IPC9 Malawi/Africa

Plan Africa, Food and Empowerment
9th International Permaculture Conference

IPC9 Convergence: 02 - 05 Nov. 2009
IPC9 Conference: 06 Nov 2009
IPC9 Site tours: 07 - 30 Nov. 2009
IPC9

- IPDC held at Fambidzanai Permaculture Centre, Harare, Zimbabwe
- Over 170 participants from over 30 countries from all continents attended the conference in Malawi
- Open Space topics at the convergence: Plan Africa – Food Empowerment; Permaculture Education and Training; Green economics; Gender and Health; Chaordic; Climatic Change.
IPC9

Themes:
Designing solutions for a sustainable future

Sub themes:
• Plan Africa – Food and Empowerment
• Education and Training
• Green economics, Health, Gender and Climatic Change
Designing Solutions for a Sustainable Future
3 Months later
June Walker
Matron
Support and sponsorships

- We started the preparations and worked for months on a zero budget
- Santa Barbara Permaculture: over USD 9000 for website development
- Austrian/Alpine Permaculture coordinated by Margreth sponsored 5 Malawian, 1 Zimbabwean women and 2 Malawian men to attend the PDC in Harare and IPC9 in Malawi/Lilongwe as well as a Training of trainers course in Malawi/Lilongwe
- GTZ: sponsored tens of teachers, farmers, and govt officials from Malawi
- June Walker and her friends
- Global Resource Alliance sponsored a group from Tanzania
- Permaculture Association of Britain sponsored a participant from Congo Kinshasa
- Rosemarry Morrow donated 4 weeks of her time to teach a PDC and a training of trainers courses
John Wilson,

Co-taught a pre IPC Seminar on Integrated Land Use Design for school communities and presented a keynote which challenged us to look at how PC can be more effectively promoted.
Purpose: Promoting and creating independent young minds with the necessary tools and skills to ensure success.
- Good deal with themselves and their knowledge
- Living in harmony with nature
- Being innovative
- Quality of life
- Comfortable place to be
- Feel pride in our school

What must we produce in place of blocks?
- Facilities for:
  - Past-tense work
  - Management training

Global application
- Principles
- Efficient energy planning for house and settlement
- Emphasis on the use of biological resources over fossil fuel resources
- Energy recycling on site
- Polyculture
- Use of edges and natural patterns
Thyolo, Teacher Development Centre
2006 October

- Secondary school is seen in the background
- Primary school is behind ‘you’ as you look at the picture
Thyolo, Teacher Development Centre
2008 February (1.5 years)
Admire Gwatidzo – Kufunda Learning Village / Zimbabwe
Beyond IPC9 - Outcomes

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September 2011
Nature’s Gift Permaculture Centre

- Lilongwe Central Region set up on the venue for IPC9
- Demonstration gardens
- Composting latrines
- Kitchen built with local material and energy conserving system
- Training rooms
- Done already PDC, Course in thatching, eco-sun composting, gardener’s courses
Training of trainers – R. Morrow

- Drew Participants from many countries worldwide
- Created an opportunity for standardization of PDC
- Provided chances for International connections
- Malindi Mangochi PDC
Connections and networking

• Some participants from other continents remained over and worked with local projects
• Two centres being developed at Katete in Eastern Zambia
• The more and Better food Book by Anne Bayley and Walter Nyika
• Global Resource Alliance in Tanzania linked up with Julius Piti from Zimbabwe
• Many other volunteers connected with local projects
Plan Africa

• Plan Africa is an idea to connect all relevant projects on the continent of Africa
• Questionnaires were distributed during and after IPC9
• A website has been set up to build a data bank on African Permaculture projects
• There are plans to set up an Permaculture African Institute
Other Initiatives

- Following Rosemary’s TOT after IPC9 Malindi Community in Mangochi conducted a PDC
- More faith based organisation picking up Permaculture
Other outcomes

• Need for developing a local project as part of each IPC
• International IPCs important but expensive hence need for also regional IPC-cheaper
• Need for developing use of ICT like video conferencing for future IPCs
• Need for revolving fund for IPCs
• Deciding on two IPCs hosts in advance so that people have more time to prepare
Conclusions

• IPCs are a platform for coordinated Permaculture efforts
• Malawi - IPC9 in Africa created a sense of inclusiveness and strengthening of a worldwide family
• IPC9 in Malawi strengthened relations between Permaculture Network members on one side and the government on the other