

MISSION REPORT:

MEETING OF GCSAYN GHANA TEAM WITH McGill UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, KARL MOORE, STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

1. INTRODUCTION:

Country Name & City:	Ghana
Title of the Programme/Activities organized:	Meeting of GCSAYN Ghana Team with McGill University Professor, Karl Moore, Students and Alumni.
Date & Venue:	27 th February 2023, Deloitte office
Numbers of participants:	About 40
Target groups (youth, women, persons living with disabilities. etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 30 Students from McGill University with diverse backgrounds and educational levels (Undergraduates/Graduate students) and Alumni. ▪ Professor Karl Moore and some philanthropist (Mr Dax DaSilva, Executive Chair-Lightspeed Commerce ▪ Staff of Deloitte Ghana
Partners/ Supporters Name	McGill University
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2. OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING:

On their annual trip to Hot Cities of the World, the McGill University team (students and Alumni) visited Ghana from 24th February – 1st March 2023. The Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Global (GCSAYN)- Ghana team, welcomed them and presented on the ideology and objectives of GCSAYN on 27th February 2023. The network was informed that the McGill team was traveling to Ghana and took the opportunity to meet with them, discuss their flagship programs, and establish a stronger collaboration with the team.

The Network wanted to discuss with the team the sustainability activities particularly the localisation and domestication of the Sustainable Developments Goals (SDGs) and elaborate on the flagships lined up to achieving that be achieved by 2030, targets set by the United Nations and beyond.

2.1 Specific objectives:

The specific objectives of the meeting were to:

- Introduce GCSAYN and what we do to the teaming students and Alumni of McGill University who came on the visit to their 12th Annual Hot Cities of the World to Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire.
- Elaborate on the localisation of the SDGs by the GCSAYN and progress made so far.
- Introduce our major Flagship programmes to them; Women in Agriculture for Sustainable Africa (WASA), Children and Youth in Agriculture (CYA), CSA Education Exchange Programme (CEEP), Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement, GCSAYN Mentorship and Internship Programs.
- Obtain feedback, comments, and questions about GCSAYN, what we do and how they can well contribute to these objectives.

3. DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PROGRAMME/MEETING:

3.1 27Th February 2023

- The day started around 12noon with Dax DaSilva at the Accra Mall because the whole McGill Team was held up in a meeting with the Bank Of Ghana Team at the Bank of Ghana's premises. Dax who is a visiting Facilitator to McGill University, specifically to Prof Moore's Management Class, a top high-tech entrepreneur in Canada, received Linda (CEEP Co-Chair and Country Coordinator GCSAYN, Ghana) at the mall to start the deliberation because he could not join the team to Bank of Ghana. After a brief introduction, they were joined by Mark (GCSAYN Focal point to the Centre of Excellence in Ghana) and later Stephen (GCSAYN Communication Lead).
- The GCSAYN team later had lunch at the mall with Dax and Antoine Delarue, an undergraduate student of McGill (who joined in at a point). We briefed them on activities of GCSAYN with welcoming questions and comments to that effect.



Meeting Prof Karl, McGill University Students and the Alumni

- We met the whole McGill Team together with Dax and Antione at Deloitte Ghana. On arrival, the group were already in a discussion with the Deloitte team on their operations. We sat in with them in the Deloitte Conference room and had a thorough engagement with the students and the faculty.
- After the coffee break, the GCSAYN team presented to the team from McGill University on our flagship programmes using the GCSAYN website as a reference point. Stephen introduced the team and we took turns to explain and engage with them. The students and the faculty were amazed at what we do (especially on our tree planting activities and climate smart agriculture capacity building on eliminating food insecurity)
- With the excitement and curiosity, the McGill team including Prof Karl asked series of good questions especially on climate change in regards to Africa's effort to build food resilience and the patronage of the Africa youth to achieve food security on the continent. The GCSAYN team eloquently answered all the questions, backing them with some of the success stories and the activities of the Network.
- We introduce Prof Moore and Bhraba as our focal point at McGill so the students can contact them for further engagements or visit our website. They were very happy to be part of the big family (GCSAYN) making impossibilities possible.





4. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Key achievements of the meeting include Professor Moore highlighting the urgency of climate change's impact on developing countries and urging participants to actively engage in advocacy efforts.
 - GCSAYN proposed to fasten the relationship with McGill University after the meeting.
- The students and alumni were impressed with GCSAYN's initiatives and expressed interest in further engagement.
- Some of the Alumni especially Dax and Antoine and some of the students were happy to join the Network after the presentation from GCSAYN team.
- Additionally, Dax DaSilva was open to engaging more on this advocacy.

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