



## First Zanzibar Solar Day

Zanzibar Solar Energy Association (ZASEA) is an autonomy non-governmental organisation for the development of solar energy on islands of Zanzibar. It has been officially registered by the Ministry of Home Affairs in the year 2006.

### ZASEA leadership

Mr. Mohamed S. Ali-Chairperson

Mr. Khatib T. Muhsin-Vice Chairperson

Mr. Ramadhan S. Omar-Executive  
Secretary

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Technical Committee

Mr. Abdi S. Mohamed-Secretary, Technical  
Committee

ZASEA has a vision of Zanzibar becoming a society that has skills of, knowledge about and access to the sustainable energy and poverty reduction.

ZASEA mission is to provide people of Zanzibar with sustainable solar energy and knowledge about it that may allow them to have access to electricity and to fight poverty.

ZASEA promotes solar energy through information dissemination, sensitisation through village presentation, school solar energy education, solar energy technicians training, dissemination of solar photovoltaic gadgets and advice on the equipment procurement and installation.



The guest of honour Dr. Mohamed Gharib Bilali visiting one of the exhibitions during Zanzibar Solar Day

In order to promote the use of solar energy in Zanzibar, ZASEA in cooperation with the Department of Energy and Minerals-Zanzibar, and Deutsche Tansanische Freundschaft e.V conducted the first day Solar Day in the history of Zanzibar. The solar day was conducted for 2 days, 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2009 at Haile Selassi Secondary School compound.

The activities on Zanzibar Solar Day consisted of awards presentations, exhibitions and paper presentations.

The guest of honour was Mohamed Gharib Bilali, the Ex-Chief Minister. Dr. Bilali proclaimed that the Revolution Government of Zanzibar has waived Value Added Tax on the solar products since September, 2008. There is still one backstopping to be removed, and that is Import Tax.

Zanzibar Solar Day attracted the following exhibitors;



Family size wood fuel stove exhibited on Zanzibar Solar day energies), and Tanzania Solar Energy energies), and Tanzania Solar Energy Association (provided information on renewable energies).

Japan Private from Zanzibar (exhibited solar lanterns), Rex Investment Ltd from Dar Es Salaam (exhibited solar systems and power back-up systems), Zara Solar from Mwanza (exhibited solar systems), Ensol (T) Ltd from Dar Es Salaam (exhibited solar systems and power back-up systems), Envotec Services Ltd from Dar Es Salaam (exhibited fuel wood saving stoves), Chloride Exide from Dar Es Salaam (exhibited solar systems and power back-up systems), D.Light from Dar Es Salaam (exhibited solar lanterns), Zanzibar Solar Energy Association (provided information on renewable

The following papers were presented to share experience in the field of renewable energy;



Eng. Pepjin Steemer presenting on Zanzibar Solar Day Solar (Pepjin Steemer, D.Light Design EA Ltd).

ZASEA activities and on-going (Mr. Ramadhan Said Omar, ZASEA Executive Secretary), Importance of solar energy (Mr. Omar Saleh Mohammed, Department of Energy and Minerals-Zanzibar), German Renewable Energies Volunteers (Miss Olivia Lyimo, Tanzania Solar Energy Association), How barriers removal can stimulate solar market development (Eng. Mohammed Parpia, ZARA Solar Ltd Mwanza), The use of solar dryers (Eng. Matthew Matimbwi, Conservators Bureau, Malinyi), Sustainable products of DADA and MOTO (Miss Anne Hofman, Deutsche Tansanische Patnerschaft e.V) and Consumer



One of the village presentations in Zanzibar-Kitope Village

Papers presented revealed opportunities that can speed the application of renewable energy technologies in poverty alleviation.

Solar companies from Tanzania mainland learnt the available market opportunities in islands of Zanzibar. In order to facilitate solar products diffusion in Zanzibar, ZASEA has to advocate to the Zanzibar Revolution Government to set the favourable environment that will attract solar actors from outside of Zanzibar, e.g. waving import tax on the renewable energy gadgets.