Seeds of Good Anthropocenes

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PECS 2015 Conference

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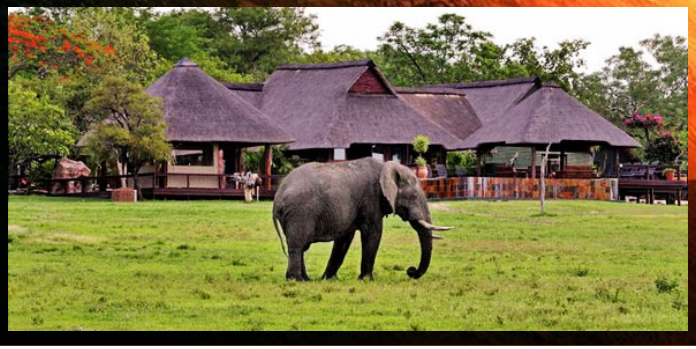
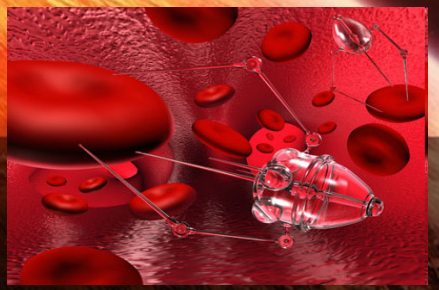
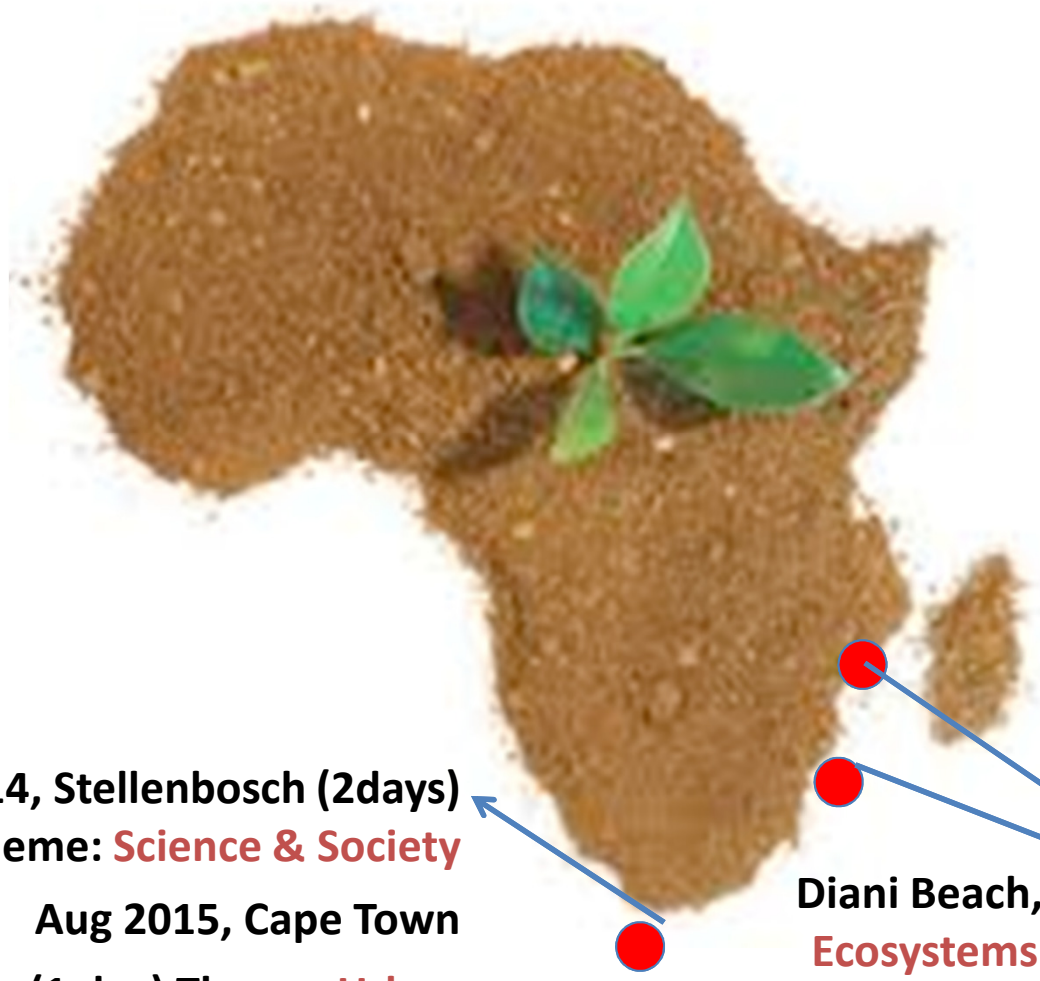




African Challenges for Good Anthropocenes

- Mass urbanisation without industrialisation
- Urbanisation without infrastructure developent
- High levels of informality
- Last to jump on modernisation bandwagon
- 7/10 fastest growing economies are in Africa

Workshops done so far



Nov 2014, Stellenbosch (2days)
Theme: Science & Society

Aug 2015, Cape Town

(1 day) Theme: Urban transformations

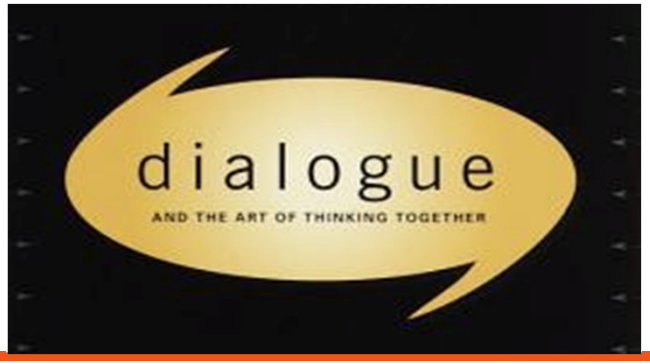
Sept 2015

Diani Beach, Kenya (1 day) Theme: Coastal Ecosystems Services & Poverty alleviation

Pemba, Mozambique (1 day) Theme: Coastal Ecosystems Services & Poverty alleviation

Different approach in Southern Africa

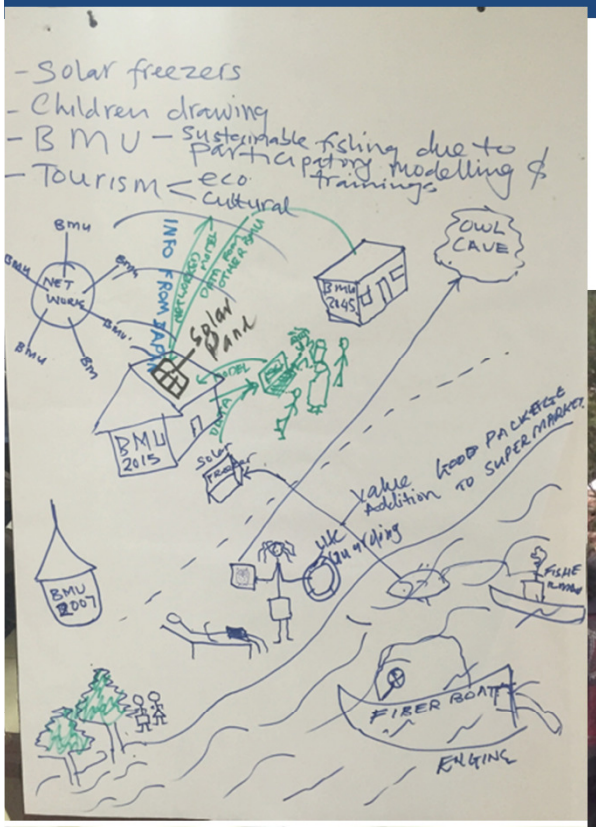
- Submission of seeds, cluster analysis to extract overlapping ideas (governance, urban, economic, education, new ways of thinking, soc innovation, collective action, resources)
- short expert talks mixed with various forms of methods encouraging interactive dialogue & space for exchange of ideas, learning journeys

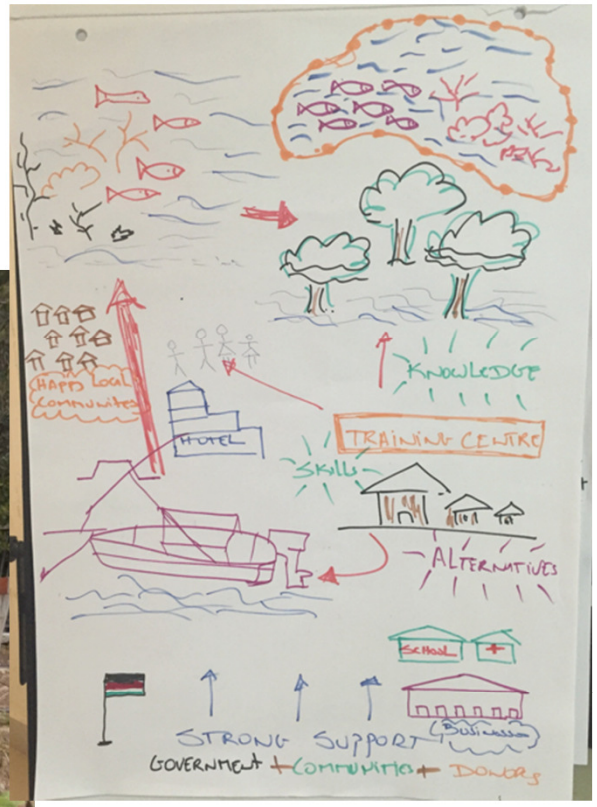


Dynamic Facilitation

FUTURES THINKING

Workshop story-telling





Lessons learnt from dialogues

- Willingness to share and reflect and to challenge underlying assumptions
- Mini-scenarios exercise well received, articulating a range of plausible futures
- Commonalities of underpinning values in very diverse contexts
- Power of storytelling, finding points of connection amidst seemingly disparate perspectives

Outcomes

- Form of sensing & meaning-making (not modelling the future)
- Learning how to anticipate different futures
- Scoping the patterns that emerge
- Creating spaces for co-learning and cross-sector collaboration
- Fostering a network of change agents
- Learning to find out what novelty means and what underlying values are driving the need to innovate

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