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Press Release

DHPS ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP successfully returns from Wolfsburg, Germany with concrete ideas for their upcoming fieldwork projects and a “green” school bazaar in August.

Windhoek, 27.05.2012. 4 weeks ago in Wolfsburg, nearly 200 young people from eleven countries, amongst others 10 from Namibia, laid the foundation stone for a worldwide youth climate network- Youthinkgreen. The aim of the project, which culminates in an International Youth Climate Summit in mid-2013, is to develop school-age participants into critically-minded young people. Together with the climate ambassadors from Bulgaria, China, Iceland, Peru, Brazil, India, Namibia, Germany, Italy and Egypt they aim to implement specific everyday action against climate change.

Christina Figueres, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the German Federal Chancellor Dr Angela Merkel as well as the EU-Commissioner for Climate Action, Connie Hedegaard support the fourteen to eighteen year old climate ambassadors.

The webpage “www.youthinkgreen.org” was created to give the students the opportunity to share and publish their ideas, thoughts and their achievements with the other participants worldwide.

Wolfsburg gave the group from Namibia the opportunity to foster their knowledge about climate change. The students were allowed to look behind the scenes, to develop their own ideas to make the impossible possible. Environmental experts encouraged them to ask critical questions, something one has not experienced often. The students demanded answers, solutions and plans for the future.

After Wolfsburg, the Namibian group is eager and highly motivated to make visible changes in their home country. They are busy working on their three local sustainability projects such as providing the “Deutsche Höhere Privatschule Windhoek” with solar energy. One of their goals is to mobilize the students, teachers, parents and the school’s administration to make the board of the school do the right thing and produce environmentally friendly solar electricity.

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In cooperation with the School of Natural Resources and Tourism at the Polytechnic of Namibia we would like to change the current transport situation at our school. At the moment most of our students are taken to school by car. There is no public transport system, except for 2 busses for a minority of the students. We want to plan and put into action an extensive bus system that allows every student to reach school in a much more sustainable way.

For the annual school bazaar at the “DHPS” the youth thought of developing a green bazaar with the key aspects: less rubbish, more organic food and an eco pub-quiz moderated by a famous radio DJ.

Besides these projects the group has put together a list of claims for politics, economy and the society in Namibia to make this world and our future a better one.
You find these claims attached in the invitational email.

To accomplish the group’s goals and work more effectively the group’s administrator, Carsten Antoni, has devised an organisational structure: At hand are 8 departments, the Science Think Tank, Public Relations, Creative Tank, Lobbyists, Radio and Video, Workers and Members Teams , each with a head of its own. The heads of each department, together with Mr C. Antoni as well as Mr R. Schmidt form the Board of Directors, are going to meet at least twice a month for strategic planning sessions and give the direction for the whole group.

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