

IAU Global HESD Cluster - Summary of Activities of SDG Leads for HLPF 2020 Report (April 2020)

UNIVERSITY OF GHANA – SDG 1

SDGs Activities 2019/2020

1. Collaboration with the Government of Ghana

1. Collaboration with Dr Eugene Owusu, advisor to the President of the Republic of Ghana on National activities on the SDGs including the launch of the African Capacity Building Foundation's report on the Capacity Imperatives for the SDGs.: [SDG 17](#)
2. The launch of a National Raffle with the objective to educate the masses especially the youth on the SDG Goals, Targets and Indicators. The first prize of the raffle, a sedan car was awarded to the winner during an SDG programme at the University of Ghana.: [SDGs 4, 17](#)
3. In collaboration with the Presidents Advisory Unit, a proposal has been written to source funding to initiate "Education for All". A project that will build the capacity of street hawkers into sustainable jobs whilst keeping their children in school.: [SDGs 1, 2, & 4](#)

2. Collaboration with the Private Sector

1. The SDG Advisory Unit of the Office of President of The Republic of Ghana introduced Global Reset People to the University of Ghana. The UG in collaboration with Global Reset organized the Global Youth Summit at University of Ghana. The 3 day summit saw a host of high profile speakers and dignitaries including, Her Excellency Dr. Jewel Taylor (Vice-president of Liberia), Prof. Ebenezer Oduro Owusu (Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana), Prof Gyan Baffour (Minister of Planning-Ghana), Dr. Eugene Owusu (Special Advisor on the SDG's, Office of the President, Ghana), Her Excellency Sabine Nolke (Canada's Acting High Commissioner to Ghana and Togo), Ambassador Giovanni Favilli (Italy's Ambassador to

Ghana), Prof. George Oduro Nkansah (Director of Institute of Applied Science and Technology and Host of Summit) and Dr. Henry O. Sintim (Research Fellow, University of Ghana)

Young entrepreneurs across Africa were invited to speak to motivate their peers using their career paths. There were hackathons on youth innovations for the SDGs and a day for women which was chaired by Her Excellency Dr Jewel Taylor (Vice President of Liberia).: [17 SDGs](#)

2. Prior to the 3-day Global Youth Summit, activities such as the promotion of adolescent girls' health through a campaign on sanitary towel usage/ personal hygiene, and environmental stewardship campaigns were organized by Nursing students and the Vice Chancellors Greenery committee in selected urban slums respectively.: [SDGs 3, 6, 11, 13](#)
3. The UG in collaboration with the Food and Drugs Authority and International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA-Ghana) provided training, mentoring and capacity building including campaigns and seminars at the University of Ghana as a pilot to promote healthy living and food safety.: [SDGs 3, 8, 5](#)
4. The UG in collaboration with Nestle Global at a 10-day Impact Week we trained 25 faculty and 200 students on the use of design thinking methodology in solving business challenges using the- [SDGs 1-2-3-4-6-8-9 11 & 13](#) with emphasis on Competence and Skillset, Clean Environment, Sustainability, Good Health and Well Being, Housing, Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure and Food/Farm Enterprise Development to Alleviate Poverty

3. Academic Activities and Collaboration

1. In collaboration with several units at University of Ghana including Institute of Applied Science and Technology and Institute of Environment and Sanitation Studies, SDGs that have targets on access to water, sanitation, security, urban slums and city resilience were used as subject matter for the SCiLeD-LIRA 2030 grant project.: [SDGs 11, 9, 13](#)
2. The University of Ghana has completed the installation of Envirodome greenhouses on campus. This is to help in the training of the youth in Controlled Environment Agriculture

and urban farming. Other objectives are to improve access to fresh and healthy vegetables and as a source of guaranteed income.: [SDGs 1, 2, 8](#)

3. The University of Ghana organized a Hackathon in collaboration with GIZ which targeted a demand of the Market Oriented Agriculture Programme (MOAP) of GIZ. The goal of the challenge was to assemble technology enthusiasts (students and non-students) to display their innovative ideas to create a sustainable IT solution for Traceability in the Food Value Chain.: [SDGs 1, 3, 12, 16](#)

4. SDG 1 CLUSTER MEETING IN CANADA

1. The meeting was postponed last year 2019 due to delay in securing visa to Canada. It was rescheduled to this year April 2020 and has again been postponed indefinitely due to the Corona virus epidemic. A date is yet to be fixed. Cluster members to attend the meeting was to include Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Japan, McMaster University, Canada, University of Campinas, Brazil and University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana.

The agenda for the meeting was to discuss amongst others;

- i. University of Ghana's (staff, students and interns) activities using the value chain approach to increase value of agricultural produce in vulnerable communities and thus increase their incomes
- ii. Adopt mechanisms to secure funding to support planned interventions
- iii. McMaster faculty, staff, and students efforts of fund raising to support numerous charitable organization such as food banks, clinics, community health and wellness centre, and various social programs for those who have been marginalized.
- iv. Tokyo university's effort to address No Poverty
- v. University of the Campina's efforts to address SDG 1
- vi. How the above address other SDGs