

2018 ZAMBIA WATER FORUM AND EXHIBITION REPORT

Dziko Langa, Lusaka, Zambia

June 2018

A Healthy Living, I see you!

From June 11-13, 2018, the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN) Sanitation Value Chain Project (SVCP) through Dziko Langa attended the 2018 Zambia Water Forum and Exhibition (ZAWAFE). Participation in the forum was through a session titled: Co-creating the Sanitation Value Chain in Lusaka, Zambia and an Exhibition Booth to showcase the work and findings of Dziko Langa children and youth participants from Chawama and Kanyama.

Exhibition Highlights

- ⇒ A total of 68 persons registered as visitors of our exhibition booth. Her Excellency, the Vice President of Zambia and Guest of Honour of the event visited our booth on selection basis.
- ⇒ Approximately 15 persons attended our session amply presented by RIHN researchers and Dziko Langa children and youth.
- ⇒ Networking offered us positive feedback, possible partnerships and shared interests, highlighting possibilities for the research and the club.



SVCP Leader & Dziko Langa Youth



RIHN / Dziko Langa Exhibition Booth at ZAWAFE 2018

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Visit to the Dziko Langa Booth by the Guest of Honor, Her Excellency, Mrs. Inonge Wina

Dziko Langa Exhibition Booth

As part of the official opening, the Vice President visited a few select Exhibition Booths (selected by the ZAWAFE Chairperson, Prof. Imasiku Nyambe), of which our stand was selected. The children and youth took charge in sharing their work with her, and branding her in a Dziko Langa t-shirt.

68 persons registered as having passed through our exhibition booth. Children and youth were in charge of the entire process which involved explaining posters, pictures and art on their work, sharing information on Dziko Langa and Dziko Langa activities, and registering visitors. A brochure with information on Dziko Langa was also available. Participants also had the opportunity to share their feedback at the end of their conversation.

Being one of the few grass root exhibits present, and the only one with children and young youth taking part on par with more formal organizations, researchers and professionals, the work of the participants gained a lot of interest and created an opportunity for community-institutional engagement; all this, in the visibility of the current status quo showcased through the children and youths pictures and art.

Exhibition Feedback

Some feedback from guests is highlighted below:

- ⇒ The youth taking up a big role in trying to promote sanitation in our country: Zambia Bureau of Standards
- ⇒ Good explanation by Hildah Kabwe [child member from Kanyama]. Keep it up! - NHCC

Booth visitors were impressed with the energy and insight of the young people.

ZAWAFE 2018

The theme for this years ZAWAFE Forum was:

“Water as an Economic Driver: The Water-Energy-Food Nexus from the Sub-Saharan African Perspective”

The forum ran 3 days, with an additional 2 days for fieldtrips to various water related projects in different parts of Lusaka and Zambia.

- The 1st day of the forum (June 11) which served as the official opening was primarily focused on exhibitions, and opened by Her Excellency, the Vice President of Zambia, Mrs. Inonge Wina.

- The 2nd day (June 12) was primarily dedicated to focused sessions on various topics offered by government, non-profits, projects and researchers from within and outside Zambia.

Next years ZAWAFE will be held from June 10-12.



At the exhibition booth

Networking opportunities

Both the Exhibition Booth and Session provided great networking opportunity.

Some of these are:

- ⇒ Lusaka City Council (SunPath Project & Urban Sanitation Policy Development) [FP]
- ⇒ The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) [FP]
- ⇒ Fairy Bottlers [CSR/E]
- ⇒ Borda (work with partners in Faecal Sludge Management) [E/ FP]
- ⇒ Lusaka Water and Sanitation Initiative (LuWSI) [FP]
- ⇒ Modzi Arts [FP]
- ⇒ Lukanga Water and Sewerage Company [E]

Key

CSR: Corporate Social Responsibility

E: Education

FP: Fieldwork/ Research Partnership



RIHN/ Dziko Langa Team

Our Session

The 1 hour 20 minute session took place on Tuesday, June 12 (Day 2) right after lunch. The title of the session was: “**Co-creating the Sanitation Value Chain in Lusaka, Zambia**”. An average of 15 people attended the session for the full duration.

The two (2) chairs of the session were Prof. Taro Yamauchi, RIHN Project Leader and Hokkaido University Professor, and Ms. Sikopo Nyambe, a Zambia Team member under the RIHN Project and PhD student at Hokkaido University. The following presentations were made:

- 1) Co-Creating the Sanitation Value Chain in Lusaka, Zambia by Designing Sanitation Systems as Eco-Community-Value Systems (Prof. Taro Yamauchi)
- 2) Dziko Langa Kilo! A healthy living, I see you! Incorporating children and youth in peri-urban sanitation and health in Lusaka (Ms. Sikopo Nyambe)
- 3) The Cholera Impact: the peri-urban state of affairs before and during the 2017/2018 Lusaka epidemic (Ms. Hildah Kabwe, Mr. Daniel Shumba, Ms. Victoria Banda, Ian Saungweme) [Dziko Langa members and facilitator]; and
- 4) Understanding the Sanitation Value Chain through photovoice and art: Problem identification and solution building (Ms. Modester Nyirenda, Ms. Harriet Namfukwe, Mr. Gideon D. Lungu, Ms. Nkandu Kawamya) [Dziko Langa members and facilitator].

Session Feedback & Questions

- ⇒ Great applause was directed to the children and youth for their work and adequate understanding of sanitation and health matters. We were asked about our training methods: How are you training the children and youth?

Answer: Bi-weekly sessions and a course on Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST)

- ⇒ Recommendation: Request policy makers through Ministry of Education & Ministry of Community Development to formalize child/ youth education in their curriculum/planning.

Dziko Langa Participant Experiences & Recommendations

- ⇒ There are many organisations interested in what we are doing. If we work with them, we won't work just as Dziko Langa, but as a country to make our country safe.—Youth
- ⇒ It was my first time to attend this kind of conference. I have learnt a lot. I understand Dziko Langa and our plans better.— Youth
- ⇒ I learnt a lot about the sanitation value chain through this conference.— Youth
- ⇒ Next time we get a session, it shouldn't be immediately after lunch so that we can have better attendance.—Youth
- ⇒ The children and youth gained a lot of confidence from taking part in the exhibition: In their personal abilities and in their work as Dziko Langa— Facilitator
- ⇒ For the most benefit, young participants need more information on scientific terminology to help their work and interactions at such high level conferences.— Facilitator
- ⇒ Training on public speaking would be very beneficial for all the participants— Facilitator
- ⇒ The children and youth showed great teamwork and great display of what they had learnt through photovoice and various lessons on PHAST and the Sanitation Value Chain. Visiting other booths, attending sessions and discussing with various different stakeholders worked positively on their understanding of key issues affecting their communities. It has had an impact on their thoughts and plans for Dziko Langa going forward.



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