

GCSAYN JULY 2025 SYMPOSIUM

TITLE: GCSAYN Ambassadors for Change: Accelerating the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Africa.

Theme: *“The Roles of Women and Youth as Agents of Change in Enhancing the Achievement of Climate Action”.*

Background:

The Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Global (GCSAYN) has continuously empowered youth to be proactive agents of change in achieving sustainable development. As the 2030 deadline for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) draws closer, the role of youth ambassadors becomes more vital than ever via the innovative GCSAYN Ambassadors for Change Program (GA4CP) flagship.

GCSAYN Ambassadors for Change, strategically positioned across the African Union and United Nations Member States, are uniquely poised to bridge local actions and global targets. Their involvement in grassroots mobilization, policy advocacy, climate action, and innovation contributes to a people-centered and inclusive development agenda. Yet, the challenges of coordination, visibility, and policy influence remain hurdles to overcome. This initiative aims to highlight and strengthen the role of Ambassadors as key enablers in delivering on the 2030 Agenda.

Objectives:

- To showcase the success stories of GCSAYN Ambassadors for Change in contributing to localization and domestication of the Global Goals (17 SDGs) within their respective communities by 2030.
- To strengthen and build capacity of Ambassadors to advocate, mobilize, and implement innovative and climate-smart solutions.
- To amplify and foster collaboration between Ambassadors, stakeholders, development partners, and governments.
- To develop a joint action plan to enhance the visibility, resource access, and impact of Ambassadors' local projects in alignment with Agenda 2030 within the GCSAYN approved Centers of Excellence.

Expected Outcomes/ Results:

- Increased number of documented success stories contributed by GCSAYN Ambassadors for Change in advancing the domestication of the Global Goals by 2030.
- Enhanced awareness and understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) among Ambassadors.
- Strengthened capacity and practical skills among Ambassadors in localizing, advocating for, and implementing strategic, sustainable development solutions.
- Improved collaboration, networking, and knowledge-sharing among GCSAYN Ambassadors for Change across different regions.
- A more robust, coordinated, and impactful Ambassadors for Change network actively contributing to the SDG agenda.

Key Activities:

- Mapping out number of success stories submitted by the GCSAYN Ambassadors for Change.
- Organize capacity building trainings to strengthen the skills sets of the GCSAYN Ambassadors.
- Policy roundtables/panel discussions with nominated speakers and GCSAYN Ambassadors for Change.
- Launch of a Youth-Led SDG Impact Dashboard or storytelling campaign.
- Release of a communiqué or action report summarizing commitments and outcomes.

Target Participants:

- GCSAYN Ambassadors for Change.
- UN SDG advocates and Youth Envoys.
- Government representatives and Local Authorities.
- NGOs, Youth-Led Organizations, and academic institutions.
- Media.

Proposed Date & Venue:

Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2025

Venue: Online (Zoom/YouTube) or hybrid

Partners and Stakeholders

- Development partners
- Ministry of Youth and Agriculture (respective country)
- Local civil society organizations
- Youth innovation hubs
- GCSAYN Approved Centers of Excellence (Primary and Secondary Schools, Universities and TVETs)

Contact/Lead Organizers:

GCSAYN Ambassadors For Change Secretariat.

