Most of 2018 was focused on strengthening our partnerships and developing new collaborations with key stakeholders, especially for our Climate Action Plan for Africa. All of our ERI teams in the USA, Europe and Africa continued to work on being a voice for the global sustainability movement with regard to climate change and land rights. It was a challenging year, but we never gave up hope.

In August, ERI organized “Ethics, Morality and the Land Question,” a one-day forum held in Baltimore during the annual conference of the Council of Georgist Organizations. Both co-Founders/Directors, Annie Goeke and Alanna Hartzok, were able to spend time strategizing the future of ERI and had the opportunity to arrange a ERI Board member meeting, where a majority of Board members were able to attend.

Alanna Hartzok wrote another ERI policy article titled Palestine / Israel – Cutting the Gordian Knot as well as continuing her work with the IU, Schalkenbach Foundation and the UN-Habitat GLTN. On the West Coast, Annie Goeke and her team worked hard on expanding our Climate Change Living Lab project. Together, we created new promotional materials defining our goals for this program. Our first model will be implemented in Abidjan to build a climate change observatory station to be used by local/international academic institutions engaged in climate change as well as develop a Climate Change Education on Wheels program with a mobile app to catalyze the local population into action. This entire project brings together all the facets and critical thinking that ERI has promoted and participated in for years. It is an innovative program in which information exchange, creative problem solving, and community engagement can unite a population around a common vision. They also worked on defining and organizing the proposed UCLA Public Forum – Africa’s Readiness for Climate Change - that is now scheduled for Spring 2020.
Early in the year, Nola and Annie initiated the ERI Wellbeing Project, under the leadership of Elizabeth Evans and Ean Jones, that was kindly funded by the Arkay Foundation. Our goals were to develop a local California program to help teens develop life skills, bring awareness about elections and promote climate change action in local communities such as Santa Barbara and Butte County. Sadly, Elizabeth and Ean both lost their homes in November to the worst California fire, the “Camp Fire”, and therefore we were obliged to put this program on hold until further notice.

Later in the year, Annie Goeke, presented for the 2nd time at the Donghu Forum in Wuhan, China at their 4th Annual conference titled “Community With a Shared Future for Mankind and Global Governance.” The presentation highlighted ERI’s international partnerships regarding our Climate Action Plan for Africa. It was very well received and might include a collaboration to publish an international academic book on sustainability.

Our Africa Director, Professor Dramane Touré Noblé, based in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire has tirelessly worked for decades to bring about sustainable development to his people, his country and Africa. ERI’s “Climate Action Plan for Cocody,” is now fully ready for funding even though we faced numerous serious challenges during 2018 such as the loss of the local elections in December for our partner the former Mayor of Cocody, Mathias N’Goan, setting us back for a while as we were unsure how our initiative would stand with a incoming Mayor and the new political climate of the country. However, we got back on track and are now stronger than ever. Due to other political upheavals and the sudden death of the Côte d’Ivoire UN Ambassador, our plans with the United African Congress to organize a launching event for our African initiative to be presented during the High-Level Political Forum in either July during the UN SDGs conference or September UN General Assembly, had to be delayed until 2019.

We want to thank our partners who are new and those who have continued to support us - the United African Congress, Global Ecovillage Network, REDES, African Development Bank, SocialEconomix, REGENERATE and many others. Their support and participation is extremely important to who we are and what we are able to do.
We want to give special thanks to the following team members who contributed to our success: Dawn Omura, Living Lab Program Director for her constant support and guidance; Jerome Leonelli for bringing in our new European team member, Ayanthi Perera; Tania Saldivar, graphic designer who has endlessly continued to create our beautiful promotional materials; and welcoming our new team member, Donna Ayers, Communications Director who has brought her expertise in writing, critical thinking and other skills. And we want to welcome our two new Board Members, Rob Wheeler, who has contributed so much in promoting the ecovillage movement worldwide and Gina Smallwood, an experienced not-for-profit accountant, visual artist and community activist.

We would like to express our deep appreciation for all of our volunteers/colleagues who have helped us throughout the year with bookkeeping, translations, web maintenance, graphic designing and outreach. We hope you will take the time to look over our website to learn more about who we are, connect with us on our social media and join us in any way you can to be part of our community. Each ERI member/partner/supporter is what makes us special. Together, we have built a beautiful and positive movement with Earth Rights Institute and our partners.

We hope you can join us as we engage in actions and advocacy that support the UN Global Goals. As we face a world in which 50% of all natural life is disappearing, ERI is dedicated in doing whatever we can to shift our way of living and to provide tools, resources, innovation and heart to bring a new world that heals and enhances life for all.

*Green blessings Annie de la Bouillerie Goeke and Alanna Hartzok*
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Overview

Earth Rights Institute (ERI) was incorporated in 2001 as a US 501(c)(3) organization and is in partnership with the International Union of Land Value Taxation UN NGO and a GuideStar Gold participant. Our mission is to support a culture of peace and justice worldwide by establishing dynamic worldwide networks of persons of goodwill and special skills, promoting policies and programs which further democratic rights to common heritage resources, and building ecological communities. Earth Rights Institute takes an innovative approach to join education, advocacy and research in building ecologically, economically and culturally sustainable communities in some of the world’s poorest regions. We advocate a model of development that supports the re-localization of development expertise and believe that in order to empower communities to manage and direct their own development, strategies and expert knowledge must be conceived locally. Besides having our headquarters in California and an office in Pennsylvania, we have partners and representatives located in Europe, Cote d’Ivoire, Nigeria, DRC, Senegal, Kenya and Guatemala.
NEW BOARD MEMBER

Gina Smallwood Senior Auditor Analyst (Hhs-acf) Highlight Technologies, Gina Maria Smallwood, graduate from the University of Maryland University College is an experienced not-for-profit accountant, visual artist and community activist, certified as a spiritual advisor from the Delphi University and professional coach from the Coach Training Academy. As an Accountant, Gina consistently provides reliable business support to foundations, government agencies, non-profit organizations, small businesses, and individuals throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

NEW USA TEAM MEMBER

Donna Ayers Eri Communications Director, to assist in building key communication initiatives for ERI, and support the growth and expansion efforts of ERI’s Living Lab Program. She facilitates cross-cultural communications for our growing global audience, while also coordinating engagement activities for ERI events and our partners. Combining more than 25 years of communication experience with her knowledge and passion for local and global outreach.
Annie de la Bouillerie Goeke, Co-founder/ Director, has 25 years of leadership and experience in planning, developing, and maintaining programs using sustainable, holistic approaches for social enterprises and community building worldwide. She is a well-known international consultant for sustainable development, climate change, ecological education and women in leadership roles.

Alanna Hartzok, Co-founder/Director, is an expert on fair land tenure and public finance from a local-to-global framework. With the UN HABITAT, she developed an online course and training program and is part of an UN task force addressings land rights. She is Administrative Director and an UN NGO Rep. for the International Union for Land Value Taxation. Author of the award-winning book ‘The Earth Belongs to Everyone.’

Dawn Omura, Living Labs Program Director, is a science educator. Her skills include project development, grant writing and outreach. She is from CA but she spent 9 years in Argentina, where she gained experience working in various foundations and nonprofits developing and directing programs to further environmental sustainability and science education.

Joanne Manzella, Webmaster, designed and maintains the website from all aspects. She has many years in software and web development. In her spare time, she enjoys taking photos of nature, animals, and classic cars.

Tania Saldívar, Graphic Designer, founder and creative Director of Neisybustudio in Mexico. Lives in LA, CA and is a freelance graphic designer and project planner. Has Communication and Organization skills as well.
Andy Currier, Intern, was a first year Public Policy Master’s candidate at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs pursuing a career in improving security of land tenure and food security in developing countries when he started with ERI. He brought his strong research and writing skills as well as helped with outreach and lists for potential participants for the proposed UCLA Public Forum.

Alexis Sherman, Intern, was our Summer volunteer. Alexis was a high school senior at Windward School. She is passionate about environmental sustainability and believes we have a global responsibility to protect the earth. Alexis helped with research and manages social media accounts.

Max Chou, Volunteer Accountant, student from Santa Monica College studying accounting.

Izhar Manzoor, Program Associate, UCLA graduate, conducts outreach for ERI and works on our social media presence.

Jeffrey Sklar, Legal Counsel, has been serving as legal counsel for Earth Rights Institute for over 10 years. With a law degree from Loyola Law School of Law. He reviews and formulate MOUs and multilateral International engagement agreements.

Elizabeth Evans, Wellbeing Program Coordinator, runs the Health Revolution Training Program in Oroville, CA helping people in need and are challenged in their lives both physically and mentally.

Ean Evans, Wellbeing Youth Leader, is a Senior at Paradis High School. His goal is to make a contribution in his community and offer tutoring for students. He wants to help young people who are struggling in their lives.

Nola Force, Wellbeing Program co-Founder, is a long time member and supporter for ERI. Having been our Co-Founder/Director for the Living Lab, Nola brings over 40 years of expertise in sustainability and innovation. This new program ‘Wellbeing Project’ is another wonderful idea that she has offered for ERI to initiate.
Our Translators

Souhail Arfaoui, Translator, Tunisian who has translated for several international associations and foundations. Works with the UNDP. Expertise on human sciences and communication fields.

Delphin Ngulumiingi, Translator, lives in Kenya as a professional translator and writer. Has translated many documents for international agencies.

Jean Ganter, Translator, originally from Madagascar and lives in Florida. A freelance translator and proofreader.

Wilson Obame, Translator, Gabonese Deputy Manager of the Translation and Interpretation Department at Alliance Francaise in Ghana.

Our Team Europe
New Members

Ayanthi Perera, Translator, After graduating from her international business school, Ayanthi is now the marketing manager at an international cosmetics group. She is the Foreign Relations Program Director for Agora Sapiens, an association of the city of Vaucresson in the Hauts de Seine. Its primary purpose is to organize conference-debates, with confirmed speakers, which allow its members to stay connected with a changing world. It is also a place of dialogue and meetings for the inhabitants of the municipality and neighboring municipalities. She is working closely with Jerome Leonelli who is the President of this association and our ERI European Director.
Our Team – Europe

Jerome Leonelli, Director of ERI-EUROPE Author of Cocody Climate Finance, dedicates his entrepreneurial skills and his European network to ERI. Living in Paris, he is working for multinationals, French and European companies, administrations and business schools. He is a member of ETMA – European Training Media Association. He works closely with Annie Goeke and Pr. Touré to advance our initiatives in Africa and bridge support from the European community.

Dimitri Selinger, Program Manager, is from Belgium and has over 15 years of expertise in the food industry. He holds a MSc Engineer in Agriculture and Agrifood Industries, and a Certificate in International Development and Cooperation.
Joyce Mioso, Kenya, CEO Watu Health Innovation Summit Africa (WHISAfrica), A native to Kenya, Joyce has been a mover and shaker in leadership and empowerment for the African people. She is currently promoting opportunities in Africa's emerging markets in health, renewable energy, technology, environment, and wildlife. Her aim is to promote value addition for wealth creation. Innovated solutions are the driving force behind her work. "Your Change Agent"

On our behalf, Joyce attended the Annual Global Ecovillage Network Africa Conference in Zimbabwe and also participated in a 10-day Global Ecovillage Network Africa Training for Trainers workshop lead by Kosha Joubert (GEN International Director) in November.

Her energy and outreach is a great new asset for ERI, especially in East Africa.
Professor Dramane Touré Nablé, Executive Director, ERI for Africa
Located in Abidjan, Systems Analyst and Expert Planner, Economist,
Projects (AFECTI–AE39), he has taught in many departments of the
University Felix Houphouet-Boigny Cocody in Abidjan and continues
to be in great demand around the world. Director of the Institute of
Strategic Studies of Abidjan, Pr. Touré is a scientist of great talent.
Emeritus Professor at the Earth Rights Institute (ERI), he is the
Scientific Director of ERI for the Africa Climate Change Initiative and
our Cocody Climate Action Plan for Africa. For decades, he has
launched hundreds of projects aimed at bringing peace,
stability and sustainability across the African continent. He
initiated the first mediation initiatives for sustainable peace in Côte
d’Ivoire, undertaken with H. E. President Eyadema of Togo, former
President of the 36th OAU Summit, held from July 11 to 12, 2000 in
Lome–Togo, assisted by Presidents Abdoulaye Wade of Senegal and
Tandja Mamadou of Niger. Since 2019, ERI has been solicited by the
International Community for Peace and Sustainable Development
in the Sahel, Northern Mali, Nigeria, Cameroon, DRC, Somalia,
Sudan.
Our Team and Partners

Africa

M. Kone Tiémoko, Executive Director Of Cote D’Ivoire, founding President of ERI Côte d’Ivoire, located in Abidjan. Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Electricity Regulation Authority (ANARE) in Côte d’Ivoire, he has been Chairman of the Regional Council of Tengrela and a great leader in his country in promoting sustainable development. He has to his credit many development initiatives in northern Côte d’Ivoire.

SEM. Alassane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire, founder of the Climate Change Project, is a great advocate of the environment and climate action. In 1990, he was appointed Prime Minister of the Government of SEM by President Houphouët Boigny and he initiated all the West African States including Côte d’Ivoire, to participate in the UNEP World Summit of RIO in 1992 on Climate Change. He is the founding father of the Cocody Cité Verte Project. President Ouattara’s directives to Prof. Touré in 2010, while in his office of the Rue des Jardins in Cocody 2 Plateaux, allowed Ouattara to put the initial project in the hands of the States, as well as the local authorities so that grassroots populations would directly benefit. In addition, his personal instructions to the Government allowed the Minister of Economy and Finance to recommend the ERI Climate Action plan to the World Bank for support. In addition, the Minister of Planning and Development, registered our initiative to be part of the National Development Program (PND), and also sought support from the African Development Bank, under the supervision of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development project.
Commitment of Mayors, Governors and Presidents of Regions

Mathias N’GOAN, Former Mayor Cocody, The first ecologist politician in Cote d’Ivoire to be elected into office as Mayor of Cocody, one of the most influential district in Abidjan. He started implementing the Cocody EcoCity in partnership with Dr. Dramane Touré ERI, Director Africa. Sadly, in December he lost his re-election as Mayor but has now been appointed the main official Coordinator for the initiative. Officially titled ‘Cocody Green City, Carbon Sink Of Abidjan, Cote D’ivoire And Africa To Eradicate Extreme Heat, Pollution, Poverty And The World Climate Temperature Below +1.5° C, Before 2100.’

https://www.cocodyciteverte.net/
Contributions to our Earth Rights Institute Climate Action Plan, Cote d’Ivoire

Minister of Health and Wellbeing – Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development

Mrs. Anne Désirée OULOTO
Minister of Health and Wellbeing
Special contribution to the success of the Project. Touleupleu Region Initiative

Professor Joseph Séka SEKA
Minister of the Environment and Sustainable Development
Minister supervising the Cocody Cité Verte Project. ME Region Initiative
Supporters of our ERI Climate Action Plan, Cote d’Ivoire
Minister of Planning and Development – Minister of Economy and Finance

Ms. NIALE Kaba
Minister of Plan and Development Initiative
Bouna Region

Mr. KONE Adama
Minister of Economy and Finance
Kabadougou Region Initiative
Mrs KONE B. ALIMATA
Economist–Financial–Environmentalist
Permanent Secretary of CNFEM,
GEF Operational Focal Point for
Côte d’Ivoire Key contribution to the
success of the project

Mr GADIERE Abdoulaye
For its decisive commitment from the
World Bank to fight against EGES and
pollution

Mr Jean-François HABEAU
Executive Director of the Global Fund for
Cities Development
The global scientific success of the Cocody Cité Verte Project and Cocody's Climate Plan for Africa is due to the mobilization and contribution of the teaching and researchers of the University Felix Houphouet Boigny of Abidjan – Cocody. The President of University Felix Houphouet Boigny, Professor ABOU Karamoko, is the honorary President and Vice President, Professor Kouadio AFFIAN, is the President of the National Scientific Commission. The Félix Houphouët Boigny University of Abidjan–Cocody, is in charge of the scientific supervision of the Cocody Cité Verte Project and Cocody Climate Plan for Africa.

The UNESCO Chair for Culture of Peace, headquarters of the project at the university, has largely contributed with the UFR under the direction of Emeritus Professor LEZOU Dago Gérard and his team Dr. MALANHOUA Kouassi Aimé and Mrs. Nadue. It is the first time, since the independence of this country in 1960, that such an initiative has been undertaken in Cote d’Ivoire.
Our Partners – FHB University
ERI Climate Action Plan for Cote d’Ivoire

The Wembele,
Majestic Senoufo mask.
FHB University Symbol

Pr. Abou Karamoko
President FHB University
Honorary President of the Project at the UFHB

PR. Emeritus, Lezou Dago Gérard
Holder of the UNESCO CHAIR FOR PEACE at FHB University. Supervision of the project at UFHB

PR. Kouadio Affian Vice President UFHB
Eco-Campus Cocody Initiative President of the National Scientific Commission of the Cocody Project and Climate Plan for Africa
Madame Diaby, Consul For The Comoros Islands In Cote D’ivoire, Dr. Nissoiti Keldi (Diaby) from the Comoros Islands and one of the 1st Comorians to receive a baccalaureate in 1973 and lives in Abidjan. Together we are in the process of formalizing our partnership with the government of the Comoros Islands.

Gordon Abiama, Director For Nigeria, Born in Bayelsa State in Nigeria’s oil rich region. He is the leader of our Odi Ecovillage and developed a Living & Learning Centre in Yenagoa. Director of Africa Centre for Geo-classical Economics, partner of ERI, NGO dedicated to sustainable development practices and eco justice pedagogy.

Francis Udisi, Director Nigeria/Usa, from Nigeria and lives PA. He is adept at donation project management, professional employment/ student counseling, job recruitment for multinational companies.

Dr. Ousmane Pame, President Global Ecovillage Network/Africa, is an educator and a community leader. He worked as the resident Academic Director of Living Routes at the Dakar Earth Rights Ecovillage Institute in Senegal. He is the director of academic programme in ecovillages which engage international and local students on rural community projects. Founder of REDES, an In-Service Training Program focused on climate change in the Sahel Region.

Sidique Abou-Bakarr Wai, Former President/Co-founder Of United African Congress, 2018 marked an important year for Sidique as he was appointed by the newly elected President of Sierra Leone, His Excellency Julius Maada as his new Sierra Leone Ambassador to USA. ERI is so proud and pleased to see him giving this very important position for his country. We feel that his dedication and commitment to Africa will be a positive impact on his people. We look forward to continuing to work together to bridge the worlds between Africa and the USA towards a greener and more sustainable future.
Programs and Projects
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Climate Action Plan for Africa  https://www.cocodyciteverte.net/
“Cocody Green City, Carbon Sink Of Abidjan, Cote D’ivoire And Africa To Eradicate Ghg Emission, Pollution, Poverty And The World Climate Temperature Below +1.5°C, Before 2100.”

The Cocody Initiative is a Transformation and Action Program, a model for the future, with a low risk assumption, to integrate and support collaboration between all stakeholders (Government, local and administrative political authorities, scientific teams, civil society enterprises, women's and youth organizations, farmers, leaders, local people, the international community), to develop in synergy innovative solutions and ideas.

This is the first time that such a project has been approved by all parties: United Nations agencies, donors, academic and scientific research institutions, foundations, NGOs, civil society, etc. This remains very encouraging. The project has already started to have positive impacts on local people and is based on their commitment as key elements in the fight against climate change and poverty.

It is the first smart city or sustainable eco-city project in Africa, with a particular focus on the new green economy, renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainable transport, sustainable agriculture, sustainable food, sustainable health, the eradication of greenhouse gases, pollution, insalubrity, toxic waste and more.

The project will benefit 10 million people, including first the 800,000 in Cocody. To ensure its chances of success, it was developed by Earth Rights Institute through our trust and reputation. It will create 100,000 direct permanent green jobs and 400,000 indirect. It will improve the academic studies of thousands of students and the health of millions of Abidjan's inhabitants.

The project has already started by the Mayor and the people of Cocody since October 2016. To learn more about this initiative, please request the full proposal. We are open to new partners.
The project "Cocody Green City" is a replicable sustainable smart city project. It is a GEF project and supported by the World Bank and the UN-Environment (UNEP). Through the creation of this Eco-City, we hope to achieve the following results and impacts:

1- The first climate scientific observatory of the Ivorian civil society is created, to accompany the Ivorian populations to reverse the global warming trend, inform them, educate, alert and train them to overcome disasters and climatic disasters.

2- A single wetland of more than 20,000 km² is created around the city of Abidjan, 150 km radius, from Cocody to Grand Bassam, Adiaké, San Pedro, Zianouan, Adzopé, Yakassé–Attobrou, and others districts.

3- Ten (10) million people in the project area are prepared for the climate challenge;

4- The reduction of carbon production by at least 70% by 2030, thus helping Côte d’Ivoire in its promise to fight against climate change, is effective;

5- Seven (7) million mangrove plants and 7 million trees will be planted to restore Ecosystems, sustainably develop our bays, banks, lagoon shores, embellished with beautiful flowers and trees on the streets, parks and municipal gardens, to sequester carbon, and improve the resilience of the city of Abidjan, in the face of the negative impacts of climate change;

6- The improvement of the energy efficiency of buildings and public lighting will be raised to 80%.

7- Sustainable transport and mobility will be improved by 75% in Cocody and 70% in Abidjan;

8- More than 2 million green jobs will be created, including 500,000 new jobs in Cocody–Bingerville (100,000 permanent direct green jobs and 400,000 indirect jobs).
9- All households in transition will use an energy cooker, as well as bioethanol;
10- Carbon dioxide, methane and all these dangerous gases, main causes of EGES, will be captured, controlled and used by housewives.
11- The university Felix Houphouet Boigny of Cocody, will become the first green university of Africa;
12- This green transition will lead to a reduction in air pollution and build good sanitation infrastructure, provide security, peace, stability and well-being for all.
13- The community's commitment to the adoption of sustainable living will be increased;

The initiative will show how our ERI Climate Plan can pave the way for a country's commitment to reduce carbon emissions by 30-70% by 2030. This climate action plan uses a multi-faceted approach to include 65 measures, developing a sustainable environment and an eco-conscious mentality in communities. It will set an example for African Leaders and Member States committed to COP21 of the Paris Agreement to vigorously mobilize their national plans to take action towards the implementation of UN Global Objective 13 - Climate Action.
Impacts and Risks of the Project

1-IMMEDIATE IMPACTS

- The project leads to a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;
- The project leads to a reduction of CO2 emissions;
- The project leads to a reduction of NOx emissions;
- The project leads to a reduction of SOx emissions;
- The project leads to a reduction in PM2.5 emissions;
- The project leads to less use of fossil fuels;
- The project reduces the energy consumption of buildings, cities, industries and appliances;
- The project leads to the launch of low-carbon waste management strategies;
- The project increases the rate of waste management through recycling and composting strategies;

2-SUSTAINABLE IMPACTS

- The project is transferable to other sectors, cities, in all regions of the country and the continent;
- The project enables the sector it seeks to cover, to benefit from long-term economic benefits, by promoting the development of new markets and economic activities;
- The project encourages market players to move towards sustainable / low-carbon solutions, reducing costs / risks and removing barriers;
- The scope of the project can be expanded without increasing capital expenditures;
- The project is conducive to a change in the regulatory framework to promote investments in sustainable development;
- The project eliminates barriers that limit the city's ability to promote sustainable development;
- The project is conducive to integration into other projects, lessons learned;
- The project can not do without grants or term aid during its first three years;
- The project is conducive to national, subregional and continental integration.
3-SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WITH STRONG DURABILITY

- The project leads to an improvement of the certain standard of living, in the region where it is set up;
- The project leads to women's economic empowerment and a definite and sustainable improvement in their standard of living, in the region where it is set up;
- The project leads to an improvement of the air quality, in the region where it is set up;
- The project leads to an improvement of the soil quality, in the region where it is set up;
- The project brings benefits in terms of preservation;
- The project leads to an improvement of the biodiversity;
- The project leads to an improvement in the beauty of the town, the city, the district and the village;
- The project is conducive to improving the health of the poor
- The project is conducive to improving safety in the city and in the country.
- The project promotes continuation or access to studies;
- The project leads to an improvement of the regulations relating to sustainable development;
- The project brings benefits in terms of preservation;
- The project promotes job creation; The project increases the economic activity of local industries;
- The project opens up prospects for increasing private capital inflows;
- The project promotes better industrial productivity;
- The project promotes better energy security;
- The project promotes improved water supply;
- The project promotes an increase in agricultural production
4- RISKS

- The project leads to a reduction of specific climate-related risks (such as a low IQA);
- The project aims to mitigate the specific risks from exposure to climate change for more than 25% of the inhabitants of each community, each city, each district and the whole country;
- The project is evolving with proven risk mitigation plans, approaches and strategies at each stage;
- The project relies on specific structures to mitigate funding barriers;
- The project supports groups identified as vulnerable, through proven development policies, for each municipality, each city, each region, each district and for the country as a whole;
- The project builds institutional and implementation capacity;

Annie de la Bouillerie Goeke
2018 Summary Living Labs Program
Throughout 2018, ERI’s team has been busy developing a new initiative, the Climate Change Living Lab that is fundamental to the success of our Climate Action Plan for West Africa. This program will reach the hearts and minds of community members to embrace the Eco-City measures designed to address the environmental, economic, and social needs of the community. The foundation of the plan is community involvement and ownership through capacity building, identifying community leaders to spearhead programs, and building on strong existing networks. The Climate Change Living Lab program is the vehicle through which information exchange, creative problem solving, and community engagement can unite the population around a common vision.

The Climate Change Living Lab includes the ecological construction of a Climate Observatory Center for gathering data and measuring the effectiveness of Eco-City measures and an inquiry-based Climate Change Discovery Center. To reach an even wider audience, the Climate Change Education on Wheels program will bring the Living Lab to the community through outreach campaigns that will spread the word about specific sustainable development goals to be addressed by the city’s initiatives designed to reduce carbon emissions. This will be the teaching model and tool to engage the people in the creation of the first Eco-City model in Abidjan. Finally, we will develop a mobile App to accompany the Education on Wheels program designed to keep community members connected and continually updated on new initiatives and weekly locations of Living Labs. It will also serve to motivate individual participation in various local actions and encourage community members to track and log their activities (recycling, use of ecological cookstoves, public transportation, etc.), as well as share experiences and tips on more effective use. This mobile App will be an important tool in catalyzing the effectiveness of our Climate Change Education on Wheels program.
Fundamental to ERI, is the belief that by empowering communities to manage and direct their own development, strategies and expert knowledge of climate challenges most relevant to them, they will be personally interested, and more invested to create sustainable climate change solutions. The approach to empower those from within a community will help to identify the specific needs, coupled with localized advocacy. To leverage localized community interest, and help drive ERI and its partners, we are developing Journey Maps focusing on potential ERI stakeholders such as community members, government employees, and business leaders.

These journey maps will help ERI and its partners in determining needs, best practices and setting goals in developing and implementing programs that incorporate education, advocacy and research in building economically and culturally sustainable communities. Specifically, ERI has developed Journey Maps to assist in identifying key touchpoints and avenues for our partners to serve up to the needs of the project and its stakeholders.

Along with the development of the program, we have formed key partnerships with organizations such as the Global Ecovillage Network (GEN), SocioEconomix, and Regenerate, among others, that will contribute their expertise to our Climate Change Living Lab. This year we have been actively exploring new connections and contacts and continue to seek funding for our programs.
ERI and UAC have been working together for many years. We are honored to have their support in promoting our Climate Action Plan for Africa to the United Nations.

With the newly elected President of UAC, Gordon Tapper, founder/director UN Give Them a Hand (GTAH), we have been meeting numerous key UN Commissions, Ambassadors and UN departments to join us in launching this first EcoCity initiative in West Africa. UAC is advocating support on our behalf and has adopted formally our initiative, giving them the lead to address the importance of support for such a project to be a model for other countries in Africa to do similar programs.
Throughout the year, we have been coordinating with UCLA’s African Studies Department, the Luskin School and the IoES to present a one-day forum entitled: *Africa’s Readiness to Address Climate Change*. Our purpose is to exchange ideas with academics, climate change leaders, local officials, experts, and students (in areas of public policy, global sustainability, African studies, environmental studies, etc.). Our goal is to emphasize some of the positive steps Africa is taking to uphold the Paris Accord and how California and the climate change movement can help accelerate action to reduce carbon emissions in Africa. ERI believes that we have an obligation, as global leaders in climate change adaptation, to extend our partnerships and support to countries in Africa that are more at risk and confront challenging issues such as poverty, instability and energy crisis.

The forum will be a 2-day of talks and panel discussions with experts representing a variety of sectors from African dignitaries and scholars, academic experts, government, business, technology, and non-profit groups who are all engaged in climate action. Topics will cover African initiatives, technological innovations, international initiatives, and policy and financing to support climate change, among others. We are planning a campus tour and discussion for the delegation to give UCLA student environmental groups an opportunity to showcase their initiatives and later connect with student groups with African students. The event will open with a celebrity cocktail to raise awareness among interested alumni and build connections with key players in the global climate change movement.

The forum is scheduled for Spring 2020. There will be many official African participants from all over Africa including our Cocody delegation who will gather to present their African initiatives. Our Climate Action Plan for Cocody has carefully considered multiple aspects of creating a thriving sustainable urban African community and will spark a movement toward greater sustainability in the entire region. We have successfully launched this program and are pioneering a new methodology in global partnerships working on climate change in Africa.
ERI is in a new partnership with Haminy Belco MAIGA, Vice President of the Interim Authority of Kidal, Vice President of the Association of Regions of Mali, Economic, Social and Cultural Advisor of Mali, Head of Cabinet in the Ministry of Land and Decentralization of Mali. In December 2018, ERI Director for Africa, Dr Dramane Toure, signed a working agreement with him on climate protection and sustainable development in northern Mali. ERI will focus on climate change, economic empowerment of young people and women, the reduction of poverty and unemployment. Special emphasis will be placed on child protection, access to drinking water, solar electricity, health and school for all. Peace and social cohesion are our center. An important mission is planned in Kidal, Timbuktu and Gao, to finalize our Climate Action Plan for the sustainable development of northern Mali.
ERI organized Ethics, Morality and the Land Question, a one day forum held in Baltimore on August 30, the third day of the annual conference of the Council of Georgist Organizations. Speakers described the original “Jubilee Justice” land laws and explored how these Judeo-Christian economic teachings were lost when Christianity became the state religion of the Roman Empire. The keynote speaker was Charles Avila, a social leader from the Philippines who is now the Executive Director of the Confederation of National Coconut Farmers’ Organizations of the Philippines.

Speakers on the afternoon panel included ERI board member Dr. Quisia Gonzalez who addressed land rights for her fellow indigenous Garifuna people; Reverend Yolanda Brown, a Minister of Economic Development who founded Imani’s Quest Ministries, a faith-based community economic development organization dedicated to “arresting poverty by creating pathways to economic dignity”; and ERI Co-Director Alanna Hartzok who presented a power point titled “The Golden Thread of Perennial Wisdom Teachings on Land.”

Original songs were also performed by Courtney Dowe, a talented singer-songwriter and ERI board member.

Several ERI’s board members also met in Baltimore that week to discuss ERI’s current projects.
Co-Director Alanna Hartzok along with Mike O’Mara, of the Democratic Freedom Caucus wrote and presented a policy paper titled “Economic Justice and Freedom Action Plan” that was discussed by 28 people on August 29th Baltimore. We will coordinate an ongoing process of gathering endorsements of the Plan as well as making occasional changes and additions.

Hartzok wrote another ERI policy article titled Palestine / Israel – Cutting the Gordian Knot that describes how this relentless conflict can be disentangled by people of good will applying skillful means and earth rights principles that address root causes. She presented the paper at a public forum that was sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Middle East Peace Group. Comments about the policy paper:

“This deserves to be widely circulated.” – Mike O’Mara, Co-Founder, Democratic Freedom Caucus

“…. an important contribution to writings on the Palestinian/Israeli conflict and a credible possible solution to the seemingly intractable problem with which many around the world grapple.” – Janet Eaten, a leader of Canadian Voice of Women for Peace

On September 12 Alanna discussed earth rights democracy topics with Karl Fitzgerald (Australia) on the Renegade Economists Show (3CR airwaves) that can be heard here:


Previous interviews with Alanna include:

Full Spectrum Dominance

Foundations for a New Urban Agenda

Socialising Land Rent

“I felt so much better after speaking with you,” said Fitzgerald. “That wise woman delivery of yours is really coming through.”
Partnerships

Earth Rights Institute recognizes that local and international collaboration and the creation of dynamic partnerships with governments, groups, organizations and qualified individuals who share common goals and vision for development is an important aspect of sustainable social change on a global scale.

Becoming a partner of Earth Rights Institute means joining a global network of like-minded institutions that share a common vision of the future of the world. Partnering with Earth Rights Institute is a great way for your organization or business to connect with other organizations in our network, to share knowledge, experiences and skills, while gaining worldwide visibility for your cause.
The overall intention of this long-term partnership between ERI and GEN is to support the development of durable solutions, ecovillage projects and ecovillages in the Cote d’Ivoire, and in time in other African countries as identified by the two partnering organizations.

As two partnering organizations, we aim to model an open and trusting relationship, which benefits both organizations, but mainly the people and their communities in urban and rural areas, empowering them for community-led change and a local implementation of the SDGs and Paris Climate Agreement.

For the past 20 years, the Global Ecovillage Network (GEN) and its regional affiliate, GEN Africa, have been developing a transformative model for regeneration. GEN uses an integrated, community-led approach to transition communities to greater resilience and restoration of their environments.

The Ecovillage Development Program is designed to radically reform current development practices, putting communities, sustainability, and wealth creation at the heart of the development process. Recent studies show that financial support for community-led development is more efficient than conventional, top-down interventions. The full and inclusive participation of communities on the ground in the conception and implementation of activities, together with the sharing and transferring of expertise and grounded experience is fundamental to GEN’s work.

The Ecovillage Development Program brings together local, community owned development, with transformative, region or nation wide change.
ERI and REDES partnership is to share the common vision that ecovillages principles and practices are a crucial response to the current global crisis threatening the health of ecosystems and all forms of life on our planet.

Acknowledge that Earth Rights Institute and REDES share a strong commitment to contribute, in the most efficient and humane way, to the regeneration of social and physical ecosystems in our regions, to inspire other parts of the world to create and reinforce the similar processes. Recognize the tumultuous past and current relationships between Europe and Africa, and believe that now is the time to heal the wounds such relationship create in humans and ecosystems in both regions. With this meaningful cooperation between the two organizations objectives are to establish solidarity and cooperation in the cultural, social, technological and scientific fields relating to long term regenerative community initiatives. Our aim to support sustainability strategies, through common community development initiatives and projects in order to improve the general living standards and quality of life in the communities involved, with a basis on mutual respect, values of self-reliance, openness and solidarity.

Promote intercultural understanding and exchange, North South and South South Dialogue and Reconciliation and support community development projects to include the promotion of traditional wisdoms and values with openness, care and love.
SocioEconomix

Under the leadership of Matthew Rosenthal, CEO SocioEconomix and Honorary Consul of Namibia to Los Angeles, they can provide African municipalities with training programs to manage (prepare for, respond to, recover from) disasters, whether natural, human-made or technological. They will help develop emergency management centers providing them with real time advisory during times of crises, until they are sufficiently able to manage situations on their own. They offer training to development to management assistance to self-sufficiency.

Their colleague, Ellis Stanley Jr., formerly the executive director of the City of Los Angeles emergency management department, and currently the global board chair of the International Association of Emergency Managers, will run the training program. He is a foremost expert on emergency management and will leverage his relationships to construct a world-class training team. Our first partnership will be for our Cocody EcoCity initiative to help facilitate this important training and management due to climate change and other disasters.
Team 54 Project

Under the leadership of Dr. Gbujie Daniel Chidubem, co-Founder and Director of Team 54 Project is a US based 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, that identifies unique and innovative ways to advocate for SDG13 and to take climate action, towards building climate resilience in the community, with specific focus on existing systems: agriculture, education, economy, health and security. ERI is proud to be working with him and helping spread his campaign around the world.

REGENERATE

ERI is excited to be part of Archie Kasnet’s new initiative called REGENERATE. We started working together over 12 years. We recognize his innovative abilities and network as a major breakthrough on building a new future and addressing the carbon issues. With his team, they have develop a platform for gigaton-scale carbon reduction and risk mitigation by communicating complexity using exponential technology. Their systems approach informs material risk management while leveraging carbon finance, entertainment and engineering to solve pressing challenges of the climate crisis. This global movement is driven by the arts and culture for broad social engagement at the local level. We hope to use REGENERATE’s software-enabled apps that are built on global atmosphere and ocean data — framed under Circular Economy principles and Natural Capital systems. It will provide carbon verification, risk, circularity, education, entertainment and culture. These tools will provide positive community impact and biodiversity conservation atop verified carbon offsets.
Earth Rights Institute loves to collaborate and support others doing good around the world! It is an honor for us to offer through our fiscal sponsorship program, a way for you to receive the benefits of being under a non-profit organization.

**Early Childhood Music based Language Development Program, Los Angeles**, is developing training, education and scholarship initiatives for an online music-based language program that supports young children with autism and delayed speech development. Based in California.

**SMILE, Laos**, The mission of the SMILE Project (Supporting Multitudes in Life & Education) is to provide FREE education, food, and healthcare to underprivileged students lacking funds and/or resources for quality education and nourishment. This incredible program is run by Michael Sebastian and this is our 6th year in supporting his goals.
Fiscal Sponsorship

**SWF, Servicing WildFlowers, Sierra Leone**, Under the directorship of Nina Smart, SWF has been working internationally to bring awareness and eradication of FGM. They have been supporting women in Sierra Leone with programs to educate and protect them in safe houses. The program closed at the end of the year as Nina will focus more on her UN work.

**Sustainable Food Basket, Brazil**, Under the leadership of Ana Penido, Cesta Basica Sustentavel (Sustainable Food Basket) has been focused on helping end poverty, improve the nutrition of children and families, protect biodiversity, decrease deforestation in Brazil!
ACCW, California, ERI has been a fiscal sponsor for the Association of California Commissions for Women since 20016. This association provides a voice for women of all races, creed and economic status throughout the State of California. As their membership grows, so too does their ability to improve the quality of life of our mothers, sisters and daughters. Annie Goeke was a previous Chair for the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women and Young Girls. She continues to promote women’s issues both locally and globally.

Liberia Diabetes Testing Center, Liberia, Diabetes has become a pandemic in Liberia. People are dying from the disease complications due to the lack of awareness on the disease symptoms, prevention and management. Type 2 diabetes is the most prevalence. Since the establishment of the Liberia Diabetes Testing Center, provides testing, counseling and nutritional supplements to hundreds of people that are suffering from diabetes from all ages and social background. The center mission is to take diabetes education and testing to the local communities in Liberia and to end the premature death of citizens due the lack of awareness on the disease prevention and management. This project is directed by James Momoh.
Accomplishments

**Operations**: In house accomplishments include work on updating online course and website, journey mapping development, ERI CCLL development, materials design for upcoming meetings, and work to increase social media presence.

**Partnership achievements** - Mayor changeover in Abidjan and official acceptance of Climate Action Plan, UN Habitat, World Bank and others.

**Presentations and Talks** - China (Annie), Baltimore (Alanna), UN, AfroCities 2018 (Toure), European Summit (Jerome), GEN conference and 10 day training workshop (Joyce Misoi on behalf of ERI). Participated in UCLA’s Water Conference (Annie and Dawn).
Accomplishments

Co-Director Annie Goeke was again invited to present at this annual conference. This year, Fourth East Lake Forum on Global Governance: International Conference on Community of Human Destiny and Global Governance, was held in Wuhan, China. This East Lake Forum on Global Governance (2018) is the platform of high-level for international communication provided by Huazhong University of Science and Technology under the guidance of the Ministry of Education and Hubei provincial government. The Fourth East Lake Forum on Global Governance (2018) was held on November 24-25, 2018, at the East Lake Hotel, Wuhan, China. ERI was very well received and will be part of a new publication on sustainability.

Most of 2018 was focused on our African initiative. (Professor) Pr. Dramane Touré Nablé continued to advocate and promote our Climate Action Plan for Cocody and Abidjan. Working in collaboration with the necessary Ministries, international agencies and officials, he was able to accomplish the last steps necessary to endorse the program and receive the approvals to ensure funding for 2019.

He participated in various workshops that were hosted by the European Union and The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC) required for funding. He also had meetings with R20, GEF and African Development Bank (ADB) in Abidjan.

All teams of ERI were busy with outreaching to potential sponsors and partners, like MARS Inc, Bollore, R20, C40 and others.

ERI West Coast office joined the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, and co-Director Annie Goeke was appointed a Board member as well as the co-Chair for the Outstanding Women Leader Committee (OWL).
2018 Financials

Revenue Visualizations

Full Financial Statement available upon request
Revenue and Expenses

Total Revenue $92,066
Total Expenditure $94,848
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In 1978, Annie spent two weeks with “Sudan,” the last male Northern White Rhino. He died in Kenya in 2018.

In memory

We hope that our efforts will help preserve the fragile ecosystems that are home to so many endangered species by working with communities to live in harmony with their natural surroundings.
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