ABOUT GLOBAL CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE YOUTH NETWORK (GCSAYN)

GCSAYN is a dynamic network of youth-serving individuals and partner organizations with a strong interest in Climate Smart Agriculture and sustainable agriculture. Our network encompasses 124 countries in Africa, Asia, USA, Latin America and Europe, through connection utilizing online platforms, where members share findings and seek practical advice for their projects and activities. The primary objective of GCSAYN is to create awareness and build the capabilities of young people on CSA concepts to strengthen their abilities to adapt to and mitigate emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) while sustainably increasing agricultural productivity and food security.

VISION
Youth around the world empowered to lead actions in climate-smart agriculture to nourish human-kind while diminishing agriculture’s environmental footprint.

MISSION
Raise awareness on CSA among young men and women to make informed decisions that counter current and future threats to sustainable, climate-smart agriculture. Youth are better positioned to make contributions in climate resilient agriculture by influencing policy and on-the-ground practices enhancing integrated agroecological farming systems: crop production, livestock management, managing aquatic production systems and sustainable forestry.

OBJECTIVES
• To encourage youth to develop their own ways of contributing to sustainable development at the local, regional, national and international levels by applying a social agenda to actions in Climate-Smart Agriculture.
• To create a platform for the youth to share information about Climate-Smart Agriculture practices.
• To engage youth and other partners in agriculturally related sectors through impactful training activities that integrate societal concerns with climate smart technologies.

ACHIEVEMENTS/FLAGSHIP PROGRAMS
GCSAYN recently developed a number of flagship programmes to enhance the achievement of the Global Goals (www.globalgoals.org) within this Decade of Action. We have expanded our network in the past few years from 34 countries in 2019 to 124 in 2022.

GCSAYN is an approved Observer at the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA), UNCCD and most importantly, it has the ECOSOC Consultative Status. These recognitions and status enable us to have a voice at High-Level Segments across the entire UN System.

At present, we are planning to launch an additional flagship programme, the Children and Youth in Agriculture (CYA) in the weeks ahead 18th August 2022.

**FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES**

1. **Children and Youth in Agriculture (CYA):** The Youth and Children in Agriculture programme was created by young people specifically to promote cooperation between peers and experts. Our activities target not only young people interested in this topic, but also those who know little about it. From countries where education on this topic is difficult to access to those where it is implemented in the curriculum, our goal is to provide value in terms of knowledge and applicable skills for youth of different knowledge levels. We believe that everyone has something to contribute to climate action, and on that basis we organize our activities, which are always open to everyone. [https://csaynglobal.org/cya-program/](https://csaynglobal.org/cya-program/)

2. **Women in Agriculture for a Sustainable Africa (WASA):** WASA is a program that aims at enlightening and empowering women in agriculture on sustainable ways to engage in farming business, processing, transformation and Marketing. It was launched on 14 December 2021 and the activities kick-started in West Africa – Nigeria with a 4 month agribusiness empowerment training from Jan – April 2022. Over 292 women were reached through the WASA agribusiness training programme while 123 got trained. WASA is currently spreading in other countries in Africa and the goal is to empower women, reduce poverty, hunger, and improve health standards by producing healthy food which address SDGs 1,2,3,4 as well as SDG 5 promoting gender equality in the agro food system. More details on actions: [https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0QGcGNZBjcKJ5H5npESNCKjgLw4UvLyZUvGXeFFTd7kkcVIVxudmyjBQk2pjiI&id=111070431459220&sfnsn=mo](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0QGcGNZBjcKJ5H5npESNCKjgLw4UvLyZUvGXeFFTd7kkcVIVxudmyjBQk2pjiI&id=111070431459220&sfnsn=mo)

3. **GCSAYN Education Exchange Program (CEEP):** This programme which was recently launched, is about enhancing student-student, student-teacher and student-lecturer mobility across all our Centres of Excellence hosted within universities. This programme is expected to enable countries to strengthen their educational systems through partnering with stakeholders, development partners, civil society organizations and private sectors aiming towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with specific interest in enhancing the achievement of SDG4 (Quality education).