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In the preface of our conference proceedings of the 1st African Diaspora Conference on Sustainable Development - TMG 2006 (Nwana & Tah, 2006) - we noted in the why the conference was unique. We wrote:

“TMG 2006 is unique in three key ways. **Firstly**, it is one of the first of – we hope – a set of conferences organized by Africans, for Africans, in order to truly and pragmatically address African sustainable development. It is an action-oriented conference – and not one that majors on exposes of Africa ills. **Secondly**, it is a conference organized by African Diasporas – a clear hypothesis we hold firmly is that Diasporas will be key to addressing African problems. This is not only because there are enough Africans in Europe alone to fill a mid-sized African country, but also because for most black African countries, there are more Diaspora professionals per key sector than those back in Africa. So for example, two thirds of doctors trained in Ghana are working abroad; similarly, there are 5000 Cameroonian Diaspora doctors and only 3000 in Cameroon. Similar statistics apply to other key professions. **Thirdly**, the philosophical view we take to sustainable development is different to the classic donor-led model. We advocate “grassroots-based”, “micro projects-driven”, “stakeholder community-involving” and “Diaspora-supporting” initiatives, and we argue they bode much better for African sustainability than “Western-driven” and “donor-led” models”.

This is worth re-iterating. We therefore make no apologies that TMG-2007 – the 2nd African Diaspora Workshops on Sustainable Development is an unashamed **encore** to TMG 2006. It draws from feedback we obtained from the 150+ participants of this previous conference – who scored it at 4.2/5 across 8 questions in the post-conference questionnaires. So the programme of TMG 2007 draws fully from last year’s feedback which requested...

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