

**Strategic Youth Network for Development  
(SYND)**

# Annual Report for Year Ended 2012



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Strategic Youth Network for Development (SYND) was set up in 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2008 as a Non-Profit Making Organization.

It was registered under the Companies Code, 1963 (Act 179).

Registration Number: G-25,449

Registered Address: c/o Vanderpuye-Orgle Estate Ltd.  
Kojo Thompson Road and Farrar Avenue Junction, Adabraka-Accra  
P. O. Box GP 2833, Accra-Ghana

### **Executive Members:**

1. Mr. Chibeze Ezekiel (*Executive Coordinator*)
2. Mr. Ibrahim Coker
3. Mrs. Gloria Akuamoah Boateng
4. Miss Vanessa Agbenyo
5. Miss Yvonne Addison
6. Mr. Isaac Agbenuvor
7. Mr. Patrick Senegah
8. Miss Ibronke Ode-Martins
9. Miss Dede Armah

### **Board of Governors:**

1. Min. Albert Rockson III (*Board Chairman*)
2. Mrs. Laila Boafo-Foleson
3. Min. Allan Okomeng-Mensah
4. Mr. David Vanderpuye-Orgle

**Adviser:** Justice Sophia-Akuffo

**Banker:** Fidelity Bank Ltd

**Auditor:** Soul Business Systems

### **Introduction:**

Strategic Youth Network for Development (SYND) is a registered youth-led network civil society organization in Ghana which focuses primarily on deepening good environmental governance. Our operational work involves tracking and contributing towards environment-related policies as well as formulation and implementation of programs, projects and activities from community to national level.

**Vision:**

To help achieve environmental sustainability through the development and active participation of young people in managing the environment through policy formulation, programs planning and implementation of projects and activities to sustain society.

**Mission Statement:**

- Influencing environmental policies positively from the youth perspective
- Assisting decision makers to planning and implementation of environmental framework, programs and projects satisfactorily
- Working locally and nationally with area businesses, community leaders and neighbors to improve the environmental well-being of our community that creates cleaner and safer neighborhoods.
- Dedicated to environmental improvements that foster a sustainable future.

**Thematic focus of work:**

1. Climate Change
2. Biological Diversity (Biodiversity)
3. Land Degradation
4. Water and Sanitation

**REVIEW OF YEAR 2012**

1. A “Youth Budget Watch” was published in February 2012 by the Coalition of Youth Development Organisations in Ghana (COYDOG). This exercise was led by the Executive Coordinator of SYND. The document was a trend analysis of government’s commitment to youth development with respect to budgetary allocations to the Youth Sector from the Period 2009 – 2012.
2. SYND organized a World Environment Day Activity on June, 7th 2012 with the leadership and students of COSMOS Basic school at Lapaz in Accra.
3. SYND published in July, 2012 a Policy Brief on the National Environmental Policy of Ghana. This publication was widely circulated to all our networks. As a youth-led organization, we are proud to note that the issues we raised in our brief were all reviewed or taken into consideration in the latest Environmental Policy of Ghana.
4. In August, 2012 SYND became a Member of Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) based in Switzerland. Similarly, GEF NGO International upon submission of our profile, audited accounts and other information, accepted our application to become a member of the network.
5. SYND as part of its educational campaign engaged the students of Daasco International on Personal Hygiene. Students were educated on how they can be personally responsible for

their hygiene. Pictures of this activity have been uploaded unto our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/StrategicYouthNetworkforDevelopment](http://www.facebook.com/StrategicYouthNetworkforDevelopment)

6. SYND received a grant of GH¢1,371.43 from the Ghana Aid Effectiveness Forum (GAEF) as the lead Youth Platform to conduct two concurrent projects namely 'Ask Your Government' campaign & Expenditure Tracking focusing on some key modules under the National Youth Employment Program (NYEP).
7. The Executive Coordinator of SYND was selected as a member of the Task Force Team that collated all the data of a research project which eventually led to the publication and launch of the Youth Manifesto of Ghana. This project was led by YES Ghana.
8. SYND participated actively in the Post 2015 Youth Consultative Workshop in Ghana which was primarily to make inputs or raise concerns as young people in the current global development exercise.
9. SYND also participated in a Citizen-Government Engagement workshop on WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) at the invitation of WaterAid Ghana. This was held in Kumasi from December 17 – 21, 2012.
10. During the latter part of 2012, SYND distributed its 2013 Work Plan to key stakeholders for partnership and/or sponsorship.
11. As at December, 2012 SYND had completed a Position Paper on the Environmental Sanitation Policy of Ghana for publication. We intend to publish this document then engage relevant stakeholders after the government appointments have been finalized.
12. Overall, SYND was involved in a number of workshops, seminars or conferences with government institutions, civil society organisations, donor agencies and private sector making contributions or critical inputs in National Environment-related policies and programs.

#### **CHALLENGES:**

1. SYND was unable to organize a planned environment-related activity with students of Queen Elizabeth International due to changes in the academic calendar of the school.
2. SYND could not organize its planned activities at least in 2 communities due to lack of adequate funds.
3. Due to lack of funds, SYND could not produce an educational booklet on Climate Change targeted at young people as part of creating more awareness among young people.

**REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATE**

SYND recorded a surplus of GHc145 (\$40) in the year 2012. We wish to thank our donors, friends and supporters who have made significant contributions to SYND.

**2013 WORK PLAN**

2013 Work Plan has been attached for your perusal and consideration.

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Statement of accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2012 is attached.