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AFRICA YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2020 ORGANISED BY GLOBAL

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will showcase new initiatives by governments; scientists, businesses, start-ups, and civil society to increase their commitments to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement and work towards reducing emissions to essentially zero by mid-century. The Africa Youth Climate Action Summit will bring together young activists, innovators, entrepreneurs, and change-makers that are committed to addressing the global climate emergency. It will be action-oriented, intergenerational, and inclusive, with equal representation of young leaders from all walks of life. The event will also provide a platform for Governments, youth, civil society and businesses to demonstrate what they are doing to reduce emissions by at least 45 percent by 2030, and a target of achieving carbon neutrality by mid-century.

This Summit will assemble Global experts with a common vision for understanding more about climate change complexity and explore the mitigation of impacts at the regional and global scale. Consequently, the Summit will be able to generate knowledge and promote awareness about current climate change status in Africa. It will highlight the roles of entrepreneurs in developing technologies, business models and services that societies can use to achieve low-emission and climate-resilient sustainable development. It will also suggest ways of encouraging, guiding and supporting entrepreneurs in their efforts to innovate climate technologies and measurement techniques, and try to find out solutions through potential collaborations between different institutions belonging to academia, government agencies, Civil society Organisations and industries. This will, by extension go a long way in creating job opportunities, thereby reducing poverty (SDGs1) and youth unemployment. Black Wagon Travels has been doing custom

The summit will run for three consecutive days, and will constitute key programmes that include tours since 1995.

keynote lectures, discussions, seminars, presentations and exhibition by invited stakeholders from public, private and civil society around the Globe. Global Youth Climate Action Initiative (Climate Action Group) hereby presents and welcomes you to African Climate Action Summit, holding in June, 2020 at Abuja Nigeria.

ABOUT THE CONVENER

The Global Youth Climate Action Initiative (Climate Action Group, as it is famously known) is a nongovernmental global organisation Based in Nigeria with primary focus on climate action and sustainable development. The organisation engages in raising awareness on climate change, advocacy, youth mobilisation and empowerment for climate action and sustainable development. We work as a network of individual volunteers, as well as partner and supporter groups. We currently have existence in 50 countries and 30 States of Nigeria with up to 300 ambassadors across the Nation.

CLIMATE ACTION GROUP works at three levels:

As a network of individuals enabling people to come together and work at the grassroots levels, to form partnerships and support each other.

As a network of partner and supporter groups who bring together their strengths and passion for the environment and sustainable development.

As an organisation that runs its own programmes/projects as well as participate in and supports programmes/campaigns of other relevant organisations.

MISSION

The mission of the organisation is to create awareness, sensitise, mobilise and empower young people to take positive actions for global climate justice and sustainable development.

VISSION

An eco-friendly world where present and future generations enjoy and protect a healthy environment for sustainable development.

OVERVIEW OF KEY EVENTS AND THE NEED FOR INNOVATION

The Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development both set out a vision of a low-carbon, climate-resilient and sustainable future for all. That vision needs to be urgently pursued. 2017 was the third-warmest year on record, and the average global temperature is now almost 1°C above the pre-industrial level. Climate change effects of ever greater intensity are being observed more and more frequently in all corners of the world, threatening the prospects of sustainable development. Under the Paris Agreement, countries have developed nationally determined contributions to the global response to climate change, national adaptation plans, and mid-century strategies. Now, countries and the international community are focused on implementing them. Technological innovation is a key catalyst of efforts to implement national climate action and realize the above-mentioned vision. The Paris Agreement explicitly refers to Article 10 to the need for such innovation. In the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, technological innovation is mentioned under several of the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly goal 7 (affordable and clean energy), goal 8 (decent work and economic growth), goal 9 (industry, innovation, and infrastructure) and goal 17 (partnerships for the goals). Since 2015, the Technology Executive Committee has analyzed how we can accelerate and scale-up technological innovation in order to achieve the purpose and goals of the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals. The outcomes of its work are reflected in a series of publications on topics such as strengthening national systems of innovation and enhancing financing for climate technology research, development and demonstration. In 2018, it worked together with the Green Climate Fund and the Climate Technology Centre and Network to improve understanding of the role that incubators and accelerators can play in assisting entrepreneurs to innovate climate technologies. This has helped the Green Climate Fund to explore how it may support such incubators and accelerators. The work undertaken has also resulted in a publication by the three organizations titled “Catalysing Finance for Incubators and Accelerators”^[7]. This Summit would be highlighting policies and measures that can help an entrepreneur in innovating climate technologies.

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