Green Economics: Voices of Africa

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This collection of essays, speeches & articles introduces Voices of Africa, using Green Economics as a Beacon of hope for Africa and includes original and new, ground breaking perspectives, stories, analysis and discussions from Africa and development to the general reader!

Offering perspectives from people all over Africa, from a variety of backgrounds, showing Africa’s perspectives using Green Economics approach. This book is well suited for students, campaigners, policy makers, & anyone with an interest in development, issues and social, economical and political situation in Africa. The voices from Africa, provide a unique perspective, analysis and discussion of views and really robust and useful insights.

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Part 2: Global Environmental Change: The South African Millennium Dilemma: Sustainable Development; Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Poverty reduction; Negative Carbon and the Green Power Fund
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Part 4: Equality: Determinants and Impacts of Poverty in Nigeria
Part 5: Case Studies: Green Development Paradigms; Agricultural practices; Community forestry, an innovative concept developed; Green Economics in Action; General Equilibrium: Empirical evidence in football; Mineral exploitation; The Concept of Development; Green economics working for elephants and people

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Green Economics – a Beacon of hope for Africa
Africa needs technological support, capital and also new ways of thinking, Green Economics is being used as an effective solution right across the continent from countries as diverse as Egypt, Ethiopia, Nigeria and South Africa. This book charts the story of the emerging success of these ideas of change in ecology, society, economics and policy making. The reader is provided with the latest news about Africa’s new innovations, its green projects and its agricultural progress and challenges as well as its unique innovations. For example Ethiopia’s Commodity Exchange (ECX) is one of the ground breaking changes in the field of agriculture, transforming the growth and development of that country. ECX aims to facilitate all individuals that are involved in the marketplace – the farmer, trader, the market as a whole and the consumer.

Today, news about Africa has been predominantly composed of hunger, poverty, child mortality or famine. So how do we move from this situation towards the development of a new Africa? The editors of the book suggest that one of the main reasons why many African economies are struggling is partly due to the lack of technology, an inadequate supply of capital and other factors such as cultivable land and labour.

“We need a new light, a mechanism whereby Africa’s great power can be better used, and this book introduces Green Economics as the new ‘Beacon of Hope,’ in the words of African voices themselves.” Mahelet Alemayehu Mekonnen

Green Economics is a tool for countries in Africa to implement its mechanisms and systems in order to increase their economic, social and environmental power, sustainability and survivability. Africa needs the very latest ideas and innovations to meet the diverse challenges of the future and to avoid the exploitation by others of its wonderful resources – including people, land, minerals, wildlife, biodiversity, history and cultures, and use them for its own benefit and that of its peoples. Implementing Green Economics takes a real step towards this goal.

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