



# 3 E'S 4 AFRICA E.V. 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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# FOREWORD OF THE CHAIRPERSON



*„We believe in  
African innovation  
for global impact.“*

Dear readers, dear supporters,

2023 was a year of growth and increasing impact for 3 E's 4 Africa. Building on previous years, we further strengthened our structures, expanded our network, and supported young changemakers across Africa in translating knowledge into practical, climate-focused solutions.

Throughout the year, students, doctoral candidates, and young entrepreneurs led projects addressing climate adaptation, sustainable agriculture, circular materials, and renewable energy. A particular highlight was the second edition of the African Climate Innovation Challenge (ACIC), which attracted applications from 25 African countries and concluded with a pitch event at the Africa Climate Summit in Nairobi –demonstrating the strong innovative potential of Africa's youth.

Alongside our project work, we invested in internal development through strategic meetings and a general assembly, ensuring transparency, professionalism, and long-term sustainability. These steps are essential as our organization and impact continue to grow.

None of this would be possible without the trust and support of our members, partners, donors, and ambassadors. Your commitment enables us to empower young people in Africa to shape sustainable futures for their communities.

This report provides an overview of our activities and impact in 2023. We invite you to take a closer look and to continue this journey with us.  
Sincerely yours,

**Contimi Kenfack Mouafo**  
Chairperson, 3 E's 4 Africa e.V.





# DISCLAIMER



We are a non-political association. Our instruments for change are the promotion of education, sustainability, self-determination, and progress in Africa. We are not an association that focuses on anti-racism education in general, or in Germany in particular.

**However, as an association of the African diaspora—though not exclusively, but above all because of our strong African identity—we are always anti-racist. That is beyond any doubt.**

We are an association that values plurality and diversity; for that reason, our members do not turn a blind eye to the issue of racism. On the contrary, many of us have already had numerous, often painful, experiences with this structural ill. We therefore engage with it actively—both the BIPoC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) members and our white members.

In addition, we have an Anti-Racism Officer within the association, Wilfriede Ayodele, who is also a co-founder of the Autonomous BIPoC Office at the University of Cologne.

As soon as we notice that we are confronted with clearly identifiable postcolonial thinking or strong racist prejudices, we reserve the right to discontinue communication and any potential cooperation. We are convinced that this will not be necessary and already look forward to getting to know you.

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# OUR APPROACH



EDUCATION



EMPOWERMENT



ECOFRIENDLINESS



## VISION

African innovation for global impact. We believe in a world in which the innovative ideas of young Africans are visible, valued, and strategically supported. In this way, their solutions can effectively address both local and global challenges of the climate crisis. Our vision is brought to life in our image film: *Perspectives – African Changemakers*.

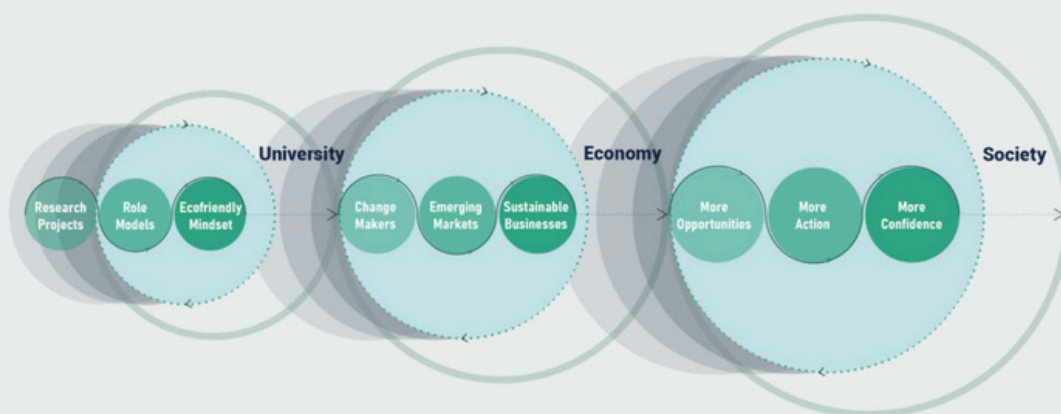
[https://youtu.be/1C5OC0w\\_NF0](https://youtu.be/1C5OC0w_NF0)

## IMPACT

To communicate the impact of our initiative more clearly, we developed the 3E4A Impact Cycles. The overall system of these three cycles—each oriented toward higher education, business, and society—serves both as a manifestation of our vision and as a source of motivation and guidance.

It is a self-reinforcing system. The initial impetus must come from the African students and doctoral candidates themselves. Our role is to make their work tangibly easier.





### UNIVERSITY LEVEL

The impact begins with African students and doctoral candidates at universities in Africa. Through our support, they are able to translate their ideas into practice. As all projects have a clear focus on climate change adaptation or mitigation, this simultaneously strengthens an eco-friendly mindset. Through their projects, we place the students and doctoral candidates in the spotlight.

### ECONOMIC LEVEL

As role models who bring innovative ideas to life, students and doctoral candidates in Africa become changemakers. They move from the academic sphere into the economic sector—either as employees or as social entrepreneurs with their own solutions. In doing so, they carry the ecological focus of their research directly into the economy.

### SOCIETAL LEVEL

At this level, new perspectives emerge. Students and doctoral candidates in Africa inspire the African youth to take action. By founding start-ups with sustainable business models, they create new jobs and opportunities for development. Young people come to realize that economics and ecology can be considered together. The result is engaged and empowered societies that address challenges proactively, implement innovative ideas, and protect nature as a central foundation of life.



# THE 3 E'S EXPLANATION



## EDUCATION

# E



### *Problem*

Only **3.8%\*** of global funding for climate change research is allocated to topics that specifically or substantially concern Africa. Given the scale and intensity of climate-related impacts on the continent, as well as the associated risks, Africa would deserve a central place in global climate research.



### *Solution*

With our approach, we aim to ensure that **innovation in the African context** is deliberately promoted through education and research. For this reason, we work primarily with students and doctoral candidates at African universities.

\*Overland et al. (2022) Funding flows for climate change research on Africa: where do they come from and where do they go? Climate and Development, 14:8, 705-724, DOI: 10.1080/17565529.2021.1976609





## EMPOWERMENT



### *Problem*

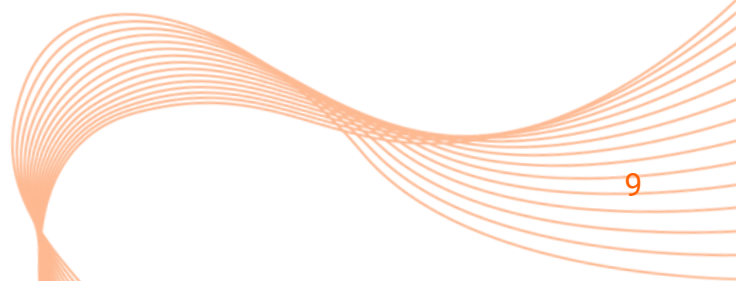
To this day, a **predominantly negative image and narrative** of the African continent remains widespread. This narrative reinforces feelings of hopelessness and a lack of future prospects among young people on the ground.



### *Solution*

We seek to counter this by conveying to African youth that they can—and should—develop the solutions to their own challenges. They understand local problems best and should therefore be the ones to design appropriate solutions. We provide them with the means to implement their ideas while presenting them as changemakers. By making their work visible, we promote an **authentic and innovative image of the continent**.

# E







# E

## ECOFRIENDLINESS



### *Problem*

Africa is the continent most vulnerable to climate change. An estimated **43 million people\*** in Africa will be pushed further below the poverty line by 2030 if climate change is not effectively addressed. This places considerable strain on the continent's development.



### *Solution*

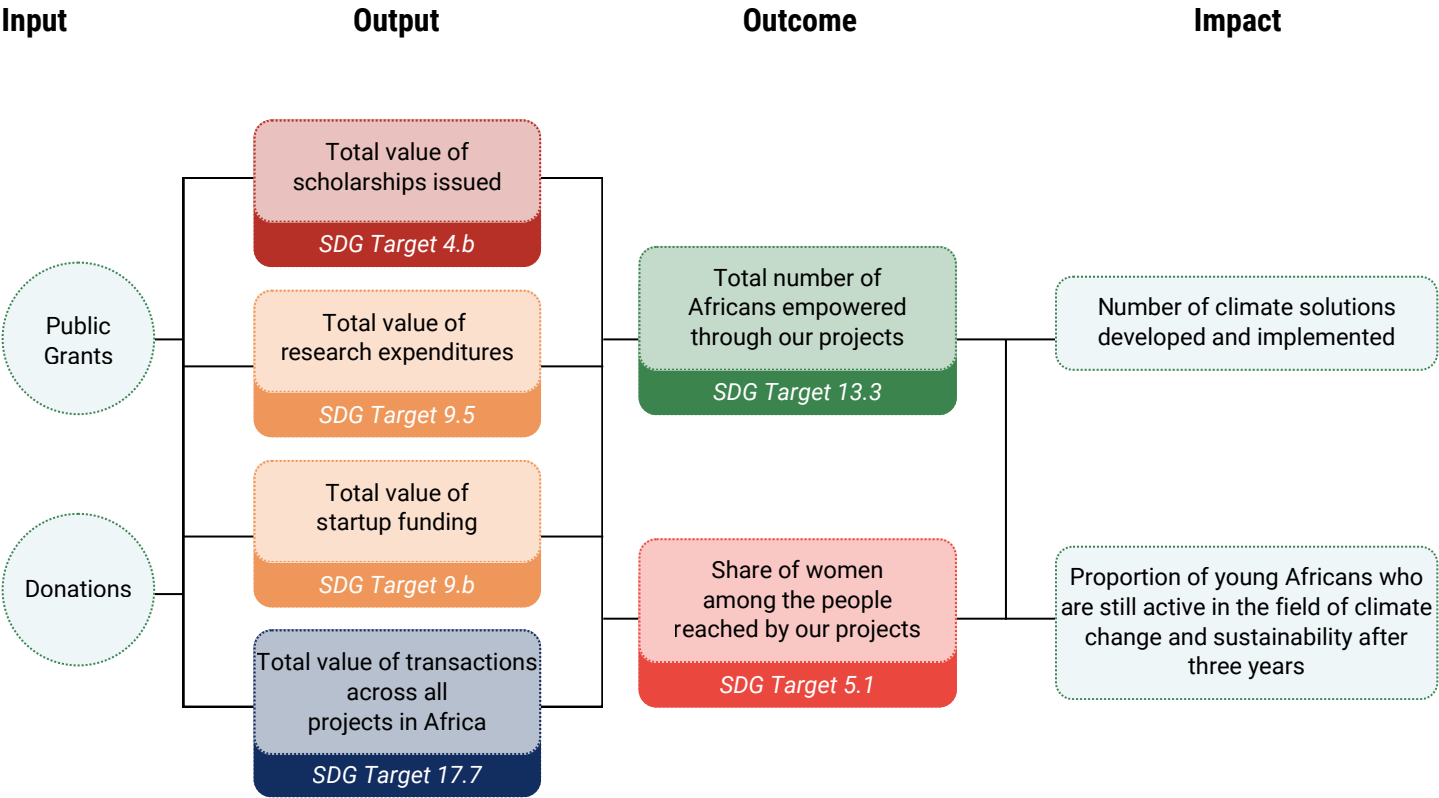
To actively counter climate change and its consequences, the projects we support focus on developing **new concepts and solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation.**

\*World Bank Group (2020) Africa Climate Business Plan 2020-2026  
<https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/africa-climate-business-plan>





# OBJECTIVES AND IMPACT MEASUREMENT



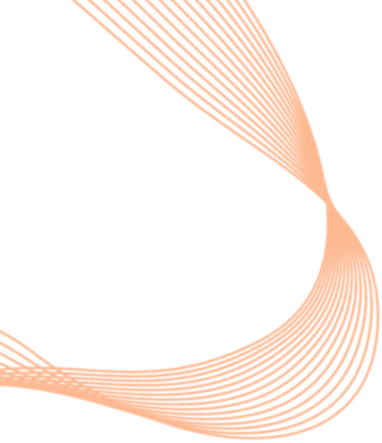
Our impact measurement is based on a selection of the United Nations' 17 global Sustainable Development Goals, as well as indicators derived from them.



SDG	Indicator	Value 2020/07/01 - 2023/12/31
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<b>4</b> QUALITY EDUCATION 	Total value of scholarships issued (Target 4.b)	18,937 €
<b>5</b> GENDER EQUALITY 	Share of women among the people reached by our projects (Target 5.1)	41 %
<b>9</b> INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	Total value of research expenditures (Target 9.5)	31,532 €
<b>9</b> INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	Total value of startup funding (Target 9.b)	39,847 €
<b>13</b> CLIMATE ACTION 	Total number of Africans empowered through our projects [1] (Target 13.3)	207
<b>17</b> PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	Total value of transactions across all projects in Africa (Target 17.7)	99,606 €

[1] Number of Africans who are directly and positively impacted by our work. This includes participants in research projects, attendees of educational events, and individuals who have received mentoring or financial support as part of an ideas competition. The respective number of participants is recorded for this indicator upon completion of each project.



## FULL TEXT OF THE 17 GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Link SDG metadata repository: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/>



**Target 4.b** By 2020, substantially expand globally the number of scholarships available to developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States and African countries, for enrolment in higher education, including vocational training and information and communications technology, technical, engineering and scientific programmes, in developed countries and other developing countries

**Target 5.1** End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere

**Target 9.5** Enhance scientific research, upgrade the technological capabilities of industrial sectors in all countries, in particular developing countries, including, by 2030, encouraging innovation and substantially increasing the number of research and development workers per 1 million people and public and private research and development spending

**Target 9.b** Support domestic technology development, research and innovation in developing countries, including by ensuring a conducive policy environment for, inter alia, industrial diversification and value addition to commodities

**Target 13.3** Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning

**Target 17.7** Promote the development, transfer, dissemination and diffusion of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries on favourable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms, as mutually agreed



# OUR PROJECTS



## HOW DO OUR PROJECTS WORK?

01

Students and/or doctoral candidates from African universities contact us with their project ideas.

02

We assess the concept in terms of sustainability and evaluate the team with regard to its motivation. We then seek funding from foundations, companies, and private individuals.

03

Once the necessary financial resources have been secured, the project is launched. The participants and their supervisor carry out the project independently.

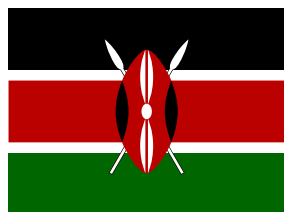
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After each quarter, we jointly evaluate the project's progress with all stakeholders, discuss any potential issues, and decide on the release of the next quarterly payment.

05

After the project period has ended (with twelve months as the target duration), the students submit a scientific documentation of the project to us, which may be published. We evaluate the project as a whole. If the project results give rise to further promising research opportunities or potential business ventures, we enter into a renewed collaboration with the students.





## COMPLETED PROJECT

### ACIC-2023

#### *African Climate Innovation Challenge 2023*

The ACIC is an ideas competition that challenges young entrepreneurs to develop innovative and environmentally friendly ideas. It supports them in turning these ideas into concrete solutions. This is achieved by equipping them with the necessary entrepreneurial skills and providing start-up capital to implement their solutions and help African communities adapt to climate change.

## FACTS

<b>Applications</b>	All of Africa (English-speaking)
<b>Pitch</b>	Nairobi, Kenya
<b>Duration</b>	March 2023 – December 2023
<b>Curriculum</b>	5 weeks, 19 lectures, 19 experts, 5 mentors
<b>Partner</b>	GAYO, Start.Up Lounge, SE Hub
<b>Participants</b>	35 participants (including 20 women) in 11 teams
<b>Budget</b>	USD 35,000 (additional funds from partners)
<b>Prize money</b>	USD 30,000 (10,000; 8,000; 5,000; 4,000; 3,000)
<b>Funders (3 Es)</b>	Engagement Global, Cordes & Graefe Foundation

## IMPLEMENTATION

In the second edition of the ACIC, the application scope was expanded from Ghana to all of Africa. As a result, 669 applications were received from 25 countries. Following a rigorous selection process, 11 teams were chosen to participate in a five-week curriculum. This included training sessions, workshops, and peer-to-peer coaching. The curriculum consisted of four main modules:

- Climate change adaptation and sustainability
- Empowerment and community relevance
- Soft skills, digital tools, and leadership
- Product and business development



From these teams, seven finalists were selected to present their ideas to a jury at the pitch event in September during the Africa Climate Summit in Nairobi, Kenya. The Africa Climate Summit marked Africa's lead-in to the UN Climate Conference COP 28 in Dubai and provided a platform for exchange among African heads of state, representatives of the United Nations, and other international organizations.

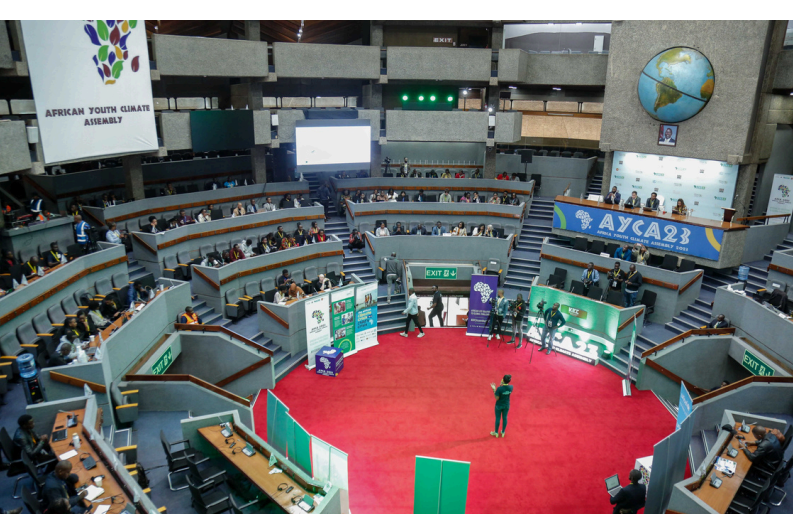
Embedding the pitch event within this climate action conference was ideal for presenting the innovative ACIC projects to a global audience. It was a great honor for both the organizations implementing the ACIC and the finalists. In addition to the prize money and the unique experience, the teams gained a valuable opportunity to increase visibility and establish important contacts for their start-ups.

Three experts with extensive experience in African and international climate policy were recruited for the pitch event jury panel:

- Salina Abraham – Climate Ambassador at the World Bank
- Dr. Kevin Frey – CEO of Generation Unlimited (development organization)
- Gerald Mgesi David – Challenge Fund Manager at the Global Resilience Partnership







## IMPACT

The impact of the competition was particularly evident in the selection of the five winners. Drawing on their diverse expertise and experience, the jury members faced the challenging task of determining these teams. The prize money was symbolically presented to them by the daughter of the Kenyan president and the UNICEF representative from Kenya. The winners were:

### **Asili Kwanza from Uganda – USD 10,000**

The young company produces eco-friendly briquettes made from agricultural waste. These briquettes are more affordable, smokeless, and therefore safer. They burn longer and are more environmentally friendly, offering an affordable, safe, and sustainable cooking solution.

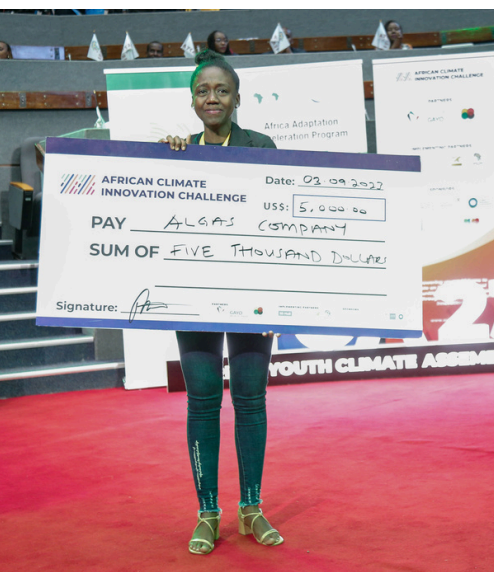
### **Low Altitude MAGLEV from Ghana – USD 8,000**

To address high electricity costs and rising greenhouse gas emissions, this team is developing a “Low Altitude MAGLEV Axial Hybrid Wind Turbine.” By using two wind turbines, the system is intended to generate clean electricity while simultaneously storing CO<sub>2</sub>.

### **ALGAS Company from Madagascar – USD 5,000**

This team cultivates marine algae for human consumption. Algae farming helps mitigate ocean acidification, oxygen depletion, and global warming, which would otherwise threaten marine biodiversity. In addition, the algae can provide a source of income and food for hundreds of small-scale fishers in Madagascar’s coastal regions.





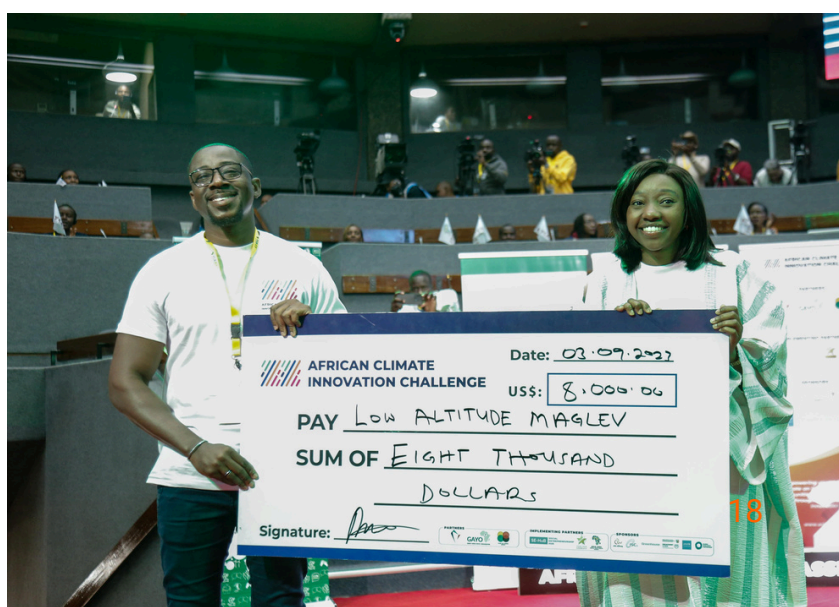
### **Theseus Development from Ghana – USD 4,000**

This team uses geopolymers technology to reduce emissions from cement production. Geopolymer concrete also helps lower energy consumption in buildings, which can in turn reduce operational emissions.

### **Tyndall Credits from Nigeria – USD 3,000**

Monitoring carbon offsetting requires precise tracking of all activities through which companies compensate for their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The Tyndall Credits platform aggregates CO<sub>2</sub> certificates from thousands of clean and climate-friendly projects run by small enterprises into a single emissions trading marketplace. To achieve this, the team is building a digital infrastructure that simplifies certification and reduces both costs and time requirements.

The project concluded with an implementation phase. During this phase, the winning teams had three months to deploy the prize money and further advance their ideas. At the end of this period, they submitted an activity report. Throughout this time, all teams were also able to receive additional support from SE Hub, a consulting firm for nonprofit start-ups.





## COMPLETED PROJECT

CMR-002

### *New Streets from Old Tires*

In this project, the team developed a new material made from plastic waste and used tires that can replace bitumen in road construction. The aim is to strengthen recycling and the circular economy while conserving conventional resources. Samples of the new material were produced and extensively tested. The results are promising and show that the mechanical properties of the material are comparable to those of bitumen.

## FACTS

<b>Country</b>	Cameroon
<b>Duration</b>	March 2022 – May 2023
<b>University</b>	Université de Yaoundé
<b>Partner</b>	FOOTPRINT
<b>Students</b>	5 (including 2 women)
<b>Supervisor</b>	Dr. Doedonne Kunwufine
<b>Mentor</b>	Nelly Joachim Eugene
<b>Budget</b>	€12,000
<b>Funders</b>	Private individuals

## IMPLEMENTATION

The project was carried out as part of the team leader's doctoral research and was based on his prior work. The team collected used car tires and plastic waste, shredded them, and produced samples of a novel hydrocarbon binder. The following tests were conducted with these samples to determine the mechanical properties of the material:

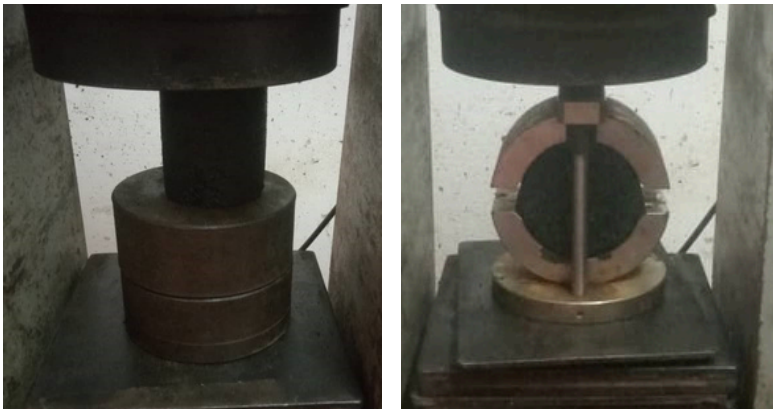


- Duriez test: Comparison of the compressive strength of dry and wet samples to determine the material's resistance to water.
- Marshall test: Examination of creep stability, that is, the deformation of the material under prolonged mechanical loading.
- PCG gyratory compactor: Compaction of the sample to calculate the percentage of air voids formed during production.
- Rutting test: Measurement of durability by simulating the load exerted by car tires on a road surface.

All four tests produced satisfactory results. The mechanical properties of the recycled material were equivalent to, or exceeded, those of bitumen. All findings were compiled in a scientific research report and additionally published in the team leader's doctoral thesis.







## IMPACT

The results of the project are highly promising. The team leader intends to continue developing the material and implement its use in road construction. This would create incentives for the collection of tires and plastic waste while establishing a viable pathway for their recycling.

By reducing the need for conventional bitumen, the environment can be further protected. At the same time, construction costs in road building would decrease, and the population would benefit from improved infrastructure and increased mobility. The concept is applicable beyond the borders of Cameroon.

The team invested significant effort in the project and was thereby empowered to implement its own approach to environmental protection in Cameroon. As the team leader was able to complete his doctoral thesis through this support, his potential as an environmental activist became evident and he was encouraged to continue pursuing this path.





## ONGOING PROJECT

**CMR-004**

### *Local Minerals as Fertilizer*

Four Cameroonian students are taking on the challenge of reducing the use of chemical fertilizers and replacing them with sustainable alternatives. To this end, they are investigating the potential of local geological materials in four villages in northern Cameroon. Building on these findings, they are developing methods to restore soil fertility without harming the environment.

<b>Funding</b>	€10,000	(100 %)
<b>Disbursements</b>	€8,234	(82 %)
<b>Progress</b>	Q3/Q4	(75 %)

## FACTS

<b>Country</b>	Cameroon
<b>Duration</b>	April 2023 – April 2024
<b>University</b>	Université de Ngaoundéré
<b>Partner</b>	FOOTPRINT
<b>Students</b>	4 (including 1 woman)
<b>Supervisor</b>	Prof. Jean Pierre Nguetnkam
<b>Budget</b>	€10,000
<b>Funder</b>	Innovation Zukunft Stiftung





## PROJECT BRIEF

This project is being carried out as part of the four team members' master's theses and builds on their preliminary studies. The objective is to develop a sustainable fertilizer for agriculture based on locally available minerals. This approach aims to improve food availability while reducing reliance on chemical fertilizers, which are costly, degrade soil quality, and contribute to climate change.

The focus of the research is on granites occurring locally in the soil. These are extracted, crushed, and analyzed in the laboratory for their potential use as fertilizer.

The sub-objectives of this research project are:

- Description of the method for extracting and processing the minerals, as well as the procedure for soil enrichment, in a scientific report.
- Transfer of the method to farmers in the villages where the minerals were previously examined and extracted.
- Completion of the four team members' master's programs based on the results achieved in the project.
- Reduction of costs and increased availability of natural fertilizers to enable more sustainable soil use while achieving higher yields.







## ONGOING PROJECT

GHA-002

### *Smart Biogas Technology*

This research project aims to develop an intelligent system for operating small-scale biogas plants. The goal is to simplify operation for farmers while increasing the efficiency and service life of the systems. This holds significant potential for improved use of biogas and can contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, deforestation, and lung diseases caused by air pollution.

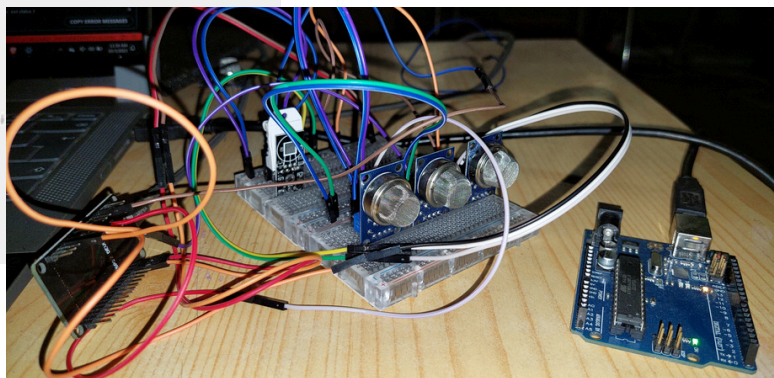
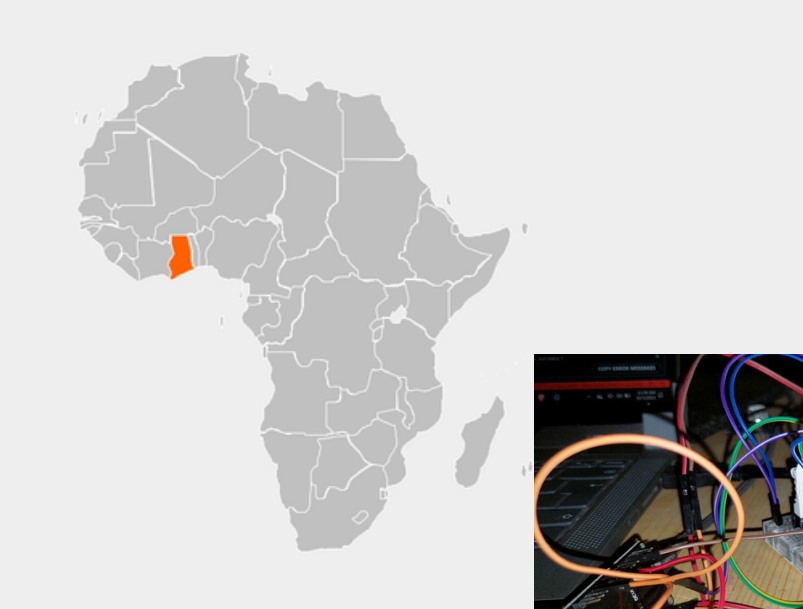
<b>Funding</b>	€10,000	(100 %)
<b>Disbursements</b>	€6,737	(67 %)
<b>Progress</b>	Q3/Q4	(75 %)

## FACTS

<b>Country</b>	Ghana
<b>Duration</b>	April 2023 – April 2024
<b>University</b>	Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
<b>Partner</b>	GAYO
<b>Students</b>	6 (including 3 women)
<b>Supervisor</b>	Dr. Richard Opoku
<b>Mentor</b>	Frank Adjei-Kyeremeh
<b>Budget</b>	€10,000
<b>Funders</b>	Leopold Bachmann Stiftung, Cordes & Graefe Stiftung







## PROJECT BRIEF

By integrating Internet of Things (IoT) technology and sensors into local biogas plants operated by smallholder farmers in Ghana, the productivity, sustainability, and efficiency of these systems can be enhanced. The system is intended to provide plant operators with real-time data on relevant operational parameters and to deliver concrete recommendations for action via an app when deviations from optimal conditions occur. This simplifies operation, increases yields, and motivates more people to operate biogas plants.

The team has already conducted a literature review and, as part of a field excursion, carried out surveys with plant operators. In addition, development of a prototype and the app has begun, and initial components have been procured.

The sub-objectives of this research project are:

- Development of a prototype capable of measuring temperature, gas composition, humidity, and pressure in a biogas plant.
- Development of an app as a user interface, including data processing, a dashboard, and actionable recommendations.
- Enabling students to acquire valuable skills in electrical engineering, computer science, and project management, while creating a foundation for establishing a green start-up.
- Increasing biogas production in Ghana to replace fossil fuels and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.





## ONGOING PROJECT

**NAM-002**

### ***Green Ammonia in Fertilizers***

The five students are working on the development of new sustainable production processes for fertilizers. The aim is not only to benefit agriculture but also to open up new fields of application for green hydrogen, which is being produced in Namibia on a large scale since a few years.

<b>Funding</b>	€10,000	(100 %)
<b>Disbursements</b>	€6,097	(61 %)
<b>Progress</b>	Q2/Q4	(50 %)

## FACTS

<b>Country</b>	Namibia
<b>Duration</b>	May 2023 – May 2024
<b>Universität</b>	University of Namibia
<b>Partner</b>	NANSO
<b>Students</b>	4 (including 1 woman)
<b>Supervisors</b>	Dr. Natangue Shafudah, Dr. Petrus Ausiku, Prof. Efigenia Semente
<b>Budget</b>	€10,000
<b>Funder</b>	GIP AG





## PROJECT BRIEF

In close cooperation with the Namibian Green Hydrogen Research Institute, five students from the University of Namibia are researching sustainable fertilizers. To this end, they synthesize ammonia from cattle manure and investigate nitrogen production using the Haber–Bosch process with green hydrogen. They analyze the potential of these sustainable fertilizers by comparing them with commercially available products in the cultivation of tomato and potato plants.

As Namibia has begun large-scale production of green hydrogen from solar energy, this research provides important insights into potential applications in agriculture. Agriculture plays a central role in the population's livelihoods as well as in the country's economic development.

The sub-objectives of this research project are:

- Development of sustainable fertilizer production processes that conserve resources and achieve higher fertilization efficiency.
- Creation of concrete applications for green hydrogen in agriculture.
- Conducting an economic feasibility study and surveys on the use of sustainable fertilizers, and deriving policy recommendations for the government.
- Advancing the students' academic qualifications through the further development of doctoral and master's theses, enabling entry into careers in the environmental sector and contributing effectively to climate protection in the long term.





# FINANCIAL REPORT 2023



<b>Inflow</b> ( <i>grants, donations, membership fees</i> )	€68,548
<b>Expenses</b> ( <i>association costs, events, visibility</i> )	– €1,261
<b>Expenses</b> ( <i>projects</i> )	– €48,229
<b>Annual delta</b>	€19,059
<b>Opening account balance</b> ( <i>as of 01/01/2023</i> )	€5,511
<b>Closing account balance</b> ( <i>as of 31/12/2023</i> )	€24,570

*Figures may vary slightly due to rounding*

Because sustainability is also important to us in the financial sector, we have chosen to hold an account with GLS Gemeinschaftsbank eG, 44774 Bochum. Among other things, customer deposits there are used to finance projects in the field of renewable energy. This explicitly does not constitute advertising; it is intended solely to provide information to you as a potential donor and to ensure the greatest possible transparency.

As a registered non-profit association, 3 E's 4 Africa e. V. is exempt from corporate income tax and trade tax in accordance with Section 5 (1) No. 9 of the German Corporate Income Tax Act (KStG) and Section 3 No. 6 of the German Trade Tax Act (GewStG). The tax exemption is granted under tax number 201/5908/4540.

# NEW PARTNERSHIPS



## Social Entrepreneurship Hub (SE HUB)

SE Hub supports founders of social and sustainable start-ups in Ghana in alignment with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The focus is on transforming public-interest-oriented ideas into viable business models. SE Hub is currently supporting the ACIC teams during the incubation phase and is responsible for parts of the curriculum.



## Future of Ghana Germany (FoGG)

(since 2024: **BOLDLY**)

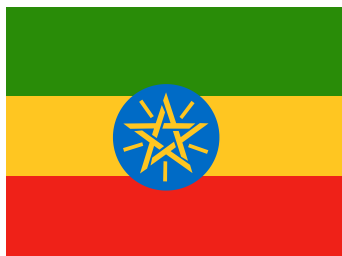
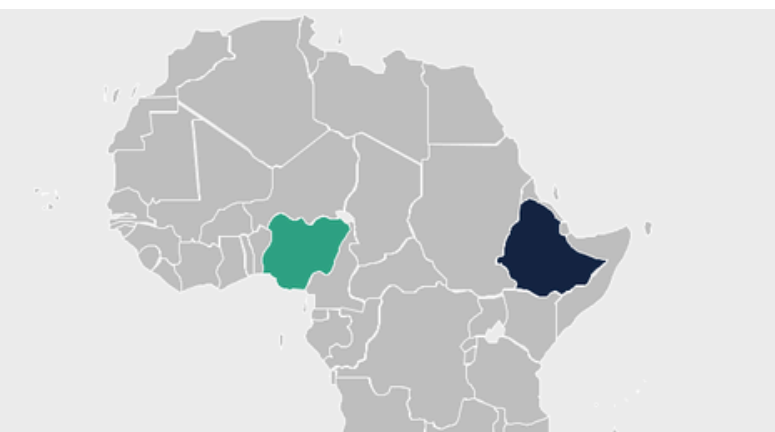
FoGG connects young Ghanaians, people of African descent in Germany, and other interested individuals. Its aim is to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience and to promote socio-economic projects. Through its network, FoGG provides access to mentors and experts from Ghana living in Germany.



## The Okwelians

The Okwelians are a “think-do tank” dedicated to promoting ethical leadership and social innovation. They train young people, strengthen public discourse, and foster cross-sector collaboration. The partnership serves to expand our network of changemakers in Cameroon.

# OUTLOOK



## **ETH-001**

### **DEVELOPMENT OF MULTI-STRESS-RESISTANT SORGHUM PLANTS**

Sorghum (millet) is a key staple crop in Ethiopia, crucial to food security and the livelihoods of many communities. However, its production is constrained by drought, high temperatures, and parasitic weeds such as Striga. A team of four doctoral candidates is developing new sorghum genotypes through mutation breeding that are more climate-resilient and deliver higher yields. The aim is to contribute to food security, agricultural sustainability, and climate change adaptation.



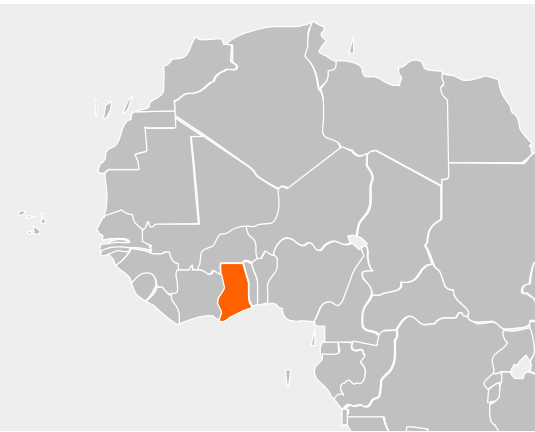
## **NGA-001**

### **BIOTRANSFORMATION OF FLARE AND LANDFILL GAS TO GREEN PLASTIC**

Although gas flaring has been banned in Nigeria since 1984, the country still ranks among those with the highest flaring rates. In addition, methane from open landfills escapes unused into the atmosphere. The project team aims to capture methane from both sources and convert it into polyhydroxybutyrate (PHB), a biodegradable plastic, using bacteria. The goal is to transform harmful emissions into a usable material, for example for food packaging, and to establish a start-up in the long term.



# OUTLOOK



## **ACIC-2024**

### **AFRICAN CLIMATE INNOVATION CHALLENGE 2024**

The ideas competition for green young entrepreneurs will continue in the coming year, once again in partnership with GAYO and Start.Up Lounge. The pitch event is planned to take place in Accra, Ghana. For the first time, start-ups from francophone African countries will also be able to participate. To this end, the curriculum will be delivered bilingually. In addition, the focus will shift more strongly toward start-ups that have already completed initial steps in establishing their business, as the program is particularly effective for this target group.



## **ASD-2024**

### **AFRICAN STUDENTS DAY 2024**

The African diaspora comprises more than 200 million people of African descent living outside Africa, including 6.2 million in France and over one million in Germany. As a diaspora organization led by young people, we advocate for a reorientation of perceptions of Africa as well as of development cooperation between Europe and Africa.

With the ASD, we are planning a one-day event for young people from the African diaspora in Europe. The aim is to bring together voices from the diaspora and to foster discussion on how young Africans in Europe can effectively contribute to positive change in their countries of origin.

# ASSOCIATION AND EVENTS



We are delighted to present the internal developments of our third year as an association. It was an exceptional period of growth, innovation, and collaboration, and we are pleased to share the key highlights with you below.

## GLOBAL SOLUTIONS SUMMIT

The Global Solutions Summit brings together policymakers, researchers, representatives of civil society, private-sector leaders, and young leaders to address the key crises and challenges of our time. In addition to the summit, the Global Solutions Initiative honors young activists from around the world with the “Young Global Changers Recoupling Awards” for their commitment to better aligning the economy with environmental protection and societal needs.

From several hundred applications, 15 outstanding young individuals were selected as finalists and invited to the summit in Berlin. We are proud that our founder, Contimi Kenfack Mouafo, was part of this selected group. During the two-day event, Contimi also had the opportunity—together with other global changemakers—to meet Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz. These and other encounters enabled direct exchange with decision-makers and provided valuable impulses for sustainable societal change.





## ASSOCIATION MEETING IN ROTTERDAM

With the steadily growing number of projects, we look to the future with great confidence in the positive development of our organization and its expanding impact. In April, we came together in Rotterdam for a two-day in-person meeting to make use of this opportunity for joint strategic work. The discussions focused on optimizing internal processes and increasing the added value for our projects. Alongside the substantive sessions, time was deliberately set aside to explore Rotterdam, spend time together, and strengthen team cohesion.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN AACHEN

This year's general assembly was held in person in Aachen, where the majority of our members reside. Following a review of the activities of the past twelve months, the executive board was unanimously discharged, after which a new board was elected. In addition, the results of an internal survey on organizational culture were reviewed and discussed. This process identified both existing strengths and specific areas for improvement. Finally, we deliberated on key decisions and the strategic direction for the coming period. The overall atmosphere was very positive, and we look ahead to the next year with motivation and drive. The meeting concluded with an informal segment featuring beach volleyball and a shared meal.





# THANK YOU!



Without you—our current and future supporters—and without you—our current and future members and 3E4A ambassadors—Contimi’s original idea would still be nothing more than a concept. Our changemakers, especially the students in Africa, would have had one important opportunity fewer to put their knowledge into practice through sustainable, applied research projects and to lead by example.

For this, we would like to express our sincere thanks. This shared journey has been, and continues to be, deeply enriching and inspiring for us. We very much hope to have you by our side in the future as well.

The 3E4A Team







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