



**INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE  
AND  
COP-27 ADVOCACY TRAINING**



**Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
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# AHEAD OF COP27

**GLOBAL STUDENTS  
COP27 PRE-SUMMIT**



**10 – 14 OCTOBER 2022**



**ANGE HILL HOTEL, ACCRA - GHANA**



**THEME:**

**STUDENTS UNITED FOR THE PLANET**



**COP27**  
SHARM EL-SHEIKH  
EGYPT 2022



**United Nations** Climate Change  
Global Climate Action



**OBESSU**  
Organising Bureau of  
European School Student Unions



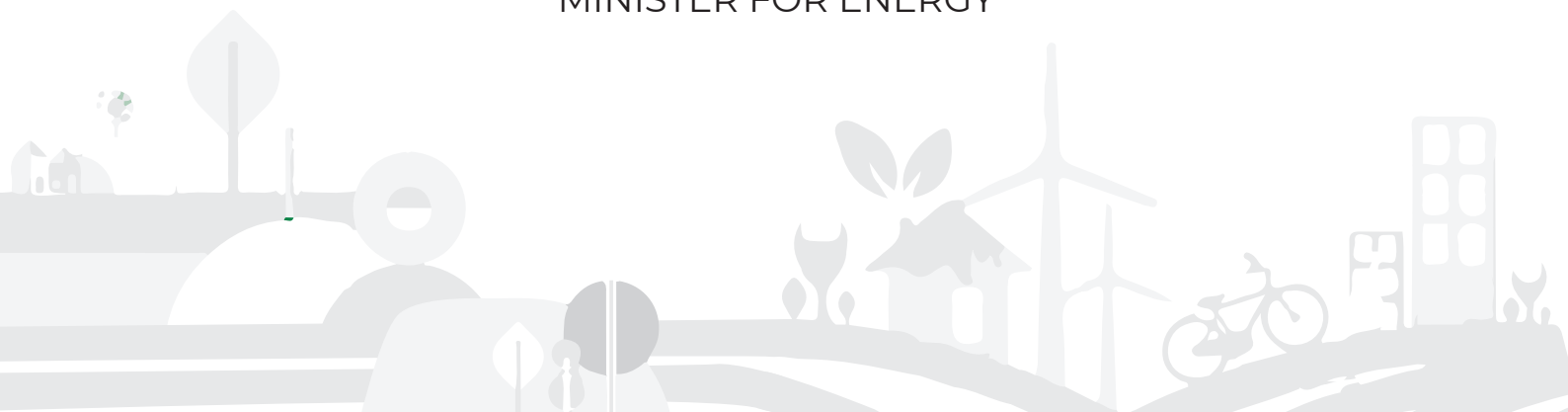


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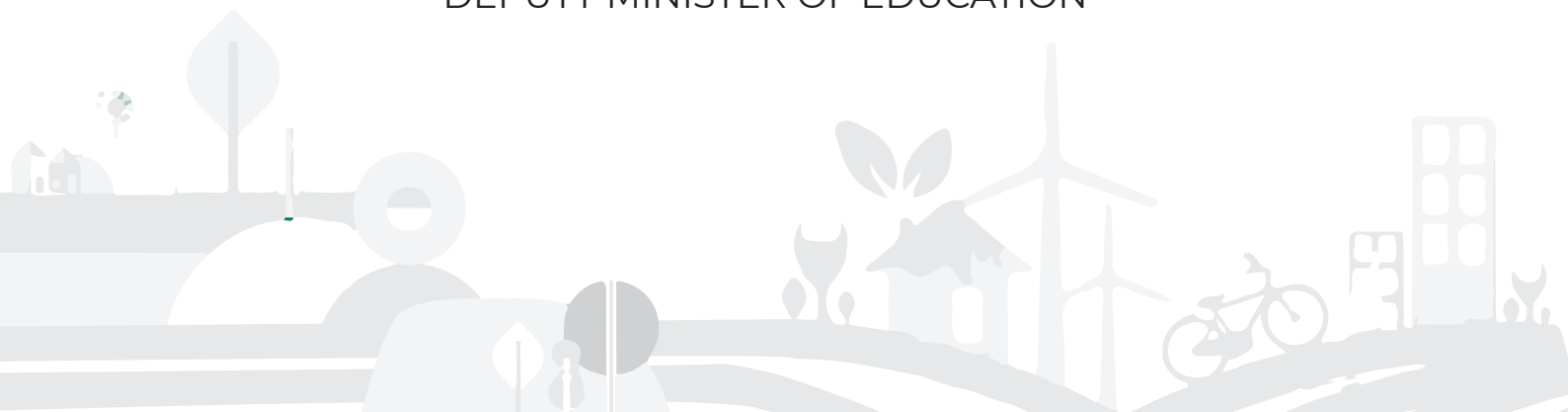
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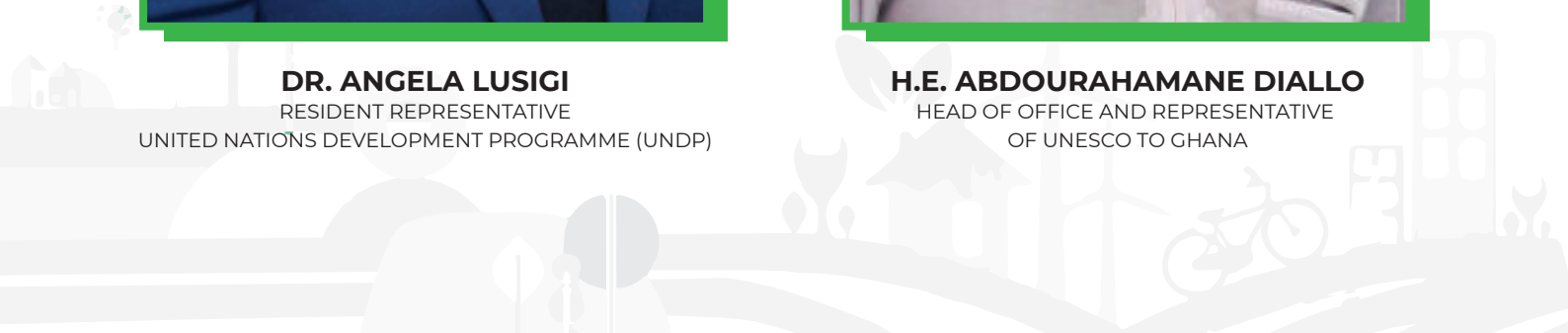
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# BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT







## International Environmental Justice And Cop-27 Advocacy Training

Scientists agree that climate change represents the greatest threat humanity has ever faced. Over-consumption of natural resources, mass extinction of species, lasting damages caused by pollution and persisting social injustices are well documented.

As students, we listen to and stand behind the scientific community and understand that we need to act in unity and with urgency, to defend current and future generations and our ecosystem at large. We also recognise the importance of amplifying the leadership of countries and communities most impacted by climate change yet have contributed little to its creation, including the Global South and Indigenous Peoples.

Over the past two decades, it was most prominently students and young people who took the battle for a safe and dignified future to the streets, creating an unprecedented momentum for climate action by taking the lead in raising awareness of human-made climate change and its catastrophic consequences for people and our planet.

As a platform for both formal and informal student-led initiatives, the Global Student Forum recognises its convening power to build collaboration between the regional, national and local student unions and organisations within its membership and other student and youth-led climate and biodiversity movements and to create a highly connected, mobilised and effective political movement.

National and Regional Unions of Students already have very good contacts with education ministries and have had historic success in influencing policy decisions through negotiation and, whenever necessary, through mobilisations on the streets. Now is the time to expand this mandate towards environmental ministries by making climate justice an integral part of the student movement's efforts on the regional, national and local levels.

Ahead of the 27th session of the UN Climate Change Conference 2022 (COP27), which will take place 7-18 November 2022 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, we are looking to use this meeting to mobilise student and youth voices at the global level to inform policy at the COP27. Using masterclasses, expert panels, mock sessions, and workshops, the Accra Summit will catalogue shared experiences about the impact(s) of climate change on education across the world and key political action needed to adopt sustainability initiatives to safeguard education.

60 climate activists from all over the world will converge in Accra in what has been dubbed COP27 Global Students Pre-Summit.





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## PROGRAM OUTLINE OPENING DAY





**ANGE HILL HOTEL, EAST LEGON  
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**11 OCTOBER 2022 | 1:00 PM**

TIME	ACTIVITY	REMARKS
1:00 PM	Guests Seated	
	Introduction of Guests	
	Chairperson's Opening Remarks	Hon. John Ntim Fordjour Deputy Minister for Education
	Welcome Address	Peter Kwasi KODJIE Secretary-General (AASU)
	Solidarity Remarks	National Union of Ghana Students GSF Steering Committee Members 100 Million Campaign UNDP Resident Representative UNESCO Country Representative Head of EU Delegation, Ghana EI Africa Regional Director
	Address by Special Guest	H.E Ambassador Kingdom of Morocco
	Statement	Sebastian Berger Executive Director (GSF)
	Musical Interlude	
3:00 PM	Keynote Address	Hon. Kwaku Afriyie Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation
	Keynote Address	Hon. Henry Kwabena Kokofu CEO, Environmental Protection Agency
	Keynote Address	Hon. Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh Minister for Energy
	Keynote Address	Hon. Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey Minister for Foreign Affairs & Regional Integration
	Chairperson's Closing Remarks	Hon. John Ntim Fordjour Deputy Minister of Education
	Photographs	
3:00 PM	Closing	





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# TRAINING AND INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY BUILDING





DAY & TIME	FOCUS
<p>Monday 10 October</p>	<p>Delegates arrive in Accra</p>
<p>Tuesday 11 October</p>	<p><b>FOCUS: Establishing a shared vision</b></p> <p><b>9.00am:</b> Arrival and welcome</p> <p><b>9.30am: Vision for climate education &amp; justice: the role of higher education (GSF)</b>  <i>AIM: provide framing and focus for training outputs</i></p> <p><i>Session: Envisioning climate justice</i>  <i>Group activity/training:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing a shared understanding of climate injustice</li> <li>• Creating a collective vision for climate justice</li> <li>• Envisioning ambitions for climate justice education</li> </ul> <p><b>10.30pm: BREAK</b></p> <p><b>11.00am: Panel session: International mobilisations for COP27</b>  <i>AIM: Build delegate capacity and ambition for GSF student statement for COP27</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing actions from: Mock COP (20mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Actions</li> <li>o Advocacy aims</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sharing actions from: AOYCS (20mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Advocacy</li> <li>o Campaign asks</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul> <p><b>12.00pm: LUNCH</b></p> <p><b>1:00pm Formal Opening Session</b></p> <p><b>3.30pm: BREAK</b></p> <p><b>4.00pm: Regional updates</b>  Each region to share:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• their national policy/ priorities for climate justice and climate education</li> <li>• what their regionals students' association has done to date, what they are currently doing and what their future priorities are</li> <li>• How they have engaged (if at all) with UN Climate conferences to date</li> <li>• How they plan to mobilise (if at all) for COP27</li> </ul> <p><b>5.00pm: Close day 1</b></p> <p><i>Dinner plans TBC</i></p>





**DAY & TIME**

**FOCUS**

Wednesday  
12 October

**FOCUS: collaborative advocacy and mobilising international student voice**

**9.00am: What does meaningful climate justice education look like?**

Plenary followed by group work

**1.00pm: LUNCH**

**2.00pm: Afternoon session: Advocating for policy ambition: Climate justice education (training focussed)**

Plenary followed by group work

- Reviewing existing policy
- Exploring ambitions for impactful policy
- Creating collective voice and mobilisation
- National, regional and international approaches

**4.30pm:** Groups share back collective ambitions for impactful policy - follow with discussion on what this can look like internationally, regionally and nationally

**5.30pm: Close day 2**

**Dinner plans TBC**

Thursday  
13 October

**9.00am - 2.00pm: Local Tourism**

**FOCUS: What next, action for COP27**

**2.30pm: Reflecting on Learnings so far (days 1 & 2)**

Plenary followed by group work

**2.45pm: Collaborative Mapping**

- Turning aspirations into joined up action
- Identifying who to engage and how to work

**4.00pm: Agreeing on Next Steps**

- Distributing roles and responsibilities to take next steps
- Identifying national, regional and international events and actions taking place around COP27
- Looking beyond COP27

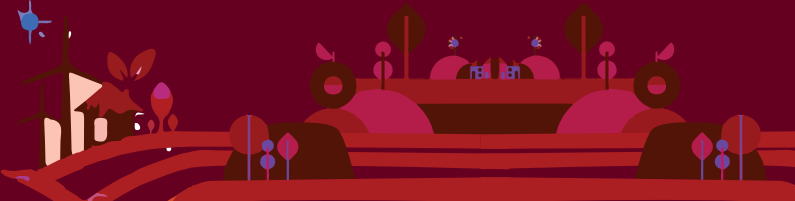
**5.00pm: Creating Joint Statement for Climate Justice Education from Global Youth**

- Pulling together visions for climate justice/ climate education and collective ambitions for policy level implementation

**6.00pm: Closing Remarks**





DAY & TIME	FOCUS
	<p><b>6.30pm: Close of International Environmental Justice Pre-COP27 Student Summit</b></p> <p><b>7.30pm: Dinner and Leisure Evening Programme</b></p>
<p>Friday 14 October</p>	<p><b>Delegates depart from Accra</b></p> <p><b>Closed Session: Steering Committee Meeting</b></p> 





**GLOBAL  
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FORUM**

# WHO ARE WE?







## What is the Global Student Forum?

The Global Student Forum is the umbrella organisation of the world's major representative student federations and the only independent, democratic and representative student governance structure dedicated to promoting the rights and perspectives of student organisations and movements on the global level.

The organisation was founded in 2020 by the All-Africa Students Union (AASU), Commonwealth Students' Association (CSA), European Students' Union (ESU), Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions (OBESSU), Organización Continental Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Estudiantes (OCLAE) and other national student organisations. Through its membership, it currently represents 202 student unions from 122 countries.

Incubated within the legal structure of Education International, the GSF offices are located within the headquarters of Education International in Brussels, Belgium.

## What is our Mission?

### Networking

The GSF is a platform for student organisations to exchange ideas, practices and tactics. It allows us as student movements and grassroots activists from around the world to build relationships and networks with like minded organisations and natural allies such as teachers and trade unions.

### Solidarity

The GSF amplifies the struggles of student organisations and movements around the world, whether campaigns against rising costs for education or violence in our institutions. It draws attention to student movements where they face political repression, discrimination and police brutality. It enables us, as student activists and leaders, to connect with our counterparts in other countries, lessening our sense of isolation and building solidarity. In this way, it is mutually empowering and acts as a beacon in the darkness for students facing social injustice and rights abuses.

### Capacity Building

The GSF builds the capacity of student organisations and movements where they are weak or nascent. It organises training sessions and exchanges through which we can learn from each other and strengthen our work. The overarching objective is to establish a culture that ensures the sustainable transfer of knowledge and preservation of organisational memory within student movements, so we can bridge the gaps caused by a high turnover of activists and leaders.

### Cooperation

The GSF is a platform for student movements to work together on issues of common concern. It facilitates the engagement of genuine, representative and legitimate student organisations and movements with the institutional framework of the United Nations and UNESCO specifically. Special attention is being paid to the ongoing discourse on sustainable development, financing of education as well as the democratisation and accountability of governance structures.





## Analysis and Strategy

The GSF provides a space for student organisations and movements for research, analysis and strategy development on contemporary issues and changes in student governance and education systems. The GSF promotes strategies for effective student responses to societal and education issues.

## Advocacy

The GSF strengthens and amplifies the voice of student organisations and movements on the global level by engaging in advocacy issues and lobby work on behalf of its membership. With a strong emphasis on formal and informal international decision making spaces, it combats practises of tokenism and cherry picking to ensure fair and legitimate representation of students on the global level. Informed by the first hand experience of its constituency, it provides space for genuine dialogue with the overarching aim to influence policy outcomes.

## What Are Our Core Values?

### Education

We affirm that education is a fundamental and universal right. Education has played a key role in the development of countries. Students are key constituents and creators of education planning and development. When we defend the right to free, publicly funded, high quality, education, we defend the rights of intellectual freedom and people's desire for equal social and economic opportunity.

### Feminism

We understand that feminist politics in student organisations and movements are important for political, economic, personal, and social equality. We recognise the rights of women and girls and stand together with all people because our struggles are interconnected and we are resolute in our fight to uphold the rights of people in every country.

### Environmental Justice

Science clearly shows that the current way of living is not sustainable. Climate change caused by human activity, over-consumption of natural resources, mass extinction of species, lasting damages caused by pollution and persisting social injustices are well documented. As ecologists, we are fighting the destruction of the planet and working towards a safe and dignified life for our species in the future.

### Democracy

We are united by the beliefs that democratic, representative and independent student movements are essential and that they should be able to operate without repression. We are fighting for free, public, accountable education that guarantees equal opportunity for everyone without discrimination. We campaign against segregation and defend the rights of the marginalised. We are against war as a means of resolving conflict and are using solidarity as a way to build peace; and we stand for the human rights of the displaced, migrants and people forced to live under occupation.

### Human Rights and Solidarity

We come together to urgently develop solidarity and collaboration, in order to achieve educational justice and as allies in a wider struggle for democracy, social justice and human rights. We do so by building a platform that practices democratic values itself, energising our collective action and building democracy through our own horizontal structure, putting the aspirations and needs of student representative bodies at the forefront of our work. We are committed to serving established student organisations and networks but also to incubating and supporting new groups as they arise.





## Global Cooperation

Our cooperation is based on shared values which direct the way we work and what we want to achieve. As student movements, we share a common fight for meaningful participation in the decisions that shape our lives, the future of the societies we live in and the planet we live on.

## Political Priorities

The Steering Committee of the Global Student Forum has identified eight political priorities as key to advancing its objectives and achieving its mission.



Covid 19



Democracy, Human Rights and Solidarity



Quality Education for All



Environmental Justice



Equality



Gender Justice



Public Policy



Racial Justice

## Organisational Priorities

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Capacity Building and Organisational Development



Finances and Sustainable Funding



Membership



Network and Outreach





# STEERING COMMITTEE





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