impressively in a village near Accra, Ghana. With special power generation, based on latest technology and systems powered by sunlight light and electricity are generated.

Installation takes about 20minutes and after that 3-4LED lights will illuminate the recently dark nights and power is made available for charging mobile phone and pocket lights.

The expenses of this system, the lifetime of which is approximately 10years are just 5cents a day.

Attending representatives of the World Bank, EU, UN, governments and global corporations, were impressed by the simplicity of the solution. But the people concerned in the village cheered the most because of this light bearing. Energy Globe founder Wolfgang Neumann: "Now we just have to join hands globally and together and we can create a sustainable future for our global youth."

The attending Cardinal Turkson underlined that the future starts now in a very moving speech singling out three relevant issues.

- Safety for women and children at night.
- Training and education, since students can now learn in the evening.
- Economic development, in the first village which was equipped by Energy Globe in February, the productivity of basket weavers was increased by 300%