



**Side Event: Strengthening Youth Capacity for Transformation: Launch of the AGYLE call for interest**

COP 26 Glasgow - November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

13:30-14:30

Paris Capacity Building Hub

*Background:*

Responding to the demands of global youth that were acknowledging increased possibilities to participate into climate processes while recognizing the needs to strengthening their capacity for more impactful engagement, the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centres developed the concept of AGYLE.

The ultimate objective of the AGYLE initiative is to *empower and interconnect young, responsible global citizens, advocates and entrepreneurs able to drive the world's emerging green, sustainable and climate-resilient future*. By providing young people with the tools and skills to be more effectively engaged in the green transformation of their economies and their political processes, AGYLE aims to ensure that inclusive participation and youth consultation becomes the modus operandi for future generations of decisionmakers

Against this background, the African chapter of the initiative is being conducted under the Africa AGYLE Hub, deriving from a regional workshop held in 2020 in Ghana.

Working in partnership with UNU, the two Regional Collaboration Centers based in Africa (RCC Lomé and Kampala) will be launching the first "Call for Interest" for applicants to a high-quality accredited educational virtual course package which will be kicking off in early 2022 aiming at bringing the first graduates to COP27. The training will provide a strong conceptual foundation for youth that intend to engage with UN climate change processes or explore an entrepreneurial pathway in green sectors.

*Objective:*

The event aims to provide a platform to engage and amplify the voices of youth and youth-related stakeholders to discuss the role of education and innovative capacity building strategies as well as the needs and opportunities of young entrepreneurs to accelerate transformative climate action. By showcasing challenges and opportunities, the event intends to inspire and motivate individuals and society at large to take action to enhance the skills and capacity of young people to drive the

necessary and ambitious climate actions and policies at all levels in the transition to a low-emission, climate resilient future.

To strengthen young people’s capacities to effectively engage in climate policy processes and the green economy, the event will raise awareness about the Call for Interest and how African youth can get involved.

*Tentative Agenda:*

| Item  | Speaker  | Time      |
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| <i>Opening Session</i>  |  |           |
| Welcome   | Moderator Olumide Idowu  | 3 mins    |
| Opening Remarks   | Nisreen El Saim, Chair, UNSG Youth Advisory Panel on Climate Change  | 5 mins    |
| <i>Moderated Dialogues</i>  |  |           |
| Moderated dialogue between youth delegates on role of education and innovative capacity building strategies | Y4C delegates:<br>Ashley Aleah Lashley (Caribbean),<br>Eva Peace Mukayiranga (Africa) and<br>Khong Tuấn Anh (Asia Pacific) -<br>moderated by Olumide Idowu       | 20 mins   |
| Moderated Dialogue among young entrepreneurs on the need for technical and financial support                | 2 young entrepreneurs from Africa -<br>Selorm Adzimah, EcoWillow Ghana<br>and Precious Mudondo, Fresh Value<br>Produce, Zimbabwe - moderated by<br>Olumide Idowu | 20 mins   |
| <i>Launch for Call for Interest and Closing</i>   |  |           |
| Launch of Call for Interest   | Moubarak Moukaila, Regional<br>Coordinator, BOAD   | 10 mins   |
| Closing   | Luca Brusa, RSSI Lead, UNFCCC  | 2 minutes |