

ACTION/POSITION STATEMENT 1.

Moving towards a decade of ecosystem restoration as declared by the United Nations Environment Programme, it is necessary for mobilization of actions to redress and restore nature. The United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration is a global initiative aimed at recovering the earth and ensuring that people and wildlife live in harmony. Environmentalists are united by the Decade's goal of avoiding and restoring ecosystem services. Wetlands, water fowl, marine life, and the coastal environment all face grave threats. Upon this ambition, we Youth of Ghana come to treaty and bond to contribute towards the preservation and sustainable use of wetlands in Ghana through the Ghana Wetlands Sustainability Conference.

SUSTAINABILITY IS A "PROCESS" IT STARTS WITH US.

Our Actions.

- + **Multidisciplinary Research Agenda.** The conference pointed out from the presentation by Mr. Emmanuel Okyere that urban encroachment is capturing most part of Muni-Pomadze, the Songoor and Sakumonor Ramsar site. On this premise, we shall conduct a voluntary Environmental Impact Assessment report using the complex DPSIR model. This action shall help shape and plan the future of Wetlands in Ghana.
- + There has long been evidence that **behavioural changes** could help reduce unsustainable consumption patterns and their impact on the environment (Wetlands). We urge all citizens, particularly those who live near wetlands, to make a concerted effort to limit overfishing, stop littering, and prevent waste contamination in wetlands. At Akosua Village in Winneba, we're taking a step toward broad youth education on wetlands.
- + **Inclusive, participatory, and equitable.** We hope to continue mobilising Ghanaian youth at the grassroots level to participate in the roadmap for wetlands sustainability. We are committed to promoting indigenous and traditional wetlands use while also increasing appropriate conservation measures.
- + **Citizen Science – Living Labs & Co-creation.** This idea binds us to continue working with community-based groups and stool lands management. We are hoping to implement the creation of “Wetlands Sustainability Labs” for the five Ramsar protected wetlands in Ghana.



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