

# H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma Foundation



## Annual and financial report 2019

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# 1 Introduction

This is the annual report 2019 of the Stichting H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma Foundation (also named: H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma Foundation), an organization dedicated to supporting the accelerating of access to affordable and sustainable energy in developing countries and to reduce poverty by providing and deploying energy solutions to women and youth so they can further empower themselves.

The Foundation is founded 23 May 2017.

The first of years of the Foundation focused successfully on introducing the H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma Foundation within the world H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma was working.

In 2019 has been focusing on extending the networks and to support the preparations of the further roll-out of the MAMA-LIGHT® Initiative for Sustainable Energy.

This document outlines the key activities, the key results and the financial report of the H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma Foundation in 2019.

## 2 Background

The H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma Foundation is a separate, non-profit organisation. It is an expression of H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma commitment to stand her responsibility as an African Princess to improve the life of the women and youth of the bottom of the pyramid including the informal sector.

The H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma Foundation primary focus is (to accelerate) the roll out of the MAMA-LIGHT® Initiative for Sustainable Energy, a Worldwide program that provides access to affordable and sustainable energy for women, small business and children. It empowers the informal sector; it drives the generation of new jobs and it creates a sound basis for gender equality and women empowerment. The program is selected by the United Nations at the Solutions Summit at UN General Assembly in 2015 as one of the 14 breakthrough solutions for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

The H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma Foundation supports the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) and helps the Least Developed countries (LDC's), the Land Locked Developing Countries (LLDC's) and Small Island Developing States in implementing the Paris Agreement with realizing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC's) and with the MAMA-LIGHT® Carbon Offset.

The H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma Foundation is fully independent and run its programs with and within local communities in developing countries with selected global and local organisations.

### 3 Foundation details in 2019

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The H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma foundation was managed by an Executive Committee consisting of 3 members:

H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma, Chairman

Mrs Karen Abrook, secretary and treasurer

Mr Rogier van der Heide, member

All board members participated on a voluntary basis and are not rewarded financially for their service.

The general manager of the foundation in 2019 was Mr Anton Martens. He worked on a voluntary bases and was not rewarded financially for his services.

## **4 Highlights 2019**

### **4.1 The MAMA-LIGHT Initiative for Sustainable Energy recorded as immediately scalable project at the Africa Climate Week, March 2019 Accra**

H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma was key-note speaker and rapporteur at the concluding High-Level Panel Session of the Africa Climate Week (18-22 March 2019 in Accra).

At the Africa Climate Week H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma made announcements:

- 1.) The establishment of the “Africa Carbone Tax and Credit Leadership Coalition”, that Her Highness proposed at COP24 in Katowice and got supported by the Ministers of Environment of Burkina Faso, Ghana, Guinea Bissau and many others including Ministers of Finances and including the African Development Bank;
- 2.) The establishment of the “West Africa Solar Pack” led by the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) to aggregate solar programs determined by the 15 members states of ECOWAS.

Both Secretariats are hosted by ECREEE and H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma is the coordinator.

At the Climate Week I Accra the MAMA-LIGHT® Initiative for Sustainable Energy has been recorded in Accra as an immediately scalable project for the UN Secretary General Climate Summit September 2019 in New York.

### **4.2 Working and delivering results with the African Union – European Union Digital Economic Taskforce.**

The digital economy has become one of the pillars of the global economy. The EU-AU Digital Economy Task Force (DETF) examines how Europe and Africa can build a partnership to draw mutual benefits from the digital transformation of economy and society. The objective is to identify concrete projects under the Africa-Europe Investment and Jobs Alliance in the area of digital economy.

In November 2018 H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma got appointed as member of EU-AU Digital Economy Taskforce.



In the first half of 2019 June 2019 H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma participated in many sessions, becoming the face of the Africans

The report has been adopted by European Commissioners Mariya Gabriel and Neven Mimica, and Minister of Communications of Ghana, Ursula Owusu-Ekuful, at the Digital Assembly 2019 in Bucharest. A preliminary version of the report was earlier presented in May at the 2019 Transform Africa Summit in Kigali.



*The Digital Economy Task Force and Sherpa's at the launch of the final report at the Digital Assembly in Bucharest, including H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma, European Commissioners Mariya Gabriel and Neven Mimica, Minister of Communications of Ghana, Ursula Owusu-Ekuful and Sherpa Anton Martens*

The EU-AU Digital Economy Task Force (DETF) draws policy recommendations and proposes concrete actions to address the principal barriers faced by the African continent. The DETF set out four main goals:

- Accelerating universal access to affordable broadband;
- Guaranteeing essential skills for all to enable citizens to thrive in the digital age;
- Improving the business environment and facilitating access to finance and business support services to boost digitally enabled entrepreneurship;
- Accelerating the adoption of eServices and the further development of the digital economy for achieving the Sustainable Development Goal

The report can be found here and on the website of the European Union.

## 4.3 Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue 2019 and at the Start Up Energy Transition 8-12 April 2019.

In the past years the Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue (BETD) has become a leading international forum for key stakeholders of the energy sector. High-level policymakers, industry, science and civil society are given the opportunity to share their experiences and ideas on a safe, affordable and environmentally responsible global energy transition.

H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma was one of the keynote speakers. In her speech she highlighted the potential and added value of the African Youth, African Women and African (Small) Businesses and invited international companies to come and to do business together.



*H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma giving her keynote speech at the Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue April 2019. Please [click on the picture](#) to watch her full speech*

The Start Up Energy Transition (SET) is an international platform supporting innovation in energy transition. The initiative brings together the most outstanding international start-ups in the field of energy together with key stakeholders in the energy sector. The topic of the keynote of H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma was: “Shining a Light on Empowerment: Quality Access & SDG-7”.

## 4.4 European Development Days 2019

Organised by the European Commission, the European Development Days (EDD) bring the development community together each year to share ideas and experiences in ways that inspire new partnerships and innovative solutions to the world’s most pressing challenges. EDD2019’s overarching title was “Addressing inequalities: building a world which leaves no one behind”.





*H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma speaking at EDD2019 with European Commissioner Mariya Gabriel*

H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma participated in 2 panels:

- Bridging the digital divide: Digitalisation and technology for inclusive growth: taking full advantage of the digital transformation of the economy and society.
- New Africa – Europe Digital Economy Partnership Presentation and discussion on the report of the Africa – EU Digital Economy Task Force.

## 4.5 H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma keynote speaker at the Impact Day of TU Delft

Once a year the Delft Global Institute organizes the Impact Day. At this day the TU Delft connects technology opportunities with technology with views on the broader global developments that need to take place.

In 2019 the Impact Day took place on November 26th with H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma as the keynote speaker. She demonstrated the potential of the Africans and invited the TU Delft students to co-develop with African youth.

## **4.6 H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma Master of Ceremony at the World Climate Summit in Spain**

When it began ten years ago, World Climate Summit aimed to become the first platform for bottom-up climate action alongside the COP negotiations. Since the World Climate Summit has brought together public and private sector leaders from across the world.

This year's 10th Anniversary Summit in Madrid attracted over 1,000 Delegates, 80 Speakers, and 50 Partners, participating in fruitful discussions on what needs to happen to make the next ten years a Decade to Deliver on Climate Action.

H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma moderated as Master of Ceremony the following sessions:

- Building Smart Cities – The Role of Net-Zero Technologies
- Closing the Circularity Gap – The Power of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Collaboration
- Climate Finance for Cities: Moving from Project Ideas to Finance-ready and Low Carbon Infrastructure Investments
- Mitigating the Impacts of Resource Extraction – Leadership in Responsible Mining
- Sustainable Agriculture for Biodiversity – Accelerating Investments in Natural Capital
- Business for 2030 – Bridging the Gap in Finance and Technical Capacity Necessary to Meet the Challenge of Climate Change
- Wrap-up at the end of the day

## **4.7 Supporting the Burkina Faso Government at COP26 in Madrid.**

COP25 took place from 2 to 13 December 2019 at Madrid, Spain under the Presidency of the Government of Chile with logistical support from the Government of Spain.

More than 26,700 people attended COP 25, including over 13,600 government delegates, nearly 10,000 observers, and over 3,000 members of the media.

H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma was deputy head of the delegation of Burkina Faso like in 2017 and in 2018. She participated in many sessions including as panelist or keynote speaker in the following sessions:

- Energy Action Event
- Building confidence in adopting Carbon Pricing Instruments
- Meeting of the minds
- The intergenerational Inquiry
- Caring for Climate
- SDG7 Roundtable
- Africa Day

## 4.8 Radio and TV

H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma has been on radio and TV several times to explain the needs and the potential of the bottom of the pyramid in Africa.

## 4.9 Other speaking participations

Next to the topics above the Foundation participated in:

- African Forum in Ivory Coast
- Berlin Energy Transition Days
- Vienna Energy Forum
- Austrian World Summit
- PFAN Investment Forum
- Geneva Global Forum on Inclusive Trade
- InterSolar Munich
- Irena Innovation week
- Vienna Unido and Women forum
- UNFCCC African Regional Awareness Creation Workshop
- WTO Public Forum 2019 Geneva
- REN21 Berlin
- ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Forum (ESEF2019) in DAKAR

## 5 Financial report

### 5.1 Statement of income and expenditure

<b>Income and expenditure (all amount in Euro)</b>			
	<b><u>2018</u></b>		<b><u>2019</u></b>
<b><u>Starting balance</u></b>	<b><u>4.971,14</u></b>		<b><u>14,26</u></b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Donations via website (St Jan Lyceum)	85		715,95
Donation ENGIE (for project)	10.000		0
Other donations	185		195
Donation TU-Delft (after speaking at Impact Day in delft)			2.500
Travel costs compensation speaking at conferences	920		0
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b><u>11.190</u></b>		<b><u>3.410,95</u></b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Bank costs	144,96		174,48
Mollie costs (donations payments)	1,52		0
Credit card costs	30		30
Travel costs for the partly compensated speaking at conferences	1336,21		
Project Light Kamsado (SJL donation)			715
Project Centre-Sud Kamba-2017	14.634,19		0
<b><u>Total Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>16.146,88</u></b>		<b><u>919,48</u></b>
<b><u>Balance per 31-12</u></b>	<b><u>14,26</u></b>		<b><u>2.505,73</u></b>

### 5.2 Notes to statement of income and expenditure

H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma has paid all her travel costs herself for conferences and COP25, except where she got partly compensated by the organization.

The full donation of ENGIE, (50.000 Euro over 2 years) has been dedicated for the Project Centre-Sud Kamba-2017, see also <https://www.princess-abze.org/kamba-2017>