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SOUTHERN AFRICAN FAITH COMMUNITIES' ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE



CARING FOR LIVING EARTH

A Prayer for the Earth

A Prayer for the Earth: Laws of the Great Spirit

Great Spirit, give us hearts to understand; never to take from creation's beauty more than we give; never to destroy wantonly for the furtherance of greed; never to deny to give our hands for the building of earth's beauty; never to take from her what we cannot use.

Give us hearts to understand that to destroy earth's music is to create confusion; that to wreck her appearance is to blind us to beauty; that to callously pollute her fragrance is to make a house of stench; that as we care for her she will care for us.

We have forgotten who we are.

We have sought only our own security.

We have exploited simply for our own ends.

We have distorted our knowledge.

We have abused our power.

Great Spirit, whose dry lands thirst,
help us to find the way to refresh your lands.

Great Spirit, whose waters are choked with debris and pollution, help us
to find the way to cleanse your waters.

Great Spirit, whose beautiful earth grows ugly with misuse, help us to
find the way to restore beauty to your handiwork.

Great Spirit, whose creatures are being destroyed, help
us to find a way to replenish them.

Great Spirit, whose gifts to us are being lost in selfishness and corruption, help us
to find the way to restore our humanity.

An excerpt of a Native American Prayer (Anonymous)

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Letter from our Chairperson

Dear Friends

As Earth community members, we have much to be thankful for – Mother Earth, beautiful and bounteous, all manner of life so marvellous, a miraculous diversity of people and animals with whom we share this planet as our common home.

As SAFCEI members and supporters we are also thankful for:

- The court victory in the Anti-Nuclear Campaign;
- The progress made, in partnership with local communities and civil society organisations, in opposing uranium mining in the Karoo;
- Faith communities, who are increasingly showing practical signs of awareness that our responsibility to care for each other includes caring for all our fellow creatures and for the Earth;
- New and renewed funding and the support and generosity of our funding partners;
- The continued loyalty and dedication of longstanding staff members as well as for the skills, energy and insights of more recently appointed staff.



I am personally thankful for the commitment and support of my fellow Board Directors.

As SAFCEI journeys on, thankful for our many Blessings, we need to be guided by two B's: Basics and Balance. Being guided by Basics entails an unequivocal focus on our foundation in faith, and fulfilling our primary mission to support faith leaders and eco-champions to stimulate awareness and action around our common responsibility to care for each other and for the Earth.

Even where we are campaigning on particular issues, we need to articulate clearly and consistently the faith-based values and inspiration that motivate our work.

Being guided by a principle of Balance, means most importantly, SAFCEI balancing, on the one hand the support we provide to faith leaders to do the work of advocacy, and of educating and mobilising their faith communities; and on the other, participating in specific campaign activity.

The Club of Rome published its first report in 1972, *Limits to Growth*, sparking a new awareness of the disastrous long-term effects of continued growth. Their recently published 50th anniversary report, *Come On!*, articulates the belief that we need "to look at the philosophical roots of the current state of the world."

It is imperative that we "question the legitimacy of the ethos of materialistic selfishness that is currently the most powerful driving force in the world, and we welcome Pope Francis' initiative in addressing a deeper-lying crisis of values... "The time has come ... for a new Enlightenment or for otherwise overturning current habits of thought and action that only consider the short term."

Unprecedented threats challenge life as we know it on Earth. SAFCEI is better than ever positioned to play a vital role in helping to bring about the desperately needed "new Enlightenment" being called for.

In conclusion I return to my opening theme of gratitude. We give thanks that we have with us the One or Ones whom we call by many different names, but whom, in our souls, we all know intimately as the source of life, the creative spirit, loving, faithful and just.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Molteno". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Frank Molteno

Letter from our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Our annual report gives an opportunity to look back and review the past year. "People of faith caring for the living Earth" is both SAFCEI's vision, and also the journey that we are taking together with faith communities.

The *socio-economic* systems we participate in, and decisions we make must be fair, equitable and sustainable, and recognise the sacred in each and every one of us.

A major highlight of 2017 was the landmark court judgement against the government's illegal nuclear deal. The two small NGOs who went to court, SAFCEI and Earthlife Africa Johannesburg (ELA), both dedicated vast amounts of staff time, resources and energy towards the Stop the Corrupt Nuke Deal campaign in a David versus Goliath battle and won! In recognition of this ground breaking achievement, two leading activists – Liz McDaid (SAFCEI) and Makoma Lekalakala (ELA) were awarded the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize for Africa early in 2018.



The campaign shone a spotlight on unethical governance and lack of public participation in our democracy: where an unaffordable and unnecessary energy solution was being forced upon South Africans.

The litigation to stop the nuclear energy deal was only possible due to the generosity of our counsel and legal team, to whom we are most grateful. Our partners - faith leaders and people of faith, communities in the Northern Cape and Karoo, and civil society organisations - are the reason that we succeeded together. The lessons from this campaign are far-reaching, and have implications for the role of faith communities elsewhere in Africa, where governments are also considering nuclear energy. We also would like to thank our geological experts, Stefan Cramer and Jan Arkert, who volunteer their time and took the lead in opposing both fracking and uranium mining in the Karoo during this past year.

Other highlights from the year include the launch of the second Faith Leader Environmental Advocacy Training (FLEAT2) in Johannesburg, South Africa. FLEAT2 is made up of 17 multi-faith leaders from eight countries. They are a peer group of diverse faiths who are building their advocacy skills, and supporting each other in environmental action. An in-country FLEAT training also took place in Uganda, with support from FLEAT1 which you can read more about in the following pages.

SAFCEI attended the annual climate change conference in Bonn (COP23) hosted by Fiji, where we met with a wide range of faith actors and learnt about energy transition challenges in Germany. We spoke at various forums, including a panel on the 'just energy transition' hosted by Bread for the World.

Thank you to all who have given time, expertise, energy and resources to helping us continue on this journey together. I hope you will be, once again, inspired and energised by the stories in the pages that follow.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francesca de Gasparis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail.

Francesca de Gasparis

Vision, Mission & Objectives

Our Vision

People of faith caring for the living Earth.

Our Mission

As an Institute of many faiths, we are united in our diversity through our shared commitment to caring for the living Earth

Approach

- Our actions to replenish living Earth are balanced and informed by prayer, contemplation, and meditation.
- SAFCEI works to build community among and between the Earth community and the Divine.
- SAFCEI strives to empower and encourage people of faith to act and become agents of change.

Who We Are & What We Do

After a multi-faith environmental conference called for the establishment of a faith-based environment initiative, SAFCEI was launched in 2005. SAFCEI registered as both a Public Benefit and Non-Profit Organisation (a Section 21 Company) in early 2006. Our membership includes African Traditional Healers, Baha'i, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, Quaker, and a wide range of Christian denominations.

Strategic Objectives

Through collaboration, networking, training and learning, research and action, SAFCEI seeks with people of faith to:

1. Raise environmental awareness;
2. Promote environmental responsibility and action;
3. Facilitate and support environmental advocacy;
4. Confront injustices and advance eco-and socio-economic justice;
5. Influence and formulate environmental policies and ethical guidelines



Fostering Care for the Earth by Faith Communities

Southern African Climate Justice Advocacy - Earth Keepers

“Every Step Counts: from Global to Local, the Journey Continues”

We can all transform our lives and the lives of those around us by making small behavioural changes that reduce our impact on the Earth. By recycling, reducing meat consumption, car-sharing and making other lifestyle choices, our collective actions can produce the changes needed to achieve a more sustainable and just world.

Faith communities play an important role in helping build global, regional and local solidarity.

There is an urgent need to re-orient our goals from maximizing profits from fossil fuels to creating low carbon economies. A low carbon society would be powered by renewable energy and founded on spirituality, respect, and empathy. These values inform our relationships with each other and the living planet.

Some call this *integral ecology*- a principle which asserts that everything is closely interrelated - as reflected throughout *Laudato Si*, the encyclical issued by Pope Francis in 2015. It is a powerful message on our moral responsibility to care for creation.

We are challenged to rise above theological, cultural, gender, age, socio-economic, and geographical differences to build a common movement, known as climate justice action. Education, training, and public awareness play an important role in our current and future climate adaptive and restorative capacities, as acknowledged in article 12 of the Paris Agreement.

South Africans can make positive changes in their communities and be part of the environment and climate policy planning and decision-making processes at local, national and international levels.

Earth Hour Day

SAFCEI participated in the Earth Hour Day event in March in Tshwane along with organisations such as the Greenline Society, United Nations Association of South Africa and Miss Earth 2016. Many dynamic and bright young people from the University of Pretoria, as well as youth from local townships were in attendance. Lydia Mogano from SAFCEI focused on the impact of climate change on vulnerable people in southern Africa, in order to raise regional awareness and to encourage collective action.

“Earth Keepers Must Rise”

In May, SAFCEI was invited to a “Breakfast with Champions” event by the not-for-profit Youth Ink Movement. It was established to equip youth to be effective leaders within their communities through academic excellence and outreach. Lydia Mogano engaged more than 60 learners from 6 high schools in Ga-Rankuwa in Tshwane on the subject of environmental sustainability. A South African Youth Movement was launched, calling on youth to use their leisure time constructively and creatively for their environments.

Fostering Care for the Earth by Faith Communities

Civil Society Climate Chance Conference - Agadir, Morocco

SAFCEI's Lydia Mogano joined faith champions at the Civil Society Climate Chance Conference in Morocco in September. Climate change experiences and responses were shared with other faith-based actors, particularly from Asia and Africa, to strengthen our solidarity and collaboration across different religious, cultural and social contexts.

Study Tour on Just Energy Transition

In November representatives from SAFCEI had an opportunity to learn from Germany's experience of phasing out fossil fuels, and structural changes that have promoted energy transformation towards a low-carbon future.

United Nations Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 23) - Bonn, Germany

SAFCEI was represented by Lydia Mogano and Francesca de Gasparis at COP 23 in November, focusing on climate adaptation, loss and damage.



SAFCEI marched to end fossil fuels, engaged with the nuclear energy debate and presented at the Just Energy Transition dialogue hosted by Bread for the World. We emphasized that people of faith can play a pivotal role in accelerating climate policy and action by helping to define and shape what a just transition for all implies.



6./10. November 2017
Missa Gaia
Earth Mass



woven around Saint Francis of Assisi's
"Canticle of the Sun"

World Music sung with human and animals' voices

Choir „Haste Töne“
Youth Choir „Right Side Singers“
Right Side Band
Christine Heßeler, Vocals
Oliver Schnarr, Soprano Saxophone
Oleh Pryydun, Oboe/Cor Anglais
Thomas Rademacher, Violoncello
Kristaps Grasis, Guitar
Wendel Biskup, Bass
Martin Hombach, Drums
Tom Klöver, Percussion
Berthold Wicke, Pipe Organ
Hubert Arnold, Piano & Director

UNITING FOR CLIMATE ACTION
FURTHER, FASTER, TOGETHER
OFFICIAL CLIMATE PARTNER



Anti-Nuclear Campaign

“The Fight Continues to Stop the Nuclear Deal, Forever”

SAFCEI campaigns for energy justice for Southern Africa, and to ensure that people of faith are informed about energy choices and that they have the right to participate in decision-making that affects them.

After more than four years of anti-nuclear energy campaigning in South Africa as a part of the Stop the Corrupt Deal campaign, a High Court victory in April 2017 stopped the nuclear deal. The court ruled the nuclear deal between South Africa and Russia as unlawful and unconstitutional, and that before any nuclear procurement may lawfully take place, meaningful public participation is necessary. The nuclear deal court case had uncovered a number of concerning irregularities, including that the former Energy Minister Joemat-Pettersson ignored her own legal advice on how the intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) were to be tabled in Parliament. This ruling should have resulted in improved energy governance and a transition towards energy justice. However, during the era of ex-President Zuma, citizens saw vested interests capturing the state. This subverted legal and proper government processes, resulting in decisions made by a select few.



SAFCEI brought together a number of stakeholders, faith based and civil society organisations (CSOs), including communities impacted by nuclear waste in the Northern Cape and by uranium mining in the Karoo. These communities heard first-hand how former President Zuma’s close friend and son stood to make an estimated R171-million for developing a management system, as part of the preparatory stage of the nuclear energy build.

SAFCEI, together with its campaign partners, wrote to Parliament twice asking for public hearings into the nuclear deal. However, as we monitored Parliament proceedings, we heard successive Energy Ministers continue to push nuclear energy, and espouse what research has shown are false benefits. Further to this, none of the officials linked to state capture in the energy sector have been brought to book.

2017 which started with such a satisfying victory, ended with SAFCEI and Earthlife Africa JHB (ELA) having to return to court to request the Minister of Energy, David Mahlobo, to abide by the original High Court findings. While we celebrate this as a win, that these types of actions are necessary is a serious indictment on the failure of ethical governance in South Africa under former President Zuma – in that politicians felt that they could act with impunity.

Energy Justice

In December, Minister Mahlobo held an 'Energy Indaba' which was not open to the public. Many concerned CSOs were not invited and prevented from entering by security personnel - but in attendance was a Russian delegation. Thankfully, this attempt at "public consultation" to push through the nuclear deal failed. It was during this period that Minister Mahlobo claimed that the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) had been approved by Cabinet, yet there was no evidence of this in the Government Gazette. This would have been a serious setback.

While the court case had blocked the nuclear deal from going ahead, other nuclear-related processes continued to unfold. In October 2017 an environmental impact assessment (EIA) - which has been ongoing for five years - was given the green light for a new nuclear power plant to be built at Koeberg next to the existing site, North of Cape Town. This required another hard push from CSOs to appeal this decision which began in early 2018. We await the outcome as the Minister of Environmental Affairs Edna Molewa is due to make her decision sometime mid-2018.



Renewable energy projects were stalled again during 2017 as Eskom put off signing contracts with Independent Power Producers, amounting to almost three years of delays. Despite the proven gains of renewables in terms of bringing additional electricity to the grid on time and within budget, Eskom continued to delay its commitment to renewable energy sources of energy production.

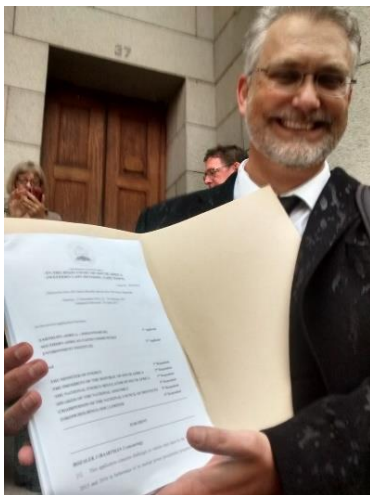
SAFCEI attended parliamentary public hearings on the state capture of Eskom. It is disheartening to see the extent of the corruption. Energy remains a contested space despite changes in leadership in early 2018. SAFCEI will continue to monitor and follow Parliamentary decision-making, and the new electricity production plan.

Energy Justice



Special thank you to our legal team:

The landmark court case win in 2017 that stopped the unlawful and unconstitutional nuclear energy deal, would not have been possible without the incredible tireless commitment and generosity of our legal team and counsel. Despite SAFCEI and ELA being unable to pay for the mounting legal expenses, the team persisted and delivered a court win for us all. This result prevented a Trillion-rand deal, and changed the future that was being set for South Africa, and our ability to invest wisely in a just development path.



We cannot thank enough Adrian Pole & Attorneys, the Legal Resource Centre & Angela Andrews, the counsel team: Advocates David Unterhalter SC, Max du Plessis, Andreas Coutsoudis, Sheldon Magardie, and Wim Tregrove.

Opposing Fracking and Uranium Mining in the Karoo

"SAFCEI sees off uranium mining in the Karoo"

SAFCEI's anti-mining activities in the Karoo region were supported by volunteers Jan and Linda Arkert, and former SAFCEI residents in Karoo, Stefan and Erika Cramer, who continued to make a valuable contribution from Germany. The Cramers, started their work in the Karoo some years ago to help inform local communities about fracking and to support them in their struggle.

The farming communities in the Karoo were particularly worried about groundwater pollution. In this drought-stricken region, every drop of water counts. Stefan, a hydrogeologist, believes that the gas bearing strata have already been fracked by intrusive dolerites and that groundwater is so scarce that fracking is an impossible proposition. He also participated in a Strategic Environmental Assessment for Shale Gas in the Karoo, a multi-disciplinary research project that largely confirmed his findings.



The focus moved from fracking to uranium mining, when Erika discovered a tiny notice in a local newspaper about a proposed uranium mine near Beaufort West. They soon discovered that uranium exploration was much advanced in the Karoo, and that mining rights had already been applied for by an Australian mining company. Yet, this information was not public knowledge.

The Cramers mobilised communities in the Karoo, who began to question how a foreign mining company could be allowed to endanger the lives and the livelihood of hundreds of thousands of people across a vast region. Uranium mining in the Karoo would be open pit mining, scattering radioactive dust into the atmosphere.



Energy Justice

Today, the groundwater is already toxic in places around the trial mines where international mining companies have tried their luck and failed, leaving behind a deadly legacy of radioactive contamination. Luckily, the South African media picked up the story and reported it extensively, both locally and nationally.

Things got hotter when people connected the dots, realising uranium mining is the dirty underbelly of the nuclear value chain, a place where people die from nuclear activities, even before the uranium reaches the nuclear power station. When SAFCEI exposed the nuclear deal with Russia, people understood why uranium mining in the Karoo was being secretly bankrolled.

After the Cramers returned to Germany, SAFCEI was blessed with new volunteers - Jan and Linda Arkert. The Arkerts continued to bring technical skills and community engagement to the ongoing advocacy against uranium mining in the Karoo.

In April, technical reports and objections were made on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for a proposed uranium mine at Kareepoort, and in September to the EIA for proposed uranium mines at Quaggasfontein and at Ryst Kuil locations. SAFCEI created an online form so that citizens across South Africa could easily submit an appeal against these mines. SAFCEI met and supported community groups who included in their EIA appeal a newly discovered succulent, *Nananthus*, which had been found in the area. SAFCEI and active organisations in the region including the Karoo Environmental Justice Movement (KEJM), GroundUp, Right2Know, Support Centre for Land Change(SCLC), Womin and pastors from churches in the region worked together to mobilise communities, inform them of their rights and the potential impacts of uranium mining. SAFCEI attended the public participation meeting in Beaufort West on uranium mining in the Karoo, organised by Ferret mining and the Department of Environmental Affairs - to educate and inform communities about proposed mining by Peninsula Energy.



It was the discovery of the diminutive *Nananthus* succulent, coupled with solid technical and scientific knowledge from a large group of concerned academics, which resulted in delays to the licensing process. Finally, in October 2017, the Australian mining company gave up after having expended more than US\$10-million in consultants and legal fees.

Fracking is still a threat, but it too suffered a serious blow when in October 2017, the High Court in Grahamstown struck down the technical rules for fracking as null and void. Today, uranium mining is dead and gone. The residents of the Karoo can now focus on sustainable agriculture, encouraging agri-tourism in the vast expanses of lands, which will eventually provide the nation with endless power from wind and solar renewable energy, the ideal sites for wind and solar. SAFCEI's challenge is how to support the harnessing of this gift of God to benefit the people of the Karoo.

Supporting Resilient Communities

Sustaining the Wild Coast (SWC)

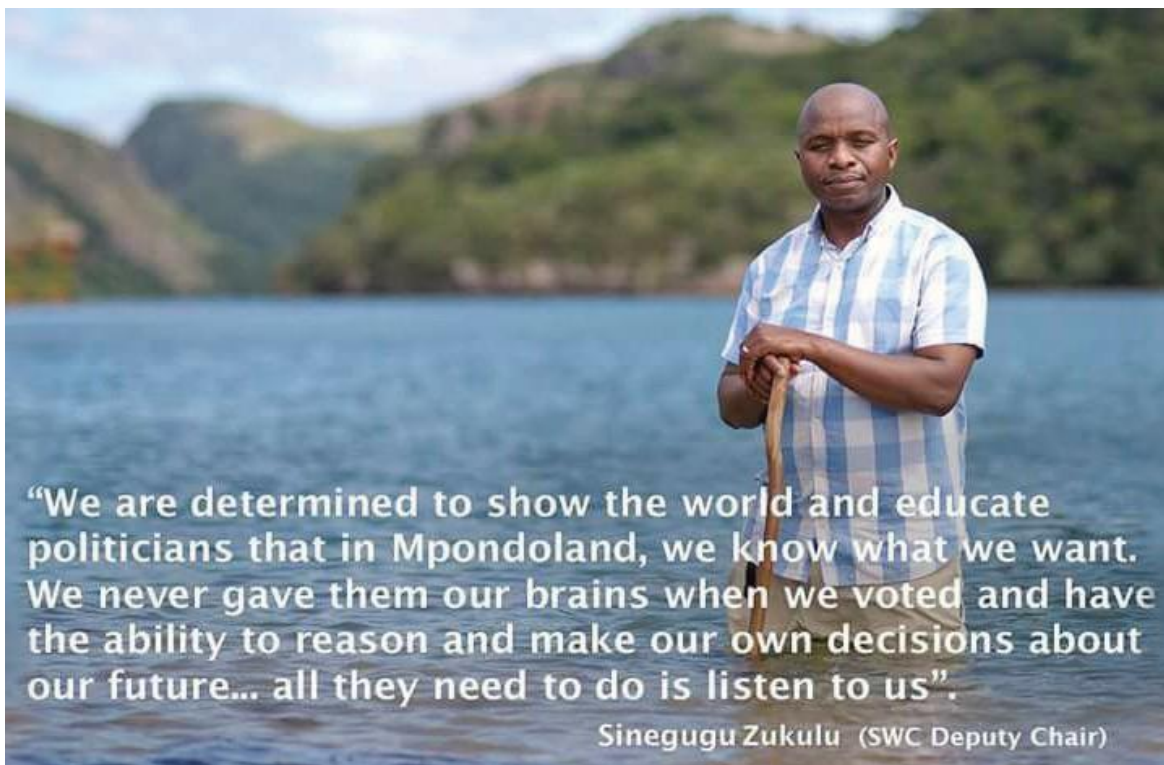
SWC, a long standing SAFCEI partner, has continued to play a supportive role to the Amadiba Crisis Committee (ACC) in their ongoing struggle on the Pondoland Wild Coast. Members of the Amadiba coastal villages view titanium mining at Xolobeni and the proposed N2 Wild Coast Toll Road as a threat to their sustainable livelihoods.

At the ACC's request, SWC continues to support the Amadiba in the use of eco-tourism and agro-ecology to create sustainable, environmentally responsible and community led economic opportunities as alternatives to mining. Funding is challenging but through networking, slow progress is being made. Sinegugu Zukulu from SWC and other local guides lead hiking groups along the coast, and visitors continue to be inspired by the Amadiba's struggle for self-determination and the protection of their land and cultural heritage.

This past year has been another year of resistance to the construction of the toll road in Amadiba Administrative Area 24. Several other communities previously in favour of the road, now regularly protest and block SANRAL's attempts to build the Msikaba and Mtentu mega bridges. The protests are the residents' attempts to hold SANRAL accountable for broken promises regarding compensation for land and local community employment.

In 2012 Zukulu and members of the Amadiba community applied for a review and setting aside of the decision to grant environmental authorisation for the toll road. SANRAL has used delaying tactics, by challenging Zukulu's right to bring the matter to court.

A significant victory against SANRAL's delaying of this review case was achieved in October 2017 when Zukulu's right to apply was upheld against SANRAL's interlocutory challenge of his locus standi. The case has finally been set down for December 2018. In the meantime, during 2017 SANRAL has almost completed the haul roads to the mega bridges despite the unresolved review case.



Faith Leader Environmental Advocacy Training [FLEAT]

The Faith Leader Environmental Advocacy Training (FLEAT) Programme seeks to equip faith leaders with skills to make transformative changes in their communities, and build their capacity to influence environmental policy decisions. Through networking, advocacy training and exchanging experiences, FLEAT aims to build a platform of faith leader action across Southern Africa.

FLEAT1 - taking action in Tanzania

Early in 2017 SAFCEI was invited to Same, in Tanzania, for a workshop on the theme "Connecting Poverty to Climate Change". Discussions with faith communities in the area focused on environmental action, using climate change to explore models of entrepreneurship. Zainab Adams from SAFCEI described how women's groups were activating saving schemes together to buy solar panels through a local village bank. The Maasai community shared how climate change, and the resultant drought, has led to the loss of cattle. They decided to sell their cattle while they were still healthy in order to fund a community school and clinic. There is much to learn from examples of adaption to drought by living more simply and preserving and managing water resources.



FLEAT2

A new intake of FLEAT participants (FLEAT 2) started their three-year journey in July 2017. Representatives from the Anglican, Catholic, Congregational, Methodist, Muslim, Presbyterian, Quaker and Reformed faith communities; 17 participants (13 men, 4 women) gathered in Johannesburg from eight countries: Tanzania, Kenya, Angola, Zambia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Uganda. A key objective of FLEAT is to enhance advocacy through media skills and share contextually relevant environmental experiences. At the end of the workshop, participants made plans to share the advocacy skills learnt with their organisations and to organise workshops on related advocacy topics in their home countries. Topics included water, waste management, mining, deforestation, ethical governance and wildlife conservation.



Faith Leader Environmental Advocacy Training [FLEAT]

FLEAT Uganda

In September, SAFCEI was invited by the Church of Sweden to host a FLEAT workshop in Uganda. In country training serves to bring faith leaders and their organisations together to form a local network of faith led environmental action.

Twenty-one participants (12 men, 9 women) engaged in an interactive process of collective learning, sharing, and designing an effective advocacy programme. Inputs were given by faith leadership and various advocacy specialists and organisations on topics including environmental advocacy, spirituality and ethical governance, energy, water, land, biodiversity, food security and gender, and climate change.



Sadat Nsubuga, a Muslim member of FLEAT Uganda, writes:

"We made pledges in the training to contribute to the healing of earth.... planting 1000 trees. Am happy to report to you that we managed to sign a memorandum with a primary school... and yesterday we donated 100 fruit tree seedlings and agricultural implements. We also mobilised religious leaders about their role in environment advocacy... Those are some of the fruits from the intensive FLEAT2! Thank you SAFCEI"



Food and Climate Justice Programme

“Justice for Animals”

SAFCEI’s animal-related work was initiated and run by a small core of volunteers known as the One Web of Life (OWL). Under our 2017 strategic plan formulated in August, this area of work will be developed into an Animal Justice programme.

SAFCEI continued to promote compassion towards animals with our participation in the Green Monday campaign, and calling for an end to factory farming.

In December, SAFCEI announced our support for the Animals Protection Amendment Bill, making the public aware of the opportunity for input to the Speaker of Parliament. The Bill seeks to prohibit the sale and manufacturing of cosmetics tested on animals in South Africa, as well as criminalise both the testing of cosmetics on animals and the failure to provide an animal with an appropriate environment. This sparked citizen interest and SAFCEI’s website received its highest number of visitors for 2017 during this month.

SAFCEI remains committed to inspiring and supporting faith leaders, communities and citizens to take action and hasten the dawning of a new era of compassion, wherein animals will no longer be subjected to inhumane and cruel conditions and treatment.



Cage Free Egg Campaign

At the end of 2016, due to the combined efforts of SAFCEI, Humane Society International and Compassion in World Farming, McDonald’s South Africa announced that it would implement a cage-free policy for egg-laying hens for sourcing all of their eggs. McDonald’s committed to transition to a 100% cage-free supply chain by 2025.

SAFCEI created a part-time post to lead and implement the cage-free egg campaign focused on engaging South African businesses to make all its egg production cage-free for South African hens.

Beulah Thumbadoo did groundbreaking work from 2016 to 2017. Animal welfare and cage free egg production was highlighted and this cruel practice in the food industry was put on notice.

In early 2018 a full-time senior post of Company Relations and Campaigns Coordinator was created and Mandla Gqamlana joined SAFCEI.



Active Citizen's Network (ACN)

The Active Citizens Network (ACN), an exciting new initiative, was launched in May 2017. The network aims to provide people who want to make a difference, but who have limited time and capacity, with opportunities to take action. The launch went well and attendees signed up.



The July ACN event was on water justice: "Is unfettered development threatening Cape Town's scarce water resources?" discussions focused on protecting urban water bodies, biodiversity, heritage values and engagement with local government.



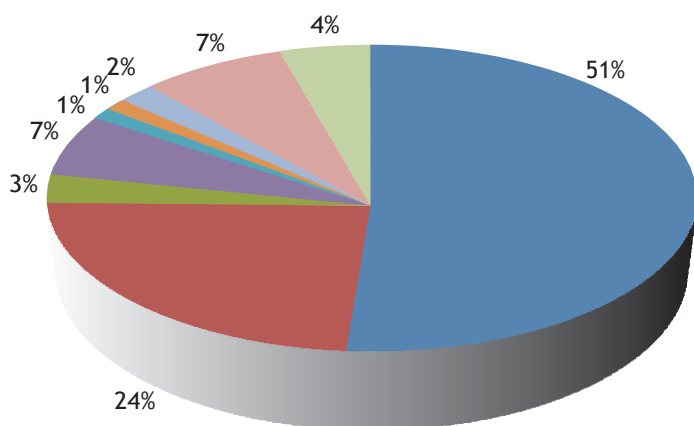
In November, water resource management had grabbed the headlines after the City of Cape Town released information about dangerously limited water resources in the Western Cape.



The ACN event focused on water justice, with input from national and local government, academics and civil society representatives.

Financial Report

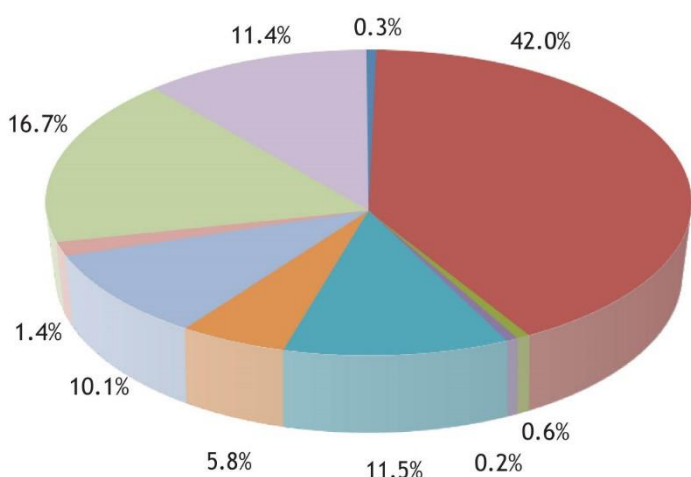
Grants received in 2016



- Bread for the World 51%
- Church of Sweden 24%
- Heinrich Böll Foundation 3%
- The Humane League 7%
- The Humane Society "Green Monday" 1%
- The Humane Society "A Plea" 1%
- Open Society Foundation of South Africa 2%
- Organising Undoing Tax Abuse 7%
- The Raith Foundation 4%

| Income | 2017 (ZAR) | 2016 (ZAR) |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Grants | 3 761 370 | 2 497 997 |
| Donations | 299 674 | 201 271 |
| Administration fees | - | 26 545 |
| Other income | 2 444 | 8 |
| Interest | 44 481 | 54 947 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 4 107 969 | 2 780 768 |

How we use programme funds



- Advocacy - Local 0.3 %
- Advocacy - Nuclear and renewable energy 42.0%
- Advocacy - Uranium 0.6%
- Climate Justice Project 0.2%
- Community - Wider 11.5%
- Eco Congregations Programme 5.8%
- Education - Media and Communications 10.1%
- Energy Planning Systems 1.4%
- Faith Leader Environmental Advocacy Training (FLEAT) 16.7%
- One Web of Life (OWL) 11.4%

| Expenditure | 2017 (ZAR) | 2016 (ZAR) |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Governance | 90058 | 2356 |
| General operating costs | 1035270 | 753561 |
| Premise and equipment costs | 210929 | 202138 |
| Professional services | 327921 | 246802 |
| Programme costs | 2048169 | 1885222 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 3 712 347 | 3 090 079 |

Financial Report

| Balance sheet | 2017 (ZAR) | 2016 (ZAR) |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Non-current assets | 32311 | 33491 |
| Current assets | 2962471 | 647388 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 2 994 782 | 680 879 |

| Reserves and liabilities | 2017 (ZAR) | 2016 (ZAR) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Capital and reserves | 513487 | 117865 |
| Current liabilities | 2481295 | 563014 |
| TOTAL RESERVES AND LIABILITIES | 2 994 782 | 680 879 |

| WWFNedbankGreenTrust-FundsheldinTrust | 2017 (ZAR) | 2016 (ZAR) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Balance at beginning of the year | 175853 | 47 777 |
| Income received | 0 | 728 298 |
| Funds disbursed | -71172 | -600 222 |
| BALANCE AT YEAR END | 104 681 | 175 853 |

| Statement of changes in reserves | Accumulated Funds | Equipment Fund | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Balance at 1 January 2017 | 84374 | 33 491 | 117 865 |
| Deficit for the year | 395622 | - | 395 622 |
| Transfer to equipment fund | -24905 | 24905 | - |
| Assets acquired during the year | -24907 | 24 907 | - |
| Disposals during the year | 2 | -2 | - |
| Depreciation during the year | 26085 | -26 085 | |
| BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2017 | 481 176 | 32 311 | 513 487 |

Staff and Board

SAFCEI Staff 2017:

- Executive Director Francesca de Gasparis took over full-time in October 2017, after serving as Co-Executive Director with Ani Tsonдру Sonam from February.
- Sean Brown, Operations Director.
- Liz McDaid, Eco Justice Lead; Lydia Mogano, Regional Coordinator; and Zainab Adams, Outreach Coordinator. Vainola Makan joined as Anti-Nuclear Campaign Coordinator in 2018
- Beulah Thumbadoo ended her term as OWL Programme's part-time Corporate Campaigns and Outreach Manager, and Mandla Gqamlana was appointed full-time as Company Relations and Campaigns Coordinator starting in 2018.
- Sarah Dekker and Louisa Feiter left SAFCEI Communications desk in the first half of 2017. They were replaced by Erna Curry, Communications Coordinator; Monica Davies, Digital Media Coordinator; and Natasha Adonis, Media Relations Officer.
- Portia Bigga, Reception and Administration; and Muzeena Amien, Finance.
- Kate Davies, Liaison and Resources.
- Green Bishop Geoff Davies, Founding Director and Patron.

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Baphiwe Nxumalo (Diakonia Council of Churches) Vice Chairperson • Bishop Tsietsi Seleoane (Anglican) • Ds David Botha (DRC and URC) • Fiona Maskell (Anglican) Treasurer • Francesca de Gasparis – ex officio • Frank Molteno (Anglican) Chairperson • Gina Flash (Jewish) • Glynis Goyns (Presbyterian) • Shuaib Appleby (Muslim Judicial Council) • Usha Jevan (Brahma Kumaris) • Venerable Ani Tsonдру Sonam (Buddhist).



Back row left to right:

Fiona Maskell, Ds David Botha, Gina Flash, Zainab Adams, Baphiwe Nxumalo, Ambassador Kumi Naidoo, Portia Biggar, Glynis Goyns, Liz McDaid, Bishop Geoff Davies, Frank Molteno, Shuaib Appleby, Sheik Riedwaan Galant

Front row left to right:

Kate Davies, Monica Davies, Natasha Adonis, Francesca de Gasparis, Lydia Mogano, Erna Curry

Inserts from left to right:

Venerable Ani Tsonдру Sonam, Usha Bevan, Bishop Seleoane, Sean Brown

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Volunteers

We thank all our volunteers who commit to our activities and contribute to the impact of our work.

Special thanks:

Kumi Naidoo - SAFCEI Ambassador 2016 to 2017. We wish Kumi all the best as he starts his new role in 2018 as Amnesty International's new Secretary General.



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