**NaDEET Wins the UNESCO Japanese Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Prize**
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After a high-profile event in Windhoek, on the 27th March 2019, a regional delegation representing ten countries travelled into the Namib Desert to learn for themselves how things are done at NaDEET. At NaDEET the theme for all the studies is simple: "*We practice what we teach".* Soon all delegates were captivated by the NaDEET experience. For three days they saved water with water-less toilets, did their own cooking with solar energy, conducted field-work in the sand dunes, supported by highly skilled staff, and explored and used energy sources that do not rely on fossil fuels! Best of all the experiences at NaDEET were creative, innovative and full of fun!

The Deputy Minister of Education in Namibia really summed things up well when she pointed out that *"NaDEET goes the extra mile to ensure that ESD is practiced in Namibian schools. We applaud NaDEET for achieving sustainability practices and for putting Namibia and southern Africa on the world map!"*

Our congratulations go to NaDEET for winning the 2018 prize for the African region! And special thanks to the Japanese government for sponsoring the prize and doing so much for ESD. Acknowledgments to UNESCO for supporting the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals, for managing the Global Action Programme and for raising the profile of ESD globally. Special thanks go to UNESCO Regional Office Southern Africa (ROSA) and the Namibian National Commission for UNESCO (NatCom) for supporting the prize and involving so many delegates from the region in the appreciation events in Namibia.

A great way to tell the story is through pictures ….. enjoy the pictures and contribute to the captions!

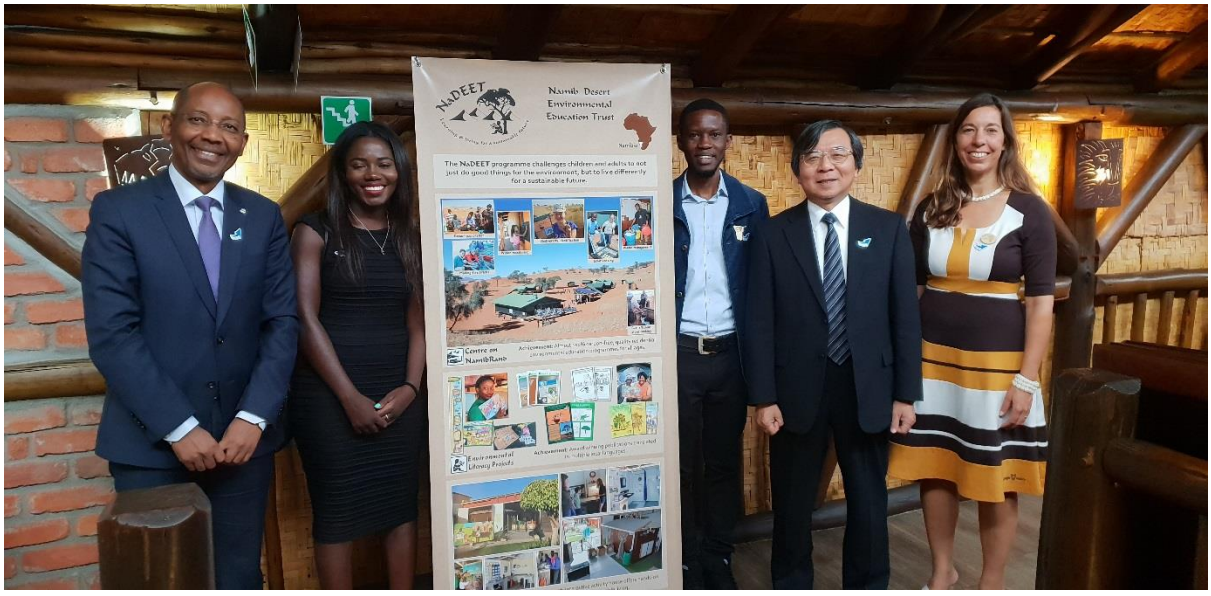


*Figure 1: The Windhoek Celebration. Left to right Djaffar Moussa-Elkadim (UNESCO Namibia Director) Vicky Endjala (NaDEET Centre Manager) Panduleni Haindongo (Environmental Educator and Communications officer, Swakopmund) Hideaki Harada (Japanese Ambassador to Namibia) Viktoria Keding (NaDEET CEO)*

*Figure 2 The NaDEET Centre in the NamibRand Nature Reserve.*

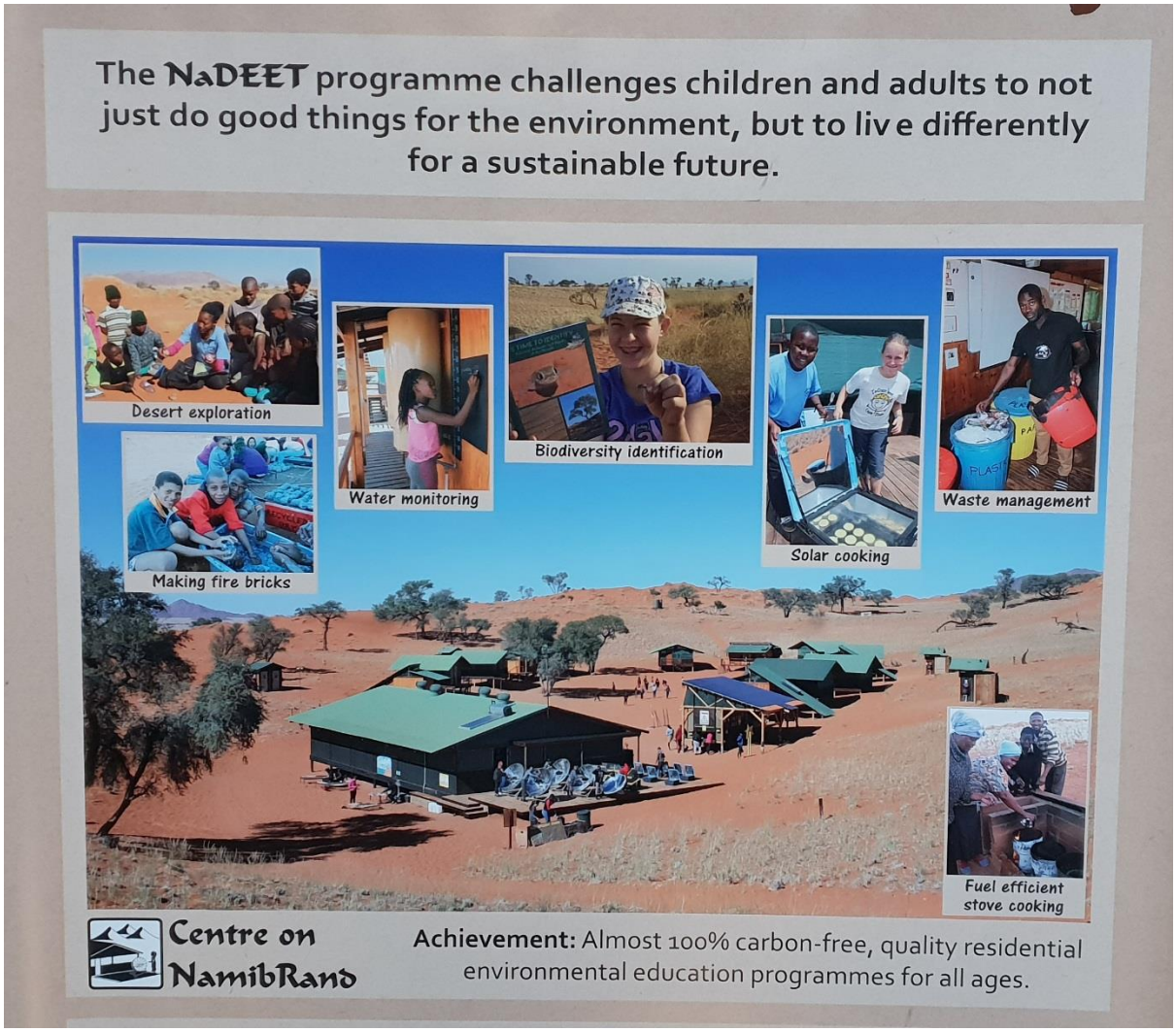


*Figure 3 This NaDEET poster says it all!*

*Figure 4: The desert sunrise at NaDEET*

*Figure 5: Members of the UNESCO Delegation at NaDEET*

*Figure 6: Sibanga Ngcube (The Headmaster of Sihlengeni School in Zimbabwe – Winner of the 2017 Prize) and Patience Awopegba (UNESCO Regional Office Southern Africa - ROSA) climb the sand dunes at NaDEET.*

*Figure 7: An Ant lion adult visited the breakfast table at NaDEET!*

*Figure 8: Fieldwork at NaDEET reveals the most amazing creatures and remarkable biodiversity. In the picture a Hairy Footed Gerbil looks for food in the sand.*

*Figure 9: Miriam Tereick (UNESCO Paris and representative for the annual ESD Prize) and Viktoria Keding (NaDEET) enjoying life and the sand dunes!*

*Figure 10: Participants getting ready for solar cooking their pizza for lunch!*