

RCC Lome supports the establishment of the Africa Youth ACE Hub

Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) refers to Article 6 of the Convention's original text (1992), and focuses on six priority areas which have been recognised as crucial to counter climate change and adapt to its impacts: education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information, and international cooperation. It calls on governments to develop and implement educational and public awareness programmes, train scientific, technical and managerial personnel, foster access to information, and promote public participation in addressing climate change and its effects. It also urges countries to cooperate in this process, by exchanging good practices and lessons learned, and strengthening national institutions.

Against this backdrop, the Regional Collaboration Centre Lomé in partnership with the Government of Ghana and UN Climate Change held from 25 -26 February 2020, a workshop on the establishment of the Africa Youth ACE Hub in Ghana. This event brought together stakeholders from government agencies, public and private institutions as well as youth organizations and Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) focal points from countries from the West Africa Region.

The workshop aimed at creating awareness among stakeholders and establish consensus on the scope, objectives, modalities of operations and key milestones towards development and implementation of the hub in Ghana. Participants brainstormed on several ideas which culminated in the drafting of a concept note. Though at this moment the document is still under review, the initiative has already been endorsed by the Government of Ghana through the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation on full support and the establishment of the hub in Ghana.