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## **GreenVETAfrica Project, co-funded by the European Commission, presents the first Green Waste Management Vocation Training Programme in Nigeria and Ghana**

The [GreenVETAfrica](#) held a final project event on 14th, November in Lagos Nigeria. The workshop had presentations on the project's outcomes and achievements within two years to policy makers and industry stakeholders followed by the graduation ceremony for its Nigerian students who recently completed the vocational training program developed under the project.

The project was developed to bridge the skills gap in green waste management in West Africa and promote the Twin Transitions (Green and Digital) for efficiency and climate sustainability. It was funded by the European Commission [ERASMUS+](#) Programme for capacity building.

Present at the event as a keynote speaker was Mrs. Oluwakemi Yetunde Kalesanwo Head, of [Lagos State Mass Education Agency](#) expressed her satisfaction with the project's impacts in Lagos State and stated that the Lagos State Mass Education Agency would be a part of future partnerships in related projects.

In addition to being the pioneer of green waste management training in Nigeria, the project has also promoted sustainable waste practices through its training. Ms [Tari Taylaur](#) the Senior Special Assistant on Environment to the Lagos State Governor encouraged the participants to follow these steps to achieve a clean and sustainable Lagos.

A major sustainability action of the project is the accreditation of the training programme available at both university and vocational training levels across the state. Dr. Adewuni Stephen Oladapo [NABTEB](#) South West Zonal Coordinator was present to discuss the successful accreditation and validation process of the programme.

[Adriano Mauro](#), Project Coordinator and Managing Director of [AREA](#), opening the event said: *"The project was a true ground breaking initiative, offering for the very first time a technical training for green waste management in West Africa. It aimed to create green job opportunities by transforming waste into wealth for unemployed youth in Nigeria and Ghana. Through knowledge transfer to VET schools, the project imparted essential skills in Green*



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*Waste Management, digital technologies, and innovation. By integrating digital skills training into the curriculum, GreenVETAfrica equipped young learners with the tools needed to navigate the evolving landscape of modern employment and entrepreneurship, while fostering the uptake of Green Waste and Circular Economy practices among VET schools."*

[Elizabeth Ademola](#), head of climate change and Diplomacy at the Lagos Waste Management Authority (LAWMA) and a lead partner of the project spoke on waste management skills and its ecosystem. *"The ecosystem is a dynamic, interconnected system that incorporates a range of stakeholders, processes, and technologies designed to manage waste in an environmentally sustainable way"* she stated.

The project results are clear in numbers. In Nigeria, 25 trainers were equipped with the necessary skills to teach the new green curricula, 48 students received training, and 20 internships were facilitated to provide real-world experience. In Ghana, similar milestones were achieved, with 25 trainers trained, 61 students benefiting from the program, and 40 internships arranged to connect learners with industry.

A key component of the project's sustainability is the open-source VET curriculum on green waste management that is now available to VET institutions across Africa through the [smartstep](#) e-Learning Platform, and the accreditation of the programme by the National Business and Technical Examination Board in Nigeria.

### Partners

[AREA](#): The coordination and management of the project, is an Italy-based SME with offices also in Nigeria and Namibia, focused on technology and knowledge transfer, introducing innovative solutions to local contexts and needs.

[Lagos Waste Management Authority \(LAWMA\)](#): responsible for managing waste generated in Lagos State through a waste collection, transportation, and disposal structure. They focused on education initiatives with their existing LAWMA Academy for training communities and schools on waste management.

[CNOS-FAP Federation](#): The National Centre of Salesian Institutions coordinates about 60 VET Salesian Centers in Italy. They Provided vocational guidance and counseling services for youth and adults, planned and delivered courses and modules tailored for adult education

[IIT](#): A vocational training school based in Lagos

[Asociación Mundus](#) is a not-for-profit organisation in Spain that brought vast experience and connections from working in 50 countries, collaborating with 600 companies, and reaching 4000 mobilities per year in Erasmus+ mobility programs within Europe and African countries.



[Whizzy Academy](#): Is a digital and entrepreneurial training hub based in Kumasi, Ghana that focuses on youth empowerment, training youths and innovators in both digital and micro-entrepreneurship programs.

[Presbyterian Relief Services and Development](#): a vocational training school based in Kumasi, Ghana.



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