



ENVIRONMENT AND FOOD FOUNDATION (E2F) 2024 IMPACT REPORT



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Founder & Executive Director's Message

I'm thrilled to present Environment and Food Foundation (E2F's) 2023 Progress Report, which showcases the remarkable strides our team—with the collective effort of our partners—has made to contribute to minimize and reduce climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. The pressing need to preserve our planet earth's rich natural resources and wealth of biodiversity therein cannot be overstated and neither is the intrinsic bond between the ecosystems and human well-being.

The past year has been eventful for E2F.

In the year 2024, we focused our activities in littoral region, Southern and south west regions of Cameroon, precisely in the coastal city of Douala, Kribi, Yawpwe fishing ground, Buea and lake Ossa wildlife reserve in Cameroon.

Our main activities were; Environmental education (Ocean Literacy), Policy Advocacy, Cleanup events, Research, conservation, restoration and reusing plastic waste bottles and ghost gears).

As I reflect on the achievements of the past year, I couldn't help but be grateful for our supporters, whether longstanding partners or new advocates, be they organizations or individuals—E2F is thriving because of all of you. I invite you to delve into our progress report, it is also an invitation to recommit ourselves to the cause of biodiversity conservation and restoration.

Together, we can build a future where people and nature flourish together, thereby paving the way for a sustainable, low-carbon and resilient development.

Achare Elvis AYAMBA

Director, E2F

We are on a mission to build a sustainable future where all have the right mindset to flourish with nature. To attain this we need support from all stakeholders and actors most importantly from the Indigenous People and Local Communities (IPLC).

Our journey has just began and we must keep impacting nature and people positively.



Our Achievements and Challenges

ACHIEVEMENTS

- We hosted over 08 cleanup events.
- We removed and collected over 23.900kgs of plastic waste from rivers, streams, mangroves and landfills.
- We removed over 31.000kgs of invasive aquatic weed from lake Ossa.
- Valorization of some of the collected plastics into crafts.
- We hosted over 13 environmental education training workshops with students and indigenous coastal people.
- Educated over 9,700 students and 5,400 indigenous coastal people on sustainable marine/aquatic ecosystems use and management.
- Revamping the E2F website to showcase our initiatives and impact in a more visually captivating manner.
- Participating in IO-CON, UNEA6, INC4, UNFCCC COP29, UNCCD COP16, INC5 events holds significant importance as it provides a crucial opportunity to comprehend our role within the international policymaking sphere. These engagements offer insights into global perspectives, foster collaboration, and help shape our strategic contributions to address pressing global challenges..
- We were officially accredited to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) signifies a proactive expansion of our network. In the longer run, this will propel us towards a collective vision of positive change, underscoring our commitment to meaningful and impactful initiatives.

CHALLENGES

- Establishing a consistent and secure financial pipeline to cover the essential operational costs, enabling us to continue making a meaningful impact on our mission.
- Expanding our reach to engage a widespread audience interested in conservation across diverse geographical regions and age groups.
- Broadening the scope of our programs and initiatives to accommodate more regions and communities.
- Achieving organizational goals while managing limited staff, time, and operational resources requires careful balancing.

E2F's TEAM

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ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2024

2024 ACTIVITIES

Environmental Education (EE) in Primary schools in, Douala.

The goal of this work is to promote Environmental Education (EE) among children by organizing open public events that enable knowledge exchange and that catalyze action as we work together to achieve the overarching goal of the sustainable future. We aim to bridge information and knowledge gap. Also, provide children with experiential learning, access to tools and resources to learn about environmental conservation and sustainability. Through this activity, we hope to inspire children to take action to protect and preserve the environment, developing a sense of responsibility and ownership in our future generations. We also hope to create a community of young people who are actively engaged in environmental conservation and sustainability. Throughout this month we impacted over 760 pupils in EE.



2024 ACTIVITIES

PARICIPATION AT IO-CON, INDIA

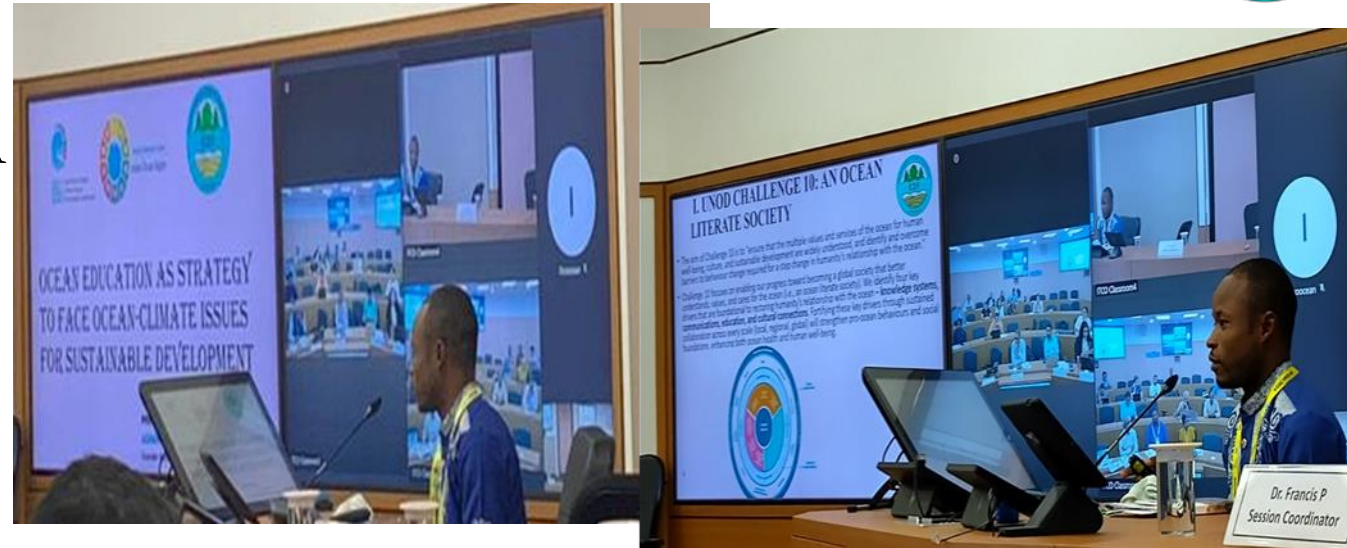
Our Founder & Director ACHARE Elvis AYAMBA represented Environment and Food Foundation (E2F) at the Indian Ocean Regional Decade Conference (IO-CON 2024) in Hyderabad, India.

His key messages were:

- Ocean Literacy, skills, knowledge, research, data and technology for all.
- Understand and beat marine pollution.
- Ecosystem restoration and sustainable use.
- Ocean climate nexus.

At IO-CON he did a 15 minutes presentation on the topic: Ocean Education as a strategy to face Ocean-climate issues.

At IO-CON he also did a presentation of the ocean decade vision 2030 challenge 10 white paper.



2024 ACTIVITIES

Cleanup Events

E2F is strengthening the plastic supply and value chains, creating new jobs, as well as relieving Douala, Cameroon from plastics pollution. We aim to change the paradigm on plastics by monetizing and turning what was once waste into a resource, as a way to reduce extreme poverty in Cameroon.

E2F hosted 02 cleanups, involving over 30 volunteers and indigenous coastal people who were present in the cleanup events. Over 4,000kgs of plastic bottles were picked up and collected during these cleanup events.

During these cleanup events we also did environmental education with over 60 people.



Ocean Literacy (Education) in Primary Schools in Douala.



We aim to bridge information and knowledge gap and empower the next generation of ocean warriors with the knowledge and resources they need to create a sustainable future. We provided children with the tools and education they need to become change-makers in their communities and help drive progress towards a bluer and healthier future for all.

The world today is facing a multitude of environmental issues, and the impact of climate change, pollution, biodiversity and nature lost is becoming increasingly evident. The world is connected by the Oceans. However, atlantic Ocean in Cameroon is highly threatened by plastics pollution, mangroves forests degradation, etc. It is imperative that we take steps to address these challenges and find sustainable solutions. One of the most crucial step to take is to engage in Ocean education.

The goal of this objective is to promote Ocean education among children by organizing open public events that enable knowledge exchange and that catalyze action as we work together to achieve the overarching goal of the UN Ocean Decade (2021-2030): to “Change (restore) humanity’s relationship with the Ocean”. We aim to bridge information and knowledge gap.



2024 ACTIVITIES

Participation at 6th Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 6), Nairobi, Kenya

Our Key messages at UNEA 6 were:

Nature based solutions.

Ecosystem restoration and sustainable use.

Research and Data.

During UNEA 6, E2F member present was following different thematic areas under each clusters. See the list below;

Effective and inclusive solutions to strengthen water policies for sustainable development in the context of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution (4)

Halting land degradation and restoring degraded lands and increasing ecosystem and communities' resilience to drought (5)

Nature-based solutions (7): The resolution centers around binding safeguards and related criteria, norms, standards and guidelines for the implementation of NBS

Synergistic approaches to address the interlinked global crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution and support sustainable development (12)

Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions towards climate justice (13)

Strengthening ocean and seas governance to tackle climate change, marine biodiversity loss and pollution (11).

Stepping up efforts for enhancing the circular economy transition domestically, regionally and globally (16)



2024 ACTIVITIES

RESEARCH AND DATA COLLECTION ON GHOST GEARS (ALDFGs)

Data collection on the main types of ALDFG that pollute the Douala estuary ecosystem and raising awareness on the results obtained was the principal activity this month.

The objective was to release questionnaires to at least 30 fishers to extract information about the different types of fishing gear, the scope of the problem and their overall awareness about the negative impact of ALDFG.

Importantly, the results from the survey showed that 100% of respondents stated that no measures have been implemented to combat this pressing issue.

Key Policy Recommendations from the survey results:

- **Raise Awareness and Education:** Launch comprehensive awareness campaigns and educational initiatives targeting fishers and the wider community to increase understanding of ALDFG, marine pollution, and marine litter.
- **Promote Recycling and Responsible Disposal:** Encourage and support fishing gear recycling activities and provide incentives for responsible disposal practices among fishers. Establish dedicated waste management infrastructure for fishing vessels.
- **Remove Ghost Nets:** Develop and fund programs for the systematic removal of ghost nets from the marine environment, involving fishers as active participants in clean-up efforts.
- **Engage Stakeholders:** Foster multistakeholder collaboration involving government authorities, NGOs, local communities, and fishers in the development of policies and strategies to combat ALDFG, marine pollution, and marine litter.
- **Monitor and Evaluate:** Implement monitoring and surveillance mechanisms to track progress in ALDFG and pollution mitigation efforts and assess the effectiveness of policies and initiatives.



2024 ACTIVITIES

GHOST GEAR STAKEHOLDERS AND CRAFT WORKSHOPS



We hosted 3 workshops in schools and coastal community of Takele, engaged the participation of 90 students per workshop, and combined theory and practice through the involvement of students in symbolic ALDFG collection activities. The goal was to collect and remove at least 200 kg from hotspots to comprehend the scale of the problem.

We also empowered fishing and local people to build green skills capacities. Trained 40 fishers on proper storing, sorting of their used fishing gear, provide incentives to participate in ALDFG prevention activities and enrich their profession. Organize at least 2 craft workshops aimed at coastal community residents, especially women, to convert recovered fishing nets into valuable crafts. This had set women of the local communities on the pathway to creating alternative sources of income and empower them.



2024 ACTIVITIES



Participation at 4th session of Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC 4), in Ottawa, Canada

Key Discussions and Recommendations

1. Support for Developing Nations:

Developing nations highlighted the need for financial support to implement treaty measures. While there is broad agreement on the need for funding, the exact mechanisms remain undecided.

E2F Advocates Recommendation:

Financial models should include public-private partnerships and grassroots innovation, enabling scalable and sustainable solutions.

Advocacy for Financial Mechanisms:

Called for a dedicated multilateral fund to support developing countries in meeting compliance obligations.

Holistic Approach to Chemicals of Concern

Recommended that decisions on regulating harmful chemicals be based on scientific studies.



2024 ACTIVITIES

Trees and Seas Film Festival (TSFF) 2024

Trees & Seas Film Festival (TSFF) is where films grow roots, and actions make waves. This festival unites film and activism in Cameroon through the inspiration and information, creating positive change together.

1. Film Activism Screening in Buea, Limbe and Douala.

TSFF in Cameroon engages coastal communities, using films to educate, inspire, and mobilize over 150 people to take sustainable actions. This festival was about taking sustainable action to contribute to reduce climate change, biodiversity lost and pollution.

We screened films to audiences in 3 different coastal cities in Cameroon which include Buea, Limbe and Douala. This created opportunities to engage viewers in discussions that leads to sustainable actions. At the end of each film we had a session of sharing ideas, questions and answers. At the end of each day we had a panel discussion to elaborate more on the topic.

2. Cleanup Event in Douala.

We hosted a cleanup event to pick up plastic waste in the city of Douala. This cleanup event came up the next day after the film screening in Douala to engage the participants to take action. We engaged with other NGOs, and youth associations to organize a big cleanup event. The target was to visit rivers and streams to remove and collect marine litters/debris like plastics bottles. We engaged over 50 community members especially the ECOPs, women, and youth, in this event. We collected, weighed, registered and transported the collected plastic waste to storage facility. We seek to collect over 1,500kgs of plastics waste during this event.



2024 ACTIVITIES



Participation at 5th session on Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC 5) in Busan, Korea

Key Discussions and Recommendations

1. Creating a Global Collection Ecosystem:

Deposit Return Schemes (DRS) and recycling incentives were key topics of discussion, with emphasis on improving collection infrastructure, particularly in the Global South.

E2F Advocates Recommendation:

An effective collection system is crucial. Structured systems can boost recycling rates and support consumer behavior change.

2. Balancing Policy and Practicality:

Nations are divided on the best approach to tackling plastic pollution—should efforts focus on capping plastic production, or should waste management reforms take precedence? While over 100 countries supported production caps to address the root causes of pollution, others emphasised practical improvements in waste systems.

E2F Advocates Recommendations:

Integrating circularity with business value will drive faster and more impactful outcomes. Policies that incentivise sustainability alongside economic growth are critical to success.



2024 ACTIVITIES

Participation at UNCCD COP 16 IN RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA

Our Objectives:

Influence UNCCD COP16 resolutions and decisions so that proposed solutions reduce desertification, drought, biodiversity loss, address climate change and benefit local communities

Explore partnerships and collaboration with like-minded Individuals, Networks and CSOs to collectively influence outcomes / comprehensive solutions that benefit African people and nature



2024 ACTIVITIES

UNFCCC 29th CONFERENCE OF PARTIES (COP29), BAKU, AZERBAIJAN

COP29, the 29th United Nations Climate Change Conference, is a global climate summit organized by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was held in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, from November 11 to November 22.

Climate Finance Target Achieved: \$300 Billion, Far Below Developing Countries' Needs.

COP29 has been called the "Finance COP," focusing heavily on climate finance. One of its primary goals is to establish a new collective quantified goal (NCQG) to replace the previous annual \$100 billion target. However, substantial progress remains elusive: the current consensus is that developed countries will provide \$300 billion annually by 2035, far below the \$1.3 trillion demanded by developing countries. Initially, the proposed target was just \$250 billion per year, sparking strong opposition from several developing countries. After two days of extended negotiations, a consensus was reached on November 24, increasing the figure to \$300 billion. The agreement also emphasizes collective efforts to scale up support from public and private sources to reach \$1.3 trillion annually by 2035. Despite this, the negotiations were repeatedly stalled due to sharp disagreements among parties. The United Nations has called on countries to "stop posturing and take real action!"

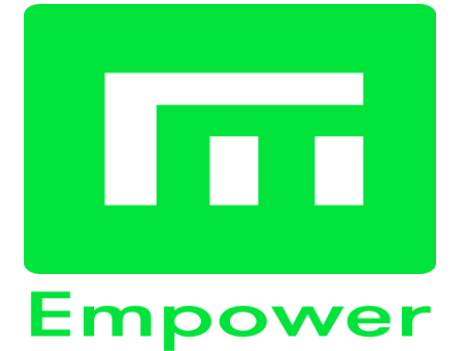


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