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MESSAGE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As we close another impactful year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the strides we have made in advancing environmental sustainability and climate action. The year 2023 marked a pivotal period for the HATOF Foundation, as we deepened our commitment to building resilience, empowering communities, and fostering innovation in the face of climate challenges.

Collaboration has been the cornerstone of our success this year. From our partnerships with local communities to our engagements with international organizations such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF), UNEP, and Lancaster University, we have demonstrated the power of collective action. Together, we have implemented transformative projects like the Ghana Shea Landscape Emissions Reduction Project, which restored degraded ecosystems and enhanced the livelihoods of marginalized groups, particularly women.

At HATOF, we recognize that strong institutions are critical to achieving lasting impact. In 2023, we expanded our capacity-building efforts, equipping youth leaders with the tools and knowledge to drive climate finance initiatives, influence policy, and contribute to sustainable development through programs such as the Climate Finance Academy.

Our work this year reinforced a crucial lesson: inclusive action is sustainable action. By prioritizing the needs of women, youth, and vulnerable communities in all our initiatives, we have shown that equity and environmental justice are inseparable. The successes we achieved are a testament to the resilience and resourcefulness of those we serve.

As we step into 2024, we do so with renewed determination to build on this year's achievements. Our journey is far from over, but with the continued support of our capable staff and team of experts, partners, and clients, we are confident in our ability to create a better future for generations to come.

On behalf of the HATOF Foundation, I extend my heartfelt thanks to our partners, donors, and team members for your unwavering dedication to our mission. Together, let us continue to innovate, collaborate, and inspire change.



Samuel Dotse (Ph.D.)
Chief Executive Officer

ABOUT HATOF FOUNDATION

OVERVIEW OF HATOF FOUNDATION

Founded in 1999 and officially registered in Ghana in 2001 under Ghana's Companies Code, 1963 (Act 179) and incorporated in Canada in 2023 under the Canada not-for-profit Corporations Act, HATOF Foundation is a Ghanaian-based international environmental NGO engaged in environmental governance, energy management, and the broader climate change policy process. HATOF works to support government officials, policymakers, technical staff, and implementing partners from the public and private sectors in developing and implementing sound policies and advancing human health and well-being through project development, research, policy influence, partnership, capacity building, education and training, awareness creation, and networking. HATOF also offers technical assistance, advisory, and consulting services to stakeholders in planning, accessing, delivering, and scaling up climate finance to develop capacity, remove policy and regulatory barriers, and increase resilience and ambitious climate action in Ghana. Our interventions focus on women, youth, local communities, the private sector, and policymakers and ensure that human progress, economic development, conservation, and environmental protection occur together.

Our mission is to develop the skills of individuals and communities to effectively conserve, restore, and utilize the natural resources available in the communities for sustainable livelihoods in Ghana and beyond as well as to strengthen democracy, good governance, and development by helping local populations find information needed to fight for environmental justice in their communities.

HATOF has participated in national and international conferences, workshops, seminars, and training to build the capacity of staff members; negotiate for sound environmental management policies and programmes, and gender equality.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATIONS



WHERE WE ARE TODAY

The year 2023 has been transformative for HATOF Foundation as we solidified our position as a leading force in environmental governance, climate resilience, and sustainable development. Our projects, partnerships, and policy engagements this year reflect our unwavering commitment to creating meaningful change.

HATOF commits to strengthening democracy, good governance, and development by helping local populations find information needed to fight for environmental justice and effectively conserve, restore and utilize natural resources

WHERE WE ARE GOING

As we look ahead to 2024 and beyond, HATOF Foundation pledges to advance the involvement of children, youth, women, and communities in the protection of the environment and the promotion of economic and sustainable development.

Building on the successes of 2023, we plan to forge ahead within the international and national climate policy processes; deepening our engagement in climate finance, advocating for equitable access to resources, and supporting Ghana's implementation of its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

SELECTED PARTNERS, SPONSORS & CLIENTS



HATOF PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN 2023- HIGHLIGHTS



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Project Implementation

4

Technical Support

2

Knowledge Development
and Management

5

Institutional
Strengthening

3

Policy Influence

SECTION 1 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

GREEN CLIMATE FUND PROJECTS

- GCF CSO Readiness Project
- GSLERP

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY-AHRC IMPACT ACCELERATION ACCOUNT

- Making the Dust Fly: Creating a Million Plus Conversations in Ghana on Home Cleaning and Superbugs

GREEN CLIMATE FUND (GCF) PROJECTS APPROVED AND ENGAGED IN



Background

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) Secretariat approved HATOF Foundation's Readiness Proposal for "Capacity Building and Knowledge Management on Climate Change for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Ghana towards the implementation of the Nationally Determined Contributions." The project marks the first Readiness targeting support to CSOs in Ghana and makes HATOF Foundation the first NGO in Africa to have a readiness proposal approved by the GCF.

The Readiness will build on and maximize the efforts of previous and existing support in climate change capacity-building related initiatives to ensure that CSOs in Ghana have access to relevant, up-to-date information about climate change trends and risks, receive suitable training, and have enhanced knowledge on climate financing and paradigm shift strategies.

OBJECTIVE

To strengthen the capacities of 10 Ghanaian CSO networks to contribute efficiently to the Nationally Determined Contributions planning and implementation processes.

Through:

1. Engaging the National Designated Authority, Direct Access Entities and GCF on project design, selection, budget preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation;
2. Developing a CSO-tailored training module on preparing funding proposals to leverage non-state actors' engagement with the GCF;

3. Developing a five-year Civil Society Climate Change Agenda and Action Plan; and
4. Developing GCF Concept note proposing how this initiative could be up-scaled nationally to facilitate agreement on direction and access to financing.

OUTCOME

Outcomes 1.3: CSOs have established adequate capacity, systems, and networks to support the planning, programming and implementation of GCF-funded activities

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Outcome 4.1: CSOs have capacity to develop high-quality pipeline of concept notes and effectively implement GCF-funded activities

2023 ACTIVITIES

Project Management Unit Meetings

Introductory Meeting with Capacity Needs Assessment Consultant and Identified CSOs

Consultative Meetings with National and International Consultants

2nd Project Steering Committee Meeting

FACT CHECK



Total Project Value:

USD 442,968

Project Duration:

2022-2024 (2 years)



Beneficiaries:

Direct- 10 CSO Networks currently engaged in the implementation of Rio Conventions (UNFCCC, CBD, UNCCD) and the National Designated Authority (NDA)

Indirect- over 200 CSOs; vulnerable and remote communities as well

Funder



Partners





2nd Project Steering Committee Meeting



Background

The Ghana Shea Landscape Emission Reductions Project seeks to enhance forest carbon stocks across the landscape by

- 1) restoring 200,000 hectares of off-reserve savannah forests/woodlands and placing them under self-financing community management in Community Resource Management Areas (CREMA);
- 2) restoring 100,000 hectares of degraded shea parklands;
- 3) creating 25,500 hectares of modified taungya system/forest plantation in severely degraded forest reserves, and;
- 4) implementing an integrated monitoring system and completing the national REDD+ architecture for safeguards, forest monitoring, and reporting systems.

The project will directly strengthen the livelihoods and climate resilience of 100,200 people (78,850 women and 21,350 men). Restoration of trees, decreased deforestation, and fire management covering almost 500,000 hectares will indirectly contribute to the retention of soil moisture, the reduction of evapotranspiration, and maintenance of soil fertility

Under the GSLERP, HATOF developed a project titled **'Community-based Shea Parklands Restoration in the Upper West Region of Ghana which is under implementation.**

This project will support the implementation of Outputs 2.1 and 2.2 of the GSLERP in partnership with a private sector- Agri-access Commodities Limited.

OUTPUT

Output 2.1: Restore and sustainably manage the shea parklands

Output 2.2: Strengthen the value chains for shea processing

HATOF will procure 70,373 shea seedlings and 9,651 non-shea seedlings; set up 2 community-based nurseries and transplant tree seedlings; and conduct fallow vegetation and sustainable parklands management.

2023 Major Activities

Procured nursery setup materials and equipment
Established 1 community-based nursery in Boli
Procured and nursed 20,000 shea seedlings and 2,500 non-shea seedlings
Employed 19 women to manage nursery in Boli
Trained 19 women cooperative members in parkland and nursery management.
10 women cooperative members and 1 man trained in group dynamics
Participated in GSLERP Partners' Learning Workshops organized by the Global Shea Alliance (GSA)

Fact Check



Total Project Value:
USD 150,000

Project Duration:
2023-2028 (5 years)



Beneficiaries:
12 women groups in Boli, Piisi and other communities of the Upper West Region of Ghana

Funder



Partners



Internal & external M&E visits to Nursery sites and communities

Engagement with Community Leaders



Boli Nursery setup activities





Seedlings Procured & Raised by women employed



Training sessions with Field Officers



Field Officers participate in Partner's Learning Workshop



Monitoring and Community Engagements

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY-AHRC IMPACT ACCELERATION ACCOUNT



Background

The Making the Dust Fly project sought to grow and accelerate the impact of the AHRC-funded “Dust Bunny project” (2018-2021) that combined design research with microbiology and epidemiological methods to address the challenge of reducing bacterial Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), which are harmful bacteria not responding to antibiotic treatment, also known as superbugs, in homes of differing socio-economic status in Ghana.

This initiative seeks to:

- Further assess the research impact, since the project end, of the interventions and collect more evidence;
- Widen community impact reach by disseminating more widely through media;
- Engage schools and schoolteachers to embed home cleaning and project insights into school extracurricular activities and
- Engage policymakers and other key stakeholders to disseminate project insights.

To accelerate the impacts of the Dust Bunny project, Lancaster University, UK and its partners (HATOF Foundation, Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research (NMIMR), and Meged Productions) collaborated to create a million-plus conversation in Ghana on home cleaning and superbugs under the Making the Dust Fly initiative.

OBJECTIVE

Under Objectives 3 & 4 of the Making the Dust Fly project, HATOF Foundation sought to:

- 1) engage (primary & secondary) schools and schoolteachers to embed home cleaning and project insights into school extra-curriculum, reaching at least two primary & secondary schools and 250 students in Greater Accra; and
- 2) engage policymakers and other key stakeholders to disseminate project insights and develop a policy brief.

2023 Major Activities

Stakeholder identification and mapping of schools, policymakers and collaborators within the Greater Accra Region of Ghana

Engaged headteachers and teachers in an Educators Impact Accelerator Workshop

Engaged Policy Makers and Collaborators in an Impact Accelerator Workshop

Design and Develop Policy briefs

Facilitate Workshop surveys

Fact Check



Total Project Value:
£ 12,297

Project Duration:
2023-2024 (1 year)



Beneficiaries:
Students, teachers, headteachers, policymakers and collaborators

Funder



Arts and Humanities Research Council

Partners

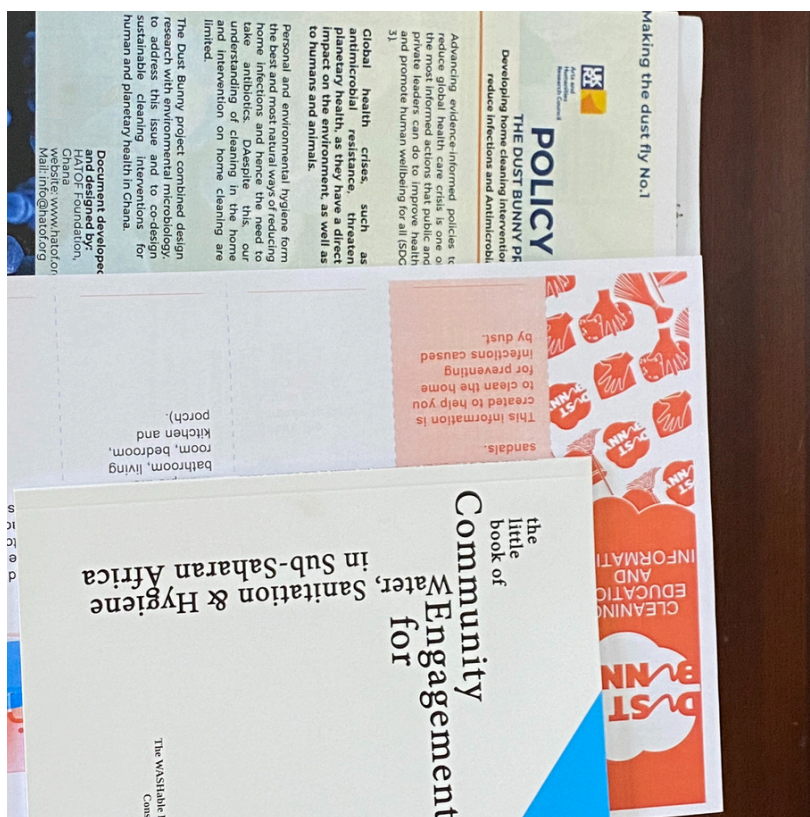
Lancaster University



Policymakers & Collaborators Impact Accelerator Workshop



Educators Impact Accelerator Workshop



Policy Brief designed by HATOF

SECTION 2 KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT

- Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) -UNITAR Capacity Building Program
- Climate Finance Academy: 2023 Capacity Building Program
- Capacity Building: Strengthening CSOs' Capacity in Methane Emissions Reduction in Ghana



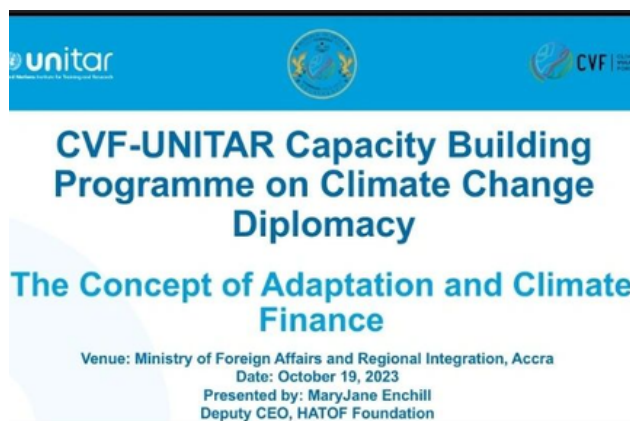
Background

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13 calls to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts with strong emphasis on further implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). While climate change is a global phenomenon, some countries are more vulnerable to a warming planet. Given this, the **Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF)** was created in 2009 as a South-South cooperation platform for collective action to address global climate change. In 2021, UNITAR partnered with the CVF to implement the CVF capacity-building fellowship which aims at strengthening the capacities of CVF member countries to be better positioned to raise awareness of the challenges and opportunities their countries face as a result of climate change and to advance the countries' priorities within UN processes. Nine fellows from CVF member countries were selected in 2023.

As part of the second component of the 2023 fellowship, training was delivered in Accra as a preparation for the participation of fellows in the 58th Session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies and COP28 .

Under this Training Programme, the Deputy CEO of HATOF Foundation- Ms. MaryJane Enchill was invited as an Expert Trainer to deliver a full-day training on Climate Change Adaptation and Climate Finance for the 2023 fellows of the CVF.

The session addressed what climate change adaptation is, the Global Goal of Adaptation, the adaptation policy cycle and strategies, adaptation in the global stock-take, and project concept notes and proposal development on adaptation to access international public and private finance. <https://shorturl.at/u8dAi>





Background

The Climate Finance Academy is a capacity-building program run by the YOUNGO Finance and Markets Working Group. The program offers a comprehensive three-month training for young individuals aged 18-35 who are passionate about addressing climate change and eager to develop expertise in climate finance and environmental justice.

The Climate Finance Academy has since 2022 trained 200 youth annually by convening experts to share knowledge, provide insights, and create spaces to discuss topics related to climate finance.

HATOF's Finance Expert- Ms. Enchill, a member of the YOUNGO Finance & Market Working Group supported the creation and design of the Academy in collaboration with key expert members. HATOF's expert moderated the final session of the four-week training program hosted by the Academy.

A total of 100 youth aged between 16 and 35 with basic to no knowledge of climate finance were selected from 2000 applications from 99 countries across the globe.

Ms. Enchill delivered on key focal areas of the Academy including an overview of the climate finance landscape, highlighting key actors and initiatives; the different climate finance approaches, including public funding sources, private sector investment, and innovative financing mechanisms; and the international climate finance negotiations and work programs. <https://shorturl.at/JoQRb>





Background

At COP26, in November 2021, Countries representing 45% of global methane emissions pledged to reduce their emissions by at least 30% below 2020 level by 2030. In Ghana, Methane has been identified to be the second most important Climate Pollutant (LLCP) after Carbon dioxide.

Greener Impact International (GII) in partnership with HATOF Foundation ahead of the 28th session of the Conference of Parties (COP28) to the UNFCCC, hosted a one-day workshop to build the capacity of Ghana's civil society on sources of methane gas and to empower them to develop high impact projects that deliver mitigation outcomes and enhance community resilience. The Workshop focused on key focal areas including global methane emission and its impact on the climate system; Ghana's actions against methane emission and global funding towards methane mitigation;

HATOF represented by Dr. Samuel Dotse in a Technical Panel Session shared HATOF's experiences in methane reduction in Ghana, and opportunities, barriers, and challenges drawing lessons from HATOF's partnership on the Lancaster University-led ACTUATE Project (2019-2021) implemented in Ghana.



SECTION 3 POLICY INFLUENCE



INTERNATIONAL POLICY INFLUENCE

ENGAGEMENT IN UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE COP28

The 28th meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP 27) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was held from 30th November to 12th December 2023 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, under the presidency of Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber.

HATOF Foundation was represented by its CEO, Dr. Samuel Dotse; Deputy CEO Ms. MaryJane Enchill; and Policy & Research Officer, Ms. Wynny Esi Menanor. Participation in the conference provided an opportunity to influence the negotiating text for the COP and provide up-to-date information for CSOs in Ghana and Africa. The organization focused on mobilizing sustainable finance towards mitigation and adaptation actions and loss and damage. Among other things, the organization successfully staged a side event at the conference of parties. It also advanced in strategic engagements with potential national and international organizations toward mutual and sustainable collaborations and partnerships.

With HATOF being the lead organizer, a side event was organized in collaboration with the Forestry Commission of Ghana and other partners, on the theme; ***“Partnerships for Sustainable Finance: ”Opportunities for Women and Youth to Accelerate Climate Action”***. The event showcased Ghana's actions on mobilizing finance for the implementation of climate actions leveraging women and youth partnerships,



HATOF Side Event





HATOF Exhibition Booth



Engagements with national & international partners



Environmental leaders from 185 countries gathered in Vancouver, Canada for the Seventh Assembly of the Global Environment Facility from August 22-26 2023. Building on recent diplomatic breakthroughs on biodiversity loss, toxic chemicals, and the high seas, the GEF Assembly was a critical stocktaking for 2030 goals to end pollution and nature loss, combat climate change, and propel inclusive, locally-led conservation and the landmark launch of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, a new source of funding for protecting species and ecosystems globally.

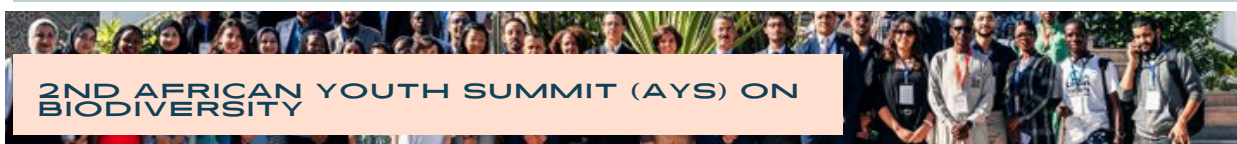
The GEF was selected to manage the new fund at the COP15 Convention on Biological Diversity. The Assembly brought together ministers, government officials, business leaders, environmentalists, leaders of international agencies, and environmental conventions along with representatives of youth groups, civil society, and Indigenous Peoples to discuss solutions to ensure a healthy planet with healthy people.

HATOF Foundation represented by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Ms. Enchill) participated in an Intergenerational Fireside Chat with [Peter MacDougall](#), Assistant Deputy Minister for Global Issues and Development, Global Affairs Canada; Grethel Aguilar, Acting Director General, IUCN, and other inspiring young people at the GEF7 Assembly.

The Deputy CEO advocated for an intergenerational solidarity and not charity in addressing the twin biodiversity loss and climate change crisis. She advanced that intergenerational collaborating responsibility is essential for sound policymaking, as young people play a crucial role in addressing environmental challenges like climate change and pollution. Youth tokenism, where youth are engaged solely for the cameras, is not enough- they need the skills and capacity to engage at the decision-making table. HATOF leveraged this platform to announce the HATOF Youth Climate Fellowship, which will be launched soon to offer mentorship for Ghanaian and African youth in addressing environmental challenges.



Ms. Enchill during the Fireside chat



The 2nd African Youth Summit on Biodiversity was organized by the Global Youth Biodiversity Network – Africa (GYBN Africa), in partnership with the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF), the Moroccan Youth Biodiversity Network, the Moroccan Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development and the Post2020 Biodiversity Framework – EU Support project implemented by Expertise France. The Summit set the scene for involving young people after the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), recalling the importance of a whole-of-society engagement, as anchored in its Target 22.

Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Ms. Enchill) representing HATOF Foundation was invited to speak on ***Unlocking Finance for the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and Youth-led Action*** at the 2nd AYS on Biodiversity in Rabat, Morocco.

The summit was themed, ***“From Awareness to Action: Empowering African Youth for Biodiversity Conservation,”*** and aimed to inspire the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at COP15 in Montreal, Canada, in 2022.

Ms. Enchill acknowledged that 70 percent of the African population is youth, but they are the least funded. To attract more funding, youth organizations must be legally registered, have technical and financial capacity, and align with national priorities and donors' objectives. Donors must finance technical capacity-building sessions for youth to understand donor requirements and commit to financing projects. Allocations to finance youth interventions should be mandatory in the support donors provide to the African government.
<https://shorturl.at/QtCx9>



Ms. Enchill delivering at the 2nd AYS



The 2023 Regional Conference of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) for West and Central Africa in Yaounde, Cameroon was hosted by the Ministry of Decentralization and Local Development and the United Councils and Cities of Cameroon (UCCC). The Forum brought together institutions charged with local development and supports the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), reinforcing local economic development, strengthening diversity and inclusive participation in local government election processes.

The 2023 theme ***“Building Back Better: Examining Social and Economic Strategies to Strengthen Resilience in West and Central Africa”*** advanced the sharing of experiences in strengthening resilience at the local government level.

Dr. Samuel Dotse, the Chief Executive Officer of the HATOF Foundation and a Representative of the Government of Ghana in the Keta Municipal Assembly was the Chairman of the Conference. He spoke on ***“Climate Change: Adaptation and Impact in West and Central Africa.”***

Dr. Dotse's intervention touched on the difficulties local governments face in disaster risks and preparedness, how they can leverage partnerships to improve their preparedness and responsiveness to climate challenges, and best practices and models for sustainable integration of the climate change agenda, policies, strategies, and programs in Ghana and across the region. The conference drew on experiences from across Commonwealth Local Government Forum membership, shared innovations, and highlighted opportunities to build back better in the context of a green post-pandemic recovery.



Dr. Samuel Dotse @ the CLGF

NATIONAL POLICY INFLUENCE

PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES

HATOF for over a decade has supported relevant national agencies and institutions and contributed significantly to national policy development and stakeholder consultative processes.

HATOF as a key CSO partner and leveraging the organization's network with key state institutions including the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI), and its agencies have supported relevant policy and program reviews, planning, development, and implementation.

NATIONAL KICK-OFF MEETING: INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT TOWARDS STRENGTHENING SUSTAINABLE OCEANS GOVERNANCE IN GHANA

HATOF participated in the National Kick-off meeting hosted by MESTI & UNEP to enhance sustainable ocean governance. HATOF in collaboration with relevant state and non-state actors supported the identification of key capacity needs of the Environment Directorate in the MESTI, EPA and LUSPA in carrying out their relevant mandates; provided an overview of existing environmental governance capacity gaps in the country; and co-designed a template to conduct similar institutional assessments for other relevant institutions in the future.

NATIONAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION ON ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION ACTIONS FOR TRANSITIONAL, TOGO PLATEAU AND COASTAL MANGROVES ZONES AND VALIDATION OF DRIVERS OF DEFORESTATION

As part of developing the Emission Reduction (ERs) potentials in line with Ghana's REDD+ Strategy, sub-national actors were engaged in 2022 on the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, as well as adaptation and mitigation actions in the Transition, Togo Plateau, and Coastal Mangrove zones. The National Stakeholder Consultation organized by the Ghana REDD+ Secretariat highlighted discussions, consolidated feedback, and validated proposed actions presented by relevant stakeholders including HATOF Foundation.





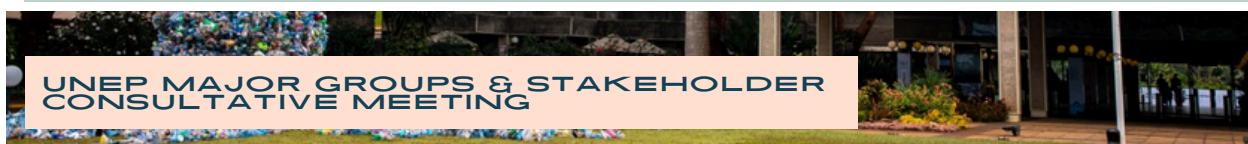
The 66th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) was hosted by the Parliament of Ghana in collaboration with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) in Accra, Ghana.

The 66th CPC was held under the theme, '***The Commonwealth Charter 10 years on: Values and Principles for Parliaments to Uphold***'. 2023 marks the 10th anniversary of the Commonwealth Charter which outlines the principles and values of the Commonwealth.

HATOF Foundation for over a decade has supported the Government of Ghana and the Parliament through knowledge management and policy advocacy to equip the Parliament of Ghana with environmental governance and policy knowledge and information.

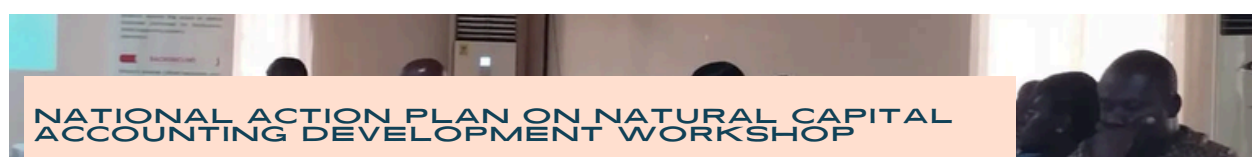
HATOF Foundation represented by the CEO and Deputy CEO participated in the Conference to support the Parliament of Ghana in solidarity with its values and principles towards strategic and sustainable partnerships with non-state actors in Ghana.





HATOF in 2023 gained Accreditation to the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and its Governing Bodies. HATOF had the privilege of participating in the Online International Consultation for Major Groups and Stakeholders towards the 6th UN Environment Assembly in 2024.

The Consultative Meeting aimed to engage the diverse range of stakeholders of the UNEP, including civil society, indigenous peoples, youth, and the private sector, in discussions towards a collective statement at the UNEA 6.

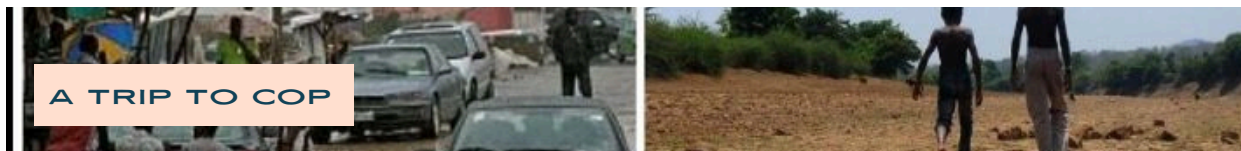


The Capacity for Natural Capital Accounting for Sustainable Development in Ghana Project led by Ghana Statistical Services (GSS) in a multi-stakeholder process sought to develop a set of 'demonstration accounts' on a theme linked to biodiversity and poverty alleviation. In a bid to better integrate ecosystems and biodiversity into national accounting and inclusive economic development planning, Ghana sought to build a National Action Plan for Natural Capital Accounting.

The National Action Plan Development Workshop organized by the GSS in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI) and the United Nations Environment Programme-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) sought to solicit for relevant inputs toward the development of a National Action Plan as an effective mechanism for integrating the real value of biodiversity across policy objectives into Ghana's economy.

HATOF Foundation participated in the Workshop to provide technical inputs and biodiversity knowledge towards the development of the Action Plan.





Understanding the international climate negotiation processes as a youth is essential as it empowers them to engage meaningfully in discussions, articulate their perspectives, and advocate for their priorities effectively. This knowledge equips them to support local and global climate initiatives, ensuring their voices and experiences are heard in decision-making processes that directly impact their futures. Being well-informed motivates young people to act and contribute to a sustainable and equitable climate solution.

The Trip to COP Webinar is a series hosted by the Youth Climate Council (YCC), Ghana, and its partners to educate young people on the climate decision-making processes at the Conference of Parties, and in preparation for COP participation by the youth.

The Deputy CEO of HATOF Foundation was invited to speak on ***the Purpose of the Conference of Parties and the role of diverse stakeholders*** in a Webinar Series on the Trip to COP. Her presentation touched on the history of the UNFCCC, the design, structure, and significance of the Conference of the Parties (COP), the negotiation process, and the role of various stakeholders at the COP. <https://shorturl.at/eQSFe>



Session I

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Speaker



Mary Jane Enchill
Deputy - CEO, HATOF Found



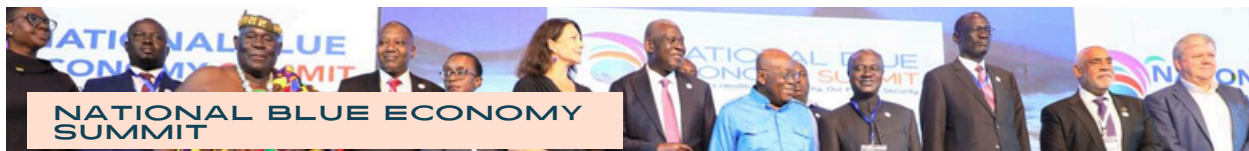
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The Maiden National Blue Economy Summit was hosted and launched by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Advisory Unit at the Office of the Presidency, in partnership with the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI); the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development, the Royal Norwegian Embassy and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The 2023 Summit was dubbed: ***"Our Ocean's Health, Our Prosperity, Our Planet's Security"***, which sought to mobilize collective action to raise awareness of the need to urgently address the critical challenges facing the ocean and to highlight the opportunities that the ocean offers for the country's economic transformation.

HATOF was present at the Summit to engage in high-level dialogues on the seven key areas relating to the ocean and addressing policy gaps in Ghana.





CACCI was designed to support the Africa Climate Change Strategy launched under the auspices of the African Union (AU). In the Ghana case, the Institute of Statistical Social and Economic Research (ISSER) sought to undertake a stocktaking exercise to map existing key stakeholders, policies, programs and investments that are relevant to matters concerning climate change mitigation and adaptation, while also assessing how alternative approaches towards adherence to the Paris Agreement mandates, may influence national policy priorities and ex-ante assessment of likely tradeoffs and outcomes of particular courses of action.

The Pilot Programme, hosted by ISSER in Ghana sought to sensitize key stakeholders and collaborate with relevant Climate Change Working Groups in Ghana to refine project activities; assess the current status of Ghana concerning declared goals and targets under the NDCs and NAPs, as well as changes required to achieve these (Country Status Assessment Report); identify metrics and indicators to measure Ghana's NDCs and NAPs targets, define milestones, measure progress, and track and review implementation performance (Implementation Results Framework); and undertake ex-ante analysis of alternative mitigation approaches on GH-NDCs and NAPs targets, and the effects of alternative mitigation and adaptation approaches on national policy objectives, mitigation and adaption goals, and targets.

HATOF Foundation participated in the launch to reinforce its commitment and dedication to supporting the planning and implementation of Ghana's commitments under the Nationally Determined Contribution and National Adaptation Plan.





HIGH-LEVEL FORUM ON NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTING

The Government of Ghana with support from the World Bank Global Programme on Sustainability (GPS) in partnership with the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) worked towards institutionalizing Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) to better inform decision-making processes. NCA demonstrates the contribution and value of natural capital to sustainable development. Ghana's NCA agenda began in 2016 and has since progressed to build technical capacity for the development of Wealth and Adjusted Macroeconomic Indicators (AMEL) Accounts, Land and Ecosystem Extent Accounts, and Ecosystem Services Accounts using the United Nations System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) Central Framework as a guide.

Under the auspices of the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology, and Innovation (MESTI), and in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS), the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) and other relevant stakeholders, a High-level Forum on Natural Capital Accounting for Sustainable Development was held in Accra to showcase preliminary results from Ghana's NCA work and discuss the policy implications with policymakers and other relevant stakeholders including civil society, and the private and financial sectors.

HATOF Foundation participated in the Forum delivering insights and technical knowledge to support biodiversity management; strengthen capacity for the NCA; mainstream into policy dialogue and contribute to informing investments into projects, including the Ghana Landscape Restoration and Small-Scale Mining Programme (GLRSSMP) among others.



The Global Shield and Global Risk Modeling Alliance (GRMA) process sought to identify Ghana's financing needs and gaps to combat accelerating climate and disaster risks. The Global Shield aimed to make pre-arranged resources available to improve risk management in a climate-insecure world, including Ghana. Ghana, the Chair of the Vulnerable Twenty (V20) Group of Finance Ministers and a Global Shield pathfinder country faces a high risk of natural hazards and disasters that have impacted people's livelihoods.

The Government of Ghana took preliminary steps in activating the G7- and V20-led Global Shield against Climate Risks. The Workshop hosted by the Ministry of Finance in Ghana invited relevant stakeholders including civil society to discuss Ghana's strategies and priorities on climate and disaster risk finance and insurance and learn more about the objectives and available support from the Global Shield initiative and the Global Risk Modeling Alliance (GRMA).

HATOF Foundation was well-represented by the CEO and Deputy at the launch of Ghana's In-Country Process for the Global Shield and GRMA. The launch was graced by high-level dignitaries including Ghana's Finance Minister and V20 Chair - Ken Ofori-Atta, Ghana's Environment Minister - Kwaku Afriyie, the German Ambassador to Ghana - Daniel Krull, the Japanese Ambassador to Ghana - Mochizuki Hisanobu, and the United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO) Development Director to Ghana - Beth Cadman, Head of Cooperation of the EU Delegation to Ghana - Massimo Mina, and other Ghanaian and international stakeholders. <https://shorturl.at/stnTR>



SECTION 4 TECHNICAL SUPPORT



The International Organization for Migration (IOM) acknowledges the need for societal mobilization, including the diaspora, to address climate change challenges. However, national governments often have little or no awareness of the willingness and capacity of the diaspora to support climate action. Their support has generally been limited to national development objectives and financial support, mainly remittances (cash or in-kind), leaving them on the fringes of climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives. It has also been noted that the diaspora lacks information on climate change priorities in their countries of origin and the channels through which they can effectively participate in climate action.

The IOM, UK, in partnership with the IOM Ghana Country Office, under the initiative ***"Diaspora for Climate Action (DC)"*** project sought to strengthen global action on climate change through diaspora engagement and direct contribution to national climate action initiatives. The project sought to assess the opportunities and challenges of engaging UK-based diaspora communities from Ghana in climate action in their countries of origin.

The Expert Team of HATOF Foundation supported the completion of a multi-country case study by leading the literature review and data collection components of the case study in Ghana. The HATOF Team (National Consultant) conducted a thorough literature review, designed an appropriate research design and data collection tools, collected data through Focused Group Discussions and Key Informant Interviews, analyzed data, and developed a Comprehensive Report and presentation material (PowerPoint) highlighting findings and recommendations from the case study which was validated.



FGDs with Government Agencies, Private Sector, Civil Society & Financial Sector actors



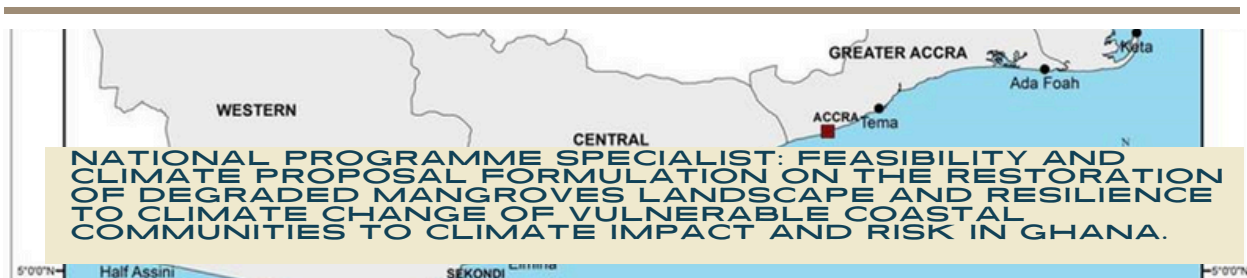
HATOF is a member of NDA TAC, providing policy guidance and independent technical assessment for accreditation and funding proposals in Ghana. HATOF serves on the TAC to bring CSOs perspectives to project design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. HATOF and other Committee members work with the Ministry of Finance to review projects and programmes aligned with national priorities for submission to the Green Climate Fund.



HATOF Foundation is a partner of the Africa Research and Innovation Partnership Initiative. The Africa Research and Innovation Partnership (ARIP) is a distinctive inter-disciplinary, multi-sectoral consortium facilitating dialogue between member institutions to explore collaborative research, training, and capacity building. Through ARIP, key trusted African partners will be brought together to create an inter-disciplinary, multi-sectoral research and innovation consortium. This will bring visibility to all and allow partners as a consortium to explore opportunities to conduct research and capacity-building activities that maximize the reach and impact across the African continent.

ARIP seeks to build on communication and capacity-building strategies developed by the UK-funded Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) RECIRCULATE and ACTUATE projects. HATOF partnered with the Lancaster University, UK, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research - Institute for Industrial Research, Green Advocacy Ghana, and the Umar Bun Hatab Islamic School to implement the RECIRCULATE and ACTUATE Projects in Ghana.

HATOF graced the Official Launch of the Africa Research and Innovation Partnership at the British High Commissioner's residence in Accra.

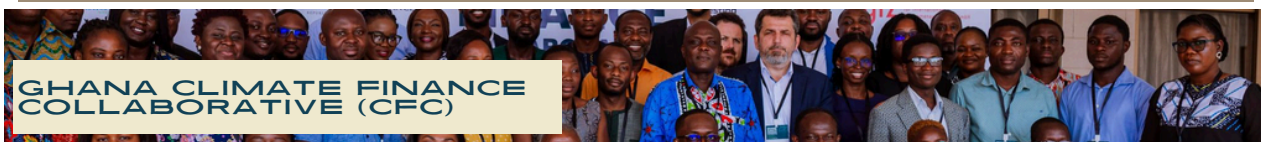


The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI) of Ghana entered into a Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) to mobilize climate finance from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to restore degraded mangroves landscape and build the resilience of vulnerable coastal communities to climate impact and risks in Ghana. The TCP's activities sought to aid the formulation of a Concept Note and develop proposal documents for GCF. It seeks to help in conducting necessary baseline assessments and feasibility studies, and establishing the veritable climate rationality for the specific climate change adaptation and mitigation for the protection of mangroves and wetlands along the coasts of Greater Accra, Volta, Central, and Western Regions of Ghana.

The Climate Change Expert of HATOF Foundation supported the TCP as the National Programme Specialist to contribute directly to the development of the funding proposal to the GCF and indirectly coordinate related activities that ensure mobilizing adequate funding for the proposal formulation, all in contribution to the GH-NDCs implementation. The Expert supported the National Technical Working Group (NTWG) in identifying and mapping stakeholders relevant to the project development and led the Field Mission of the NTWG to collect relevant data and information from relevant stakeholders (local government, traditional and community leaders and local community members) within the coastal belt of Ghana (Greater Accra, Volta, Central, and Western Regions) towards the development of the Concept note and proposal on Mangroves and Coastal Resilience to the GCF.



Field Mission Engagements



The Ghana Climate Finance Collaborative sought to increase the volume of climate financing in Ghana by i) bringing together government institutions, private sector, and non-state actors through collaborations and capacity building; ii) outlining a clear definition of what constitutes climate finance in Ghana; ii) assessing the opportunities for financial institutions and businesses to engage internationally, particularly at events such as COPs and other relevant platforms, to enhance their climate finance practice; and iv) highlighting the needs and gaps of financial institutions to enable their active participation in climate finance and unlock local financing.

HATOF Foundation supported (Pro Bono Service) the Ministry of Finance and Impact Investing Ghana (IIGh) to conduct in-depth research and analysis, and provide actionable recommendations towards the collaborative objectives; propose a clear definition of what constitutes climate finance in Ghana and opportunities for financial institutions and businesses to profitably contribute to the Climate Prosperity Plans, Ghana National Climate Change Policy, and Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement; review existing literature, policies, and frameworks related to climate finance in Ghana; conduct stakeholder consultations (1st & 2nd Stakeholder Convening Workshops) with government agencies, municipalities, financial institutions, and businesses to identify gaps and opportunities; analyze international best practices and successful climate finance models for potential adaptation in Ghana; and prepare comprehensive reports and presentations based on the research findings.



2nd Stakeholder Convening

SECTION 5 INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

One of HATOF's Strategic Areas is Institutional Strengthening and development. This strategic area aims to enhance HATOF's operational effectiveness in terms of governance, communication, resource mobilization, capacity development, service delivery, and monitoring and evaluation to ensure the achievement of HATOF's strategic objectives.

TRAINING ON CONCEPT & PRINCIPLES OF BLUE ECONOMY

The Chief Executive Officer of HATOF Foundation facilitated a one-day training session staff members on **the Principles of the Blue Economy**. The session focused on the sustainable economic development of oceans, seas, and coastal areas, emphasizing the balance between economic growth, environmental protection, and social inclusion. Staff members were enlightened on the synergies among key sectors such as fisheries, aquaculture, marine tourism, renewable energy, and maritime transport in Ghana in the pursuit of promoting sustainability, innovation, and resilience to climate change. The training explored international frameworks like UNCLOS and SDG 14, governance strategies, and stakeholder collaboration. Through case studies and best practices, participants learned to integrate the blue economy principles into oceans and coastal-related project proposal developments and implementation in Ghana.

TRAINING ON INCEPTION REPORT WRITING

To equip staff members with fundamental skills and knowledge in project report writing, staff members were trained in **Inception Report Writing Skills**. The training session equipped participants with the skills to draft comprehensive reports that outline the initial stages of a project, ensuring clarity in objectives, scope, methodology, timelines, and resource allocation. The training covered essential components such as background structuring, preliminary and stakeholder engagement plans, risk and challenges projections, and monitoring frameworks. Emphasis was placed on aligning the report with project goals, donor requirements, and organizational standards. Through practical exercises and case studies, participants learned to develop structured, concise, and actionable inception reports that serve as blueprints for successful project implementation and evaluation.

SECTION 6 ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

ACCREDITATION TO THE UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)

In 2023, HATOF Foundation gained accreditation as an observer to the United Nations Environment Programme and its Governing Bodies - the United Nations Environment Assembly and Subsidiary Organs.

HATOF INCORPORATION IN CANADA

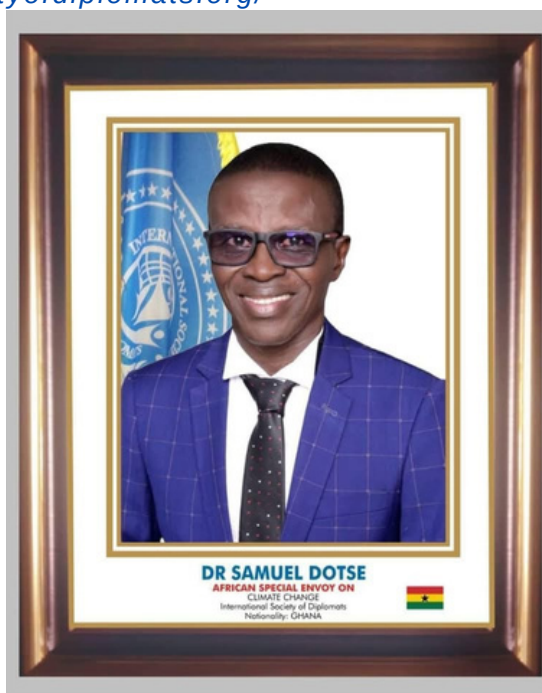
In 2023, HATOF Foundation was incorporated in Canada under the Canada not-for-profit Corporations Act with certificate number 1553869-6.

RECOGNITION BY THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF DIPLOMATS (ISD)

The Chief Executive Officer of HATOF Foundation **Dr. Samuel Dotse** was appointed by the International Society of Diplomats (ISD) in 2023 as the ***African Special Envoy on Climate Change***. This appointment will leverage Dr. Dotse's expertise to provide expert advice for governments on issues related to the environment and climate change in Africa for a two-year term.

The ISD is an A-class International Organization, founded to promote international diplomacy through friendship, trade and investment, international cooperation, peace, and social justice, for the development and advancement of humanity.

<https://internationalsocietyofdiplomats.org/>



RECOGNITION BY THE KETA MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY & ANLO TRADITIONAL COUNCIL

A Durbar in honor of Dr. Samuel Dotse was held on March 30, 2023, to bestow the **“Distinguished Award for Meritorious Service”**. The award was given in honor of Dr. Dotse’s immeasurable support and dedication to the sustainable socioeconomic development of the Keta Municipality and the Anlo Traditional Area.

Dr. Samuel Dotse was appointed as the Government of Ghana’s appointee to the Keta Municipal Assembly in 2022.



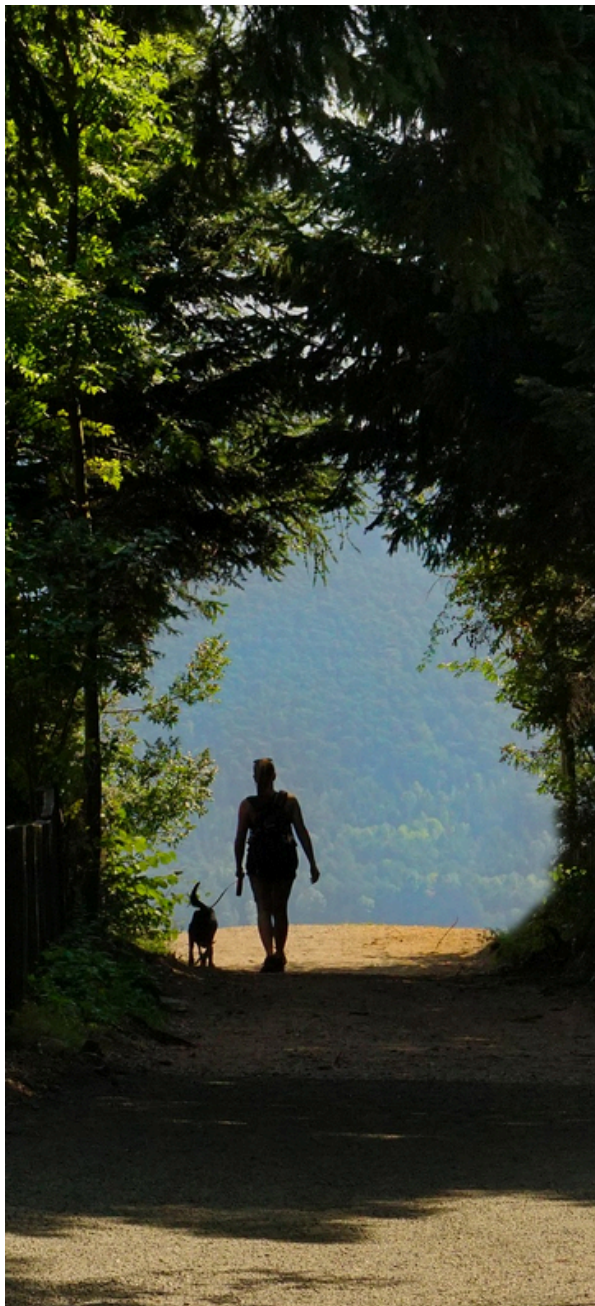
RECOGNITION BY THE AFRICA CONTINENTAL ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION NETWORK (ACECN)

The Chief Executive Officer of HATOF Foundation was honored by the Africa Continental Engineering & Construction Network (ACECN) with the **“Excellence in Professional Service Award in Climate Finance Mobilization and Training”** on December 14, 2023. <https://www.instagram.com/acecnltd/p/C0bU9g3tIVH/>

The Africa Continental Engineering & Construction Network is a collaborative platform that aims to enhance the engineering and construction sectors across Africa through knowledge sharing, innovation, and partnerships. <https://acecnltd.com/>



WHAT WE LEARNT



Policy and Programme Development & Implementation

- *Cross-Sector Collaboration Maximizes Policy Impact:* HATOF's partnerships with governmental, private, and international organizations, such as the Ministry of Finance, and ARIP, emphasized that multi-sectoral collaboration is key to achieving broader environmental and climate goals
- *Knowledge Sharing is Critical for Climate Action.*

Project Identification, Development & Management

- *Continuous Monitoring and Learning Enhances Project Success:* Regular monitoring and community engagement, as seen in initiatives like the GSLEP nursery activities, highlighted that adaptive management and learning from implementation challenges are essential for long-term success
- *Integrating Gender Perspectives Enhances Sustainability:* Projects such as the Community-based Shea Parklands Restoration emphasized the importance of involving women in environmental initiatives. Empowering women through employment and training fosters inclusive development and improves project outcomes.

Institutional Strengthening & Development: HATOF's efforts in institutional strengthening, such as capacity-building programs for CSOs under the GCF Readiness Project and contributions to NDATAAC, underscore the importance of robust institutions in driving climate action and policy implementation. These initiatives demonstrated that strengthening governance frameworks, systems, and stakeholder collaboration mechanisms enhances the ability to deliver impactful and scalable environmental solutions

2023 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Established one community-based Nursery in the Boli community of the Upper West Region.
- 20,000 shea seedlings and 2,500 non-shea seedlings
- The International Society of Diplomats appointed the Chief Executive Officer as the African Special Envoy on Climate Change.
- Provided Pro Bono services to the Ministry of Finance under the Climate Finance Collaborative Initiative.
- Trained HATOF staff members on the principles of blue economy and report writing skills.
- Joined the Africa Research and Innovation Partnership.
- Recognitions of the CEO by the Keta Municipal Assembly and Anlo Traditional Council; and Africa Continental Engineering & Construction Network (ACECN).
- Accredited Observer status to the UNEP.
- Official registration of HATOF Foundation in Canada.

ABOUT OUR FUTURE

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ACTIVITIES

"THE FUTURE IS NOT
SOMETHING TO PREDICT. THE
FUTURE IS SOMETHING TO
BUILD."

~ FRANCO ONGARO

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PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

- GCF CSO Readiness Project
- GSLERP
- Partnership Activities with Lancaster University, UK
- UNFCCC Conference of Parties
- UNCBD Conference of Parties
- UNCCD Conference of Parties

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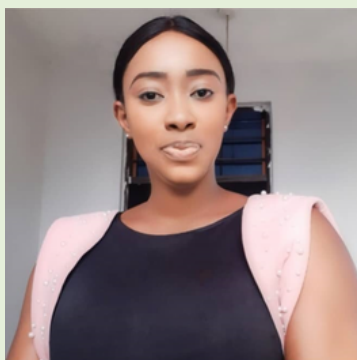
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