



Presents
**Climate Communications and Local Governance -
Africa**

**ONE-DAY HIGH-LEVEL
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

Theme:

*Communicating Climate Policy into Practice:
Leveraging Digital Voices to Finance
Local Impacts in Africa*

Venue:
Virtually

Date:
October 21, 2026

Time:
**8:30am - 2:00pm Ghana Time
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Africa Climate Communication Conference and Exhibition – ACCCE 2026

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*(Building on ACCCE 2023: From Vulnerability to Resilience:
Towards Effective Climate Communication Strategies for Africa)*

1. ABOUT ACCCE

The Africa Climate Communication Conference and Exhibition (ACCCE) is a flagship initiative of the Climate Communications and Local Governance-Africa (CCLG-Africa). It is an initiative to bridge the gap between climate policy, local governance, people, and sustainable climate action. ACCCE is going to be an influential platform to champion climate communication for climate impacts in Africa and beyond.

ACCCE-2023 Highlights

Where We Started: log on to www.accce.cclg-africa.org

September 26, 2023, at the University of Media, Arts and Communication (UniMAC), Dzorwulu Campus, CCLG-Africa successfully organized a One-Day Roundtable Conference on the theme “**From Vulnerability to Resilience: Towards Effective Climate Change Communication Strategies for Africa**”.

2. **Rationale:** Africa has been an active partner in the global dialogues on climate impacts – extreme weather, rising seas, desertification, water scarcity, biodiversity loss, food insecurity, among others. Yet public awareness and effective communication of the implications of climate change remains insufficient. The 2023 Roundtable brought together academia, government, NGOs, media, youth and international bodies to deliberate on how to enhance awareness, promote engagement, share knowledge, and discuss barriers – from lack of resources to cultural and linguistic challenges.

Key themes were:

- Communicating Climate Resilience in Africa Rural and Urban areas
- Media and Communicators’ Role in Climate Change Mitigation

Format: Keynote Address, Panel Discussions, Mini Exhibition, and Networking. It laid the foundation for a bigger continental conference.

3. ACCCE 2026 – Our Evolution:

If 2023 moved us From Vulnerability to Resilience, ACCCE 2026 intends to push the focus from resilience to measurable actions. This is not a roundtable; it is a **one-day high-level virtual Conference**. It expected to be bigger, more inclusive, and action-oriented than what was experienced in 2023. The avowed focus is to transition policy into practice, digital voices into financial capital, and achieve local impacts from funded solutions.

4. RATIONALE FOR ACCCE-2026:

For years, Africa has been excellent at participating in dialogues aimed at climate change POLICY development. We have Nationally Determine Contributions (NDC), National Adaptation Plans (NAP), District Medium-Term Development Plans, and other bold climate strategies. But a farmer in Kinshasa does not eat policies. A market woman in Ellembelle in Ghana does not trade policy. A District Coordinating Director cannot fund a borehole with policy. The gap is **PRACTICE**, and the bridge between policy and practice is **COMMUNICATION and FUNDING**. How do we translate complex UNFCCC

language, EPA regulations, and parliamentary debates on climate change into understandable and relatable forms that communicate effectively to every African, whether an assembly member, a chief, or a farmer? How do we fund such practices for impactful solutions?



Today, a 22-year-old Climate Advocate in Jomoro a town in Ghana, with a smartphone can document flooding, interview a chief, and reach 50,000 people. The digital voice has become more powerful than a policy brief, and this is the leverage for ACCCE 2026. ACCCE 2026 will amplify these voices – youth, women, journalists – as the new trusted messengers in the fight against the odds of climate change.

We must move from telling resilience stories to FINANCING local impacts. We must tell stories that unlock FUNDING to support climate action. Why is climate finance not reaching Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs)? The answer is simple: finance speaks the language of bankable data, while communities speak the language of lived experience. Communication must translate lived experience into bankable evidence. A well-communicated local project – a climate-smart farm in Chipata-Zambia, a mangrove restoration in Ada Ghana – must attract funding. We must walk the talk and start financing climate solutions in District Assemblies – using the power of digital communication.

5. FORMAT AND ACTIVITIES

a. Policy to Practice – Opening Ceremony & Keynote Address:

- **Keynote Speaker:** Hon. Seidu Issifu, Minister, Climate Change and Sustainability, Republic of Ghana
- **Guest Speaker:** Hon. Mutinta Twambo, Chairman, Parliamentary Caucus on Climate Change- Republic Zambia
- **Special Guest of Honor:** Akyamfour Asafo Boakye Agyemang-Bonsu, Otumfuo Asafohene

b. Other Speakers: Hon. Minister for Environment, Science and Technology, Minister for Communication and information, Managing Director of Agricultural Development Bank, Executive Director of EPA Ghana, NALAG President, MPs, Blue Skies, DCDs, Media Leaders, Youth Climate Champions.

c. Presentation and discussions

- Sustainable Agriculture for Youth and Inclusive Development through Strategic Partnerships
- Effective Climate Communication:
- Financing Local Climate Action
- Digital Voices, Youth and Women Leadership in Local Governance

6. THEME AND SUB-THEMES

Main Theme: Communicating Climate Policy into Practice: Leveraging Digital Voices to Finance Local Impacts in Africa:

Sub-Themes:

- **Sustainable Agriculture for Youth and Inclusive Development through Strategic Partnerships** – How do we communicate, regenerative agriculture, Agri-tech, and market access to make farming aspirational for African youth and women? **By: Dr. Edward Ato Sarpong, MD, Agricultural Development Bank-Ghana**



- **Effective Climate Communication:** – Developing climate communication effectively, from Storytelling to Financing, moving beyond awareness to data visualization, behavioral change, digital advocacy, and climate journalism that attracts finance. **By: Cynthia Moyo, Lead Climate and Energy Campaigner, Greenpeace - Africa**
- **Financing Local Climate Action** – Linking MMDAs, Civil Society Organizations, Global Climate Funds and other funding sources to package community evidence to access adaptation finance. **By: Mary Jane Enchill, Deputy Director, HATOF Foundation**
- **Digital Voices, Youth and Women Leadership in Local Governance** – Amplifying digital activism, Climate Ambassadors, and women leaders as credible messengers for community climate action. **By: Vera Apeakorang, Co-Founder, Centre for Environmental Sustainability, Marine & Maritime Affairs (CESMMA)**

7. OBJECTIVES

- To translate Ghana's and Africa's climate policies (NDC, NAP) into simple, local languages and district-level actions.
- To provide a deliberative platform to discuss how digital platforms, social media, and community radio can be leveraged to attract and track climate finance to the local level.
- To strengthen collaboration between institutions: MMDAs, academia, private sector, media, and development partners for locally led adaptation.
- To share best practices and innovations in climate communication that move from resilience narratives to bankable local projects.
- To build capacity of journalists, communicators, climate activists and MMDA officials to communicate climate finance opportunities.

8. EXPECTED OUTCOMES ACCCE-2026 Declaration

- Roadmap for leveraging digital voices to finance local impacts.
- Launch of Youth Climate Communication Desks model for MMDAs.
- Enhanced partnerships between Institutions - local and international
- A compendium of best practices and tools for effective climate communication in Africa.
- Strengthened network of African climate communicators and journalists.

9. TARGET AUDIENCE ACCCE, 2026

2026 welcomes 300+ participants from Academia and research institutions, Government agencies and MMDAs, Parliament of Ghana, Development partners and collaborators, NGOs and CSOs, Media

organizations and journalists, Youth groups, Women organizations, Traditional Authorities, Private sector, and international bodies.

Closing: ACCCE-2026 Declaration – Accra Call to Action: Financing Local Impacts Activities.

10. DATE, VENUE & TIME

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11. CONTACT & PARTNERSHIP

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12. Hosts: CCLG-Africa in collaboration with NALAG, Zoomlion and Blue Skies Company

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PROFILE OF SPEAKERS ACCCE2026



Hon. Joseph Cudjoe is a distinguished Ghanaian statesman, former Minister for Public Enterprises and former Deputy Minister for Energy, and current Board Chair of Climate Communications and Local Governance in Africa (CCLG-Africa).

He served as the Member of Parliament for Effia Constituency in the Western Region across the 6th, 7th and 8th Parliaments of Ghana. As Ghana's first Minister for Public Enterprises (2021-2025), he exercised oversight over 175 Specified Entities through the State Interests and Governance Authority (SIGA), driving reforms on corporate governance, transparency, performance contracts, and profitability of state-owned enterprises — a critical link between public finance, governance, and sustainable development.

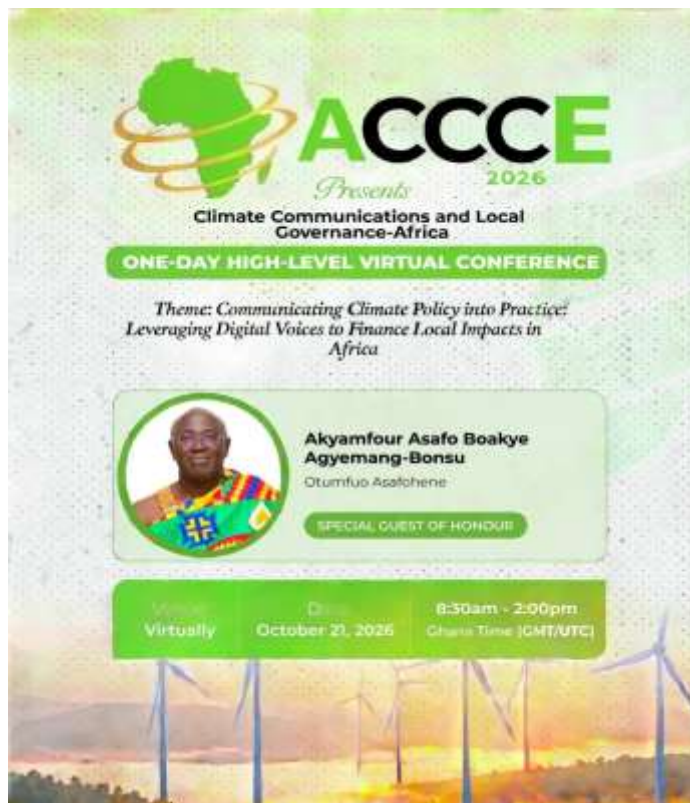
His professional journey spans teaching, financial analysis, investment management at COCOBOD, and General Manager at SEM International Ltd. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst, policy strategist, and governance expert.

As Board Chair of CCLG-Africa, Hon. Cudjoe brings visionary leadership to Communicating Climate Policy into Practice: Leveraging Digital Voices to Finance Local Impacts in Africa. His experience in public sector reform, fiscal governance, and local government engagement positions him to champion climate finance, accountability, and digital advocacy for local climate action across Africa.



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Akyamfour Asafo Boakye Agyemang-Bonsu is a Ghanaian traditional leader, climate diplomat, and academic administrator whose career bridges palace leadership, international climate governance, and higher education.

Enstooled on December 17, 2020, he serves as Asafohene and Asanteman Akwamuhene and Head of the Akwamu Traditional Divisional Council, leading the Akwamu Division of the Kumasi Traditional Council under the authority of the Asantehene, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II. His royal agenda centers on total cultural restoration, improved public healthcare, educational scholarships for less-endowed citizens, and using digital media to share Ashanti history.

In private life known as William Kojo Agyemang-Bonsu, he built an international career in climate policy and environmental sustainability. He managed the Mitigation and Transparency Support Sub-programme for the UNFCCC secretariat in Bonn, Germany, after joining Ghana's Environmental Protection Agency on his return from studies. He served as Ghana's National Climate Change Focal Point, Lead Negotiator, and Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Authority, and represented Ghana as National Focal Point for the IPCC.

On April 29, 2025, he was inaugurated as Chairman of the Governing Council of KNUST. His 10-year vision is to move the university "from Excellence to Eminence," championing impact-driven research, AI integration across disciplines, green hydrogen, and climate finance. He has challenged the university to become a global hub for Asante Cultural Studies and to align research with Ghana's development needs.

A trained Chemical Engineer, he earned a BSc in Chemistry at KNUST and specialized in Chemical Engineering at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. He is an advocate for Ghana's development challenges in sustainable land dispute resolution.





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Hon. Twambo Mutinta is a Member of Parliament in the Zambian Parliament representing Itezhi-Tezhi West Constituency located in the Kafue National Park in Zambia.

In the previous Parliament, he served as Chairperson for Parliamentary Committee on Education Science and Technology; the Co-Chairperson for the Zambian Parliamentary Caucus on Environment and Climate

Change (ZPCECC) and a Climate Champion in the Zambian Parliament.

He worked for Government, Panos Southern Africa, YWCA and Oxfam GB for 5 years in Education, Good Governance, SRHR and climate change resilience programming for many years before joining politics.

He holds of a Master's Degree in Development Studies from the University of Lusaka, a Bachelor's Degree in Adult Education from the University of Zambia and Secondary Teaching Diploma from Nkrumah University.

His passion for environment and climate change issues led the Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia nominating him as Leader of the Parliamentary Delegation to COP 27 held in Egypt, 2022. He is also one the Members who championed for the development of the Climate Monitoring and Accountability Tool (CMAT) in the Zambian Parliament to assist parliamentarians in undertaking oversight on climate related issues. His Constituency is home to Zambia's second largest river – the Kafue River and one of the Africa largest national park the Kafue National Park. Over the years, he has spearheaded a number of projects aimed at making his Constituency climate resilient in terms of agriculture, water and infrastructure.

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Cynthia Ntandoyenkosi Moyo is a Climate and Energy Campaigner at Greenpeace Africa with ten years of experience in fossil fuel accountability, air quality justice, and just transition advocacy. She is recognized as an expert voice on the intersection of energy policy, environmental justice, and community-led climate action across the continent. Her work centers on holding fossil fuel-driven systems to account, from campaigning for a fast, fair phase-out of coal and exposing the environmental and health costs borne by frontline communities, to challenging fossil fuel expansion across Southern and West Africa.

She has led campaigns connecting extraction to lived injustice: coal dependency driving energy poverty, load-shedding forcing reliance on polluting diesel backup, and offshore drilling threatening coastal livelihoods consistently centering the leadership of the marginalised communities most affected.



Vera Apeakorang is a conservation researcher and sustainability advocate with an MSc in Biodiversity Conservation and Ecosystem Management from the University of Ghana, and a BSc in Animal Biology and Conservation Science. Her work sits at the intersection of biodiversity conservation, natural resource governance and environmental sustainability.

Her research focuses on the political and institutional dimensions of resource governance, with particular attention to climate change, illegal mining (galamsey), and their implications for ecosystems and vulnerable communities. She has conducted field-based and policy-oriented research across Ghana, Senegal and Ivory Coast contributing to scholarly work on nature-based solutions and sustainable land use.

Vera has participated in high-level academic dialogues and international engagements across parts of Europe and East Africa, and has contributed to conferences, debates, and policy discussions on biodiversity

conservation and sustainability. She is a Co-Founder & Director of Sustainability & Partnerships at CESMMA Global, a youth-led think tank advancing environmental policy, research, and advocacy.

With a strong record of academic presentations and public speaking, Vera continues to shape conversations that emphasize collective responsibility and evidence-based solutions for a just and sustainable future.



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Mary Jane Enchill is the Deputy CEO at HATOF Foundation, an environmental governance, climate diplomacy, and international policy professional with over 14 years of experience advancing sustainable development through policy advisory, multilateral negotiations, environmental law, climate finance, institutional strengthening, and strategic communication and stakeholder engagement.

Her career has been distinguished by a consistent commitment to bridging international environmental governance and national policy implementation, supporting governments, development partners, multilateral institutions, academia, and civil society organizations in translating global environmental commitments into practical, impactful national actions.

She is a PhD candidate in International Relations and Climate Diplomacy at EUCLID University in Ghana and holds a Master of Arts in Environmental Management and Policy from the University of Cape Coast in Ghana, a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies with a specialization in Journalism from the University of Media Arts and Communication (UniMAC) (formerly Ghana Institute of Journalism), as well as multiple certificates in Climate Change, International Law, Green Economy, and Gender, enabling her to bridge the often-complex interface between science, policy, diplomacy, and public engagement.

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Kofi Don-Agor is a global events strategist, climate communicator, and local governance advocate with over 18 years of experience in media, marketing communications, and global strategic dialogue, specializing in SDG 13 – Climate Action. He is the President of Climate Communications and Local Governance-Africa (CCLG-Africa) and currently serves as the Lead Advocate on Climate Change in Ghana’s Parliament.

He excels in translating complex climate science into simple, actionable language for policymakers, communities, and the media, and leveraging traditional and digital media to promote climate resilience and environmental protection.

Over the years he has engaged globally, including the First Europe-Africa Climate Summit in Nantes, France (2022), presented CCLG-Africa's policies to the Climate Chance Association of the European Union, UNFCCC SB62 in Bonn Germany (2025), the United Nations-Habitat Forum in Cairo (2024), Summits in Marseille and Paris (2025), leading a parliamentary delegation at ChangeNOW Paris (2026), UN Counter-Terrorism Week in New York (2026), the 1st Africa Week in Nairobi, and e-CHANGES at the Bicocca Foundation in Milan (April 2026), representing SMILY Academy Ghana as its Director.

Don-Agor holds an MA in Social Research, Bachelor of Commence (BCom), London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI-UK) Diploma, with professional expertise in development communication, public relations, and climate policy advocacy, and numerous certificates of participations and capacity building programs.

- Climate Communication & Advocacy
- Marketing, Media & Public Relations
- Global Strategic Dialogue & Multi-Stakeholder Engagement
- High-Level Event Management & Parliamentary Diplomacy
- Lobbying, Climate Diplomacy & Local Governance He served as the convener and key speaker at the Africa Climate Communication Conference and Exhibition (ACCCE-2023) in Accra, where he challenged African governments to build transparent, science-grounded, non-politicized climate information systems.

As a lead advocate on climate change in the Parliament of Ghana, he convened strategic stakeholder breakfast meetings with state actors, youth activists, and Parliament's Environment, Science, and Technology Committee ahead of COP27 and COP28.



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