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A HEALTHY PLANET FOR THE PROSPERITY OF ALL
- OUR RESPONSIBILITY, OUR OPPORTUNITY



NIGERIAN YOUTH

Stockholm +50 YOUTH STATEMENT 2022



We'd like to share the results of the Stockholm+50 Youth Virtual Consultations, which were held through Twitter and drew over 150 young people, and were organised by environmental youth organizations in Nigeria, with a focus on regional and gender balance.

As a result, we urge the Nigerian government to pay attention to the following:

Leadership Dialogue 1: Reflecting on the urgent need for actions to achieve a healthy planet and prosperity of all.

Climate Education for a healthy planet

- We demand that environmental and climate change education be made mandatory from Primary Education through Tertiary Education. A curriculum that tackles challenges related to how we may create a healthy planet for all while also providing teachers with appropriate knowledge to enable them to deliver is required.
- We demand that the Ministry of Education work with relevant ministries to keep the educational curriculum up to date, that it be compatible with national, regional, and international environmental regulations, and that it be easily available.

Capacity Building for a healthy planet

- We encourage the government to make community empowerment a priority by holding capacity-building sessions and ensuring that rural regions have access to environmental information to help guide youth activities.
- We urge the government to take advantage of the youth dividend and train youths in environmental data collection and analysis. In this regard, we request that a portion of the Nigeria budget be used to fund research in climate change, environmental science, renewable energy, biodiversity protection, and other related fields.

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Financial support for Youth Environmental Projects and Research

- We urge the government to establish a distinct fund, the Nigerian Youth Environmental Fund, independent from other climate and environmental funds, and make it freely accessible. This will make it easier for youths to obtain cash and carry out their initiatives, as opposed to the difficult and time-consuming procedure of obtaining funds from the Global Environmental Facility (GCF).
- We urge the private sector and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to support and scale up youth innovations in line with the Biodiversity Targets and four IPPC sectors highlighted in Nigeria's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) for a healthy planet for all, such as food solar dryers, water harvesting techniques, and renewable energy.
- We want the government of Nigeria to promote youth-led research, projects, and efforts to create sustainable cities and eco schools that will help the country manage urban landscapes, schools, and stewardships.

Leadership Dialogue 2: Achieving a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unlocking Green Jobs and Green Businesses

- We encourage the government to incentivize start-ups and green projects in the agricultural value chain, waste and energy sector as a method of promoting sustainable food systems, research and innovation in industry, in light of the high unemployment rate among the youth during the epidemic.
- We ask the government to connect industrialisation with current production trends that are environmentally friendly, such as energy efficient manufacturing methods, in order to create green jobs.
- In terms of the circular economy, we urge the government to invest in green infrastructure in order to tap into the waste economy for job development, resource efficiency, and the production of safe and clean surroundings.

Leadership Dialogue 3: Accelerating the implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.

Strengthening Environmental Governance

- We urge the Government of Nigeria to include youth in several environmental boards and councils in order to ensure co-leadership and a just transition.
- Through continuing environmental research, teaching, and extension, we encourage the government to create capacity within government institutions in line with sustainable development.

Facilitating Partnerships

- We urge the Government of Nigeria to strengthen engagement and support collaboration between youths and other stakeholders in order to jointly identify solutions to climate change.

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Environmental Conservation: Consistent International and National Financial Flows

- We urge Nigeria's government to reconsider and enhance the yearly budgets provided to the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Youth and Sports in order to ensure the achievement of environmental-related SDGs by 2030.
- We urge UN agencies to evaluate their financial policies and rethink means and channels of direct support for young environmental organisations in order to ensure a fair and inclusive approach.
- We are deeply concerned about the wealthy countries' lack of commitment to reach their objective of providing \$100 billion per year in climate funding to vulnerable countries, with at least half of that amount going to adaptation, including loss and damage.

Youth Requests, Statement, Promises and Commitments

- While working on new ways to address current environmental concerns, youth pledge to distribute knowledge about environmental conservation and empower disadvantaged populations.
- Increase your investment in sustainable energy. Make additional efforts to restore the land. Make conscious efforts to develop the potential of young people who will be the leaders of future. Finally, establish effective catastrophe risk management and preparedness programmes.
- Provide green jobs, promote inclusive and sustainable growth, and allow for capacity building: institutions should be in place to help young people shift. Finally, they should invest in long-term solutions: provide the resources that we, the youth, require. Subsidies for fossil fuels must be phased out.

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- Youths, in particular, must be given the tools to drive advocacy, public education, policy implementation, and green entrepreneurship, smart agriculture, clean energy, and biodiversity conservation. We can offer individuals, our country, and the earth a second opportunity to live healthy and sustainable lives by doing so.
- To help climate-change-affected and vulnerable communities recover more quickly and sustainably from the COVID-19 epidemic, the government, corporate sector, and development partners must collaborate to strengthen community resilience, promote sustainable practises, and create sustainable livelihoods. As we go forward in the decade of action, effective advocacy and capacity development for youngsters will be critical, with a focus on green jobs, clean energy, sustainable agriculture, biodiversity protection, and, most crucially, cooperation. We can assure a healthy planet and prosperity for everybody if we work together.

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- A call to reinforce our adaptation strategy by concentrating on low-carbon choices for businesses and industries, as well as supporting environmentally friendly practises that address climate change consequences.
- Create a path that incorporates Nigeria's rural and coastal communities at the grassroots in national and global benefits aimed at realising and achieving the SDGs. Carbon trading, imposing a charge on corporations that produce a lot of CO2 and other damaging greenhouse emissions, and enacting laws that promote Renewable Energy Transition and Net Zero Action.