

YOUTH ADAPTATION FORUM IN GHANA

“Youth Leadership to Build Climate-Resilient Economies”

13th – 14th May 2025

LOCATION: Floor 2 Auditorium, West African Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI),
University of Ghana, Legon.

DAY ONE: Tuesday 13 th May 2025	
Program Details	
08:00	Registration, Event Materials Pickup & Social Media Moments
Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ghanaian National Anthem• Arise Ghana Youth• Opening Prayer Moderator and Welcoming Remarks: Glory and Rosemary (GYEM)	
09:00	High-Level Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Glory Emmanuella Appiah, GYEM• Dr. Emmanuel Tachie Obeng, Acting Director Climate Change Unit, Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)• Adriana Valenzuela, Lead Youth Leadership and Education, Global Center on Adaptation• Charles Nhemachena, Regional Director for Africa, Global Center on Adaptation• HE Tom Nørring, the Ambassador of Denmark• Isaac Danso, Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)• Representative: University (Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability Studies)
10:30	Family photo
10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
	Cultural presentation: Sankofa Kete Cultural Group <i>Social media: Delegate Card and Share your Engagement Online</i> Event Moderator-Rosemary Balami
Youth Leadership for Adaptation Action in Africa	
11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaker: Adriana Valenzuela, Thematic Lead, GCA
Setting the Scene: A General Overview of Climate Change and Adaptation in Ghana	
11:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaker: Dr. Emmanuel Tachie Obeng, Acting Director Climate Change Unit, Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)

Panel: Showcasing Youth Leadership and Adaptation Solutions	
11:40	<p>Moderator: Samuel Duah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panelist: Margaret Impraim, Green Africa Youth Organization • Panelist: Stephen Mensah, Ghana Youth Path Organization • Panelist: Sarfoh Danquah, Strategic Youth Network for Development • Panelist: Judith Wetsa Amli, Water Resources Commission • Panelist: Rhoda Larrey, Center for Green Growth <p>Guiding Questions: What are your experiences and recommendations to other young people who are working on adaptation solutions?</p>
12:40	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:40	<i>Energizer and Networking</i>
Parallel Working groups	
14:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workgroup 1: Adriana Valenzuela, GCA; GYEM Rep • Workgroup 2: Lauren O'Neill, GCA; GYEM Rep • Workgroup 3: Anetta Oksiutycz-Munyawiri, GCA; GYEM Rep • Workgroup 4: GCA Rep; GYEM Rep <p>Guiding questions on building a climate-resilient future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are we? • Where do we want to go? • How do we get there?
15:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00	Plenary Session: Presentation of Working Group Results
Closing: Cultural Performance Family Picture in front of the main University building	
DAY TWO: Wednesday 14 th May 2025	
08:00	Arrival at location and registration
09:00	Welcome and Short Recap by Adriana Valenzuela, Lead of the Youth Leadership and Education Program, Global Center on Adaptation
09:15	<p>Youth Climate Adaptation Action Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: Lauren O'Neill, Youth Leadership and Education Officer, GCA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: Anetta Oksiutycz-Muyawiri, Junior, Youth Leadership and Education Officer, GCA
09:30	Working Group: Building the YAN in Ghana
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workgroup 1: Adriana Valenzuela, GCA; GYEM Rep • Workgroup 2: Lauren O'Neill, GCA; GYEM Rep • Workgroup 3: Anetta Oksiutycz-Munyawiri, GCA; GYEM Rep • Workgroup 4: GCA Rep TBC; GYEM Rep <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would you like to build the Youth Adaptation Network?
Panel: Showcasing Regional Good Practices and Adaptation Solutions	
10:15	<p>Panelists: Young leaders from different regions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Aburam, AFEI • Emmaryn Leuzzi, The Climate Sociologist • Dr. Isaac Alvin Amoah, Department of Agricultural Extension, University of Ghana <p>Open up for the expression of interest</p>
11:15	<p><i>Adaptation Exchange and Coffee Break</i> <i>Exhibition: Young people exhibiting their good practices and experiences</i></p> <p>Open up for the expression of interest</p>
Closing Ceremony	
12:00	<p>Young Voices: Building a Climate-Resilient Future Together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: Youth participants (one female, one male), presentation of the Youth Communique • Speaker: Glory E. Appiah, GYEM • <p>Hand-over of the Youth Communique to decision-makers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Emmanuel Tachie Obeng, Acting Director Climate Change Unit, Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) • Adriana Valenzuela, Lead Youth Leadership and Education, GCA • Dr. Isaac Dakurah, Ministry Environment Science and Technology
	Photo session
13:00 End of the Forum	