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AMA SELECTS 12 PROJECTS FOR ACCRA YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION FUND INITIATIVE

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) announces the selection of 12 projects for funding under the Accra Youth Climate Action Fund (AYCAF) initiative.

This initiative, supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies, and launched in April 2024 by the Mayor of Accra, Hon. Elizabeth Naa Kwatsoe Tawiah Sackey, aims to empower the youth of Accra to take active roles in climate action and sustainability projects.

The selected projects, which span across key areas of climate action, including citizen and community engagement, solid waste optimisation, and sustainable transportation, highlight the creativity and commitment of young people in Accra to building a sustainable future.

The selected projects are as follows:

- 1. Youth-managed recycling and waste reduction programs.***
- 2. Accra community municipal solid waste (MSW) source separation at Jamestown.***
- 3. Integrating climate change education in local governance and development***
- 4. Plastic footprint reduction project (PFRP)***
- 5. Mangrove restoration for coastal protection and urban greening.***
- 6. Sustainable climate financing initiative***
- 7. Green future awareness and education campaign***
- 8. Project Ecomakola.***
- 9. Clean Accra: source separation of waste.***
- 10. Green ambassadors programme***
- 11. Empowering youth in climate resilience and climate preparedness***
- 12. Youth Eco Power project.***

The AYCAF seeks to provide young people with the necessary resources and support to develop and implement projects that address environmental challenges and promote sustainable development. By fostering youth-led initiatives, the fund aims to harness the creativity and energy of the younger generation to create a positive impact on the community and the environment.

Following the call, the AMA received a total of 31 applications, covering a diverse range of sectors such as waste management, renewable energy, urban planning, and climate education. The applications underwent a rigorous evaluation process based on predefined criteria to ensure alignment with the objectives of the AYCAF initiative and the broader Accra Climate Action Plan (2021-2025).

The evaluation process, conducted by a team of experts from various sectors, resulted in the selection of the above 12 projects deemed most promising and impactful.

Towards this end, the AMA wants to express its optimism about the potential impact of these projects, and state that the Accra Youth Climate Action Fund is a testament to the city's dedication to fostering innovation and empowering our youth.

The AYCAF initiative not only aims to address immediate climate challenges but also invests in the long-term development of future environmental leaders. By engaging the youth in meaningful climate action, the AMA continues to advance its goals of enhancing climate resilience and sustainability in Accra.

The AMA's commitment to climate action is reflected in its comprehensive approach to addressing environmental challenges. By supporting youth-led projects, the city aims to build a resilient and sustainable urban environment, aligning with global climate goals and enhancing the quality of life for its residents.

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