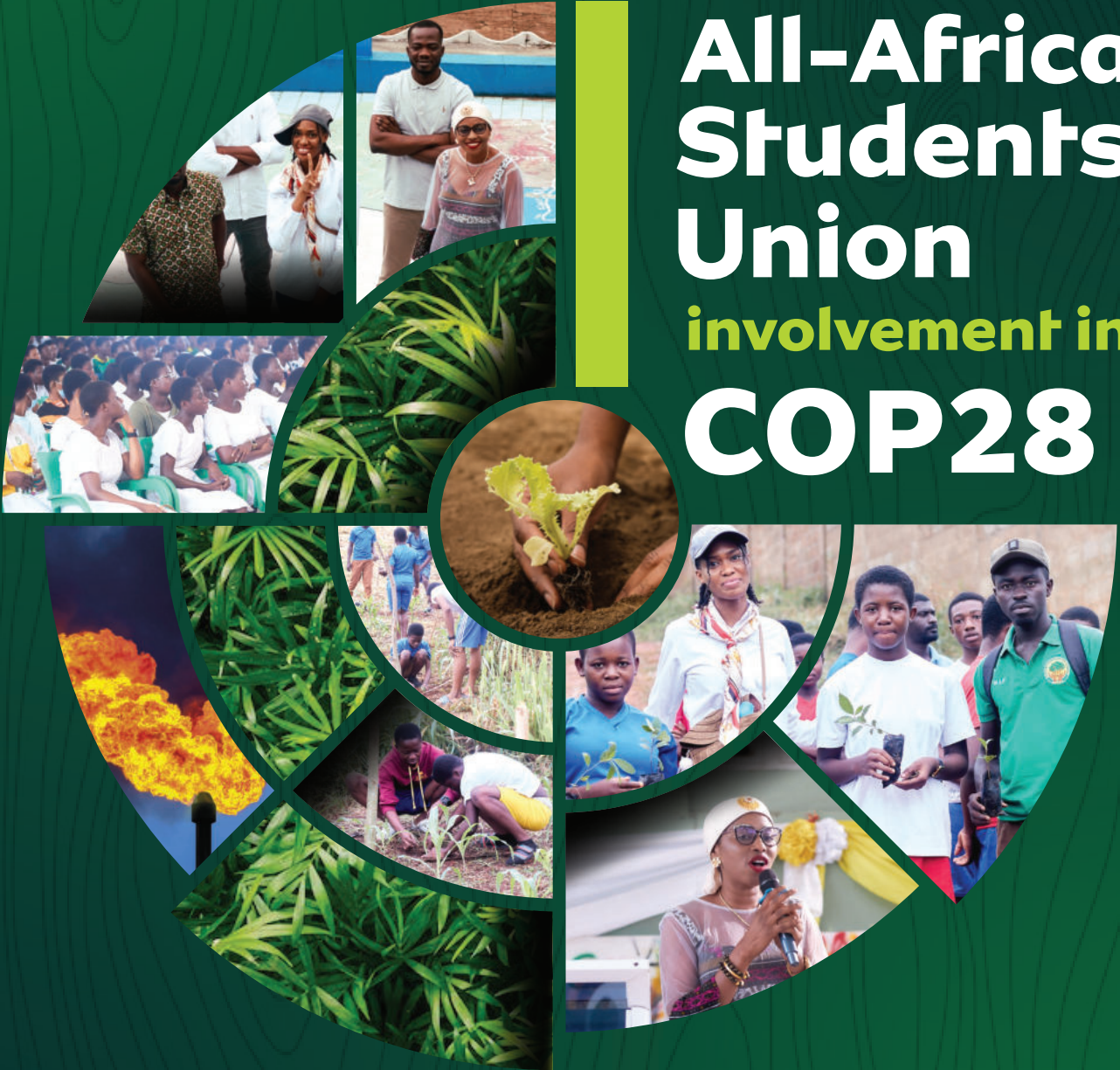




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All-Africa Students Union

involvement in
COP28





BACKGROUND

The impact of climate change is too evident in Africa to ignore, from the sweltering heat and destructive floods to persistent droughts and subpar agricultural harvests. Despite the fact that young people, especially in Africa, are sensitive to climate change, political mobilisation is highly challenging.

There is a common framing when talking about youth and climate change that places young people as only being influenced in the future, omitting the current effects that youth are experiencing and how these impacts may differ from those experienced by older generations. The same is true of an expanding field of activity focused on fostering a just transition in Africa related to climate change. A new opportunity centred on the just transition is a crucial means of involving young people.

The Environment and Climate Action Working Group of the All-Africa Students Union has been at the forefront of demystifying climate change from the scientific jargon to an everyday language that the general populace can easily relate with. An identified challenge within the climate change mitigation and adaptation space is Climate Education. To achieve this, need an all-hands-on-deck approach. To broaden participation within the scope of Climate Change, it is imperative to communicate the challenge in a language that is best understood by all. This has been one of the key priorities of the Working group!

We believe COP 28 is a one-stop shop for Climate Action. All well-meaning global citizens and organisations involved in climate change converge to mark progress, assess stands and review strategies. With the substantial contributions of the All-African Students in line with Environment and Climate Mitigation, we hope to secure funding for representation and direct participation in the CoP 28 in Dubai to help drive the conversation and equally showcase the potential of the African Student.

OBJECTIVES FOR AASU PARTICIPATION IN COP28

- 1.** To project the voice of the African Youth and Students collectively to inform policy and dialogue at COP 28.
- 2.** To promote the novel initiatives of the AASU in line with Climate Change and Education at COP 28.
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OUTCOMES/IMPACT

1. Putting the spotlight on youth and organisations making a difference in Africa by tackling the climate crisis and promoting climate education.
2. Build interest and secure buy-ins for Climate Change Education initiatives of the AASU
3. Strategic partnerships formed to align institutional goals and resources for scalable impacts on the African Continent.

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

In line with growing demands for funding for Climate Change mitigation and adaptation projects/programmes and initiatives in Africa, a more stable and sustainable partnership helps in getting much more done. Partnerships to be fostered at COP 28 would feed into the vision of building a network of like-minded organisations to sustainably support individual and common goals.

The outputs of AASU's participation at COP 28 creates a sellable baseline which has the potential of putting the AASU and its Partners at the core of Earth's climate change mitigation and education and a just transition agenda with a specific focus on the role of the youth and students in Africa.

Post COP 28, AASU would continue to champion the grassroots mobilization, capacity building, development and implementation of projects/programs, and engage stakeholders to present and represent the collective voice of students and youth on the continent of Africa.



CONCLUSION

Many efforts to incorporate youth and especially children frequently end up in a tokenistic manner and do not provide youngsters the chance to adequately prepare content, comprehend procedures, and make significant contributions in the Climate Change arena. The All-Africa Students Union, which represents the over 170 million students on the African continent would best present this pressing need at COP 28.


If we are to make the needed impact and attract the right partnerships, being at COP 28 is a must. AASU's participation at COP 28 brings us directly in touch with the entire network of stakeholders who are needed for the next level of impact of the Environment Working Group.

With the clear objectives and indicated outputs, the AASU team would optimize this opportunity to the most impactful and result oriented front.






APPENDIX A CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECTS TO BE PITCHED FOR FUNDING AT COP28

#	PROJECT NAME	SYNOPSIS
1	Guiding Green Growth Africa Summit	<p>This initiative seeks to promote a call to action on climate change among African students and youth. The summit aligns with SDG 13 (climate action) and its target 13.1 and 13.3 as well as AU Aspiration 1 focused on a prosperous Africa based on Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development. The G3 Africa Summit supports good natural resource and environmental governance by promoting awareness, transparency, and citizen engagement in climate action, contributing to responsible and participatory decision-making. The Summit is a blend of panel discussions, training sessions, seminars, and storytelling contests on indigenous knowledge to reach out to young people for environment and natural resource conservation. Each year, the Guiding Green Growth Africa Summit takes on special topics to be addressed as themes. Currently, this year's theme focuses on exploring indigenous knowledge in climate action.</p>
2	 AASU Memorial Tree Planting	<p>This project is a bold footprint mapping and commemorating fallen 'students in the various national struggles like the Soweto Uprising, the Rwandan Genocide, etc. with memorial trees which would be planted within key locations where these struggles took place. Dotted across the continent of Africa are stories numerous struggles involving young ones of school going age. A rough research has provided the budding probability of this project to plant up to 500,000 memorial trees across the continent. Subsequently, the potential of the over 170 million students we represent can be harnessed in this approach to push for the 1 student 1 tree movement continent-wide. The project needs the requisite support from donors and partner agencies for the optimum output which can be a major change factor in our continental climate mitigation fight.</p>



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3	Climate Education for All	<p>This project is in joint partnership with the All African Universities (AAU), Gaia Education and the SDG Centre for Africa. A number of other African institutions, including the African Union Commission and the Africa Capacity Building Foundation will be associated. The African Regional Network of Centres of Excellence on Education for Sustainability will also be encouraged to participate fully in this initiative. The Goal is that by the end of 2023 every single African undergraduate student will have followed online courses on Climate Change and the SDGs, designed by African university Champions and Pioneers who have specialised expertise in these areas. The expectation is that through their participation in these courses, every single African student, irrespective of their subject specialisation will be empowered to become a champion for climate change. Through these online courses they will be encouraged to make life choices for themselves, their families, and the communities around them that will be positive for their own environment and the African continent.</p>
4	 Eco-Students Ambassadors	<p>AASU as part of its contribution towards the fight against climate change, has instituted the Eco-Students Ambassadors program which seeks to appoint focal persons who would lead the charge on environment and climate change issues in the various institutions. In the long run we seek to establish green offices on these campuses to deepen the impact and make more visible the works being done by these Eco-Ambassadors. The 'Green Offices' would be a model climate friendly building to serve as the office of the eco-ambassadors on campuses. A pilot open call saw over 200 applications from across the continent. The zeal and energy to cause a change is available. AASU presents the program as the penultimate continental platform to coordinate and build these students up in a well-connected community of change makers.</p>

BUDGET

#	ACTIVITY / ITEM	COST
1.	Flight tickets for a team of 3 representing AASU at COP 28 (@\$900*3)	\$2,700
2.	Visa and COVID 19 Tests and Travel Insurance (@300 per head*3)	\$900
3.	Extra Flight Luggage for AASU Publicity Materials and logistics (@ \$200 per kilo)	\$500
4.	Accommodation (@\$2,000 per head*3)	\$6,000
5.	Ground transportation (@\$250 per head*3)	\$750
6.	Per diem (@\$1,000 per head*3)	\$3,000
TOTAL		\$13,850

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