

The Faro Declaration of Intent

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At the End of the International Conference for Solar Cooking and Food Processing CONSOLFOOD in Faro, Portugal (January 2016) the *Faro Declaration of Intent* was agreed upon. The Quintessence: Significant Empowerment of Multipliers, Trainers and Grass-Roots Workers through financial Support and vocational Training to boost the Dissemination of Solar Cookers, Solar Dryers and other Solar Food Processing Technologies.



Problems and Obstacles

Countries that received most development aid became the poorest eventually: Haïti, Malawi, Madagascar. Development aid went hand in hand with commercial looting of those countries.

Education, manuals, conferences, advices, scientific papers, etc. circulate within an elite circle. People who do the work in the developing countries are barred from participation.

Good information material is rare and mainly written in English. However, those who are in need usually do not speak English. Most of them cannot even read and write.

Aid from big organisations (UN, World Bank, USAid, WWF, Red Cross, UNFCCC, GACC, etc.) is available for organisations of a certain size only. Usually the documentation is held very complicated (intentionally?), in English language only. The bureaucracy is ridiculous. Access for small organisations is virtually impossible.

Leading organisations vaporise huge amounts for administration, exaggerated salaries, depreciations, travel expenses, scientific programmes, political lobbying and expenses, advertisements, etc.

Developments and programmes are not adapted to the situations in the developing countries. Usually, an exorbitant amount of paperwork for proposals and reporting negates any benefits.

Solutions

Adjust development aid programmes to meet the reality - not the ideals of the donating country. Exclude commercial and military interests.

Print and distribute more information materials, user manuals etc. for developing countries. Publications and workshops must be accessible for all. Recruit multipliers who continue to educate the people in their country.

Release funds to translate informative publications into local languages (e.g. Luganda, Kiswaheli, Quechua) to make them understandable for all.

Re-organise all big institutions and foundations in order to make their aid generally available. Suspend those who are not successful. Create an easy-to-access system for all.

Drain the swamp.

Deploy more experts to developing countries who design programmes close to reality. Reduce bureaucracy. Cut the ties to local corrupting influences. **Apply ethical standards.**