CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE

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About the program

Children and Youth in Agriculture is a program organised by Climate Smart Agriculture Network which recognises Children and Youth main actors in AGENDA 2030 Goals achievement.

Through activities we educate children and youth about agricultural practices explaining their role in the Food systems and Supply chains while promoting fair pay and the exclusion of child labor.
The Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN) is a group of volunteers (based in the African continent and also Asia, USA and Europe) linked across the world via an online platform to share findings and seek advice for their practical projects – that have a strong interest in Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) and the environment.

The main objective of the CSAYN is to create awareness, sensitize and build the productive capacity of young people and People Living With Disabilities (PLWD) on CSA concepts for adaptation, reducing emissions (mitigation) and increasing food productivity in a sustainable manner.

- Mr. Divine Ntiokam is the Founder and Managing Director of the Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN)
Children and Youth are the most valuable social groups that are most affected by the inadequate food systems which are suffering due to climate change. It is also that least developed regions with apparent lack of founding in agriculture and new technology are taking the biggest consequences and are in need of transition to sustainable agricultural ways.

Therefore children and youth as future of the sector should take up the charge and should be educated and equipt with work opportunities so that agriculture can become a work carrier. It is apparent that agriculture plays a big role in achieving sustainable development goals which are interconnected and interdependent. With current developments and the need for sustainable and resilient food chains to feed the ever-growing world population this topic becomes one of great importance.
90%

Of youth living in the Developing countries where agriculture is main source of income

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ENGAGE YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE?

The unemployment rate for youth is currently three times that of adults in all regions of the world, according to a 2021 report from the Food and Agriculture Organization. In Africa especially, which boasts the globe’s youngest population, two-thirds of youth are unemployed or working in vulnerable, low-paying positions.
OUR VISION

We want to see that children and youth are included in the agricultural value chain and to ensure that their needs are at the center of the accomplishment of the sustainable development goals between now and 2030.
OUR MISSION

- To educate children and youth on the effects of climate change in agriculture, the role of sustainable practices in reaching 2030 Agenda goals;
- Advocating for the improvement of the position of Children and Youth in the decision-making process regarding the topic;
- Raising the awareness of communities and in encouraging multicultural and multigenerational knowledge sharing to identify and implement good practices;
- Connecting with social groups to present agriculture as a possible work career offering basic knowledge on the topic to the members;
- Offering the knowledge and technological skills to children and youth;
- Advocating for fair pay to vulnerable communities and the decrease of child labor in food chain production.
The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as Global Goals, are a set of 17 integrated and interrelated goals to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that humanity enjoys peace and prosperity by 2030.

The CYA program contributes to achievement of 10 SDG directly and indirectly.
Earth Day

The Call to Earth Day is the most celebrated International Event in the world. It reminds us of the beautiful planet we have. GCSAYN had been appointed by CNN to carry out activities all over the world. In Cameroon, it was celebrated on the 9 to 10th November 2021 at the Government Bilingual Primary School Biyem-Assi SIC Yaounde at this end.

The main goal was to give the school a green environment by planting trees (ornamental trees, fruit trees, and flowers), which aligns with the Green School project launched by the government. This activity is also part of the Children and Youth in Agriculture (CYA) program carried by GCSAYN on a global scale with the aim of being able to educate, sensitize, encourage and involve children and youth in the agricultural value chain from their earliest years.
Keynote speaker was Divine Ntiokam, Founder and MD, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (GCSAYN) during World Food Day.

World Food Day is observed every year on 16th October in remembrance of the day when FAO was founded in 1945.

Youth Circles is an initiative of the Federal Youth Authority which provides platforms for dialogue to establish interaction between youth and decision-makers in both public and private sectors.
THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN CHILDREN’S NUTRITION EDUCATION: WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES IN CHILDREN’S NUTRITION EDUCATION?

The aim of this theme is to recall the level of involvement of women in the food and nutrition education of children and that of families.

Here, the focus is on highlighting the contribution of women in the nutritional education to children and the impact of this education on the food system. The aim is to demonstrate its effects on the functioning of the value chains of the food system.
Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Global

Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Global along with 16 partner organizations within the agriculture and the food value chain, joined the NextGen Ag Impact Network (NGIN) Coalition, a new global system of networks geared toward making it easier for youth to fight global food insecurity while engaging in purposeful and rewarding professional activities in agriculture. Youth are explicit and active part of the Coalition and will be having a voice and a vote in the co-creation and steering processes, right from the start!

NGIN, NGIN’s vision is for young changemakers to become the agricultural leaders of the future who impact on the ecological, economic, and social transformation of food systems. To achieve this, NGIN co-creates opportunities for more a sustainable and prosperous future in agriculture.
Next Steps

CYA is planning a lot of activities in coming times, some of them are presented in the following:

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<td>• Operation &quot;Green School&quot;, we mean by planting trees in as many schools as possible. Indeed, this activity responds to the need to involve and empower children and Youth in relation to the climate crisis mitigation measure.</td>
<td>• Organize “Youth Circles”, where Youth could share innovative ideas and point of views on different topics.</td>
<td>• We will conduct different activities in the aim to promote the education of youth and children.</td>
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Agriculture as a career

CURRENT SITUATION

In many low and middle-income countries, children and youth make up well over half the population. However, although young people in agriculturally productive rural areas are expected to replace the farmers of earlier generations and ensure their people’s food security, many don’t see such a future for themselves. Why is this?

OPPORTUNITY

Agriculture can become a career for youth and they can support their families with income.

ROLE OF CYA PROGRAM

To address this, we must explore alternatives to passing agricultural knowledge down informally through peer networks. Vocational training and extension services can help teach agricultural skills, while higher education unlocks the possibilities of agricultural research to improve techniques and yields.
Education

We believe that the education of young people is key to their involvement and further development of this sector. Through lectures, trainings and knowledge exchange, we plan to include in our programs young people from a large number of members of our organization.

Sustainable Agriculture is future

The impact of climate change is clear on the security of production and supply systems, and one of our goals is to lead the shift to sustainable farming.

It is very important to raise awareness among young people about the effects of climate change and their position of key actors in achieving the 2030 Agenda.
WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOR YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE?

Our mission is to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth through helping Youth and Children to learn about agriculture, earn a living income of it in the future and contribute to their economies.

Young people, supported to innovate and overcome barriers, have the potential to repair food systems; reduce hunger and unemployment; and secure a sustainable, promising future for communities around the world.
Africa
- Algeria
- Angola
- Benin
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cabo Verde
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Comoros
- Congo
- Côte d’Ivoire
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Djibouti
- Egypt
- Equatorial Guinea
- Ethiopia
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- Gabon
- Gambia
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- Guinea
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- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Libya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
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- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Niger
- Rwanda
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Senegal
- Seychelles

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- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United States of America
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

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