

Dear GOGLA-members and off-grid lighting stakeholders,

It is an honor to have been elected as the new leadership of GOGLA. Both of us are determined to work on our collective vision for GOGLA to become the go-to industry association and global knowledge platform on off-grid / clean energy lighting, and to accelerate the market transition 'away from' kerosene lighting. With our election we feel that we can combine the benefits of a large global brand, as well as that of a leading off-grid lighting start-up, and our joint networks to the benefit of those who currently do not have access to lighting.



With you and through you we will develop strategies and approaches for environmentally responsible standards, financing mechanisms and business models, and other enabling activities, all aimed at mainstreaming the off-grid lighting sector. We will seek further collaboration with other relevant stakeholder platforms as well as with non-governmental organizations and multi-lateral development banks.

With the IFC - our key global and in a sense 'maternal' partner - we will work and build on the IFC's pioneering and inspirational work.

Last but not least, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for the efforts and dedication with which our outgoing president Harald Schuetzeichel (with strong support from our general secretary Wolfgang Gregor) has created the foundation for GOGLA. It would not have been possible to build our collective future when moving forward without his work.



We are proud to work on the acceleration of the off-grid lighting market development with such a group of stakeholders, and look forward to working together with you.

Harry Verhaar

Ned Tozun Best personal regards,

President

Vice-President

GOGLA - Present Position on Kenyan VAT Act 2013

Effective September 1, Kenya has levied a 16% VAT on solar and lighting products. GOGLA is fully aware of this unfavorable situation and is convinced that this step taken by the

Kenyan government constitutes a major setback for the local off-grid lighting market. Being the voice of the industry, GOGLA will take decisive action in a professional manner. GOGLA will focus on a concerted action in conjunction with our partners from the Global Lighting Association (GLA) and the IFC/World Bank Lighting Africa program. We will approach all relevant government authorities to advocate for tax redemption. Of course, we will keep our members, partners and stakeholders informed on the further developments.

GOGLA News

Harry Verhaar and Ned Tozun Elected as New GOGLA Leading Duo

The Global Off-Grid Lighting Association (GOGLA) today announced the election of Harry Verhaar, Philips Lighting and Ned Tozun, d.light design, as the next President and Vice President of the association. They are succeeding Harald Schuetzeichel, the founding president of GOGLA.

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Lighting Global Update to Standards and Performance Targets

Lighting Global plans to update the Minimum Quality Standards and Recommended Performance Targets based on program experience and stakeholder input from across the value chain.

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GOGLA and the Global Lighting Association are Teaming up to Promote Sustainable Lighting Solutions

Energy efficient, clean, and affordable lighting solutions are a great concern to many people around the world, especially to those not connected to the power grid. The Global Off-Grid Lighting Association (GOGLA) is now partnering with the Global Lighting Association (GLA) to work on these topics together.

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The GOGLA Member Conference 2013 - A Great Success

In the course of the Intersolar Europe 2013, the very first GOGLA membership conference took place from June 19-21 in Munnich. Representatives of seventeen member companies and our cooperation partners from IFC, Global Lighting Association, UNEP and Fraunhofer ISE joined us.

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Symposium on Solutions for e-Waste in Developing Countries

A symposium on solutions for e-waste in developing countries was held in Munich, Germany on June 21 in collaboration with the International Finance Cooperation and in conjunction

with Intersolar Europe 2013.

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GONGLA Organizational Announcement

As of 1 August 2013, GONGLA has moved its headquarter to Munich, Germany from Paris, France. GONGLA would also like to announce some changes with our association staff.

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Working Groups Update

Policy and Regulation

In close cooperation with partners and other stakeholders, the WG envisages starting the long-term project of developing policy clusters and regulatory recommendations in the next weeks. To broaden and diversify GONGLA's stakeholder network, the group will also start a stakeholder mapping to identify new cooperation possibilities.

Quality and Standards

With the revision of the Lighting Global quality standards and performance targets, the Working Group concentrates on reviewing this process. GONGLA members took together with our new technical director the opportunity of the open consultation process to comment on IFC/World Bank plans. GONGLA and its working group are committed to actively collaborate with the Lighting Global program to find a good balance between quality and affordability for the end-user and for the industry.

Business and Market Intelligence

The Working Group is initiating two major projects in the upcoming months. Currently a concept is being developed for a study on off-grid lighting market potential and investment opportunities. Additionally, GONGLA will start to take over the collection of market data from IFC by beginning of 2014, supervised by the working group business and market intelligence.

Life Cycle and Recycling

The Working Group held a symposium on e-waste in developing countries on June 21 in Munich together with other electronics producers. It was decided that the group will seek dialogue with wider stakeholders and draw on experiences and lessons learnt from other initiatives that are currently under pilot or implementation phase. Within the course of next months, it will try together with the wider e-waste producing industry to build a roadmap for initial activities.

For more information about working groups, please click [here](#).

Opinions

Non-replaceable batteries in solar lamps: planned obsolescence?



In Europe, the question of the planned obsolescence in electronic products is being increasingly discussed. The focus is increasingly on the batteries. And some of the experiences

should also apply to solar lanterns.

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More News

WakaWaka introduces WakaWaka Foundation



WakaWakas are needed most in families and communities that live on less than \$2 a day. These people rely on dangerous and toxic kerosene lamps or no lighting at all, keeping them

trapped in energy poverty.

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Off-Grid Lighting Market in Africa Maturing even Faster than Expected



Africa is set to become the world's largest market for clean off-grid lamps, with up to 140 million people having access to better lighting by 2015. This is one of the main findings of the new market research report that Lighting Africa released

today. The market for quality off-grid lighting products in Africa has seen a 300 percent growth in sales in the past three years.

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Solar Revolution



From school children to night fishermen, solar lighting in Kenya is transforming the lives of thousands of people. Note: The video is not available in the US. For US based visitors please use this [link](#).

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Voices from Nairobi: Light Comes to the Slum of Mathare



A current initiative by Philips Lighting aims to transform how local communities in the African continent could and are

benefiting from a simple yet effective solution: LED solar powered lighting systems.

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Stiftung Solarenergie - Solar Energy Foundation receives the National Energy Globe Award



The Stiftung Solarenergie - Solar Energy Foundation receives in 2013 for the second time the prestigious National Energy Globe Award for its outstanding work in Ethiopia.

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SolarAid is a Winner in Google's Global Impact Challenge

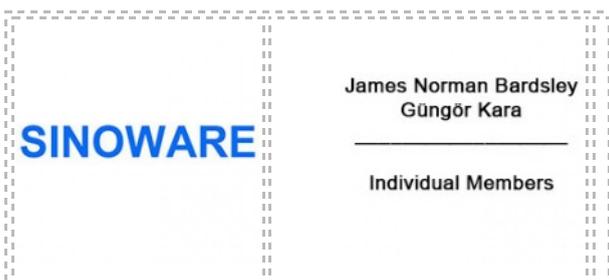


Google unveiled the winners of its Global Impact Challenge, in which four UK-based non-profits each received £500,000 (US\$766,000) for their work in "using tech to tackle the world's toughest problems". GOGLA member SolarAid was one of the four winners with its African pico-solar sales and distribution programme, SunnyMoney.

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New GOGLA Members

Please welcome our newest members:



For more information on all GOGLA members, please click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

West Africa Forum for Clean Energy Financing

Accra, Ghana, 08-10 October 2013

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ISES Solar World Congress

Cancún, Mexico, 3-7 November 2013

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UNFCCC COP 19

Warsaw, Poland, 11-22 November 2013

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InterSolar India

Mumbai, India, 11-14 November 2013

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InterSolar China

Beijing, China, 9-12 December 2013

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