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REPORT

GCSAYN DELEGATION MEETING WITH THE UNITED NATIONS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (EOSG), UNHQ, USA

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Action Points and Main Takeaways

1. Ms. Alison Campbell, Director of the Climate Action Team

Main Takeaways:

- Stressed the integration of climate action with SDGs, emphasizing the critical role of youth voices.
- Shared updates on the recently launched youth advisory group and COP30 preparations with Brazil.
- Highlighted the Secretary-General's prioritization of youth engagement in tackling climate challenges.

Action Points:

- Facilitate connections between participants and UN country teams for technical and material support.
- Share information about the UN's youth initiatives and programs like COP30 to encourage further collaboration.
- Amplify local success stories globally through UN platforms



Mr Divine Ntiokam, Founder and Executive Director for GCSAYN, with Ms Alison Campbell of the Climate Action Team

2. Divine, Founder & Executive Director of CSAYN

Main Takeaways:

- Shared a decade-long effort in mobilizing youth in 170 countries, focusing on SDG and climate action awareness.
- Advocated for translating SDG materials into local languages for better accessibility.
- Requested UN support to scale grassroots initiatives through formal recognition and resources.

Action Points:

- Submit detailed reports and documentation to UN offices for formal recognition and technical support.
- Strengthen collaboration with UN entities for policy integration and resource allocation.
- Coordinate with the UN to integrate local efforts into broader policy frameworks.



Mr. Divine Ntiokam, Founder and Executive Director for GCSAYN, with Ms. Alison Campbell, Director, Climate Action Team, on behalf of the Assistant Secretary-General Mr. Selwin Hart on Climate Action, Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General

3. Sophia Murashkovsky, Human Rights Advocate

Main Takeaways:

- Advocated for the intersection of human rights, climate change, and youth empowerment, emphasizing their interdependence.
- Highlighted the importance of considering marginalized groups, particularly youth, in climate and development policies.
- Shared experience working with the UN committee of the New York City Bar Association on youth peacebuilding and sustainable development.

Action Points:

- Advocate for integrating human rights considerations into all climate action and SDG programs.
- Facilitate platforms for youth, particularly from vulnerable populations, to contribute to global climate discussions.
- Share insights from human rights advocacy to inform the UN's climate and SDG initiatives.

4. Jacob Daniel Fossi, Nurse (Maryland, USA)

Main Takeaways:

- Discussed the impact of climate change on health, particularly in Africa, citing drought, sanitation issues, and water scarcity as major concerns.
- Shared examples of community-based health education and sanitation programs in Cameroon.

Action Points:

- Collaborate with public health organizations to expand climate-resilient health programs.
- Engage with UN networks to align health-focused initiatives with global climate action priorities.

5. Jingbin Ma, Representative of Global Climate Innovation Coalition

Main Takeaways:

- Described efforts to find climate solutions by collaborating with governments, NGOs, enterprises and educational institutions.
- Highlighted previous work of Global Climate Innovation Coalition (GCIC) and the focus on ESG.
- Stressed the link between agriculture, food security, health and climate change.

Action Points:

- Share case studies and outcomes from previous initiatives with the UN Climate Action Team.
- Explore partnerships with the UN to scale climate change solutions globally.

6. Upasana Pandey, Design Student (RISD and Brown University)

Main Takeaways:

- Focused on ground-level work in India, empowering communities through employment skills and SDG education.
- Shared insights on bio-design innovations and sustainability projects from academic collaborations.

Action Points:

- Collaborate with UN-supported innovation labs to develop sustainable solutions.
- Present bio-design projects at future UN events to inspire similar initiatives globally.

7. Dhairya Pujara, Founder & CEO of Ycenter

Main Takeaways:

- Shared successes from 12 years of creating experiential learning programs and SDG-aligned startups.
- Highlighted the need for consistent support to encourage university-led climate initiatives.
- Discussed plans to engage U.S. universities in climate-smart projects and entrepreneurship training.

Action Points:

- Coordinate with the UN to organize a platform for students to present climate initiatives, fostering confidence and collaboration.
- Align with UN programs like the "Summer of Solutions" to maximize impact.

General Action Points for the UN DSG Team

1. Disseminate information about the participants' networks and initiatives to UN country teams for support and collaboration.
2. Recognize and amplify the contributions of youth-led and grassroots initiatives at global events like COP30.
3. Facilitate resource sharing and partnerships between participants and UN entities to maximize impact.
4. Encourage continued collaboration between participants and the Climate Action Team to integrate their work into the UN's climate and SDG priorities.

General Main Takeaways

- Climate change intersects with health, human rights, education, and food systems, requiring a multi-sectoral approach.
- Youth and grassroots organizations are vital for achieving SDGs, and their efforts need greater recognition and support.
- The participants demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing climate action and sustainable development, with clear calls for UN engagement to scale their efforts.

(Bottom Image) GCSAYN meeting with the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG) Climate Action Team and discussion led by Ms Allison, the Director of the Climate Action Team





CSAYN team meeting with the Office of the Special Adviser for Africa (OSAA) Mr. Jean-Paul Adam Director, Policy, Monitoring and Advocacy Office of the Special Adviser in Africa

Ms. Keolebogile Lebogang Diswai from OSSA with Mr. Divine Ntiokam, Founder and Executive Director for GCSAYN



CSAYN member Jacob to the left, and Dhairya OSAA to the right



Ms. Keolebogile Lebogang Diswai from OSAA with Mr. Divine Ntiokam, Founder and Executive Director for GCSAYN and the CSAYN Team





GCSAYN team at the UN General Assembly Hall

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