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On 15th October 2008 at the International Ringing Cedars of Russia Readers' Conference an Organising Committee was elected to form an International Organisation that will connect Kin's Domain settlements world wide, support their work and represent them globally. The first suggested task of the Organization was to offer practical solutions to the present World crises. It was agreed at the conference that facilitating the implementation of Kin's Domain settlement programmes world-wide as being the pivotal first step.

Context

The proponents of the movement have already begun fundamental implementation of the Kin's Domain concept. This successful model has benefited the lives of thousands of families who hold to minimal energy and resource use for ethical, ecological and economic reasons. All this has happened without any substantial support from powerful institutions, corporations or governments.

Kin's Domain programmes are the best available solution for practically all the individual and collective problems of the World. They lead progressively to the development of smaller, decentralised and self-reliant neighbourhoods. They provide for all the individual and social needs of the families, and most of all they address the limitations of current society: humanity is at the peak of resource use, yet most people's lives lack meaningful purpose and content.

Growing profile of Kin's Domains and Eco-villages

The importance of eco-villages is reflected in their growing profile worldwide. The increasing number of individuals and groups who are striving to create Kin's Domain settlements are gaining momentum. People need to be given the opportunity to live in such settlements with continued support.

Eco-villages carry the key strategies for promoting a long-term sustainable way of life for future generations. They incorporate self-sufficiency and minimize the environmental footprint of the individual, effectively opposing the degradation of social, ecological, and spiritual milieus. Eco-villages across the world are seeing an unprecedented level of partnerships developing with local and national governments and other sustainability initiatives, but still time has shown, they may be missing some previously unaddressed key ingredients that the Kin's Domain concept provides.

Constraints on formation of Kin's Domain settlements and eco-villages

With existing eco-villages enjoying new levels of influence and profile, paradoxically, it is becoming significantly more difficult to create new eco-villages under the current conditions of high land prices and restrictive planning regulations.

The strength and simplicity of the Kin's Domain Programmes and eco-villages is that they first stabilize the local economies, then the nation as a

whole. Overwhelmed governments will become more supportive of eco-villages when they realize their support will relieve not only financial pressures, but will also progressively resolve many of their countries' other concerns. For this reason we need to help governments understand the effectiveness of the Kin's Domain concept.

Need for partnerships

We see the key tools for spreading an understanding of Kin's Domain values, skills and models are the following: consultancy, educational programmes, and partnerships with organisations that strive towards sustainability.

Kin's Domain settlements can be regarded as research, demonstration and training centres for long term sustainable living. KDA will facilitate full utilization of these possibilities of Kin's Domain settlements in cooperation with similar organizations.

The role of Kin's Domain settlements

Kin's Domain settlements are a progressive step in eco-village development. They form partnerships with the neighbouring communities with an orientation toward environmental sustainability for all. They ensure the upbringing of future generations of families in a natural and socially supportive environment.

Eco-regions formed in this manner will have a greater resilience and skills base, leading ultimately to the global economic stability of all nations who are supportive of Kin's Domain programmes in their countries.

The role of The Kin's Domains Association

The concepts of the Ringing Cedars books have inspired thousands of readers to start building their Kin's Domains or Kin's Domain settlements. In recent years the phenomenon has spread around the whole world. Forming an international association in support of these concepts has become an imperative.

The role of The Association is to unite these ideas and to appear in public as the official representative of Kin's Domains.

The goal of the association: To improve the living environment. ¹

Our main tasks are:

1. To encourage and support the materialization of Kin's Domain communities world-wide.
2. To help the world resolve global economic, agricultural, environmental, and social crises by working with the UN, governments, and similar organizations.

¹ Human beings are not the only objects of the goal of KDA! Improving the living environment is all-encompassing—including all life-forms in any particular environment. Kin's Domains are truly making the world a better place for all.

Our methods are:

To represent the International Ringing Cedars movement, accordingly:

1. To be a focal point of all world-wide activities related to Kin's Domains.
2. To log and unite all Kin's Domain settlements world-wide and to serve as a support network between them, encouraging cooperation in terms of education, legal consulting etc.
3. To encourage and support the research showing how efficient the Kin's Domain model is in solving global problems.
4. To administer the central multi-lingual knowledge database (Kin's Domain library) related to the ideas of sustainable lifestyles as outlined by the Kin's Domain concept.
5. To organize international events (conferences, congresses, seminars) for the general public, for members, in addition to association with other organizations to advance and disseminate the ideas of Kin's Domains.
6. To provide a comprehensive website as a database or information and communication facility between members.
7. To gather and disseminate information on Kin's Domain settlement models – via writing articles, blogs, films, etc.

Conclusion

We look forward to supporting and nurturing the materialization of projects that further the creation of a sustainably developed world wide society, by supporting the responsible caretaking of the Earth. We sincerely appreciate the urgent need for Kin's Domain settlements and their many benefits. We have a common mission with all those aware of the importance of the physical realization of all the topics mentioned above.