



# JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER



## AYGF'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NETHERLANDS NIGERIA CLEAN TECH EVENT

We are pleased to inform you that the African Youth Growth Foundation (AYGF) was invited to and actively participated in the prestigious Netherlands Nigeria CleanTech event held on June 7, 2023. This event, in collaboration with the Nigerian government, particularly the Ministry of Labour and Employment, centred around the crucial topic of climate change, an area of utmost relevance to our organisation.

The event served as a valuable workshop, aiming to raise awareness among the youth about productivity and the imperative need for their active engagement in addressing the global phenomenon of climate change. Esteemed stakeholders, influential speakers, and distinguished guests emphasised the urgent requirement for proactive measures to combat climate change and the crucial role that youth can play in the ongoing conversation and action.

It is evident that climate change is an indisputable reality, impacting every corner of the globe in unprecedented ways. The World Bank has identified Nigeria as one of the ten most vulnerable countries to the adverse effects of climate change and natural hazards, as outlined in their Climate Risk Country Profile. Simultaneously, as Africa's largest economy and the second-highest emitter of greenhouse gases on the continent, Nigeria holds tremendous potential to contribute significantly to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement. Given Nigeria's status as an oil-producing nation, it has the opportunity to become an international exemplar by transitioning from fossil fuels to a sustainable and environmentally-friendly green economy. The Netherlands, recognising Nigeria's ambition to embrace a green economy, has expressed its support for this transition.

The AYGF's representation at the Netherlands Nigeria CleanTech event signifies our steadfast dedication to addressing climate change challenges and promoting sustainable solutions. We recognise the urgency of the situation and acknowledge the irreversible consequences of inaction. As an organisation committed to the growth and development of African youth, we believe in harnessing their potential as agents of positive change and encouraging their active participation in environmental preservation.

Moving forward, the AYG remains resolute in its commitment to contribute significantly to combating climate change through various programmes and initiatives. We are determined to collaborate with stakeholders, partners, and like-minded organisations to create a greener, more sustainable future for generations to come.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the organisers of the Netherlands Nigeria CleanTech event for the invitation and the opportunity to participate in this critical dialogue. Together, let us strive for a cleaner and healthier planet, empowering youth to be catalysts for transformative action.