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Science Action in Schools for Sustainable Development SAS4SD

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SAS4SD Structure - Switzerland Partners

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SAS4SD Structure - Ghana & Cameroon partners

ORGANIZATION	INDIVIDUAL	SPECIALIZATION	
University of Cape Coast (Ghana)	Prof. Dr. Peter K. Kwapong	Pedagogy, Entomology	
University of Education Winneba (Ghana)	Dr. Richard Kuffour	Pedagogy, Water Resources	
University of Ghana	Dr. Irene S. Egyir	Agricultural Economics	
Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Kumasi (Ghana)	Dr. Evans Dawoe	Agriculture, Agroforestry	
Ecole Normale Supérieure de l'Université de Yaoundé 1 (ENS) in Cameroon	Prof. Dr. Marie-Thérèse Ambassa	Pedagogy	
Ecole Pratique d'Agriculture de Binguela (EPAB) Cameroon	Roland Amougou Etogo	Agricultural Education	
Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation, Cameroon	Dr. Wilson Fantong	Hydrogeology expert	



SAS4SD Goals – from data collection to community initiatives



Observatory) station in Cameroon



SAS4SD and the SDGs

2 NO HUNGER	Climatic data will be used to assess which measures are needed to ensure food security and sustainable agriculture in the local communities, and appropriate solutions will be integrated into the teaching materials
4 QUALITY EDUCATION	The educational material that is developed will enhance the scientific and mathematical skills of the students, broadening their horizons, and giving them the opportunity to become leaders in promoting sustainable livelihoods
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION	Meteorological data measurements, including precipitation measurements, will provide insight into the available water resources
12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION	SAS4SD will encourage the sustainable use of natural resources by emphasizing action research and learning through practice
13 CLIMATE	The data from weather stations will provide an understanding of local climatic conditions and the communities' potential vulnerability to climate change
15 LIFE DIN LAND	By empowering schools and communities to investigate themselves conditions of sustainable rural livelihood SAS4SD will promote behavioral changes regarding the exploitation of natural resources

SAS4SD activities

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Ghana to meet with local stakeholders and to learn first-hand about the

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SAS4SD – Ghana pilot studies



TAHMO stations in Ghana







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SAS4SD – Cameroon pilot study



Lycée Classique de Mfou



TAHMO stations in Cameroon



SAS4SD – where we are now

- Teaching material development for after-school science clubs
 - ✓ Swiss team is developing material on «Climate Smart Cacao Production»
 - An ETH MSc student is developing material on rainfall, runoff, temperature, climate change, and impacts of climate change (field work Dec '18 – Jan '19)
 - ✓ A BFH Bachelor student plans to do his research in Ghana (field work spring/ summer 2019) in collaboration with SAS4SD
 - The Ghana team is developing a concept note to apply for funding (e.g. to GEF, the Swiss Embassy in Ghana, Eawag) for science club activities that focus on waste management and the establishment vegetable gardens, tree planting, and bee keeping (as live labs).
- A Ghanaian partner, Dr. Evans Dawoe, will spend a 6 month sabbatical at ETH supporting SAS4SD activities and research in Prof. Six's group (Jan June '19)



SAS4SD – next steps

- Workshops with secondary school teachers in Ghana/ Cameroon, presentation of SAS4SD teaching material (06/2019)
- Testing of teaching material and concepts in pilot schools in Ghana/Cameroon (09/2019 – 06/2020)
- Final workshops and elaboration of next steps (07/2020)



CHALLENGES

1. Acquiring funding for local partners & local initiatives

2. Working «long distance» with Africa teams

3. Bureacracy & language in Cameroon

RISKS

1. Teachers do not have time or motivation to include topics in teaching

2. Key «on the ground» initiators cannot be identified

OPPORTUNITIES

- 1. Clear need for «problem based learning»
- 2. Secondary school teachers can be change makers
- 3. Involvement of country education services (e.g. through UN:CC Learn in Ghana)

4. Benefits of linking teaching and research (through university students)

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TAHMO (Trans-African HydroMeteorological Observatory) stations

TAHMO MicroEnvironment Monitor (MEM) Station specifications

- Provided with solar charger for self-powered operation with 6-month backup battery
- Hourly GPRS reporting with 5 minute readings
- Soil moisture and groundwater sensors available upon request.
- Sensors: Anemometer, Rain gauge, Pyronometer, Barometer

Parameter		Range	Resolution	Accuracy
•	Wind speed	0 to 60 m/s	0.01 m/s	3 %
•	Wind direction	0 to 359 degrees	1 degrees	3 degrees
•	Temperature	-40 to 80 C	0.1 C	0.5 C
•	Relative humidity	0 to 100% RH	0.1% RH	3%
•	Vapor pressure	0 to 47 kPa	0.01 kPa	0.3 kPa
•	Precipitation	0 to 230 mm/hr	0.014 mm	5%
•	Solar radiation	0 to 1,750 W/m2	1 W/m2	5%
•	Barometric pressu	0.015 kPa	0.4 kPa	

Weather station installed in Bibiani, Ghana



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