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MESSAGE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Reflecting on 2024-year achievements, I acknowledge the commitment, dedication, and collaborative spirit demonstrated by the HATOF Team, our partners, and the communities and institutions we serve. This journey has been one of growth, impact, and strengthened collaborations, reaffirming HATOF's commitment to promoting economic and sustainable development in Ghana and beyond.

HATOF leveraged the expertise of its capable team to support national and international policy processes including the participation and contributions in regional and international dialogues and environmental negotiation processes. These have strengthened our foothold within the policy landscape in Ghana and Africa, and advanced our recognition by local and international societies.

We believe our people are our greatest asset, and we are dedicated to empowering them to achieve their fullest potential. In the 2024 operational year, HATOF embraced significant professional development by providing opportunities for staff members to pursue higher education and professional skills within environmental governance and sustainable development.

HATOF continues to support knowledge development and management within the climate change, climate finance, and policy landscapes. Our Internal Experts have been very instrumental in this technical services.

HATOF is committed to creating sustainable legacies for its employees and the communities we serve. We are therefore privileged to have collaborated with like-minded clients and partners in 2024, who share our vision to advance the involvement of children, youth, women, and communities in the protection of the environment and the promotion of economic and sustainable development.

As we forge ahead, the lessons from the 2024 remind us that sustainable progress is achieved through collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and community engagement.

I extend my deepest appreciation to our partners, sponsors, and the entire HATOF family for their unwavering support. Together, we will continue to champion initiatives that foster resilience, empower communities, and contribute to a healthier planet for future generations.



**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 programs, and gender equality.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATIONS



WHERE WE ARE TODAY

In our 23rd year, HATOF remained committed to strengthening democracy, good governance, and sustainable development leveraging its existing and new partnerships and collaborations, HATOF continues to collaborate with mutual national, regional, and international partners within its key focal areas - climate change, biodiversity, climate finance, energy, food and agriculture, waste and circular economy, and blue economy.

Our highly capable team has contributed to this success story as we advance local and global actions at the policy, program, and project levels.

WHERE WE ARE GOING

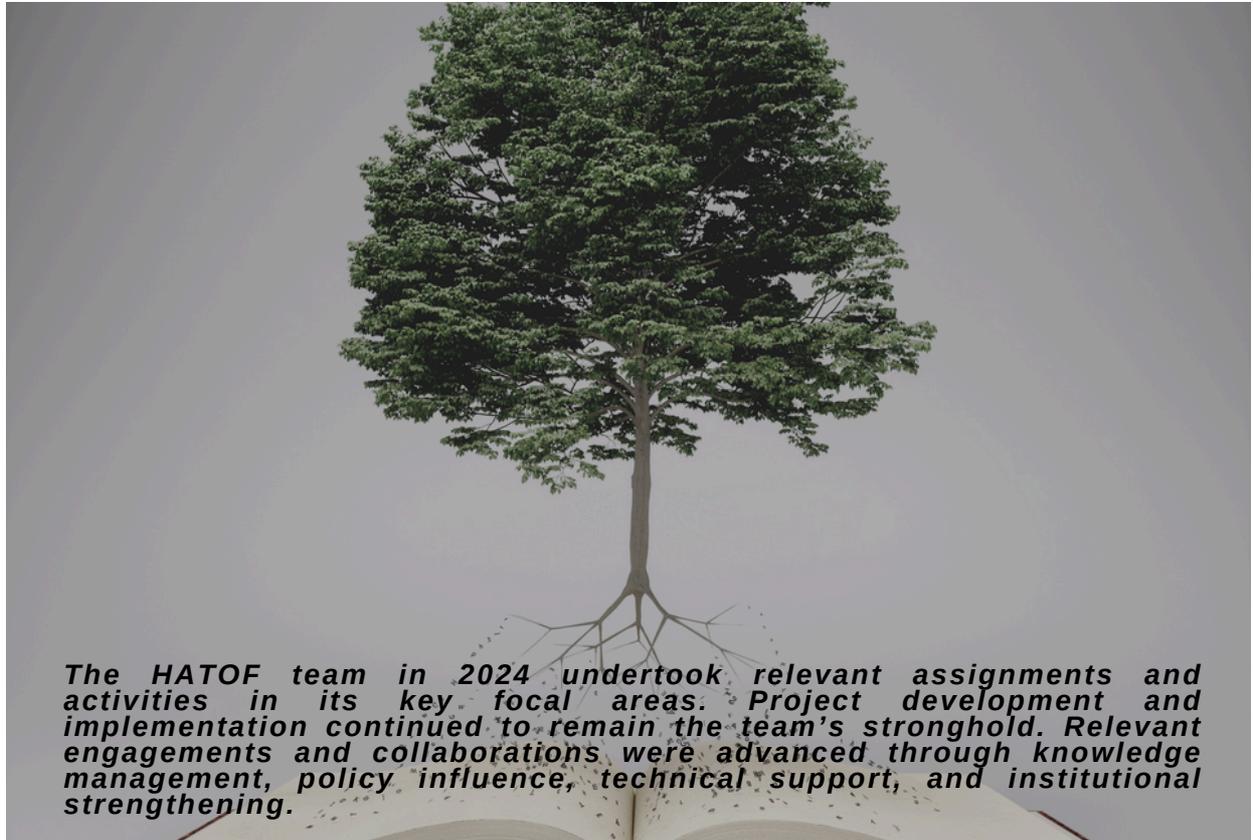
With our committed team of partners, clients, stakeholders, and dedicated experts, HATOF strives to leverage its capacity and resources to support local communities, the Government of Ghana and its agencies, private sector, and civil society to create a better world for the present and future generations.

HATOF pledges to drive policy changes and implementation while providing strategic recommendations for the national and global communities towards the triple planetary crisis- climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss.

SELECTED PARTNERS, SPONSORS & CLIENTS



HATOF PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN 2024- HIGHLIGHTS



1 Project Implementation

2 Knowledge Development and Management

3 Policy Influence

4 Technical Support

5 Institutional Strengthening

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	2024 ACTIVITIES
<p>Outcomes 1.3: CSOs have established adequate capacity, systems, and networks to support the planning, programming and implementation of GCF-funded activities</p>	Project Management Unit Meetings
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<p>Outcome 4.1: CSOs have capacity to develop high-quality pipeline of concept notes and effectively implement GCF-funded activities</p>	3rd Project Steering Committee Meeting
	Two-day Capacity Needs Assessment Validation and Capacity-Building Workshop for CSOs in Ghana https://shorturl.at/0ySVy
Two-day Input Solicitation and Validation of the CSO Climate Change Agenda and Action Plan (CCAAP) Workshop	Two-day Capacity Building and Awareness Raising on Climate Risks and Opportunities https://shorturl.at/hWqZt ; https://shorturl.at/xniYO
	Stakeholder Consultative Workshop Toward the Development of a High-Quality Concept Note

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**   



3rd Project Steering Committee Meeting



CNA Validation & Capacity Building Workshop



Climate Risks & Opportunities Workshop



CCAAP & Stakeholder Consultative Workshops



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 at the end of the project 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.

2024 Major Activities

<p>Procured nursery setup materials and equipment</p>	
<p>Established 2 community-based nurseries in Boli, Jonga & Pigbengben</p>	
<p>Procured and nursed 40,000 shea and non-shea (Moringa & Baobab) seedlings in 2024</p>	
<p>Transplanted 26,674 shea seedlings (50% survival rate) & 7,500 Moringa & Baobab seedlings (80% survival rate) in Jonga, Pigbengben, Vieri and Nankpanbuli communities</p>	
<p>Employed 20 women & 4 men to manage nurseries in Jonga & Pigbengben</p>	
<p>Trained 19 women cooperative members in parkland and nursery management.</p>	
<p>10 women cooperative members and 1 man trained in group dynamics</p>	
<p>Engagements with Private Sector Partner -Agriaccess Commodities Ltd</p>	<p>Community Forums with traditional and community leaders of Jonga, Pigbengben & other neighbouring villages</p>
<p>Participated in GSLERP Partners' Learning Workshops organized & Grafting Cermonied organized by the Global Shea Alliance (GSA), UNDP & Forestry Commission</p>	<p>Internal & external M&E visits to Nursery sites and communities</p>

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





Jonga & Pigbengben Nurseries setup activities



Seedlings Procured & Raised by women & men employed



Training sessions with Officers



Field Officers participate in Partner's Learning Workshops



Community Forums with traditional & community leaders



Transplanting Activities



2024 Monitoring & Evaluation Visits

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY-AHRC IMPACT ACCELERATION ACCOUNT



MAKING THE DUST FLY: CREATING A MILLION PLUS CONVERSATIONS IN GHANA ON HOME CLEANING AND SUPERBUGS

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.

2024 Major Activities

Engaged headteachers and teachers of primary, junior high and secondary schools in Accra
Engaged students in 4 selected schools in Student Impact Accelerator Seminars
Engaged school drama, debate and environment/sanitation clubs on school-wide dissemination of project insights
Established a 4-member Adolescent Agents of Change in four schools within the Greater Accra Region of Ghana
Designed, developed and disseminated information materials including flyers, posters, project briefs, policy briefs, t-shirts, and factsheets
Procured and donated cleaning materials to schools
Facilitated the pre- and post-intervention interview session with students and teachers conducted by NMIMR

Fact Check



Total Project Value:
£ 12,297

Project Duration:
2023-2024 (1 year)



Beneficiaries:
Students, teachers, headteachers, policymakers and collaborators

Funder



Partners



Pre- & Post-intervention interview sessions





HATOF engages students of Kwabenya Community SHS



HATOF engages students of Madina Fire Armour 2&4 Basic Schools



HATOF engages students of Umar Bun Hatab Islamic School



HATOF engages students of WASS Experimental JHS



HATOF establishes Agents of Change



HATOF donates materials to schools



Interview Session with Agents of Change, Headteachers and School Club Chairs



HATOF designs & develops educational materials



SECTION 2 KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT

- Capacity Building on Policy Implementation and Oversight: Parliament of Ghana - Backbenchers Committee
- Coastal CSOs Forum: Training on World Bank Safeguards Instruments



CAPACITY BUILDING ON POLICY IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT: PARLIAMENT OF GHANA-BACKBENCHERS COMMITTEE

Background

The Parliament of Ghana is the legislative branch of the country’s government, established by the 1992 Constitution of Ghana. Its mandate includes several key responsibilities of legislation, representation, oversight, budget approval, constitutional amendments, national discourse, and treaty ratification.

The Backbenchers Committee of Ghana is an important body within the legislative framework with the mandate to engage in discussions on key legislative and policy issues and support the functions of the Members of Parliament.

HATOF Foundation delivered a one-day training session on “*Policy Implementation and Oversight*” for the Backbenchers Committee of Ghana’s Parliament towards effective oversight of policy implementation in Ghana. The training was conducted on September 15, 2024, and focused on key areas including; policy analysis and interpretation, budget analysis and tracking, stakeholder engagement and consultation, data collection and utilization, and effective questioning and debate techniques.





Background

The West Africa Coastal Areas Management Program (WACA) in Ghana is expected to finance site-specific interventions for coastal protection to finance a mix of gray, green, and hybrid infrastructure solutions at multiple sites to reduce risks of flooding and erosion.

The Training on the World Bank Safeguards Instruments sought to strengthen the knowledge and capacity of members, enabling them to engage in safeguard processes and analysis of WACA project-oriented assessments and reports.

HATOF Foundation as a national NGO operating within the thematic area of the blue economy and coastal resilience participated in the workshop,



SECTION **3** POLICY
INFLUENCE



INTERNATIONAL POLICY INFLUENCE



The Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 16) took stock of progress in implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) since its adoption at COP 15 in 2022. COP 16 acknowledged the progress made in the previous two years and highlighted the need to accelerate action. To date, 119 countries, representing the majority of the 196 Parties to the CBD, submitted national biodiversity targets reflecting alignment with the KMGBF. Additionally, 44 countries submitted National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs)- the policy documents that support the implementation of national targets.

The Delegation of HATOF Foundation led by the Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Dotse, and accompanied by the Deputy CEO, Ms. Enchill participated in the COP to provide up-to-date information for CSOs in Ghana and Africa on implementation of the the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) since its adoption at COP 15.

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HATOF Delegation @ UNCBD COP16



FOURTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE (INC 4)

The fourth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-4), took place from 23 to 29 April 2024 at the Shaw Center in Ottawa, Canada. The session was preceded by regional consultations on 21 April 2024.

As an accredited observer to the UN Environment Programme, HATOF Foundation represented by the CEO & Deputy CEO participated in the session.





Global Youth Environment Assembly (Global YEA) is a crucial platform that gathers young environmental enthusiasts and policy advocates from around the world to participate in policy discussions, knowledge-sharing, and the formulation of the Global Youth Declaration on Environment presented at the Sixth Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA6).

The 2024 edition of the Global YEA took place in Nairobi, Kenya, strategically scheduled in the lead-up to the sixth Open-Ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-6) & sixth UN Environment Assembly (UNEA6). The Global YEA was geared towards aligning youth perspectives and priorities with the theme of UNEA6.

HATOF Foundation in the lead-up to UNEA6 represented by the Partnership & Engagement Officer, Mr. Josh Edem Kojo Dotse participated in the Global YEA 2024 marking a pivotal moment in galvanizing youth efforts to confront the triple planetary crisis.
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Mr. Dotse representing HATOF @ the Global YEA



The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) is the world’s highest environmental decision-making body. At the sixth meeting, the UNEA met under the theme **“Effective, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution”**. The Assembly aims to restore harmony between humanity and nature, improve lives for vulnerable people, and tackle the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, and waste through multilateralism.

The UNEA-6 was convened from February 26 to March 1, 2024, at the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi.

HATOF Foundation’s delegation led by the Chief Executive Officer, Dr Samuel Dotse, and accompanied by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Ms. MaryJane Enchill, and the Partnership and Engagement Officer, Mr. Josh Edem Kojo Dotse, participated in relevant meetings convened at the Assembly including high-level segments, Multilateral Environmental Agreements Day, leadership dialogues, and multistakeholder dialogues.

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HATOF delegation @ UNEA6



The Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information (DSI) on Genetic Resources (WGDSI-2) was held from August 12 to 16, 2024, at the ICAO Conference Centre in Montreal, Canada. This pivotal meeting brought together international delegates and stakeholders to advance discussions on the multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of DSI on genetic resources.

HATOF Foundation, represented by the Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Samuel Dotse, participated in the WGDSI-2, underscoring HATOF's commitment to promoting equitable benefit-sharing and enhancing global capacity for biodiversity conservation in Ghana and the African Continent.
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Dr. Samuel Dotse @ WGDSI-2



The 2024 Global Diplomacy Summit organized by the International Society of Diplomats (ISD) at the Ontario Investment and Trade Center in Ontario, Canada was held under the theme, **"Harnessing the Gains of Global Diplomacy and Peaceful Coexistence: The Role of International Organizations"**. It sought to explore and advocate for improvement in global diplomacy, good governance, a violence-free society, and sustainable development.

The Summit brought together diplomats, political leaders, business executives, professional and religious leaders, and change agents around the world who are passionate about promoting peace and economic development through trade and investment, tourism, good governance, climate change, and green economy development.

HATOF Foundation was represented by the Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Samuel Dotse as a Guest Speaker, who is also ISD's African Special Envoy on Climate Change.



Dr. Dotse @ the Diplomacy Summit

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.



The Government of Ghana initiated the process of developing a National Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategy (LT-LEDS) with support of the 2050 Pathways Platform. The project aimed at developing a long-term strategy to enhance net zero greenhouse gas, climate resilience, and sustainable development through cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder collaboration with the engagement of sectors of national development.

HATOF Foundation participated in the National Readiness Workshop to engage in the consultative process towards the future of LT-LEDS for Ghana.



Ghana Integrity Initiative (GII) is the local chapter of Transparency International (TI) with a mission to fight corruption and promote good governance in the daily lives of people and institutions by forging strong, trusting, and effective partnerships with government, business, and civil society and engagement with the people.

The GII sought to launch the initiative titled **“Strengthening Climate Governance through Social Accountability and Citizen’s Oversight in Local Climate Initiatives”**. The initiative was supported by the Extractive Industry and Climate Change Governance (EICCG) Fund through the Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP) to enhance transparency, accountability, and inclusivity in climate change-related public investments within the most affected districts of Ghana.

HATOF Foundation participated in the workshop to foster collaborations and provide relevant insights towards the successful implementation of the project, drawing lessons from Ghana.



The 7th Evidence to Action Conference, 2024 was organized by the International Centre for Evaluation and Development (ICED), Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Markets Risk and Resilience (MRR) of the University of California - Davis in conjunction with the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) - University of Ghana and other collaborators in Accra, Ghana.

The theme for the 7th Conference was "**Resilience and Climate Change Adaptation**" - to explore the linkages and synergies between the two key concepts that are essential for addressing the impacts of climate change, especially in Africa

HATOF Foundation participated in the Conference together with key actors and stakeholders across the continent and globe, within all stages of the value chain of evidence-based policy-making and practice, to share insights on identifying practical solutions to address the challenges posed by climate change in Africa.



The Global Week of Action on Climate Finance was organized by Greenpeace Africa in collaboration with Pro Environment Africa, which sought to elevate discussions on climate finance and its role in ensuring a sustainable future for Africa. The Global Week bolstered Ghana and other countries to promote and commemorate the period, especially among civil society and other key partners. The event focused on the key themes of climate justice, energy transitions, and the financing required to ensure that Africa remains on a zero-carbon, climate-resilient development path.

HATOF Foundation participated in Day 1 of the Week Celebration in discussions that shaped the discourse around the importance of climate finance, protecting vulnerable communities, and calling for greater accountability from fossil fuel companies and African governments.



The CEO of HATOF Foundation delivered a lecture on "**The Keta Sea Defense: the Past, the Present, and the Future**" for students of the Department of Geography and Resource Development of the University of Ghana on an educational field trip to the Volta Region of Ghana. The lecture provided a comprehensive overview of the sea defense project and its alignment to theoretical application to enhance learning experience.



The Parliament of Ghana launched the Ghana Parliamentary Climate Caucus (GPCC) with the theme, **"Strengthening Legislative Action for Climate Resilience and Sustainable Development in Ghana"** on July 29, 2024 at the Parliament House of Ghana.

The GPCC is a group focused on legislative frameworks, adaptation measures, and climate finance to enhance climate resilience and sustainability with an overall objective to providing an opportunity for its members to strategise, network and build their capacities in tackling Climate Change issues in the country.

Dr. Samuel Dotse, CEO of HATOF Foundation as a Guest Speaker acknowledged the importance of the Caucus to promote interparty collaboration while engaging with civil society and international partners to support the implementation of Ghana's Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement and pledged HATOF's support to the Ghana Parliamentary Caucus on Climate Change.



Dr. Samuel Dotse delivering a speech



The Government of Ghana launched the first Phase of Green Finance Taxonomy at the 2024 SDGs Investment Fair. The Ghana Green Finance Taxonomy is part of the broader effort by the Government of Ghana to integrate sustainability into the financial systems to attract international capital, particularly in green investments. The GF Taxonomy aligns with Ghana’s climate action commitments under the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and is expected to guide investments toward a sustainable and climate-resilient economy.

The Ghana Green Finance Taxonomy was developed to provide clear and consistent guidance for investors and define environmentally sustainable activities in Ghana.

HATOF Foundation represented at the launch to support the Ministry of Finance towards sustainable green financing for Ghana.



As part of our strategic response to the growing national climate finance needs, the Ministry of Finance received approval to establish a Climate Financing Division (CFD). The CFD is expected to play a critical role in unlocking both domestic and international financing to drive the national climate action priorities, particularly in advancing the implementation of the Nationally Determined Contributions, the National Adaptation Plan (NAP), and the newly launched Ghana Green Finance Taxonomy.

Leveraging current partnerships with the Ministry of Finance, HATOF Foundation participated in the inauguration ceremony to pledge its continuous support to the CFD towards a more sustainable and climate-resilient future.





AFRICA FOREST FORUM (AFF) REDD+ POLICY DIALOGUE

The Africa Forest Forum (AFF) in partnership with the United Nations Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (UN-REDD), implemented a three-year project entitled: ***"Strengthening REDD+ Implementation in Africa: capitalizing on Lessons Learned for an Evolving Environment - a UN-REDD-AFF partnership"*** supported by the Switzerland contribution to UN-REDD Africa Technical Assistance.

The project sought to strengthen African countries' capacities and knowledge through UN-REDD's REDD+-specific expertise and convening power and AFF's network, regional expertise, and local knowledge.

HATOF participated in the two-day Policy Dialogue to analyze existing policies, identify gaps, and discuss the outcomes of the project's progress with other key stakeholders in Ghana.





The Wildlife Resource Management Act, 2023 provides a comprehensive framework for regulating wildlife protection, hunting, and the management of protected areas in Ghana. The proposed LI further aims to operationalize the CREMA model, which enhances community participation in natural resource governance while supporting biodiversity conservation and local livelihoods.

HATOF Foundation together with other relevant stakeholders engaged in discussions on the implementation of the LI and gathered valuable feedback on the challenges and opportunities for its operationalization.



The Chief Executive of HATOF Foundation and African Special Envoy on Climate Change, Dr. Samuel Dotse participated in a roundtable discussion as a panel member which was organized by the University of Cape Coast. He highlighted the key roles of local community and traditional authorities in fighting the impacts of climate change.





Ecobank Ghana Ltd. placed a courtesy call on the Management of HATOF Foundation to participate in the Maiden Ecobank Sustainability Week themed, **“Promoting Sustainability through Waste Transformation - the Ecobank Way”**. The Celebration reinforced the bank’s dedication to sustainable banking practices and environmental responsibility.

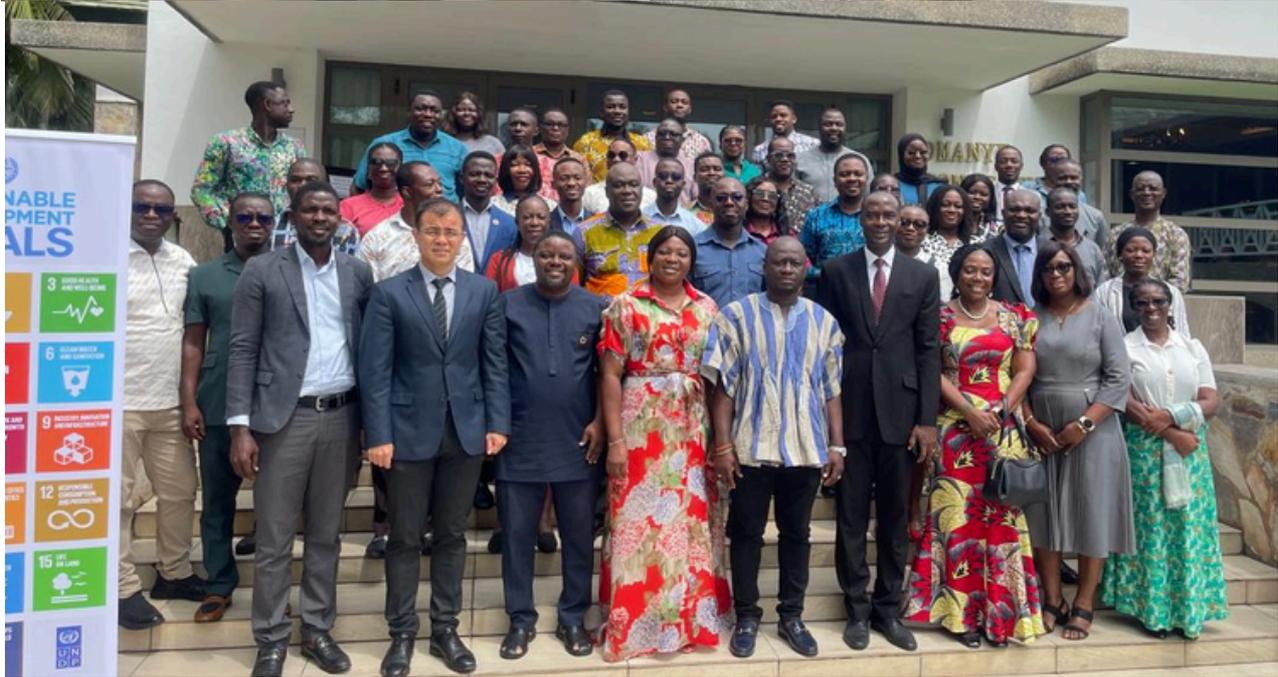
To strengthen the longstanding relationship between HATOF Foundation and Ecobank since HATOF’s advisory support towards Ecobank Ghana’s Accreditation to the Green Climate Fund, HATOF supported the Maiden Sustainability Week celebration by facilitating the participation of civil society organizations in the celebration.



HATOF Delegation at the Sustainability Week



HATOF Foundation participated in the Launch of Ghana's Nationally Determined Contribution (GH-NDC) revision process in Accra, Ghana. The revision process sought to engage stakeholders across sectors and civil society, fostering dialogue and consensus-building to strengthen Ghana's climate resilience and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. HATOF among other key stakeholders presented invaluable perspectives from local actions to ensure that the revised NDC reflects the needs of local communities.





The Sustainable Ocean Plan (SOP) aimed to guide private and public decision-makers on how to sustainably manage Ghana's oceans to advance long-term economic and social development. HATOF Foundation participated in the National Consultation Meeting organized by the SDGs Advisory Unit in collaboration with the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC). The meeting created awareness of the SOP and its processes and provided a space for peer exchange and interaction among national stakeholders.





The Policy Dialogue and Net Mapping of Stakeholder event under the research titled, *“Enhancing Operationalization of Ghana’s National Climate Change Policy (NCCP) among Smallholder Agricultural Systems”* was organized by the Council for Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) - Science and Technology Policy Research Institute (STEPRI). The workshop formed part of a Pilot Policy Innovation Project (PIP) supported by the African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) which provided a platform for dialogue and knowledge exchange among researchers, policymakers, and civil society to co-identify pathways to advance Ghana’s policy development planning and implementation and identify actors, their roles, power and influence in climate adaptation policy formulation, planning and implementation.



HATOF Foundation in collaboration with Greener Impact International (GII) and Clean Air Task Force (CATF) launched the Campaign Against Methane Emissions in Ghana (CAMEG) in 2024. The campaign sought to promote efforts to reduce methane emissions in Ghana and support Ghana’s climate goals.

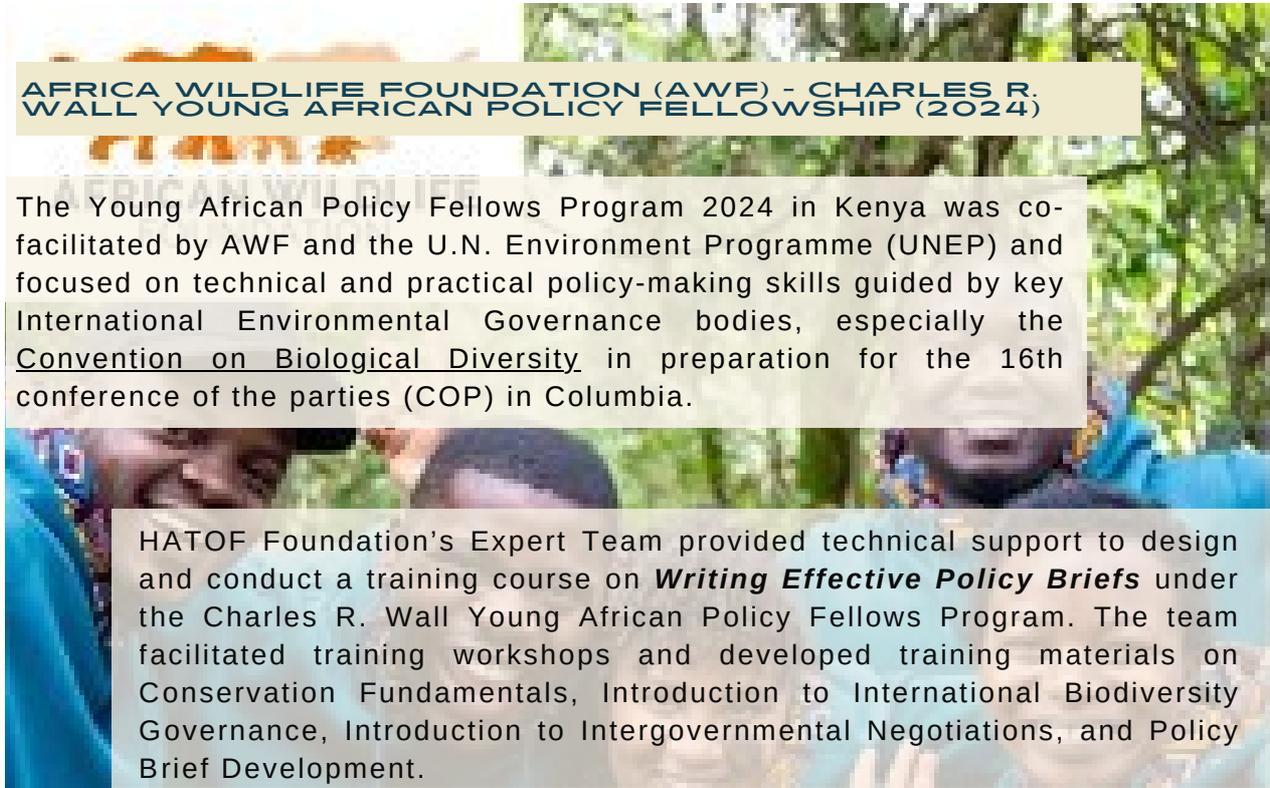


SECTION **4** TECHNICAL SUPPORT





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.



AFRICA WILDLIFE FOUNDATION (AWF) - CHARLES R. WALL YOUNG AFRICAN POLICY FELLOWSHIP (2024)

The Young African Policy Fellows Program 2024 in Kenya was co-facilitated by AWF and the U.N. Environment Programme (UNEP) and focused on technical and practical policy-making skills guided by key International Environmental Governance bodies, especially the Convention on Biological Diversity in preparation for the 16th conference of the parties (COP) in Columbia.

HATOF Foundation's Expert Team provided technical support to design and conduct a training course on **Writing Effective Policy Briefs** under the Charles R. Wall Young African Policy Fellows Program. The team facilitated training workshops and developed training materials on Conservation Fundamentals, Introduction to International Biodiversity Governance, Introduction to Intergovernmental Negotiations, and Policy Brief Development.

INFORMATION DISSEMINATION TO THE UNITED BANK OF AFRICA (GHANA) LTD. (2024)

The United Bank of Africa (Ghana) Ltd. placed a courtesy call on the Chief Executive Officer of HATOF Foundation to support UBA Ghana in its preparations and readiness to gain accreditation to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and other DFIs to explore opportunities to attract funds to support customers and businesses especially those in the sustainability, renewables, and green businesses in Ghana.

HATOF Foundation in a virtual engagement with the bank delivered a presentation on the GCF Accreditation process, guidelines and procedures to facilitate preparations towards accreditation.

GLOBAL CENTER ON ADAPTATION (GCA) (2024)

The Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) is an international organization that works as a solutions broker to catalyze action and support for adaptation solutions, from the international to the local level, in partnership with the public and private sectors, to ensure collaborative work for a climate-resilient future.

GCA in partnership with its partners provided support to the Ghana Infrastructure GIIF through technical assistance towards accreditation as a Direct Access Entity (DAE) to the Green Climate Fund.

The Accreditation Specialist of HATOF Foundation in 2024 supported the work of the Global Center on Adaptation in Ghana by providing technical assistance to Ghana's National Designated Authority (NDA) to prepare and submit Ghana Infrastructure Investment Fund's (GIIF) application for accreditation to the Green Climate Fund (GCF). The Specialist facilitated a policy gap assessment, and reviewed and updated relevant policies including Gender Equality, ESS, Whistleblower and Witness Protection, Information Disclosure, and Governance Policies to support the accreditation process, drawing on international best practices.

**GHANA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUND (GIIF)
(2024)**

The Ghana Infrastructure Investment Fund (the Fund" or "GIIF) is a body corporate wholly owned by the Republic of Ghana and established pursuant to the Ghana Infrastructure Investment Fund Act, 2014, (Act 877). The Fund's mandate is to mobilize, manage, coordinate, and provide financial resources for investment in a diversified portfolio of projects in Ghana for national infrastructure projects in development.

Expert Team of HATOF provided an Environmental Due Diligence and Advisory Service in relation to sustainable affordable and modular student accommodation under GIIF's project portfolio in Ghana.

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.

**POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA
IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
AND DIPLOMACY**

HATOF Foundation through the Chief Executive Officer sponsored one staff member in 2024 to pursue a **Post-Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law and Policy** at the National Law University, Delhi-India. The one-year program seeks to enhance awareness and comprehension of green law issues on a global scale, providing opportunities for law graduates and professionals operating in the environmental industry, with the opportunity to intensify their understanding of environmental law and policy issues, institutions, and initiatives.

**DIPLOMA IN
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW &
GOVERNANCE**

A staff member of HATOF Foundation in 2024 had the opportunity to enroll on the UN InforMEA Learning Platform to pursue a **Diploma in Environmental Law and Governance**. The online course focused on sources of International Law; Multilateral Environmental Agreements; Principles and Concepts of International Environmental Law; and International Environmental Governance.

**CERTIFICATE IN DATA
ANALYTICS**

In 2024, a staff member of HATOF enrolled on the INCO Academy to obtain a Certificate in Data Analytics. The Online Certificate program focused on the working knowledge of essential data analysis platforms (spreadsheets, SQL, Tableau, R programming) and soft skills to thrive as a Data Analyst too



SECTION **6** PARTNERSHIPS,
COLLABORATIONS
& PROSPECTS



MOU SIGNED WITH LANCASTER UNIVERSITY, UK

HATOF Foundation in 2024 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lancaster University, UK to facilitate and explore collaborative research, training, and capacity building.

MOU SIGNED WITH SISTERS SHIFTING NATIONS (SSN) GHANA

In 2024, HATOF Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Sisters Shifting Nations Ghana to pursue goals and objectives for the development and implementation of the project titled **“Enhancing Socio-Economic Empowerment of Women for Equitable and Sustainable Food Systems”** for presentation to USAID for a total funding amount of five million USD (USD\$ 5M).

PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS WITH GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA

HATOF initiated strategic consultations with the Global Affairs Canada, Accra Office in 2023. Engagements have been progressive, reaffirming HATOF’s commitment to facilitate environmental sustainability and national development initiatives aligned with the strategic direction of Canada’s foreign policy and international affairs.

PARTNERSHIP MEETING WITH TREE CANADA

HATOF initiated engagements with Tree Canada during the UNEA6 to explore potential areas for collaborations and partnerships.

PARTNERSHIP MEETING WITH STATE INTERESTS AND GOVERNANCE AUTHORITY (SIGA)

HATOF initiated consultations with the State Interests and Governance Authority (SIGA) to explore potential capacity building and technical assistance in environmental policy and governance processes.

PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS WITH THE PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE OF GHANA

The Parliamentary Service of Ghana placed a courtesy call on HATOF Foundation to explore potential collaborations and to conduct capacity building and knowledge management for relevant Parliamentary Committees of Ghana.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE KETA MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY

In 2024, HATOF Foundation extended a Partnership and Collaboration Letter to the Keta Municipal Assembly in the Volta Region of Ghana to explore strategic areas for collaborations toward coastal development and resilience in the municipality. The Chief Executive of the Assembly responded favorably to the Partnership letter.

SECTION

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ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



RECOGNITION AT THE GHANA PHILANTHROPY AWARDS 2024

Dr. Samuel Dotse was honored at the 3rd Ghana Philanthropy Award Ceremony with the prestigious **Ghana Philanthropy Award 2024** for his outstanding contributions to **Environmental Protection and Development** in Ghana. The conferment ceremony was held on November 8, 2024 in Ghana. <https://hatof.org/dr-samuel-dotse-honored-at-ghana-philanthropy-awards-for-excellence-in-environmental-protection-and-development/>

The Ghana Philanthropy Awards is an annual event that brings together leaders across various sectors, including education, health, and the environment, to highlight the importance of philanthropy and social responsibility.



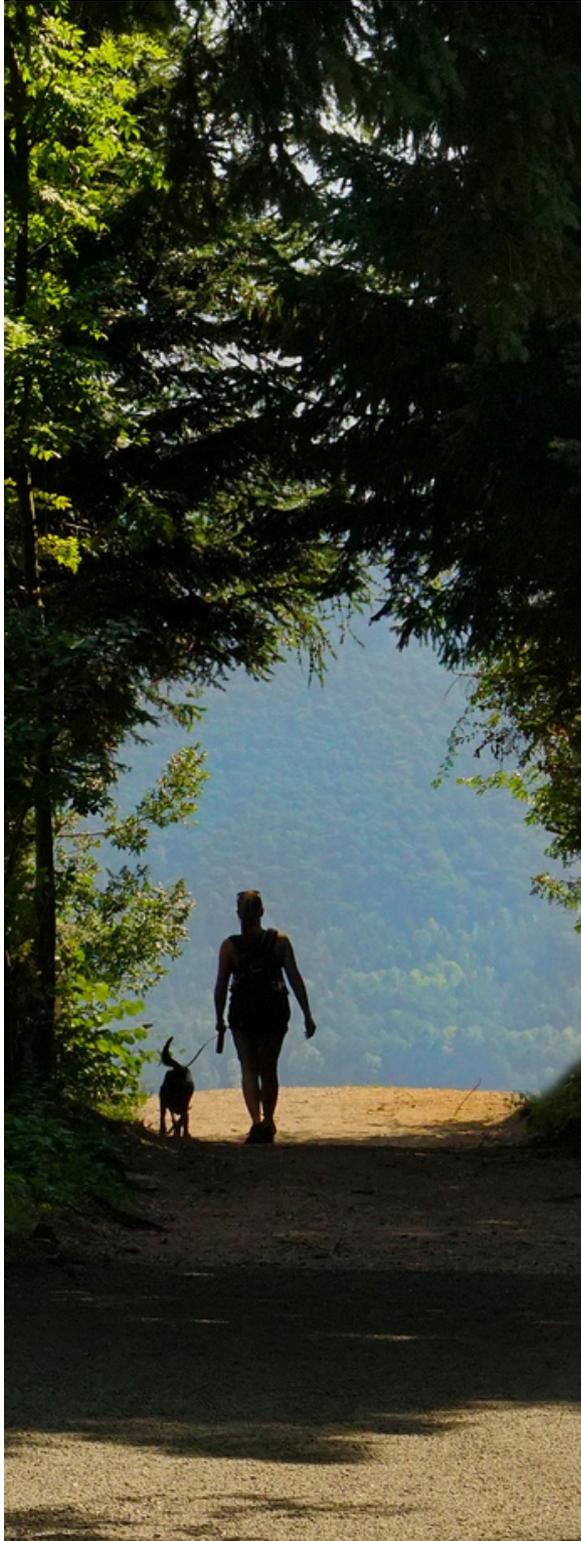
**DR. SAMUEL DOTSE: SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR-
HOGBETSOTSOZA 2024**

Dr. Samuel Dotse, CEO of HATOF Foundation and African Special Envoy on Climate Change, was invited as a Special Guest of Honour for the Anlo Hogbetsotso Festival 2024. He delivered a powerful speech on the festival theme, **“Strengthening Bonds and Embracing our Shared Heritage”**.

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WHAT WE LEARNT



Policy/Programme Development & Implementation

- **Policy Advocacy Influences National and International Agendas:** Participation in COP27 and national policy dialogues allowed HATOF to influence key environmental policies and advocate for increased funding for climate adaptation and mitigation efforts.
- **Youth Inclusion Enhances Climate Action:** HATOF's involvement in youth-centered initiatives, such as the Climate Finance Academy, highlights the importance of equipping young people with skills and knowledge to engage in climate finance and policy processes.

Project Identification, Development & Management

- **Community Engagement is Key to Environmental Restoration:** The Ghana Shea Landscape Emissions Reduction Project demonstrated that involving 1) local communities, particularly women, in environmental restoration leads to effective management of resources and sustainable livelihoods; and 2) private sector, advanced the commitments and participation of private sector players in climate action.

Institutional Strengthening & Development

- **Capacity Building Strengthens Impact:** Advancing opportunities and the space for staff members to enroll in relevant training programs enhanced their ability and contribution toward achieving organizational and project-level objectives.

2024 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Established two community-based Nurseries in the Jonga and Pigbengben communities of the Upper West Region.
- Transplanted 26,674 shea seedlings (50% survival rate) & 7,500 Moringa & Baobab seedlings in the Upper West Region of Ghana.
- Established Adolescent Agents of Change in four schools in Accra, Ghana.
- Recommendations for professional development of HATOF Staff members.
- MOUs signed with the Lancaster University, UK, and Sisters Shifting Nations.
- Partnerships initiated with the State Interests and Governance Authority, Keta Municipal Assembly, Parliamentary Service of Ghana, Global Affairs Canada, and Tree Canada.

ABOUT OUR FUTURE

CONSULTANCIES || PROJECTS ||
ACTIVITIES

"THE FUTURE IS NOT
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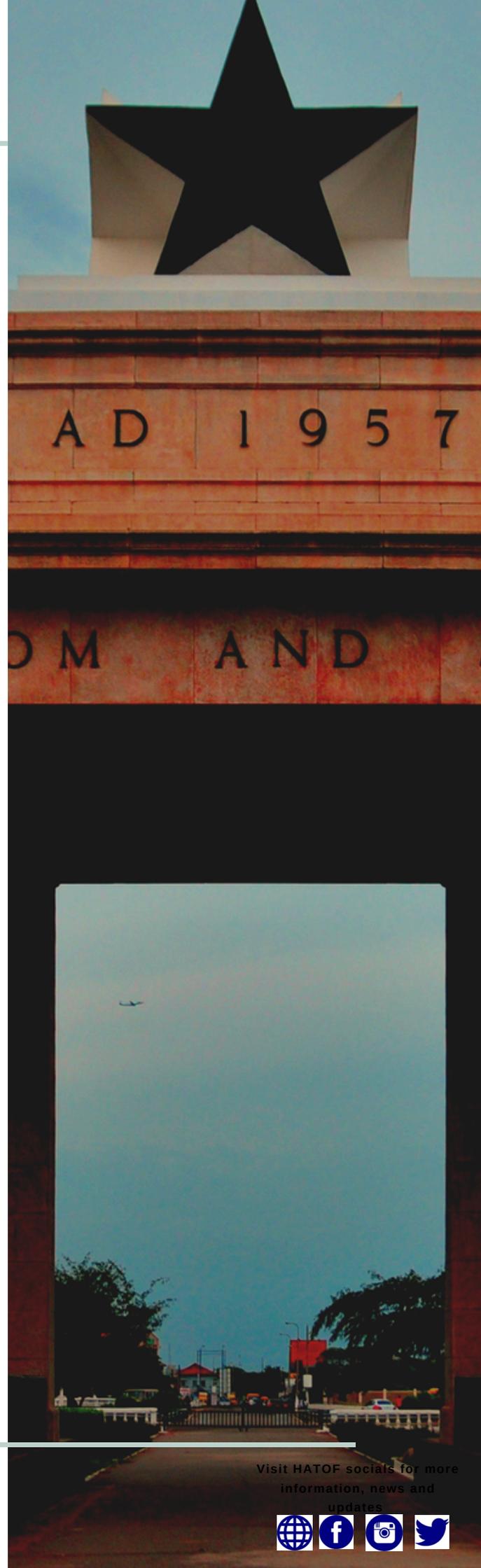
~ FRANCO ONGARO

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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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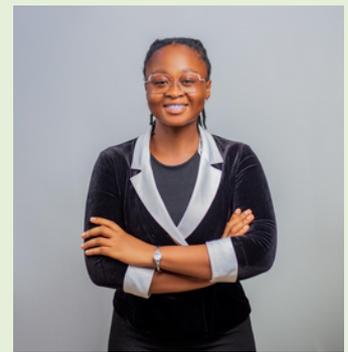
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