



**COMMUNIQUE OF THE NORTHERN GHANA PRE – CONFERENCE OF PARTIES
HELD IN TAMALE FROM 13 – 15 AUGUST, 2024 AT THE MODERN CITY HOTEL,
TAMALE UNDER THE THEME “CLIMATE ACTION FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT IN GHANA”**

With over 200 representatives in attendance, including esteemed individuals such as the Coordinator of the National Adaptation Planning Secretariat of the EPA, YCC, Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) Ghana, Representatives of the Danish Embassy in Ghana, Regional and District Directors of Agriculture, Regional EPA Directors, CSO representatives, youth, persons with disabilities, marginalized groups, smallholder farmers and the media, engaged in fruitful deliberations, sharing experiences, best practices, and research-generated evidence on climate change. Through this exchange, we shed light on **climate adaptation, climate financing and youth action in climate change,**

Expressing appreciation to the EPA, the NAP Secretariat, the Regional and District Directors of Agriculture, CDKN, Institute of Energy Studies, and the Northern Development Authority

Further expressing appreciation to the GoAdapt Project and the Empowerment for Life Programme and its partners for hosting this first PRE – COP event in Tamale mobilizing over 40 CSOs to act together

Acknowledging that climate change is a common concern and poses a significant threat to Ghana's and particularly Northern Ghana's developmental achievements and that all parties should take action to address climate change that affects children, women, youth, persons with disabilities and smallholder farmers.

Acknowledging that progress has been made in developing national frameworks, strategies and policies as well as enhancing awareness on climate change nationally.

Expressing sustainability through conceptual art as a global concern with a local response to environmental degradation, particularly plastic pollution and discarded clothes.

Invite CSOs and the private sector to invest in building the knowledge and skills of youth to take climate action while addressing their economic and livelihood needs through entrepreneurship, agribusiness and social enterprise development, including youth focused CSO's.

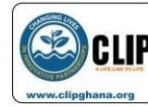
Building on the conversations from the Northern Ghana Pre – COP, we in solidarity with all stakeholders;

Request the Northern Development Authority (NDA) to trigger conversations on the need to establish the Northern Climate Adaptation Fund with the National Development Authority that will promote climate adaptation efforts effectively;

Further request the NDA to collaborate with development partners to support capacity building on climate funding mechanisms, which could improve access to funding

Request Northern Ghana local assemblies to prioritize investment in local climate change actions through:

- The District Assembly Common Fund
- The private sector
- Donations through individuals and organizations and
- Internally Generated Funds to support green businesses



Further request the Northern Ghana local assemblies to mainstream climate change adaptation budgeting into their Medium-Term Development Plan Processes

Request the NAP Secretariat to incorporate adaptation best practices suitable for Northern Ghana's Context and climate information systems into the National Adaptation Plan.

Further Request the NAP secretariat to establish and maintain constant engagement with local stakeholders, organizations, groups and platforms especially Youth Focused CSO's in Northern Ghana

Request YEFL Ghana and CLIP to address the research to action and knowledge sharing gap by exploring the use of existing evidence, dialogues and engagement with relevant stakeholders

Urge the government and local assemblies to invest in irrigation infrastructure, subsidised farm implements, and provide credit facilities to boost all year-round farming.

Urge smallholder farmers and Research Institutes to prioritize the preservation of indigenous seed varieties for sustainable farming.

Further urge Research Institutes and practitioners to prioritize research uptake and knowledge sharing of research outcomes to local stakeholders and within the study area

Urge government to invest in research institutions, recruit more agric extension agents and animal health workers to promote climate adaptation and resilience in Northern Ghana.

Commend the NDA for committing to identifying and sponsoring key individuals for capacity building on climate funding mechanisms to lead and take charge of fund mobilization to support Northern Ghana's climate resilient development agenda

Commend the CDKN and the Youth Climate Council Ghana for committing to mentor at least 4 youth on climate innovation and action in collaboration with YEFL Ghana.

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