



## AIDS 2010 Carbon Offset Programme - Selected Projects -

At AIDS 2010, the Conference Secretariat offered delegates the opportunity to offset their flight carbon emission by ticking a box on the registration form.

Thanks to the generous donations of AIDS 2010 conference delegates and the AIDS 2010 Conference Secretariat's social responsibility initiative which consists in offsetting all staff flights, we have been able to support three projects combining environmental, economical and social benefits.

### Austria: Vienna "Runde Sache" recycling project – Enchada

In partnership with the "runde sache" project, Enchada, a group of young committed people, collects and recycles CDs and DVDs in Vienna. They also produce material for educational workshops about environmental issues, sustainable consumption and gentle use of limited resources.

**Environmental benefits:** less waste is produced, resources are reused instead of being thrown away;

**Economic and social benefits:** the company recycling all collected material is employing disabled people.



### South Africa: Cape Town women's cooperatives - Township Patterns

In partnership with independent cooperatives in Cape Town townships, *Township Patterns* designs, produces and markets a range of eco-friendly products. Their main objective is the empowerment of women in the Cape Town suburbs and the development of autonomous business.

**Environmental benefits:** reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> generated for production and transportation of bags, use of local products and eco-friendly textiles;

**Economic and social benefits:** consolidation of micro-companies, empowerment of township women, local jobs creation, construction of independent commercial networks.



### China: Improved cookstoves construction & diffusion – Action Carbone

In partnership with "Initiative Développement", an association active in the implementation of development projects in the field of environment and renewable energies, Action Carbone now promotes a rational and efficient use of fuel-wood through the construction and diffusion of improved cook stoves:

**Environmental benefits:** Two CO<sub>2</sub> tons avoided each year for one improved cookstove - 2'000 tons for the whole project, reduced wood consumption and preserved Chinese forests;

**Economic and social benefits:** Healthier cooking and improved living conditions.



### China: Construction of biogas digesters – Action Carbone

In partnership with "Initiative Développement", an association active in the implementation of development projects in the field of environment and renewable energies, Action Carbone now promotes the use of biogas digesters in rural China:

**Environmental benefits:** 20'000 CO<sub>2</sub> tons avoided over seven years, reduced methane emissions from dung fermentation;

**Economic and social benefits:** Healthier cooking and improved living conditions, beneficiaries enjoy a clean and renewable technology to address their energy needs, local selling of compost provides additional income.

