



STUDENTS  
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## BelGO

On the 6th of December we organised the BelGO meet-up for Belgian Green Offices. The event was organised in collaboration with the Green Office of UAntwerp. We had a wonderful day in the centre of Antwerp in one of the university buildings, where we welcomed about 25 participants from all around Belgium. After getting to know each other and hearing about what each of the Green Offices that were present were working on, we jumped right into different sessions. The participants from starting Green Offices were able to experience the enthusiasm that still lives on in the more experienced Green Offices (such as the ones at UGent and the VUB). Besides the enthusiasm and energy all participants brought, everyone had so much knowledge to share! Days like this also offer us an important opportunity for gauging the needs and wants of the Green Offices, so we can move to support them in more meaningful ways. At the end of the day, everyone left filled with new ideas and a renewed sense of community! Seeing the participants interact also fills us with excitement about the upcoming SOS International Summit in March, where even more people can share their experiences with an international group of likeminded people.

## UN Environment Programme: Green Skills Observatory

Launching in January 2024, SOS International will provide the youth voice for the international Green Skills Observatory. We will be engaging with members and partners to foster grassroots student-led advocacy to shift tertiary education providers commitments to green skilling. SOS International will be seeking to recruit youth and student representatives as key stakeholders in a joined-up partnership approach. This is in order to identify opportunities, current practices and a necessary framework for integrating green skills into learning, development and training.

We will be holding a series of five regional workshops to gather insights from the global youth constituency between February and May 2024, the first of these will take place in Kenya, followed by Europe at the SOS summit in the Netherlands, then Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean and North America. This work aims to set out a universal broad definition of green skills by global youth, a set of youth-led asks on green skills, and coordinated global youth-led action on green skills leading to new policy commitments on green skills by educational institutions, Governments and league table providers.

# Students Organizing For Sustainability International Summit.

**Find out what to expect during our summit!**

Theme: Travelling from crisis to perspective;

a holistic journey for sustainability

**14-16 March 2024**

**UTwente, Enschede, Netherlands.**

Event Programme	
14 - 16 March	Enschede, the Netherlands
<b>Thursday</b>	
14:00 - 15:00	Intro from Peter Kwasi Kodjie
15:00 - 15:45	Networking
16:00 - 17:00	Breakout group Breakout group
17:30 - 18:00	Plenary panel discussion
Evening	Dinner + social activity!
<b>Friday morning</b>	
10:00 - 10:30	Opening plenary
10:30 - 11:30	Breakout group Breakout group
11:45 - 12:45	Breakout group Breakout group
12:45 - 14:00	Networking lunch
<b>Friday afternoon</b>	
14:00 - 14:30	Plenary session
14:30 - 15:30	Breakout group Breakout group
15:45 - 16:45	Breakout group Breakout group
17:00 - 18:30	Inspiration showcase
18:30 - 18:45	Day closing
Evening	Dinner + evening activity!
<b>Saturday</b>	
10:00 - 10:30	Opening plenary
10:30 - 11:30	Breakout group Breakout group
11:45 - 12:45	Breakout group Breakout group
12:45 - 14:00	Networking lunch
14:00 - 14:30	Event closing

Plenty of time for networking and Inspiring plenary sessions! These sessions include and not limited to: sharing inspirational examples of student and community-led climate justice initiatives, how to promote student leadership for sustainability, deepening understanding of institutional governance for sustainability, and different practices and frameworks for integrating sustainability into teaching and learning.

Plenty of time to rewind & integrate lessons learned! Options every day to choose. Optional evening activities! We have an exciting line-up of speakers and session facilitators from our international membership, keep an eye on our social media as we shine a spotlight on the speakers and sessions.

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

**Tickets available on Eventbrite now!**

## Introduction of SOS Communication Officers



Introducing Belinda Mensah and Tachie Yomaah Emmanuel: Our Dynamic Communication Officers.



Belinda is a graduate of the University of Ghana (UG), where she studied Political Science and English. Her leadership roles during her undergraduate days, including the General Secretary of Legon Hall JCR, the General Assembly Representative of the Students Representative Council (SRC), showcase her commitment to positive change.

Tachie Yomaah Emmanuel has a BSc. in Meteorology And Climate Science from KNUST, Ghana. Emmanuel's key leadership roles include serving as the Publicity Head of the SRC in KNUST, Meteorology and Climate Science Student's Judicial Chairperson, and Students' Representative of the KNUST Media Management Board. A passionate Climate advocate who has led and participated in climate campaigns at various universities in Ghana.



## Students and youth call for climate justice in education.

Global youth and student representatives gathered in Copenhagen from 3rd – 5th October to mobilise a collective call for action to deliver on education for climate justice. Organised by Global Student Forum and funded by Oxfam Denmark, the group of 25 youth and students followed a programme for shared learning and empowerment facilitated by Students Organizing for Sustainability – International. Over the three days, the group met with UNHCR to discuss refugees and climate justice, and coproduced a statement on climate justice in education which was presented at the Global Partnership for Education and Oxfam Denmark Forging Futures Event on 6th October in Copenhagen. Read our reflections, key themes from the event, the full statement and a link to the Forging Futures event [here](#).

## Green Office Movement membership renewal

As you know, Green Offices that want to connect with other Green Offices (nationally or internationally) can become members of the Green Office Movement. The membership is based on the yearly calendar, so it runs from January to December. This means that the opportunity for membership renewal is coming up shortly! Green Offices can expect to be contacted in January about their membership in 2024. We are seeing more and more Green Offices pop up at different educational institutions and hope that we can connect more and more of them every year! Our goal with the membership is to provide meaningful support to all green offices who sign up. In order to stay relevant, we are eager to understand the needs of our members: GOs are always encouraged to get in touch and share current needs, challenges and questions. We hope that our members feel a supportive sense of community as they connect with one another in the upcoming year.



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