

Webinar Report

ON RESPONSIBLE
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM

2nd
Edition

Presented by:

Agriculture and Environmental
Protection Department



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The department of agriculture and environmental protection organized a webinar on Responsible Environmental Activism on 18th of October, 2024 which took place from 1:00pm to 2:30p via Zoom. The main agenda was to bring inspiring environmental activist to attract youth who are passionate about creating positive environmental change in their communities and are seeking knowledge, inspiration, exposure and networking for collective action and solutions to the multiple challenges within the sector, while also share their experience and the way they handled or overcome them and possible recommendations.



The webinar had over 45 registered and a total of over 23 people attended the session with a representation of people not just from Cameroon but also one of our speakers from Nigeria. The webinar convened by Othniel Bungo, head of EP department commenced with a warm welcome from Ngueubou Mervielle, setting the tone for an engaging and informative session. Mr. Sonyuy Ferdinant, CEO of RADA, emphasized the importance of such sessions in creating a sustainable collaboration among Cameroonian youths and extended his gratitude to the organizing team and the department of agriculture and environment for championing this initiative.



The webinar featured four distinguished speakers who provided valuable insights and recommendations on various aspects of responsible environmental activism. Othniel Bungo head of environmental protection department went further to introduce the departmental works, including the different programs we have while setting a pace for Merville to coordinate the session by introducing the different speakers as follows;

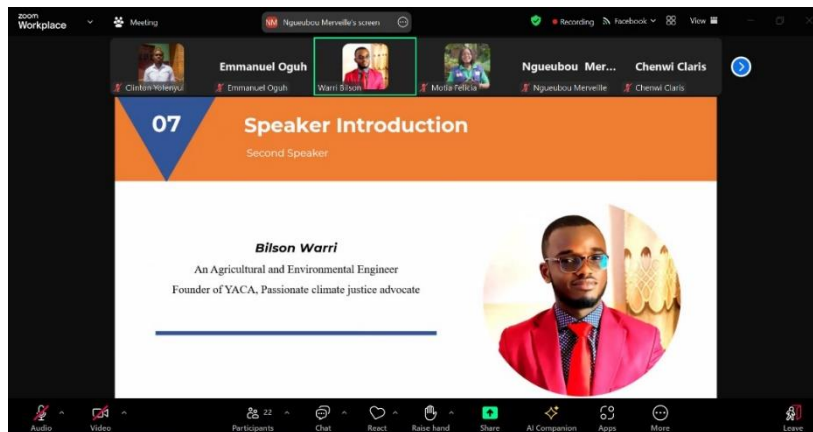
The First speaker:

Motia Nja Njobaye Felicia, is a YALI Alumni, Young Women’s Leaders on Climate Adaptation, the Co-Founder of Nkwa4chnage Solutions, Coordinator of Regenerative Agriculture Hub Project which aims at empowering rural women in the SW region of Cameroon with skills on the production of organic fertilizers and encouraging regenerative agriculture while fighting zero hunger, gender equity and food security. She channels her energy to see how we can sustainably produce enough healthy and nutritious food to feed the 2 billion people on earth without depleting our soil and releasing more Carbon dioxide into the atmosphere by encouraging farmers to adopt zero or minimal and effectively apply organic liquid fertilizers. She ended up by encouraging Cameroonian youths to take the climate crisis as an emergency and do the little we can to adapt, mitigate and build strong resilience to climate change in the agricultural sector for we still have the energy, creativity and we occupy 70% of the world’s population. **“Be the change we are striving for, take advantage of opportunities”**.

The image shows a Zoom meeting slide for the first speaker. At the top, there is a blue and orange header with the number '05' and the text 'Introduction of Speakers' and 'First Speaker'. A small video thumbnail of the speaker is in the top right corner. Below the header, the speaker's name 'Motia Nja Njobaye Felicia' is listed, followed by her titles: 'Co-Founder, Nkwa4chnage Solutions', 'Coordinator, Regenerative Agriculture Hub Project', and 'YALI RLC West Africa Regional Leadership Training Alumni'. To the right of the text is a circular portrait of the speaker, and a 'zoom' logo is visible at the bottom right of the slide.

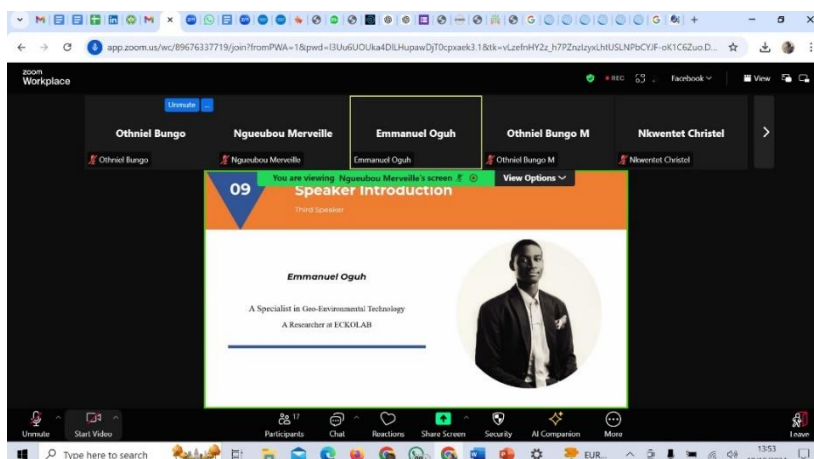
The second speaker: Bilson Warri, is an Environmental Engineer, Founder of YACA, Passionate climate justice advocate came up to share his experiences and works in the climate space and he actually encouraged the participants with how well he is using STEM in innovation to be able to come up with new sustainable solutions in different town with examples his initiatives in training children on how to extract low quality diesel fuel from plastics and also his involvement in training children with knowledge on recycling, tree planting, ocean and environmental cleanup.

this he encouraged participants to start climate and recycling education from the early stage of a children school lives ass it will aid them build up the attitude. He infancies on the need for collaboration as youths and availability of data with inclusiveness. His explained his major challenge of sensitizing the community to accept their responsibilities to combat climate change from every works of life and the aspect of mobilizing resources for this purpose as youth. For him to overcome this he has form a diverse team made up of people from different fields of life.



The Third speaker:

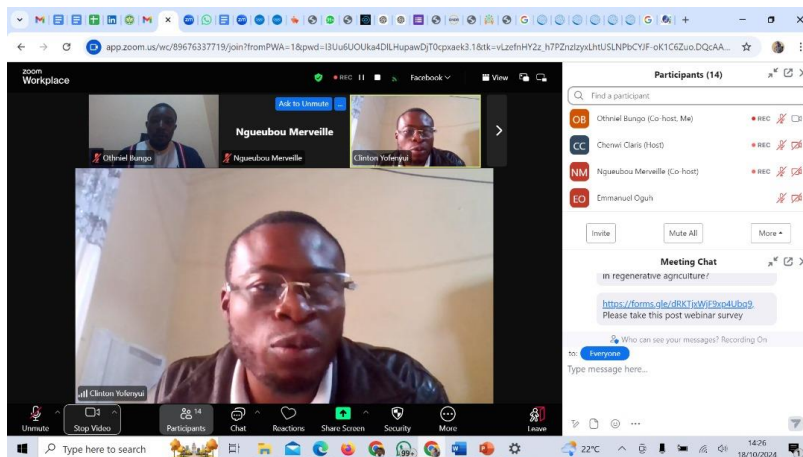
Emmanuel Oguh, is a Geo-Environmental Technology Specialist in Nigeria, A Researcher at Eckolab Nigeria talked about their initiatives at Ecolab in fostering WASH in Cameroon, Nigeria, Zambia etc, while sensitizing the community on WASH and through their hard work and impact they were able to sign a massive partnership with foreign company to enhance the solution to poor water quality in Zambia, having a sustainable innovative where the technology can extract water from the atmosphere to drinking water in our local communities and it will contribute to solving water scarcity problem caused by increase droughts in Africa.



Comments:

Sunday Goefrey, the CEO of SOHUCAM applauds the session and emphasizes the importance of bringing in people from diverse fields and perspectives to carry out a single unifying action and to him this program is like a very great positive reinforcement for those youths doing work and motivation to those still planning to do work.

The call to action of this webinar according to Othniel was to reiterate the fact that climate change and environmental protection involves everyone be it in peace, finance or any field of life and our responsibilities are to protect the environment through tree planting reducing the Carbo Foot Print.



He also encouraged collaboration and network strengthening among youths in order to take action. The session ended up with closing remark from the CFO of RADA who appreciated the speakers for sharing with us what they are doing at their different spaces and encourages attendees to connect with the speakers. Encouraging everyone to protect the environment first before profit and also for participants to watch out for opportunities coming in 2025 in the climate space.

