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Solar Thermal Projects in Developing Countries – Reference Projects, Barriers and Potentials

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AGENDA:

- SOLID activities and technology
- Green projects in developing countries: barriers and potentials
- Best practice examples





SOLID activities and technology:

Turn-key solutions for large-scale solar thermal systems (more than 1 MW)

- Engineering and plant construction
- Energy service company (ESCO)
- Research & Development
- Consulting services



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We work on solar thermal!

• Solar PV (Electricity)













Main target groups for solar thermal

- Utilities: district heating and cooling networks
- Infrastructure: airports, schools, campuses, residential buildings, military housing, hospitals, museums, libraries
- Tourism: hotels, resorts
- Commercial: office buildings, ware houses, shopping malls
- Industry: food processing, beverage, mining, ..







Starting point for solar heating & cooling in developing countries

Low Heat Demand → lack of knowledge → often inefficient systems (industry, tourism)

Process Heat and Cooling demand are increasing

- Grids and power plants go to or above their limits
- Big part of energy demand covered by imported fossil fuels



Reasons for Solar Heating and Cooling in Emerging Countries

- Increase of population means a growing energy demand
- Cooling demand is increasing with development level
- AC starts dominating electric demand
- Grids and Power plants go to or above their limits
- Mostly big part of (imported) fossil fuels in electricity and heat production



Hurdles

- Lack of available data at customer
- Lack of awareness for Solar Thermal Energy
- Low/substituted Energy prices
- Financing, high investment costs





Air conditioned and hot water production with Thermal Solar System Hospital Militar Dr. Alejandro Dávila Bolaños



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Key facts

| Collector area | 4,450 m² |
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| Peak heat power | 2600 kW th |
| Coverage of demand | |
| for hot water | 100% |
| and laundry | 100% |
| Coverage of demand | |
| for air conditioning | 30% |
| Yearly energy savings | 140 tons of gas, |
| | 435 MWh electricity, 500 kW of connected load |
| Annual cost savings | 435 MWh electricity, 500 kW of connected load USD 372,400 |
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Financed with soft loan

- Financing instrument for developing countries in Austria
 - 0 % interest rate
 - 5 years grace period
 - Loan period: 21 years
- Oesterreichische Kontrollbank (OeKB) was granting the soft loan
- Raiffeisenbank International was handling the financing



Further financing instruments for developing countries

 Economic partnerships co-funded by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA)

SOLID success story with ADA:

- ADA economic partnership with Jamaica/ Caribbean region 2008-2011
 - Feasibilities
 - Education
 - Knowledge of Markets
 - Understanding the Partner countries



Solar cooling - Digicel, Kingston, Jamaica



Office space: 13,685 m²

Solar Panels: 982 m² / 680 kW

Single stage LiBr chiller: 600 kW

Hot storage: 2 x 5.5 m³

492 MWh cooling energy

per year

In operation since 2012

From first call to start up in 16 monthse ealised in partnership with Energy Globe Award 2014 RED, Jamaica



Solar Hot Water – Hyatt Regency, Aruba



357 rooms, 6 restaurants, 4 bars, pools, spa, golf, congress rooms

Domestic Hot Water

Panel area: 500 m² GS Storage: 4x6.5 m³

Commissioning 2012