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## **Executive Summary**

Founded in 1999 and officially registered in 2001, HATOF foundation<sup>1</sup> is a national environment NGO engaged in national and international actions for sustainable and inclusive growth, good governance and enhance environmental integrity. With over a decade of experience in Sustainable Development, Multilateral Environmental Agreements negotiation and Green Economy actions, HATOF has spearheaded events such as Climate Justice, Green Economy Week, and CSO-Government Policy Dialogue among others to advance the implementation of global policy framework to achieve sustainable development for the continent and improve the livelihoods of our people. HATOF holds membership and observer status with international organisations including; United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Convention on Biological Diversity, Africa Union Economic, Social, and Cultural Council, and United Nations Department of Public Information.

## **Our mission**

To develop the skills of individuals and communities to effectively conserve, restore and utilize the natural resources available in the communities for sustainable livelihoods in Ghana and beyond as well as to strengthen democracy, good governance and development by helping local populations find information needed to fight for environmental justice in their communities. HATOF has participated in both national and international conferences, workshops, seminars and trainings to build the capacity of staff members; negotiate for sound environmental management policies and programmes, and gender equality. This 2016 Annual report is therefore guided by the HATOF Strategic Plan 2015-2020, which comprises the following key areas; policy influence, knowledge development and management, and institutional strengthening.

## **Membership**

- Ghana CSO Platform on SDGs
- Green Climate Fund CSO observer
- Global Environment Facility CSO Network
- Climate Action Network International (CAN-I)
- United Nations Department of Public Information
- United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity
- Africa Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC)
- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
- Convention on Biological Diversity Alliance (CBD Alliance)
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Ghana Climate Change Agricultural and Food Security Platform
- African Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (AUECOSOCC)
- National Technical Advisory Committee- Green Climate Fund, Ministry of Finance
- Marine and Fisheries Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture

## **Achievements of year under Review**

- Organised a successful Side Event and Exhibition at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change COP22 in Marrakesh, Morocco
- Completed 4 national capacity building workshops to strengthening local community capacities on REDD+ issues to actively engage in synergistic implementation sustainable forest management in the high forest zone of Ghana
- Participation in Regional training programmes
- Supported the development of 7 national policies and strategies

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<sup>1</sup> [www.hatof.org](http://www.hatof.org)

## 1. Introduction

Campaigning for a fair and just response to the impacts of climate change and biodiversity conservation is no longer the job of a specialised few, but the common struggle of all. It is against this backdrop that we present the 2016 Annual Report and hope that you will appreciate how we have contributed to positive change in the global and national policy, building the capacity of Ghanaian civil society organisations at the national level to remarkably contribute to various interventions on climate change, environment and sustainable development debates and processes.

HATOF wishes to express sincere gratitude to all our members and the broader civil society across Africa and beyond for their continued collaboration and support. We appreciate most profoundly the financial support from our partners without which we could not have achieved the milestones already covered. As we work to amplify the voices of the people who bring themselves together to form HATOF, we wish once more to reiterate our commitment to the overall vision we have always espoused – to advance the involvement of children, youth, women and communities in the protection of the global environment, promote economic and sustainable development for current and future generations through local and global action.

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## 2. Strategic Area and Activities

### 2.1. Policy influence

This strategic area aims at ensuring realisation of environmental and climate justice for all people in Ghana and beyond, and particularly the most vulnerable, promoting effective environmental governance through strategic engagement with intergovernmental, regional and national government processes in policy and program design, financing, and implementation related to the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement, Biological Diversity and the Sustainable Development Goals.

#### 2.1.1. CSO participation in Governmental Processes

HATOF participated in the following major national policy process.

- Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation joint steering committee meeting for the Low Emission Capacity Building Project and the Green Climate Fund, which focused on approving the Green Climate Fund Readiness project budget and ensure project coherence and its alignment with on-going initiatives of government.
- National stakeholder engagement on the Dedicated Grant Mechanism project under the auspices of the World Bank, to discuss progress made towards the preparation of the local communities' component of the Forest Investment Project climate financing to reduce deforestation and forest degradation in Ghana.
- Facilitated the participation of members in the Regional Climate Change Health and Risk Assessment program held in Accra-Ghana by University of Nairobi and Korea

University which focused on mainstreaming climate change as well as undertake climate change health risk assessment to guide national adaptation and mitigation strategies.

- By the invitation of the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, HATOF represented CSOs in the development of national implementation and investment plan to guide efforts to realise Ghana's Nationally Determined Contribution. HATOF also participated in the validation meeting of REDD+ corruption Risk and Governance Assessment under the Ghana Integrity Initiative.

### **2.1.2. Engagement with the Global Environment Facility (GEF).**

As a CSO observer to the Global Environment Facility, the network participated in the 2016 GEF Expanded Constituency Workshop held in Sierra Leone and provided policy review support to the GEF. The network also engaged the GEF through a grant support from the GEF Small grants programme to undertake knowledge management activities in Ghana.

### **2.1.3. Engagement with the Green Climate Fund**

Also, representing the CSOs on the National Designated Authority Technical Advisory Committee of the Green Climate Fund, under the auspices of the Ministry of Finance, HATOF continues to provide technical advice to the committee as well as to bring CSOs perspectives to project design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. HATOF also provided views on project proposals submitted to the GCF by member countries to enhance the operation of the fund in developing countries including Ghana.

### **2.1.4. Engagement in United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**

In November, 2016, HATOF participated in the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 12), and the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 1) held from 7 to 18 November in Marrakech, Morocco. Dubbed the "COP of Action" the meeting was the first COP since the adoption of the Paris Agreement at COP 21 in 2015 and since the Agreement entered into force on 4 November 2016. It drew global attention due to the reality at hand of how to make the Paris Agreement work. Focus of negotiations in Marrakech was on matters relating to entry into force and the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

The focus of the organisation was on finance, REDD+, mitigation, adaptation, and loss and damage. HATOF for the second time, supported Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana, to successfully organise a side event and exhibition at the conference of parties. The side event was organised under the theme; "**Accelerating Investments in Renewable Energy in Africa: Challenges and success stories Ghana**"<sup>2</sup>

- To give detail explanations to the key binding constraints to renewable energy development in Ghana;
- To explicate the political economy dimensions of the policies to tackling the binding constraints;
- To showcase some success stories and opportunities in RE investment in Ghana
- To give exposition to how climate change expenditure can be tracked;

<sup>2</sup> [https://seors.unfccc.int/seors/attachments/get\\_attachment?code=HQB4YHAMSGOTVJ2N41P0KODNQSO441RU](https://seors.unfccc.int/seors/attachments/get_attachment?code=HQB4YHAMSGOTVJ2N41P0KODNQSO441RU)

- To showcase climate related works that have been undertaken by HATOF, ISSER and Government of Ghana.
- To guide potential investments in renewable energy solutions in Ghana

The exhibition on the other hand was organised on the theme: **Reducing Carbon Footprint and building resilience to climate change impact**. It showcased the significant efforts by government, NGOs and private sector to reduce emissions and combat climate change effects will be demonstrated.

### **3. Knowledge development and management**

The concept of REDD+ in Ghana is one that is relatively new. Although it is seen by the Government of Ghana as a new source of environmental financing yet it is also perceived by many stakeholders as potential source actions which could lead to disenfranchisement or an open door for “carbon cowboys”. For a better understanding of the concept among stakeholders, especially those in forest fringe communities, HATOF launched a project on “National REDD+ Consultation in the Volta Region” The project sought to;

- Organize stakeholders workshop for all eight(8) forest district in Volta Region.
- Develop and distribute 1000 copies of REDD plus and UNFCCC negotiation materials.
- Undertake community consultations meetings in all twenty-one (21) identified traditional areas considering potential for REDD+ areas activities in the region

The project was aligned with some of the existing policies including; the National Climate Change Policy; Forest and Wildlife Policy; and National Environmental Policy. The project also established networks with three District Assemblies for support and the implementation of the project as well as holding consultative meetings with traditional authorities of the communities to seek their support for implementation of the project. Among the activities carried out under this component include;

- Established and enhanced collaborative knowledge sharing mechanisms with Forestry Commission and other stakeholders
- Developed and disseminated information on REDD+ process and mounted posters and sign boards in project areas.
- Selected three pilot communities within the REDD+ priority geographic areas for participatory activities
- Organized series of workshops to build their understanding of REDD+ issues
- Selected, trained and empowered community REDD+ implementation committees

### **4. Institutional strengthening**

This strategic area aims at enhancing HATOF’s operational effectiveness in terms of governance, communication, resource mobilisation, capacity development, service delivery and monitoring and evaluation to ensure the achievement of our set objectives.

#### **4.1.Transformational Leadership for Women in Agribusiness at the African Center for Transformative and inclusive Leadership, Nairobi, Kenyatta University**

One of HATOF’s projects has been the engagement of women in palm oil processing and a revolving fund to boost capital of the women. In order to further contribute to an increase in the levels of production and productivity in agribusiness among women, the Deputy CEO was supported by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equity and the Empowerment of

Women (UN Women) to participate in the Regional Training workshop Transformational Leadership for Women in Agribusiness from 21-25, November, 2015 at the African Center for Transformative and inclusive Leadership (ACTIL), located at Kenyatta University, Nairobi. The training provided staff with much needed knowledge on how to organize and develop businesses. The field trips also provided an opportunity to witness first hand modern technologies for agricultural development and the requirements and standards for export to western markets. The training also built the leadership skills of women and challenged them to be involved in policy and other development issues that affected their business as part of their transformational leadership growth.

#### **5. Achievements of year under Review**

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- Participation in 2 international training programmes
- Supported the development of 7 national policies and strategies

#### **6. Team Members**



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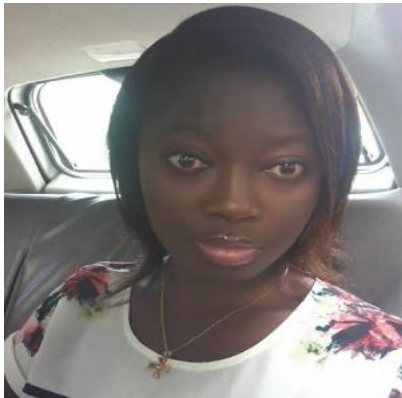
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## PICTURES OF ACTIVITIES



Deputy CEO receiving her certificate at the end of training on Transformational Leadership for Women in Agribusiness

**HATOF Foundation**  
*in collaboration with*  
**Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), UG**  
**University of Ghana, Legon**  
holds a Side Event at COP22 in Marrakech

**Theme: Accelerating Investments in Renewable Energy in Africa:  
Challenges and Success Stories**

**DATE:** Wednesday 16, November, 2016 | **TIME:** 15:00-16:30pm Moroccan Time  
**VENUE:** Austral (Observer Room 5) Morocco

**SPEAKERS:** Prof. Felix Asante, ISSER, UG | Samuel Dotse, HATOF Foundation  
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